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Chapter 131: Cracked Sky

As Lin Yuan watched the members' interactions, he noticed that the team had a genuinely great relationship. Along the way, Lin Yuan still remembered how Lu Pingru secretly told him, "Xin Ying and Zhang Xiaobai are actually a couple."

Lin Yuan was truly shocked. There was no way to see any love as it was nothing but torture and oppression. The relationship between Xin Ying and Zhang Xiaobai was simply Xin Ying torturing Zhang Xiaobai.

The meal was quickly served, and Lin Yuan simply took off his mask. After all, there wasn't a way to eat a meal without removing the mask. When Lin Yuan removed the mask, Genius quickly canceled its Tool Transformation state and turned back into a two-tailed, white kitty.

Genius snuggled in Lin Yuan's embrace and let out two meows before saying in a soft voice, "Yuan, I wish to eat together with you."

Genius' soft voice was obviously rather whiny. When Lin Yuan heard that whiny voice, he knew that Genius was throwing a small tantrum.

Ever since Lin Yuan had enhanced Chimey, Genius, Blackie, and the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly to Legend quality during these two months, he had been enhancing the Jasmine Lily, evolving the Fantasy Breed Jasmine Lily from Bronze X to Silver.

But these two months had really been so busy that Lin Yuan's sleeping time had to be created forcefully. Genius was able to see how hard-working Lin Yuan had been for this period of time, so it hadn't been pestering Lin Yuan and simply accompanied him quietly.

When Lin Yuan was enhancing a fey, Genius would side by Lin Yuan's side while quietly wagging its two small tails.

As compared to how Lin Yuan would spare time to play with Genius every day, this period of time had truly been a suffering one for Genius.

Just as Lin Yuan was going to get a bowl and take some food for Genius, it quickly used its small paw to push on Lin Yuan's face before it continued to speak in a soft voice. "No, Genius wants Yuan to feed me personally. Otherwise, I won't eat."

Lin Yuan couldn't help smiling as each time Genius threw a tantrum, he couldn't do anything but raise his hands to surrender.

When Lin Yuan used his chopsticks to pick a piece of braised meat for Genius, he looked up and saw that the Extreme Guild Club's four members were looking at him.

In fact, when Lin Yuan took down his mask, his four teammates were already consciously looking at him.

At the Guild Alliance, the Extreme Guild Club's four members didn't think much when Lin Yuan was wearing a mask. Now that they were out as teammates, they were naturally curious about the face behind Lin Yuan's mask.

The moment Lin Yuan removed his mask, it gave the four teammates an impression that Lin Yuan was a sunshine and neat youth. However, when Lin Yuan smiled at Genius, the four teammates felt it was truly breathtaking.

When Lin Yuan saw his four teammates looking at him with dumbfounded faces, he suddenly laughed. "Do you not recognize me after I take off my mask?"

Zhang Xiaobai let out some strange cries before he looked at Lin Yuan intently. He then looked at Tan Ran before looking at his own reflection on the plate.

He then said with a grave face, "Alright, then. I admit that Lin Yuan is the most good-looking. But I am second place, and Tan Ran is third place."

Lu Pinru rolled her eyes ruthlessly. As expected, Zhang Xiaobai might look serious, but the words he spouted were definitely not serious.

Xin Ying felt her fist getting itchy as she picked up a bun and stuffed it into Zhang Xiaobai's mouth. "Hurry up and eat a bun. I want to see if this bun can shut your mouth."

The four teammates might be stunned by Lin Yuan's looks, but what really shocked them was Lin Yuan's age. Previously, Xin Ying had already felt a youth's aura coming from Lin Yuan's body, but she didn't expect him to actually be so young.

Tan Ran might have a baby face and look young, but he was already 22 years old. However, Lin Yuan was an authentic youth. Furthermore, this youth was able to release a Silver healing ability without summoning his fey, and to be a Creation Master at such a young age showed how great his talent was.

Since the start of the meal, Tan Ran had been looking at Genius with a tilted head. Genius was using its small paws to eat the meat that Lin Yuan fed to it. When Genius saw Tan Ran looking at it, Genius quickly ate the meat in its paws before licking its small paws.

Genius took a few glances at Tan Ran and felt that it was still the cutest. It then pounced into Lin Yuan's embrace and requested to be petted.

Tan Ran was looking at Lin Yuan with extreme envy as he said in a gloomy tone, "Kitties are the cutest. But why is my fey compatibility not fated with any cuteness?"

When Zhang Xiaobai heard Tan Ran's words, he nearly choked on the bun in his mouth. When recalling Tan Ran's fey compatibility, Zhang Xiaobai quickly shook his head.

Your fey compatibility is more than just not fated with cuteness!

The meal was quickly finished, and the casual conversation over the table had brought them closer. Lin Yuan was now more familiar with the four members of the Extreme Guild Club. They were all young and had similar interests. They might not be close friends, but they became regular friends rather easily.

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The extreme north of the Endless Forest was the land of bitter cold, and the extreme south was the muddy swamps. Therefore, the Endless Forest was extremely extensive. A large patch of trees were all connected, forming a paradise for the wild feys.

The Endless Forest was connected to 13 major cities of the Radiance Federation, and they were at the borders of the Endless Forest. Presently, Lin Yuan and the Extreme Guild Club members were heading for Ascending Dragon City that was closest to the Royal Capital.

At the borders of Ascending Dragon City was Millstone Town. It was closest to the Jade Unicorn Ice Snake's habitat, which the Extreme Guild Club members wanted to go. Therefore, it was most suitable to set off from Millstone Town.

Millstone Town might be a town within the Ascending Dragon City's influence, but after reaching the place, Lin Yuan realized that it wasn't even a third of the size of Xia Region. Furthermore, Millstone Town was rather far away from Ascending Dragon City and other regions. Even a Bronze flying fey would need a period of time to travel across the distance.

The situation was actually due to the formation of Millstone Town. In the beginning, Millstