

Beast Tamer 901

Chapter 901: Machinery Spirit Steel Jade!

Fang Mu had witnessed Xi Xi's upgrade in quality more than once.

Whether it was advancing in rank or enhancing quality, the commotion caused by Xi Xi's upgrades was much greater than that of other Mechanical Beasts at the same level.

When Fang Mu was promoting the Mechanism Fortress, it did not cause nearly as much of a stir!

It is important to note that the Mechanism Fortress is considered one of the elites among Mechanical Beasts.

Under repeated disassembling and reassembling, the speed at which Xi Xi's body merged had been continuously slowing down.

Xi Xi still retained its original mechanical structure, but the handle portion was undoubtedly much larger.

Moreover, this handle now fit more perfectly to Fang Mu's palm length and the lines of his hand.

The area below the handle was a large metal case housing the Mechanical Heart.

Around the Mechanical Heart, a large stock of various crystals that Xi Xi had formulated could be accumulated.

Beneath it was the mouthpiece Xi Xi used to devour trash.

Originally, Xi Xi's mouthpiece consisted of metal filaments about ten centimeters long, covered with large metal knots resembling teeth.

Now, these metal filaments extended again, reaching around twenty centimeters in length.

The metal knots on the filaments became much denser than before.

In addition to these metal knots, some semi-transparent crystalline substances started growing on top, which felt extremely smooth to the touch and were clearly not meant for crushing trash.

Besides these semi-transparent crystals, many gray-black filamentous substances had sprouted from the base of the metal filaments, entwined around them.

Previously, Xi Xi looked like a mechanical broom, but now Xi Xi resembled more of a cyberpunk-style mop.

Fang Mu used his Innate Divine Skill [Eye of Omniscience] granted by Fool's Shadow to investigate Xi Xi.

[Beast Name]: Xi Xi (A being created by the Contractor, who may name it as they wish.)

[Beast Species]: Weapon Holder / Broom Holder Species

Beast Level: Silver (10/10)

[Beast Element]: Mechanical

[Beast Potential]: Platinum

[Beast Quality]: Legendary

Skills:

[Garbage Recycling]: Refined extraction of trash absorbed into the body, digesting the useless parts and purifying the useful parts, then storing them in the space around the Mechanical Heart.

[Sealing Scenery]: Absorbs the surrounding scenery's imagery through free-moving filaments, condensing them into concentrated Scenery Fantasy Pearls, which can be absorbed by living beings, with absorption level related to mental strength and Comprehension Power.

Exclusive Features:

[Electronic Butterfly]: The Machinery Granted heart can condense an Electronic Butterfly every so often. The Electronic Butterfly can infest objects deemed as trash and lost of life, reviving the life form's strength from before death (the infestation time is related to the life form's previous strength).

[Machinery Granted]: Through the spiritually infused Metal Spiritual Materials absorbed, it creates gears embodying the essence of machinery that are compatible with any Mechanical Beast, enhancing the expansion of their innate potential.

[Machinery Spirit Steel Jade]: In the process of decomposing and digesting trash, the energy released is used to charge the Steel Jade. Once charged, Steel Jade falls off on its own. Embedding Steel Jade into flesh can transform the fleshy body towards a mechanical one, disassembling the flesh into Flesh and Blood Gears, and reassembling the body perfectly. Steel Jade can increase the infection speed of the Electronic Butterfly on living beings.

Evolutionary Path: ???

With a single probe, Fang Mu understood what those semi-transparent smooth crystals growing on the metal filaments of Xi Xi were.

They were actually uncharged Steel Jade.

The exclusive feature [Machinery Spirit Steel Jade] that Xi Xi obtained upon reaching Legendary Quality could work in conjunction with the exclusive feature [Electronic Butterfly].

First, [Machinery Spirit Steel Jade] could invade the target's body, increasing the infection speed of the [Electronic Butterfly] on the target.

The exclusive feature [Electronic Butterfly] was extraordinarily powerful, granting Xi Xi, a functional Beast, an infinite upper limit in its offense capability.

The strength of Xi Xi depended entirely on the strength of the corpses controlled by the Electronic Butterfly.

Even at the Silver rank, Xi Xi could possess the combat power of Sequential Rank beings.

However, the mighty [Electronic Butterfly] was not without its weaknesses.

Firstly, Electronic Butterflies took an extremely long time to condense; even with sufficient spiritual instrument fragments provided for Xi Xi, it would take close to two weeks to condense a single butterfly.

Secondly, the Electronic Butterfly's infestation of life forms depended on the strength of the life form.

This meant that it took an exceedingly long time for Xi Xi to control those powerful mechanisms.

After gaining control over the Blood Race Prince Carlos of Sequence Nine, Xi Xi began to use [Electronic Butterfly] to exercise control over the Patchwork Hackers.

For those of Sequence Eight, Sequence Seven Patchwork Hackers, it would take Xi Xi's [Electronic Butterfly] at least several months to assume control.

If Fang Mu only had one or two Patchwork Hackers, there wouldn't be such a need to rush the assimilation speed of [Electronic Butterfly].

The key issue was that Fang Mu obtained over a dozen Patchwork Hackers during his time in JA City.

At the Stardisk Meeting, Fang Mu proposed to trade the Patchwork Hackers, and it was likely that many Star Wheel Members would search for Patchwork Hackers for Fang Mu.

By the time the Stardisk Meeting was convened again, Fang Mu would be able to gather a large number of Patchwork Hackers.

During his exploration in the vast Ancient Battlefield, Fang Mu took action against members of the Evil Heart Sect, and Shu Liangjun handed over fifty of the high-level Patchwork Hackers to Fang Mu.

Fang Mu felt as if he had mountains of gold and silver but nowhere to spend it, unable to convert it into his own strength.

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With “Machinery Spirit Steel Jade,” he embedded the “Machinery Spirit Steel Jade” into one mechanical body hacker after another.

The electronic butterflies absorbed and integrated the mechanical body hackers much faster than before.

Not only that, these “Machinery Spirit Steel Jade” could also strengthen the flesh and blood bodies, transforming them into one flesh and blood gear after another.

He then assembled these flesh and blood gears into a perfect body, transitioning towards a mechanical body.

The mechanical body hackers were originally war machines that relied on physical combat.

Since the mechanical body hackers did not possess life, and Fang Mu did not have the Evil Heart Sect’s methods to refine them,

the value of these mechanical body hackers was greatly reduced once they were damaged.

Now, these mechanical body hackers could be transformed into flesh and blood gears and reassembled.

Even if they suffered severe injuries, they would be as good as new once reassembled.

The electronic butterflies, after absorbing one mechanical body hacker after another, could also use this method to fully reveal the advantages of the mechanical body hackers they assimilated.

Fang Mu held Xi Xi's handle and found it extremely comfortable to the touch.

After playing with Xi Xi for a while, Fang Mu returned it to the Destiny Guidebook.

He then approached the control panel and checked on Lily Lily's condition.

Under the influence of the spiritual energy environment in the Abdominal Territory Worm, Lily Lily's leaves showed no signs of black rot or water damage; instead, they were even firmer and more lustrous.

Fang Mu was not in a hurry to cultivate Lily Lily.

Before cultivating Lily Lily, Fang Mu needed to do some research on it.

Currently, Fang Mu had summoned the Abdominal Territory Worm in the cultivation room of the Cleaner Division.

Fang Mu was not suitable to stay here for long, as he had to go home with Hu Tao later!

So Fang Mu took out a vial of liquid spiritual energy purified by Xi Xi and handed it to Gu Kun.

He then instructed Gu Kun,

“Xiao Kun, take this vial of spiritual elixir and pour one-tenth of it onto the Restoration Soil where Lily Lily is planted every half an hour for Lily Lily to absorb!”

Gu Kun took the elixir from Fang Mu as usual and earnestly replied,

“Young Master, I will water it carefully according to the schedule!”

Hearing this, Fang Mu left the Abdominal Space and went to the Merit Hall to exchange his accumulated contributions for a Blood Noble.

With merits at the Cleaner Division, one could obtain an alien beast, decide its life or death, but could not take the Guardian Beast away from the Cleaner Division.

To deal with an alien beast, one must be in a special room.

In this room, less than thirty square meters in size, Fang Mu looked at the Blood Count, tied up in a chair, and a thought suddenly came to him.

With a gesture from his hand, a thin wisp of blood red fog flowed from Fang Mu’s fingertips towards this Blood Count.

Fang Mu keenly noticed the Blood Count’s body jerk violently, followed by an excited trembling.

He let out a craving roar from his mouth.

Since it takes at least three hundred years to become a Blood Count,

the appearance was strikingly similar to that of a 21- or 22-year-old young man.

Gentle golden hair fell to his cheeks, and atop his prominent nose were a pair of ruby-like eyes.

Beneath thin lips hid a pair of sharp tusks.

His figure was as perfect as a sculpture, adorned in an exquisite tailcoat.

If a human were to have the appearance of the Blood Tribe, even without any abilities, it would be enough to live a comfortable life based on looks and deportment alone.

However, due to the thin wisp of blood red fog released by Fang Mu, this Blood Count was now crazed with desire.

Fang Mu furrowed his brows, not understanding why the Blood Tribe reacted to the blood red fog.

Fang Mu did not proceed with detailed testing, afraid that the scent of the blood red fog he released would attract the attention of the high-level Blood Tribe.

Ignoring the frenzied Blood Count, Fang Mu released the Lake Flame Gemini.

Upon seeing this, the Lake Flame Gemini immediately turned into a stream of water, enveloping the Blood Count within it.

The toxins quickly broke down the Blood Count, making him a target for absorption.

After all was done, Fang Mu called He Qing.

The phone had only rung twice before He Qing answered it.

“Ah Mu, I just went to see Miss Fang Lin; she mentioned that you went to the incineration house early this morning.”

“Today, I tried to deal with a few Terrifying Level Beast corpses, and I found that with my current abilities, handling Terrifying Level Beast corpses is still somewhat strenuous!”

Fang Mu nodded at the words.

He was familiar with He Qing’s strength. From what he could tell, He Qing would need at least another year before she could handle the corpses of Terror-Level Beasts.

Then, he would try his best to improve the quality of the Crystal-stepping Reindeers.

“Sister Qing, don’t rush to deal with those Terror-Level Beast corpses just yet. This kind of thing can’t be forced!”

“JA City will open a Contemplation Hall in some time, and if you want a part-time job, you could find one there.”

“In less than a year, once your Crystal-stepping Reindeer’s quality has improved, you’ll not only not be forced when dealing with Terror-Level Beast corpses, but you’ll also avoid the risk!”

A look of gratitude appeared on He Qing’s face at these words.

He Qing knew that Fang Mu was introducing an opportunity to her.

Otherwise, with her experience, it would be difficult to find a position in the Contemplation Hall.

A job at the Contemplation Hall was a coveted easy task, offering not only extremely generous rewards but also more opportunities to comprehend mysterious patterns than the average person.

Everyone who works in the Contemplation Hall is inevitably an elite of their studio.

He Qing working in the Contemplation Hall would also allow her to step into a high-quality circle and network with more colleagues.

Boarding the Beast Car, Fang Mu returned to the Mountain Manor in less than an hour.

Ever since the City Protecting Magpie woke up at noon, Hu Tao started on her journey in the Battle Network's ranking division.

Firstly, Hu Tao wanted to quickly understand and master the City Protecting Magpie that Fang Mu had enhanced.

So that when teaming up with Fang Mu, she wouldn't be clunky in commanding the City Protecting Magpie.

Secondly, Hu Tao also wanted to see how much her strength had improved from yesterday.

After five battles, Hu Tao achieved five consecutive victories, with four of the battles being effortlessly won.

This greatly buoyed Hu Tao's spirits.

Hu Tao was well aware that only the City Protecting Magpie had undergone a transformation, and her Destiny Guardian Beast, the Bird Armor Puppet, had just begun to improve.

Once the Bird Armor Puppet devoured a large amount of Metal Spiritual Materials and underwent transformation, her own strength could become even stronger on its current foundation!

Hu Tao had just finished a duel in the Battle Network and hadn't even had the chance to sit down for a drink of water.

Fang Mu's voice then echoed in Hu Tao's mind.

Ever since they had a Communication Beast, communication between Fang Mu and Hu Tao had become much more convenient than before.

They could immediately convey messages to each other whenever they wanted to communicate.

Hu Tao really liked this close form of communication with Fang Mu.

“Ah Tao, I’m at the doorstep of the main house. Come down!”

“If you’re late, the food Auntie made will get cold!”

Fang Mu had been to Hu Tao’s house more than once and knew that Hu Tao’s family lived a very rhythmic life.

They ate dinner every day at 5:30 p.m. sharp.

Having accepted the invitation from Hu Tao’s father, Fang Mu naturally did not want to keep Hu Xu and Lin Wei waiting.

It would seem rude.

Although she was going back to her own home, Hu Tao somehow felt a sudden rush of nervousness.

She quickly pushed open her room’s door and ran all the way to the doorstep of the main house.

There she saw Fang Mu, standing next to He Qing’s Beast Car, waiting for her.

The Crystal-stepping Reindeer stood leisurely, idly shaking its head.

Hu Tao abruptly stopped in her tracks, feeling shy all of a sudden.

Just then, she saw Fang Mu walking towards her and straightening the hat on her head.

He then draped the blue and white contrast-colored windbreaker he was wearing over her.

“It’s getting cold and you don’t even think to wear a bit more!”

After saying that, Fang Mu took another windbreaker, this one white and yellow contrast-colored, from his Purple Ice Crystal Ring and put it on.

Both windbreakers were personally designed by She Wan, the Weaving Grandmaster.

Their draping cutting technique suited any body type, wearing them gave off a casual and relaxed vibe.

He Qing looked at Fang Mu and Hu Tao, suddenly feeling as if she was intruding on their moment.

Those who knew understood that both sets of clothes belonged to Fang Mu, but those who didn’t might think they were a couple’s matching outfits!

Chapter 903: I am a Disciple of the Grandmaster Creator!

Fang Mu had a fresh and composed aura about him.

This aura, mingled with a scholarly air, gave a striking impression.

It often made people overlook Fang Mu’s appearance.

He Qing remembered when she first met Fang Mu, he was only about one meter seventy-seven or seventy-eight, half a head taller than herself.

But now, Fang Mu was at least one meter eighty-two.

She really didn't know what Fang Mu had been eating these past few months!

Even if a teenager's body grows rapidly during puberty, it shouldn't shoot up this fast, should it?

Fang Mu's features were already quite handsome, but these past three months, his features seemed to have enhanced further.

Whenever He Qing gazed at Fang Mu's face, she would subconsciously want to admire him a bit longer.

The appearance of a person's features greatly depends on their bone structure.

Fang Mu's bone structure was perfect, especially his profile.

Hu Tao had a vivid type of beauty; even without makeup, her smile was like a bloom of opulent flowers in this world.

If a girl with a plainer look stood next to Fang Mu, she would mostly go unnoticed!

Feeling Fang Mu's care, Hu Tao subconsciously tightened her coat, smelling his scent on it.

Upon getting into the Beast Car, Hu Tao could imagine the expression her parents would have upon seeing the strengthened City Protecting Magpie.

Fang Mu had many things to take care of.

Originally, upon returning to the estate, Fang Mu should have first addressed the issues of an elder surnamed Jin.

It was only because he was concerned about his parents waiting that he postponed helping the elder.

Fang Mu was willing to do so, firstly out of respect for his own parents.

Secondly, it was also due to his own self-regard and concern.

"Ah Tao, you should have a Battle Network duel this afternoon, right?"

“How did your fight go?”

Fang Mu, knowing Hu Tao, was certain she would have taken the opportunity to test the strength of the City Protecting Magpie after it woke up.

Hu Tao was always very passionate about combat.

The Evolution of the City Protecting Magpie had no issues; it had evolved in the most optimal direction that Fang Mu could have imagined.

Yet Fang Mu was not certain that Hu Tao would definitely win.

On the Battle Network, every Rank had emerging strong players, with Fang Mu himself sweeping from Copper Level to the Silver Stage.

Moreover, the main strength of the City Protecting Magpie was team defense, which wasn't strong in 1V1 duels.

Fang Mu didn't want Hu Tao to lose the duel and doubt her own abilities again.

Excitedly, Hu Tao responded.

“Fang Mu, I won all my duels this afternoon!”

“I haven’t won this satisfactorily in a long time!”

“It’s just that facing several nimble Guardian Beasts, winning was still a bit difficult.”

“I had to use ‘Mystic Patterns’ to defeat my opponent.”

Fang Mu could hear from Hu Tao’s tone that much of her lack of confidence had dissipated.

Fang Mu spoke to Hu Tao seriously.

“Ah Tao, during our duo duel tonight. Your City Protecting Magpie will definitely surprise you.”

“Fight a few more battles, push your Ranking higher, and you’ll gain a lot of attention.”

“You might even gain your own fans!”

Fang Mu was aware of the situation regarding his previous duels appearing on the Battle Network.

In his previous life, even if someone was truly skilled, they still needed to find opportunities and seize them to rise.

But this life, as long as one is strong enough, just having more matches broadcasted on the Battle Network could present an opportunity to stand out.

Many Battle Network hosts do not invest the money they earn into improving their skills; instead, they shift the funds towards popularity management for their streaming rooms.

Such hosts usually end up in relatively terrible situations.

Hu Tao loved combat and was not stage-shy, not being a so-called socially anxious person.

This made Hu Tao well-suited to be in the spotlight.

Hu Tao did not quite understand Fang Mu's meaning, but she looked forward to teaming up with Fang Mu.

Soon, He Qing's Beast Car stopped downstairs at Hu Tao's house.

The price of Hu Tao's residence was skyrocketing due to its location.

Yet even so, it was rare to see a Beast Car of such caliber here.

A Platinum Tier Crystal-stepping Reindeer might be nothing in Fang Mu's eyes, but to ordinary Beast Masters, it was an awe-inspiring existence.

After getting out of the car, Hu Tao extended an invitation to He Qing.

"Sister Qing, you haven't eaten yet, have you?"

"Why not come up and try my parents' cooking?"

Upon hearing Hu Tao's invitation, He Qing quickly shook her head and said,

"You two go up; I already have plans with Manli tonight."

"Manli's ex-boyfriend wants to get back together with her and is threatening her."

“I’m going to teach that scumbag a lesson!”

As she spoke, He Qing angrily shook her fist.

He Qing indeed had plans with Manli, but even if she hadn’t, she wouldn’t have chosen to attend the family dinner.

This meeting between Fang Mu and Hu Tao’s parents was bound to involve important matters.

She had never interacted with Hu Tao’s parents, and her presence could have impacted Fang Mu’s discussion with them.

Hu Tao’s parents likely regarded Fang Mu in the light of a son-in-law.

Attending the dinner, in case Hu Tao’s parents thought too much of it, wouldn’t be good!

Fang Mu’s mouth twitched slightly upon hearing this.

Manli and Fang Mu were also friends, but compared to He Qing, Fang Mu’s interactions with Manli were not as deep.

During the time they ate bullfrogs together, Fang Mu realized that Manli was someone quite indecisive about relationships.

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Manli's ex-boyfriend, Fang Mu, was a stranger to her, so she was reluctant to pass judgment on him.

However, according to He Qing, Manli's ex-boyfriend was an utterly despicable bastard.

Not only did he date other women behind Manli's back, but he also physically abused her.

So whenever Manli's ex-boyfriend threatened her with various excuses to get back together, He Qing would unleash her righteous iron fist.

Upon hearing this, Hu Tao felt it was inappropriate to continue asking He Qing to come along, and instead turned to look at Fang Mu.

Fang Mu gently shook his head at Hu Tao.

Frankly speaking, it wasn't suitable to bring He Qing along with him and Hu Tao today.

Fang Mu had previously considered how to explain to Hu Tao's parents so that Hu Tao could stay at his mountain manor with peace of mind.

He had worked to improve his academic knowledge under the guidance of He Deen and tried to strengthen his spiritual power as much as possible.

In the end, Fang Mu felt it was best to be honest; to speak the truth.

Fang Mu believed that after understanding the real situation, Hu Tao's parents would make the right decision.

"Sister Qing, in that case, you don't need to pick me up tonight," he said.

"If you encounter any trouble over there, just let me know."

With that, Fang Mu took out several parcels he had prepared in advance from his Purple Ice Crystal Ring and held them in his hand.

Then he turned to Hu Tao and said.

"Let's go upstairs!"

"Be careful with the steps, and don't trip over the hem of the coat!"

Fang Mu was much taller than Hu Tao.

While the oversized coat looked good on Hu Tao, it was easy to step on the hem when going up the stairs if one was not careful.

Fang Mu had several such experiences when he was young.

Hearing this, Hu Tao quickly picked up the hem of her coat.

Her own staircase was long and shaky; a fall could easily result in a bruised face at the least!

She had heard that a lady in the neighboring unit had tripped while going upstairs and knocked out a front tooth.

She still whistles when she speaks to this day!

Hu Tao was unaware that Fang Mu had prepared gifts for her parents in advance.

Hu Tao hurriedly moved forward to help Fang Mu with the items.

Fang Mu quickly shook his head at Hu Tao.

These gifts for Hu Tao's parents definitely needed to be carried by himself.

As Hu Tao unlocked the door, the aroma of food wafted out, whetting Fang Mu's appetite.

Upon hearing the door open, Hu Tao's mother, Lin Wei, hurriedly put down the plate in her hand and came out of the kitchen.

"Little Wood, Little Peach is back!"

"Little Peach, go fetch slippers for Little Wood, and remember not to fetch the pair meant for guests."

"Your Uncle Liu just tried on that pair this morning, we don't want him to pass his athlete's foot to Little Wood!"

Seeing the many parcels in Fang Mu's hand, Lin Wei chided.

"Why bring so many things when you come to visit Aunty's house?"

“Old Hu, stop looking at your chess manuals! Little Wood doesn’t have time to play chess with you!”

“Dinner is ready, come and eat!”

Hu Xu, holding chess manuals, came out of the room and pretended to complain to Lin Wei.

“Knowing Little Wood was coming, I have been poring over these manuals since last night, just learned a couple of moves.”

“Little Wood doesn’t even have time to play a game of chess with me after dinner!?”

Although Hu Xu’s words were addressed to Lin Wei, his eyes were fixed on Fang Mu.

A gentle smile appeared on his face.

He stepped forward, took the parcels from Fang Mu, and after Fang Mu changed shoes, he took Fang Mu’s coat and hung it on the rack at the doorway.

Fang Mu liked the atmosphere of Hu Tao’s family.

The atmosphere in Fang Mu's previous life at home was similar to that of Hu Tao's.

"Aunt Lin, I'm not in a hurry at all. Even if I were, I'd still have time to play a few games of chess with Uncle Hu!" Fang Mu assured.

Hu Xu inviting him to play chess was probably an excuse to talk about matters related to Hu Tao.

Certainly, these matters were not suitable for discussing over the dinner table.

At Fang Mu's words, Hu Xu laughed heartily and then set the chess manuals aside.

He pulled out a few chairs at the table.

"Little Wood, your Aunt Lin has been busy preparing this meal since noon, see if these dishes suit your palate!"

"Usually, our home wouldn't be this lavish unless it's the New Year."

Fang Mu looked at the more than a dozen dishes on the table and couldn't help but scratch his head.

“Uncle and Auntie, I’ll have chances to come again in the future, it’s not like this is my only visit!”

“You don’t need to be so polite!”

“Otherwise, I might not dare to come again!”

Upon hearing this, Lin Wei waved her hand dismissively.

“Little Wood, I’ve been cooking for over twenty years.”

“I do it every day, how could I possibly get tired from cooking a meal?”

“The key is, I asked Xiao Tao, and Xiao Tao couldn’t tell me exactly what your favorite dishes are.”

“So I just made a table full of my best dishes.”

“When the time comes, if you see any dish you like, just tell me.”

“The next time you come, I’ll continue to make it for you!”

Fang Mu had long known that Hu Tao’s parents were sincere people; when they said these things, they were truly thinking this way in their hearts.

They weren’t just being insincerely polite with him.

However, Fang Mu felt a bit of regret in his heart.

He couldn’t eat his fill at the meal to come, otherwise, even if he ate the entire table by himself, he probably wouldn’t be even 10% full!

Lin Wei kept adding food to Fang Mu’s plate, and Hu Tao was quite worried that Lin Wei might overfeed Fang Mu.

She had no idea that Fang Mu was experiencing a bittersweet joy as he finished the meal.

After the meal, they watched TV for a while, where a club regional challenge match was being broadcasted.

Several players were commanding their Guardian Beasts in fierce combat.

Lin Wei's Guardian Beasts were not adept at fighting, but Lin Wei herself had the heart of a warrior.

If it weren't for the fact that Lin Wei's two Healing Series Guardian Beasts were truly unable to duel with others, Lin Wei would definitely be a regular on the Battle Network.

"Is this person's Guardian Beast really at the Golden Stage?"

"If that strike hits, I'm afraid even a Guardian Beast at the Platinum Tier might not withstand it!"

Upon hearing this, Hu Tao thought of the afternoon's duel and couldn't help saying,

"Mom, Fang Mu helped me strengthen the Magpie, and now it can block that strike from just now!"

With that said, Hu Tao summoned her City Protecting Magpie.

Due to the increase in size, even with its wings folded, the City Protecting Magpie made the living room feel somewhat cramped.

Seeing the greatly transformed City Protecting Magpie, both Lin Wei and Hu Xu's eyes revealed a look of shock.

Hu Tao's Iron-winged Sparrow was chosen for her by them, and they were naturally well aware of its capabilities.

Lin Wei and Hu Xu subconsciously thought that the Iron-winged Sparrow, which had evolved into a City Protecting Magpie, had just awakened the Luan Bird Bloodline.

But upon closer examination, they found out that didn't seem to be the case!

If it had only awakened the Luan Bird Bloodline, the changes in the Iron-winged Sparrow definitely shouldn't be this significant.

The Iron-winged Sparrow was a product displayed at the goods exhibition, and there were two of them.

One was bought by Hu Xu, and the other was purchased by Hu Xu's upstream supplier.

Hu Xu's upstream supplier, who ran a large enterprise, reportedly found a Senior Creator and spent a vast amount of resources to awaken the Iron-winged Sparrow's Luan Bird Bloodline.

Upon learning of this, Hu Xu felt quite a pang of sourness in his heart.

He could provide a Guardian Beast like the Iron-winged Sparrow for Hu Tao, but he couldn't awaken its Bloodline.

Hu Xu had seen the Iron-winged Sparrow that had awakened the Luan Bird Bloodline.

That Iron-winged Sparrow, when Hu Xu first saw it, appeared incredibly majestic and imposing.

But compared to Hu Tao's now, it seemed just like an old hen next to a crane!

By summoning the City Protecting Magpie, Hu Tao was essentially showing Lin Wei and Hu Xu the investment Fang Mu had made into her resources.

This City Protecting Magpie completely dispelled any concerns Lin Wei and Hu Xu might have had.

But as Hu Tao's father, whether it was out of responsibility toward Hu Tao or toward Fang Mu, there were some things Hu Xu felt were necessary to ask Fang Mu.

Hu Xu stood up, gesturing grandly.

"Little Wood, come have a couple rounds with Uncle Hu!"

“Let me see if your chess skills have improved!”

Upon hearing this, Fang Mu stood up and followed Hu Xu into the room.

Hu Xu didn’t close the door, but Fang Mu shut it behind them.

There were some things Fang Mu felt he needed to make clear to Hu Xu, even if not asked.

After setting up the chessboard, Hu Xu was thinking about how to start the conversation.

Just then, he heard Fang Mu say very seriously,

“Uncle Hu, you must have learned about my situation from other sources.”

“Not to hide it from you, I am now a disciple of a Grandmaster Creator!”

Chapter 905: Hundred Longevity, Thousand Longevity!?

Fang Mu’s status as a disciple of the Grandmaster Creator was known to all significant figures within the Dragon Rising Federation.

Fang Mu had appeared in public on multiple occasions as a disciple of the Grandmaster Creator.

Therefore, Fang Mu's status as a disciple of the Grandmaster Creator was not a secret!

Fang Mu revealed his identity to Hu Xu not to show off, but to reassure him.

Fang Mu's voice was not loud, but his words exploded in Hu Xu's ears like a thunderclap.

Startled, Hu Xu's hand trembled, and the chess piece fell onto the board, making a crisp ding-dong sound.

Hu Xu almost thought he had heard wrong.

For Hu Xu, a Grandmaster Creator was a legendary figure.

Even as a Low-Level Creator, Hu Xu found them hard to meet.

Fang Mu's words exceeded Hu Xu's understanding.

Fang Mu had grown up right before Hu Xu's eyes, and Hu Xu had previously regretted that Fang Mu could not become a Beast Master.

Yet, Fang Mu turned out to be a dragon among men.

Fang Mu watched the expression on Hu Xu's face and did not speak further, waiting for him to calm down.

Only after Hu Xu calmed down would it be convenient for him to continue the conversation.

After a moment, Hu Xu picked up the chess piece from the board, looked at Fang Mu, and stammered without being able to say a complete sentence.

Fang Mu said with a smile.

"Uncle Hu, I plan on taking Hu Tao to compete in the world college student professional league!"

"In my team, there is not only Hu Tao but also another teammate."

"You just saw that City Protecting Magpie. With me, Hu Tao's improvement will definitely be much stronger than at school!"

“You should have already agreed to let Hu Tao improve her skills at my place.”

“I have a Sacred Relic that will help Hu Tao stay one step ahead of others in her Guardian Beast Master star level!”

“This time I’m here, I hope you would agree to let Hu Tao take a year off school, just like I did, to only attend examinations.”

After candidly revealing his identity, Fang Mu sincerely explained the arrangements for Hu Tao.

If it were someone else suggesting that Hu Tao take a year off, Hu Xu would definitely be furious enough to bang the table.

Hu Xu and Lin Wei had devoted all their efforts to nurturing Hu Tao.

A large amount of resources were generously invested in Hu Tao by Hu Xu and Lin Wei.

The couple really hoped Hu Tao would succeed.

Hu Tao had not disappointed them, successfully gaining admission to Jinghai High School for Beast Masters.

And she had achieved excellent rankings in practical classes.

As long as Hu Tao could improve in her academic courses, entering Jinghai Tianyu University was almost a certainty.

Hu Xu had always considered school as the best place for cultivating Hu Tao's talents.

Fang Mu asking Hu Tao to take a year off school once again overturned Hu Xu's understanding.

Hu Xu was afraid that taking a year off would affect Hu Tao's academic studies.

But, seeing the Iron-winged Sparrow that Hu Tao had summoned just now, Fang Mu had dramatically transformed Hu Tao's abilities in just a few days.

Upon seeing Hu Xu's expression, Fang Mu immediately guessed the concerns in his mind.

Fang Mu spoke to Hu Xu very seriously.

"Uncle Hu, no matter which path you take in the future, academic knowledge is of utmost importance!"

“Hu Tao is extremely talented in combat. If there is a weakness, it is her study of academic subjects!”

“This academic knowledge would improve faster with systematic guidance from a renowned teacher than through her own rote memorization.”

“I have a Senior Creator connected with the Creator’s Guild in JA City, who is a senior director at the guild.”

“He is responsible for tutoring Hu Tao’s academic courses.”

Fang Mu’s words stunned Hu Xu for a moment, as they addressed all the doubts in his heart.

Now that a Senior Creator of such stature was helping Hu Tao with her studies, Hu Xu had no more concerns about her being at Fang Mu’s place!

With such an important figure involved, how could Hu Tao’s academic performance not improve?

Forcing himself to recover from his shock, Hu Xu opened his mouth and finally said with determination.

“Little Wood, you have invested so much in Hu Tao, yet your aunt and I have little to offer you in return.”

“You see...”

Before Hu Xu could finish, Fang Mu immediately spoke.

“Uncle Hu, Hu Tao is my friend and also my teammate.”

“You and your wife need not be so formal with me; Hu Tao’s talents deserve such nurturing!”

“We’ve been caught up talking and haven’t had a chance to play chess with you. Let’s have a few good games!”

Fang Mu was very sincere in his attitude to Hu Xu, but there was something Fang Mu did not say to him.

People with talents like Hu Tao are not found elsewhere in the world.

Resources in the Beastmaster world are rarer than geniuses.

Bai Hao and Bai Ya were also friends of Fang Mu, and Bai Ya also had awakened her Destiny Guardian Beast.

Fang Mu did not choose Bai Ya to be his partner but selected Hu Tao instead.

Because, during Fang Mu's darkest times, Hu Tao had been like a guiding light, shining consistently in front of him.

That light had warmed Fang Mu countless times.

Now, Fang Mu likewise wanted to be the light for Hu Tao!

Hu Xu, who loved playing chess, seemed somewhat distracted during the games.

This made it difficult for Fang Mu to figure out how to let Hu Xu win a few moves!

After finishing the second game, Fang Mu did not set up the chess pieces again but stood up and said.

"Uncle Hu, it's getting late. Hu Tao and I will head back soon."

“If you and your wife have time, you are welcome to visit us!”

When Fang Mu and Hu Xu walked out of the room and returned to the living room, Hu Tao was already dressed and waiting there.

Chapter 906: A Hundred Years of Longevity, A Thousand Years of Longevity!_2

Hu Tao knew that Fang Mu still had things to do after he went back.

Luckily, her dad wasn't caught up in his chess obsession and kept taking Fang Mu to play.

Lin Wei could tell from the expression on Hu Xu's face that he definitely had something on his mind.

Since Fang Mu and Hu Tao were still there, Lin Wei didn't ask Hu Xu about it.

After warmly seeing Fang Mu and Hu Tao off, Lin Wei turned to Hu Xu and asked,

“Old Hu, what did you and Little Wood talk about in there?”

“I only learned from Hu Tao that Little Wood invested in Little Peach extremely rare spiritual materials that are hard to come by even on the market!”

Hu Xu pursed his lips upon hearing this.

In this world, there's probably nothing that the disciple of a Grandmaster Creator can't get hold of!

“Ah Wei, let's have a good drink tonight,” he said.

“From today on, we don't have to worry about Little Peach anymore!”

Hu Xu knew that Lin Wei was thinking about how to repay Fang Mu.

Hu Xu was well aware that even if he and Lin Wei lived for tens of thousands of years,

the money they would earn in those years wouldn't be enough to repay Fang Mu's investment for Hu Tao!

Fang Mu never expected any return from their side.

From now on, this old couple just needs to watch over Fang Mu and Hu Tao's development!

In the future, if Fang Mu comes over for meals, prepare some of his favorite dishes.

Lin Wei usually disliked letting Hu Xu drink, but upon hearing what he said, she still took out the hidden liquor from home.

Lin Wei gave Hu Xu a playful scowl and poured him a glass.

"Tell me, what did you talk to Little Wood about in there?"

Hu Xu raised his glass and downed it in one gulp.

This kind of liquor was only available during the New Year.

Normally, even if Hu Xu were allowed to drink, he wouldn't indulge himself.

This eleven-degree liquor costs nearly three thousand five hundred Dragon Rising Coins a small bottle.

And it would take some connections to buy it.

“Ah Wei, children and grandchildren have their own blessings, and we no longer need to worry about our daughter!”

Hu Xu felt reassured not because Fang Mu could provide Hu Tao with many resources,

but because Fang Mu was very attentive to Hu Tao.

This was more important to Hu Xu than the resources Fang Mu could offer!

Otherwise, Fang Mu wouldn't have accepted the invitation to come to their home for dinner.

Nor would he have spoken so much!

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The evening breeze fluttered the hem of Fang Mu's coat.

Seeing Hu Tao bouncing happily beside him, Fang Mu knew her mood must be excellent.

Hu Tao only walked like this when she was exceptionally happy.

The last time Hu Tao walked like this was when she found out she was a Beast Master.

“I've just checked in the car, let's wait here for a bit.”

“Tonight when we get back, have Mr. He tutor you first, I should be free in about two hours.”

“Tonight, let’s try to get straight to Gold in duo ranking!”

Upon hearing this, Hu Tao’s mood became even more exuberant.

“Fang Mu, can we reach Gold tonight!?”

“The points system for duo ranking seems the same as solo ranking, to advance in tiers we need at least six or seven matches!”

Fang Mu knew at once that Hu Tao must have lost a lot on the Battle Network.

Because of many losses, her hidden points wouldn’t be high, so the points earned from each battle would be relatively low.

If you start with a winning streak, you’d only need to win five qualifying matches to be placed in Silver, then another three wins to move up from Bronze to Silver.

Once on a winning streak and in the Silver Ranks, a few more victories could catch the attention of the Battle Network officials.

Triggering a skip-tier mechanism.

If all goes well, getting to Gold would only need about twenty battles.

This wasn’t difficult for Fang Mu and Hu Tao.

In the previous battles, Fang Mu and Hu Tao could easily overpower their opponents.

Only when approaching the top ranks of Silver did they need to start paying attention.

Tonight's duel was seen by Fang Mu as just an appetizer, letting Hu Tao get well-acquainted with the City Protecting Magpie's changed skills and newly acquired exclusive traits due to the bloodline promotion.

The real show would be the Golden Rank duel tomorrow night.

All of Fang Mu's Guardian Beasts had been upgraded to the Golden Stage Level 10, and Fang Mu wanted to try and bring his and Hu Tao's duo ranking directly up to the Platinum Tier.

"Ah Tao, it should take us about two hours to reach the Golden Rank," he said.

"If we're lucky, we might even be invited by the Battle Network officials for an exhibition match!"

"In case that really happens, you mustn't get stage fright!"

Fang Mu had two identities, one public as Jianmu and another hidden as Yan Luo.

As Fang Mu Jianmu, this identity was always out in the open, and he didn't mind revealing his strength on the Battle Network.

Fang Mu also wanted to advance boldly in the tide of competition.

Should the Longteng Federation officials seek him out, Fang Mu was willing to represent the Dragon Rising Federation in the under-20 age division!

Therefore, Fang Mu felt that it was time to stir up some wind and clouds on the Battle Network!

Hu Tao took part in the Battle Network's exhibition match to get a feel for the competition environment in advance.

It would be an excellent way to train her psychological resilience.

Otherwise, she might find it hard to adapt when facing a large audience later on.

Upon hearing this, Hu Tao was initially a bit nervous, but soon a sense of anticipation ignited within her heart.

For one, Hu Tao looked forward to fighting side by side with Fang Mu, and secondly, Hu Tao also had her own heroic dreams.

Hu Tao had always been striving hard on her own, but now, Fang Mu had taken over her dream, about to lift Hu Tao onto the throne of Glory.

Once back at the manor, Hu Tao immediately got focused and sought tutoring from He Deen.

During her studies, Hu Tao was always very serious, never letting the upcoming battle with Fang Mu distract from her attention to her studies.

He Deen was very strict when instructing Hu Tao.

He Deen knew that Fang Mu hadn't asked him to tutor Hu Tao just to coddle her.

Fang Mu needed to see Hu Tao making progress under his instruction every day.

Otherwise, Fang Mu would certainly replace him.

Fang Mu sat on the living room sofa, pouring himself a cup of Feng Song Tea.

Lu Xiaoyin came to Fang Mu's side and handed him several invitations.

“Young master, these are the invitation letters from the local forces in JA City in the past two days,” she said.

“I’ve already filtered them, would you like to see if you’re interested in any?”

Fang Mu had previously made an appearance at the Near Shore Commerce Assembly’s product exhibition, which made the local forces in JA City aware that Fang Mu was in JA City.

The Near Shore Commerce Assembly used to be a hot power in JA City, but disappeared directly from JA City after offending Fang Mu.

Other forces, out of fear or a desire to forge ties with Fang Mu,

all hoped to pay homage to Fang Mu.

Lu Xiaoyin naturally wouldn’t bring all the invitations to Fang Mu, as that would be a dereliction of duty as a private butler.

The invitations that Lu Xiaoyin brought were those that Fang Mu might be interested in.

Fang Mu looked over the invitations that Lu Xiaoyin had passed to him, then handed them back to her.

“Xiao Yin, I’m going to spend most of my time in the Scholar Residence recently, and I have some other plans,” he said.

“I don’t have time to accept invitations from other forces.”

“You see if there’s anything in these invitations that interests you, and if so, you can take me there for a visit.”

Upon hearing this, Lu Xiaoyin knew that Fang Mu had no intention of interacting with these forces.

However, since these forces were in JA City, Fang Mu hoped he could gather their resources together.

“Young master, there are auspicious signs in several of the trade fairs,” Lu Xiaoyin reported.

“I will go and acquire these auspicious signs for you.”

Fang Mu knew from her response that Lu Xiaoyin understood his intention.

“Xiao Yin, go let the people of the Brilliant Clan know to find me in the activity room on the third floor,” Fang Mu instructed.

After speaking, he stood up holding the Teacup and headed for the third floor.

The Ten Longevity Carp was at a critical juncture for advancement.

Tonight, in addition to replenishing Jin Zhaoyan’s damaged body and restoring his lifespan,

Fang Mu also wanted to try and cause a bloodline breakthrough for the Ten Longevity Carp, evolving it into a Hundred-life Carp.

If it evolved into a Hundred-life Carp, Fang Mu would observe the Hundred-life Carp’s Evolutionary Path,

to see if there’s a chance it could advance to a Thousand-Lifespan Carp!

Fang Mu cared a great deal about the evolution of the Ten Longevity Carp!

Chapter 907: The Scales of Longevity!

Jin Zhaoyan returned to his room in the morning, and all his worries and anxieties vanished.

He first enjoyed a good meal and drank a pot of wine before lying down on his bed and falling into a deep sleep.

Jin Zhaoyan hadn't had such a good night's sleep in a long time.

Separated from the past for who knows how many years, Jin Zhaoyan felt hope for the future again.

With Fang Mu's help, he could have a whole body and his lifespan could be extended by ten years.

After the ten-year extension, he would be able to replenish his life span again.

This time would be enough for him to take that step!

Once the Guardian Beast steps into the Order, he as a Beast Master would receive the feedback from an Order-level Guardian Beast.

His lifespan would increase by at least another three hundred years!

Fang Mu had extended his lifespan because of a deal with the Brilliant Castle.

But the offer to restore the origins of his body's damage was Fang Mu's own proposition.

This was Fang Mu's redemption for him.

Otherwise, even if his lifespan was extended, living on with such a damaged body would have no quality to speak of.

How inconvenient a broken leg is and how painful it is for the Five Viscera to be corrupted by toxins, only Jin Zhaoyan, the person involved, knew best.

As for Fang Mu delaying the time to treat him, Jin Zhaoyan had a great understanding of this.

As a disciple of a Grandmaster Creator, Fang Mu must be very busy every day.

He would stay at Fang Mu's place for a while, and during this time, it would be fine for Fang Mu to choose any free time to treat him!

Just then, someone knocked on Jin Zhaoyan's room door.

When Jin Zhaoyan opened the door, he saw Jin Xuan and Lu Xiaoyin standing at the doorstep.

Although Jin Xuan was the manager of the Brilliant Castle, he was not much in front of an elder like Jin Zhaoyan.

While Jin Xuan bowed to Jin Zhaoyan, Jin Zhaoyan took the initiative to bend over and bow to Lu Xiaoyin.

Jin Zhaoyan did not know Lu Xiaoyin and bowed to her simply because of her status as Fang Mu's personal butler.

Jin Zhaoyan was showing his respect for Fang Mu in this way.

Reading the expression on Jin Xuan's face, Jin Zhaoyan knew why Lu Xiaoyin and Jin Xuan had come to find him.

Jin Zhaoyan tried to suppress his excitement and anticipation, taking a deep breath.

Lu Xiaoyin quickly stepped forward and helped up Jin Zhaoyan, who was still bending over.

Lu Xiaoyin and She Wan had accompanied Fang Mu to the Panfeng Federation before.

Although Lu Xiaoyin had been helping Fang Mu handle affairs within the Mechanism Fortress, she knew the situation of the Brilliant clan well.

She Wan would communicate what she knew to Lu Xiaoyin to help her serve Fang Mu better as his personal butler.

The Brilliant Castle was an important partner for Fang Mu, and Fang Mu placed great importance on them.

When Jin Zhaoyan showed goodwill to her, Lu Xiaoyin also showed Jin Zhaoyan enough respect in return.

“Old Jin, the young master has invited you to move to the activity room on the third floor. Have you prepared any Spiritual Materials like the Soul Soothing Incense?”

Jin Zhaoyan hurriedly nodded at her words.

Fang Mu had specific requirements for Jin Zhaoyan, who knew exactly what he should prepare.

Before going to sleep in the morning, he had already asked Jin Xuan to prepare everything.

“Rest assured, the Dreamy Golden Locust Flower Powder and the bee wax incense made from Sleep Bee wax I have prepared will put my soul to sleep for at least three hours,”

“I won’t cause any soul fluctuations to disturb Mr. Jianmu!”

Lu Xiaoyin checked the incense that Jin Xuan handed over, and only after making sure everything was satisfactory did she turn around and lead the way.

At the entrance to the activity room on the third floor, Lu Xiaoyin stretched out her hand to stop Jin Xuan and shook her head at him.

“Just Old Jin needs to go in. If you want to wait, stand with me in the corridor!”

Jin Xuan hurriedly shook his hand and said.

“No need to trouble you with waiting here. Our Brilliant clan trusts Sir Jianmu very much. After a while, I will go with the other two companions to see the night view of JA City.”

“I wonder if you have any good recommendations, Mr. Lu?”

Lu Xiaoyin smiled and gestured into the corridor.

“Let’s talk over there, so as not to disturb my young master.”

“There are many scenic spots in JA City, and if you don’t mind, I can take you for a tour!”

Lu Xiaoyin had no work that night.

Accompanying Fang Mu as a private butler to take care of partners was something that Lu Xiaoyin had to do.

Lu Xiaoyin could feel Jin Xuan’s desire to make her acquaintance.

In fact, Lu Xiaoyin also wanted to make Jin Xuan’s acquaintance.

This would make it more convenient for Lu Xiaoyin to help Fang Mu liaise with the Brilliant clan in the future.

As soon as Jin Zhaoyan entered the activity room, he saw Fang Mu sitting at the table, carefully flipping through an ancient book.

Upon his entry, Fang Mu placed the ancient book on the table.

Then he casually poured a cup of tea for himself.

“Judging by your complexion, you must have rested well.”

“You don’t have to worry, both extending your lifespan and healing your leg won’t have any adverse effects on you!”

“Your lifespan can be replenished today, but your leg will need some time to heal.”

“A newly rejuvenated limb will affect the prosthetic you have been wearing.”

“If you don’t want to be constrained during the regeneration of your right leg, I can find a Forging Spirit Grandmaster to serve you.”

Fang Mu’s words once again steadied Jin Zhaoyan’s heart.

All of Jin Zhaoyan’s last worries completely disappeared.

Had there been any real risk, Fang Mu certainly would not have made such an emphatic reassurance to him.

Jin Zhaoyan couldn't possibly have Fang Mu allocate a Forging Spirit Grandmaster to serve him.

Chapter 908: The Scales of Enlightenment and Longevity!_2

In front of a Grandmaster Creator, a Spirit-smithing Master is nothing significant, yet in any part of the Main World, a Spirit-smithing Master can be considered a notable figure.

"Mr. Jianmu, I won't need a prosthetic during the limb regeneration period."

"I really hope to experience the process of my limb being regenerated!"

"If, before you wish to move, my limb has not regrown,"

"I'll contact a Spirit-smithing Master I'm familiar with to forge a suitable prosthetic for temporary use!"

Fang Mu raised his eyebrows upon hearing this, but did not immediately respond.

Because Fang Mu was not sure what effect the combination of Setting Sun Lotus Root Powder and the Gold Level Skill [Koi Blood Regeneration] of Origin Blood Wad Carp would have.

Koi Blood Regeneration allows the Origin Blood Wad Carp to absorb the target's blood and combine it with its own Nuwa Blood.

It then feeds the Nuwa Blood back to the target, activating the target's genetic template to induce regeneration.

This complements the effects of the Setting Sun Lotus Root Powder.

However, Fang Qin's severed fingers had already grown back, and up until now, Fang Mu had not had the chance to experiment.

It could be said that Fang Mu's offer to help Jin Zhaoyan heal his injury and regrow his limb stemmed from the desire to make connections with Jin Zhaoyan and the Glorious Clan as well as the intention to experiment with the combined effects of the Origin Blood Wad Carp and the Setting Sun Lotus Root Powder.

Seeing that Fang Mu did not immediately respond, Jin Zhaoyan's heart suddenly clenched.

He feared that after observing his injury, Fang Mu would give him a negative answer.

If that happened, Jin Zhaoyan would surely break down in front of Fang Mu.

Noting the changes in Jin Zhaoyan's expression, Fang Mu first took a sip of tea, then stood up and said,

"Elder Jin, please remove your prosthetic first!"

"Then change into the clothes we've prepared for you, using Soul-calming Spiritual Materials is enough."

"Everyone's injuries are different, so the time it takes to recover cannot be certain."

"Even injuries far more severe than yours can be healed, so there's no need to worry!"

Upon hearing this, Jin Zhaoyan immediately realized he had lost his composure in front of Fang Mu.

However, Jin Zhaoyan did not offer much of an explanation.

In the face of life and death, no one is exempt from concern, especially someone who has seen hope and has aspirations.

Jin Zhaoyan soon fell into a deep sleep with the aid of the Spiritual Materials he brought with him.

Fang Mu could feel that Jin Zhaoyan's spirit and soul had both entered a state of sluggishness.

Fang Mu did not immediately feed Jin Zhaoyan the Setting Sun Lotus Root Powder, nor summoned the Origin Blood Wad Carp.

Instead, he first summoned the Ten Longevity Carp.

Among all the fish beasts evolved from the All-Kinds Carp, the Ten Longevity Carp looked the most ordinary in appearance.

Apart from its body shimmering like green jade, it was deemed to have no other redeeming qualities.

The fins and tail, smaller than a cattail fan, gave what should have been a graceful and agile carp an awkward appearance.

Fang Mu used the Innate Divine Skill [Eye of Omniscience] from Fool's Shadow to investigate the Ten Longevity Carp.

[Beast Name]: Ten Longevity Carp

[Beast Species]: Carp family/Cyprinus genus

[Beast Level]: Silver (10/10)

[Beast Element]: Water Series/Life Series

[Beast Potential]: Gold

[Beast Quality]: Perfect

Skill:

[Bubble Therapy]: Shoots out bubbles to heal target's injuries, which can heal a second time for a short duration if the target is injured again.

[Whisker Whip]: Whisking its barbels at the target burns the target's lifespan.

Exclusive Traits:

[Life Calculation]: If the target's lifespan is less than ten years, it can guide life energy to replenish the target's life to last ten years.

Evolutionary Path:

①: Hundred-life Carp, ②: Leaping Carp, ③: Darkness Devouring Carp.

The rank of the Ten Longevity Carp finally rose from Silver Level Four to Silver Rank Level Ten, but its quality had remained unchanged.

Still stuck at Perfect Quality.

Fang Mu found that the Ten Longevity Carp was more difficult to advance in rank and quality compared to the Sakura fall and Origin Blood Wad Carp.

Among all Fang Mu's beasts, Xi Xi and the Ten Longevity Carp had the most similar situation.

A question arose in Fang Mu's mind, could it be that the advancement in the ranks and strength of a beast is related to the power of its abilities?

With that thought, Fang Mu shook his head.

If that were the case, the scholars of the Beastmaster world would have already discovered this issue.

These scholars in the Beastmaster world have always been keen on discovering new topics.

However, sometimes they like to speculate on the answers with their subjective thoughts, resulting in conclusions that are not rigorous enough.

As a biologist in his previous life, Fang Mu liked to understand a scholar's thoughts through their papers.

It was a way to learn exactly what he wanted to know.

But because the papers in the Beastmaster world lacked rigor, many scholars wrote their conjectures into them.

As a result, Fang Mu forcefully changed his habit of researching through papers.

Fang Mu once expressed his views to Cui Ruochen.

It happened that Fang Mu and Cui Ruochen saw eye to eye on this matter.

That was also why Cui Ruochen valued Fang Mu so much.

Fang Mu assessed the condition of the Ten Longevity Carp and believed that if he were willing to provide a large amount of Blood Aged Wine,

he could potentially raise the Ten Longevity Carp's quality to that of Epic Quality during its advancement to the Golden Stage.

When the Ten Longevity Carp exhibited its unique [Life Calculation] trait, it would consume the carp's energy, which wouldn't be good for the carp's advancement.

Therefore, Fang Mu planned to advance the Ten Longevity Carp's rank first before extending Jin Zhaoyan's longevity.

If the Ten Longevity Carp were to advance to a Hundred-life Carp and had the option of becoming a Thousand-Lifespan Carp in its evolution path,

Fang Mu would spare no effort, even if it meant using Covenant Blood Essence, to promote this evolution!

But if the Ten Longevity Carp became a Hundred-life Carp without a pathway to advance to a Thousand-Lifespan Carp,

then extending the longevity by a thousand years would no longer be a trump card for Fang Mu.

Fang Mu first took a jade basin with a diameter of about two meters and had the Rainy Doll fill it with water.

This time Fang Mu didn't pour in any Life Elixirs but instead threw in several dozens of Life Crystals refined by Xi Xi into the jade basin.

A tremendous amount of Life Energy surged out from within the basin.

Without needing any instructions from Fang Mu, the Ten Longevity Carp dove into the jade basin

and began absorbing the immense Life Energy.

The moment Fang Mu sensed that the Ten Longevity Carp's absorption of Life Energy hit its limit, he poured in a full two thousand milliliters of the Blood Aged Wine into the jade basin.

After absorbing the Blood Aged Wine, the Ten Longevity Carp seemed to tear open a gap in its realm, allowing it to absorb even more Life Energy.

Stripes formed by Life Energy continuously appeared on the carp's scales.

The Ten Longevity Carp's body color became even more translucent and its whiskers grew longer and finer.

Suddenly, the carp's whiskers split at the base, each showing a tendency to burst forth.

In this moment, the aura around the Ten Longevity Carp thoroughly underwent a transformation, and its body became rounder and more robust than before—

it looked like a big, fortunate fish indeed!

Fang Mu used the Eye of Omniscience to inspect the Ten Longevity Carp once again.

[Beast Name]: Hundred-life Carp

[Beast Species]: Carp family/Cyprinidae genus

[Beast Level]: Gold (1/10)

[Beast Element]: Water Series/Life Series

[Beast Potential]: Platinum Tier

[Beast Quality]: Epic Quality

Skills:

[Bubble Therapy]: Blows bubbles to heal the target's wounds, which can heal a second time if damaged shortly after treatment.

[Whisker Whip]: Whipping the target with its whiskers burns away the target's lifespan.

[Solid Longevity Seal]: Temporarily restricts the target's lifespan, preventing it from suffering non-natural depletion during this time.

Exclusive Traits:

[Life Calculation]: Can top up the target's lifespan by a hundred years through guiding Life Energy, if the target's lifespan is less than a hundred years.

[Comprehension Longevity Scale]: During the process of restoring lifespan to a target, it reflects the target's power of understanding onto its own scales, enabling part of this comprehension power to be applied to a specified target when using the scales.

Chapter 909: Lily Lilith-Foliage Bud!

Upon investigation, Fang Mu discovered that the Ten Longevity Carp had evolved into the Hundred-life Carp, and both its rank and unique traits had been enhanced.

As the rank had successfully advanced to the Golden Stage, its quality had elevated to Epic Quality.

The Ten Longevity Carp had acquired new skills and unique traits.

The Gold Level Skill [Solid Longevity Seal] allowed the Ten Longevity Carp to imprison the target's lifespan in an extremely short period, preventing any unnatural depletion of the lifespan during the imprisonment.

In curse abilities, the most frightening method is to weaken a target's life strength, reducing the target's lifespan.

Lifespan pertains to the lifespan of a life, whether human or Guardian Beast, none wish for a short life.

This made those with such abilities among the Beast Masters always dreaded by others.

The reason the assassin organization Cursed Snake Tooth is compared to Bliss Palace is that all members of Cursed Snake Tooth have contracted a Guardian Beast known as the Witchcraft Serpent.

Before dying, the Witchcraft Serpent will attach a Life-Stealing Seal to the target that killed it.

The Life-Stealing Seal continuously strips the living being's lifespan until it is exhausted.

Although the Life-Stealing Seal released by a dying Witchcraft Serpent does not consume the lifespan quickly,

it can still reduce a person's lifespan by at least one third.

There are ways to remove this Life-Stealing Seal, but the cost is too great, and without the full support of a Master Creator, it is simply impossible to achieve.

This enables the members of Cursed Snake Tooth to preserve their lives after a failed assassination attempt.

The Gold Level Skill of the Hundred-life Carp, [Solid Longevity Seal], allowed Fang Mu to completely counteract such curses.

Not only that, after [Solid Longevity Seal] is applied to the target, when the target uses abilities involving the sacrifice of lifespan, it can shield the target from backlash once.

The execution of the Gold Level Skill [Solid Longevity Seal] is directly related to the loss suffered by the target.

The greater the loss sustained by the target, the higher the consumption of the skill [Solid Longevity Seal].

Once [Solid Longevity Seal] is applied to a target, if the curses on the body exceed the limit that [Solid Longevity Seal] can bear, it will backlash against the Hundred-life Carp.

Therefore, Fang Mu did not use the Gold Level Skill [Solid Longevity Seal] frivolously.

Rather than [Solid Longevity Seal], what concerned Fang Mu more was the exclusive trait of the Hundred-life Carp, [Comprehension Longevity Scale].

[Comprehension Longevity Scale] means that during the process of aiding other targets in restoring their lifespan, the Hundred-life Carp will, in an inexplicable manner, attribute the comprehension gained during that period of lifespan enhancement to itself.

This comprehension will condense onto the scales of the Hundred-life Carp.

If Fang Mu uses the scales of the Hundred-life Carp, he can transfer the comprehension from the scales to other targets.

[Comprehension Longevity Scale], to some extent, can be considered similar to the Heavenly Fragrance Peony Bead.

Only its level is much higher than that of the Heavenly Fragrance Peony Bead!

The individuals whose lifespan Fang Mu helps restore are all powerful beings, and their comprehension is inherently powerful.

Such tremendous comprehension acting on a person can grant them a greater potential for epiphany in specific conditions.

More importantly, [Comprehension Longevity Scale] can be used in conjunction with the Heavenly Fragrance Pearl.

The Hundred-life Carp is already an excellent Strategic Level Beast for Fang Mu, and now it also possesses a Strategic Level function.

In any aspect, the Hundred-life Carp is much more precious than the Sacred Relic, Sakura Fall!

After seeing the data on the Hundred-life Carp, Fang Mu could finally relax.

The Hundred-life Carp could evolve into the Thousand-Lifespan Carp!

With the Thousand-Lifespan Carp, Fang Mu would not consider the Leaping Carp or the Darkness Devouring Carp even if they had powerful abilities!

Fang Mu looked at the Hundred-life Carp, which had grown slightly larger, and his mind was filled with thoughts.

Fang Mu was certain that there was likely no one else in the world who could cultivate the Hundred-life Carp.

Unless there was a Creator of a higher level than a Saint Creator in the world, and this Creator was willing to provide a large amount of pure Life Elixirs to the All-Kinds Carp, a being whose evolution carried many uncertainties.

Otherwise, the Hundred-life Carp would remain the sole existence in Fang Mu's hands!

Even if such a Creator existed, willing to use a large amount of pure Life Elixirs to nurture the All-Kinds Carp,

it would still be difficult to recreate this miracle.

Because in the process of cultivating the Ten Longevity Carp, Fang Mu had used Blood Aged Wine.

Blood Aged Wine was cultivated together by Fang Mu's blood and the Lifelong Beasmaster's Blood of Abundance, unique to Fang Mu.

Fang Mu raised his hand and gently patted the emerald-like green scales of the Hundred-life Carp.

He then issued an instruction to the Hundred-life Carp to apply its exclusive trait [Longevity Calculation] on Jin Zhaoyan, lying asleep in front of the bed.

Soon, ten years of lifespan were infused into Jin Zhaoyan's body.

As the Ten Longevity Carp evolved into the Hundred-life Carp, the description of [Longevity Calculation] had changed.

However, the Ten Longevity Carp could still adjust the grade of [Longevity Calculation] independently.

The current [Longevity Calculation] is divided into ten years and a hundred years grades, which can be stacked over each other.

This allows for maximizing the extension of longevity for other lives.

After ten years of lifespan had been infused into Jin Zhaoyan's body, Fang Mu withdrew the Hundred-life Carp.

This method of incrementally increasing lifespan has two benefits.

One is that it can raise the limit of lifespan extension.

The other is that it facilitates fine control over the targets needing increased lifespan.

Chapter 910: Lily Lilith·Foliage Bud!_2

In a world where the strong are revered, strength is the fundamental basis of everything.

Only the powerful can make others uphold their promises.

Fang Mu certainly wouldn't naively believe that others would definitely adhere to verbal agreements.

Therefore, this kind of leverage is necessary on every level!

After increasing Jin Zhaoyan's lifespan, Fang Mu summoned the Origin Blood Nuwa Carp and took out a large box of Setting Sun Lotus Root Powder.

Fang Mu produced a bottle of Life Elixir with a ninety percent purity.

After mixing the lotus root powder with the ninety percent pure Life Elixir, he lifted Jin Zhaoyan's head and poured bowl into his body through his mouth.

The Origin Blood Nuwa Carp bit into Jin Zhaoyan's neck and sucked out a large amount of blood.

Then, it used the Nuwa Blood to nurture Jin Zhaoyan's blood, injecting this gene-activating blood back into his body.

Immediately afterward, Fang Mu heard noises coming from where Jin Zhaoyan's limbs had been missing.

Once the gene template is activated, the life energy will remodel the target's flesh according to the gene template.

Jin Zhaoyan's leg, which had been severed decades ago, grew back at a visibly astonishing speed.

In less than half an hour, Jin Zhaoyan's leg had fully regrown.

The old injuries within his five viscera also healed completely under the influence of the gene template.

Jin Zhaoyan was now a healthy person!

Whether Jin Zhaoyan could become an Order Strong within the ten-year lifespan extension, Fang Mu couldn't say.

But if it was about extending Jin Zhaoyan's lifespan by another hundred years, Fang Mu had absolute confidence in his ability to do so!

His trade with the Brilliant Clan brought not just another Order Strong to the Main World but also indebted this Order Strong with a tremendous favor to Fang Mu.

To Fang Mu, it was a great advantage!

Besides this benefit, Fang Mu had also discovered the wonderful use of the Origin Blood Nuwa Carp's Gold Level Skill "Koi Blood Regeneration" together with the Setting Sun Lotus Root Powder.

Jin Zhaoyan would probably wake up from his sleep by tomorrow morning.

Fang Mu recalled the Origin Blood Nuwa Carp, put away the remaining lotus root powder, and then left the activity room.

Arriving at the second floor, Fang Mu said to the two servants in the manor.

“Take Mr. Jin to his room from the third floor’s activity room.”

“When the people from the Brilliant Clan return, lead them to check Mr. Jin’s condition.”

These two servants were summoned by Lu Xiaoyin and completed their servant work exceptionally well.

Furthermore, having signed a private agreement with Lu Xiaoyin, which offered a generous compensation, these servants would do their best to protect Fang Mu’s interests when confronted with matters.

Fang Mu’s arrangements and tasks up to this point had always been carried out satisfactorily by the two servants.

After making sure everything was in order and with about an hour left until Hu Tao’s lesson was to be made up,

Fang Mu planned to use this time to enter the Stomach Spatial Worm’s abdominal space to check on the Lily Lilith.

With the nourishment of spiritual energy and absorption of pure life energy,

the Lily Lilith should be living very comfortably.

Returning to the bedroom, Fang Mu summoned the Stomach Spatial Worm and entered its abdominal space, where he found the entire area permeated with a fresh, faint fragrance.

This scent was completely new to Fang Mu, not something emitted by any existing entity within the space.

The only new addition to the abdominal space recently was the Lily Lilith.

Looking toward the console, Fang Mu saw that the Lily Lilith, which he had planted in Restoration Soil, had now grown to the size of a human head.

The entire stem was covered with fleshy little flowers, giving it the appearance of a bouquet.

This look was significantly different from before Fang Mu left the abdominal space!

Fang Mu used the Eye of Omniscience to inspect the Lily Lilith.

Upon examination, he found that the Lily Lilith had reached the level of Copper Stage fifth level with Epic Quality.

[Beast Name]: Lily Lilith

[Beast Species]: Sedum/Lotus Flower

[Beast Level]: Copper Stage (5/10)

[Beast Element]: Wood

[Beast Potential]: Silver

[Beast Quality]: Epic

Skill:

[Heal]: Restores the lost qi and blood for the target and can heal the target's injuries.

Exclusive Traits:

[Life Protection]: The life energy that naturally dissipates from the beast will be stored in the flower core. When the contractor's life energy is depleted, the extra stored life energy can be infused into the contractor's body to replenish their life energy.

[Life Fountain]: As the source, it spouts forth life energy, healing specified allies and applying a forbidden healing effect on specified enemies.

Evolutionary Path:

①: Lily Lilith·Foliage Bud, ②: Lily Flower Child, ③: Hundreds of Lily Flower Demons.

Fang Mu had always set great value on the legendary beast Lily Lilith.

Yet, he never expected that the Lily Lilith within his abdominal space would bring him such a tremendous surprise!

Fang Mu's Eden Dreamland was already capable of growing new plant-based beasts Above the Green Field.

As Fang Mu's acting improved and he became ever more selective with his beasts, he hadn't found an appropriate candidate.

But now, Fang Mu felt he had found it!

The two exclusive traits of Lily Lilith made it very suitable to be planted in Eden Dreamland.

The Copper Level Skill [Heal] offered by Lily Lilith was, frankly, unremarkable.

Recovering qi and blood and healing injuries are two abilities that every healing beast must possess.

Without either the ability to recover qi and blood or to heal injuries, it couldn't be considered a true healing beast.

However, Lily Lilith's strength lay not in her skills, but in her exclusive traits.

During the growth process of Lily Lilith, life energy continually emanates from within.

It wouldn't take long for Lily Lilith to accumulate a considerable amount of life energy.

Even more so, as Lily Lilith's stage is continuously rising!

Whenever Fang Mu sustained injuries, Lily Lilith would inject this surplus stored life energy into Fang Mu's body.

This provided Fang Mu with an additional self-preservation method in times of danger.

The exclusive trait [Life Protection] is a passive skill that automatically activates when it senses Fang Mu's life energy is depleted.

Fang Mu always welcomed such self-preservation abilities!

However, such abilities were not easily encountered.

Lily Lilith's acquisition of the exclusive trait [Life Protection] upon ascending to Perfect Quality was indeed a stroke of luck for Fang Mu.

Ascending to the Legendary Quality and the acquisition of the exclusive trait [Life Fountain] turned Lily Lilith into a wellspring of life energy.

But what truly intrigued Fang Mu was not its group healing ability but the forbidden healing effect it could inflict on enemy units!

Fang Mu had never encountered the ability to forbid healing before.

Elemental energy possesses different properties, and different properties can induce radically different changes in an element.

For example, the combustion and explosion of Fire Elements are two changes of the same element.

Life energy, too, can exhibit changes in properties just like Elemental Energy!

Deploying a forbidding healing skill against enemy targets in combat effectively nullifies the enemy's healing beast tamers.

Many beast masters who have contracted Aggressive Type guardian beasts rely heavily on healing.

On Lily Lilith's evolutionary path, Fang Mu would choose the first evolutionary option, Lily Lilith-Foliage Bud, as recommended by Fool's Shadow.

The second evolutionary option, Lily Flower Child, is somewhat higher than the evolutionary path of Hundred Lilies Flower Child.

Even though both evolve towards a humanoid form, the bloodline inside Lily Lilith is of a higher order!

Hundreds of Lily Flower Demons represents the awakening of Lily Lilith's fairy bloodline, turning into a fairy-type beast.

Normally, for plant-based beasts, evolving towards fairy is considered the best evolutionary path.

Yet for Lily Lilith, it barely ranks third.

Fang Mu was eager to see what form Lily Lilith would take upon evolving into Lily Lilith-Foliage Bud.

Gu Kun had noticed Fang Mu and quickly turned to bow to him.

Gu Kun had always followed Fang Mu's plans to the letter when cultivating Lily Lilith, daring not to make the slightest mistake.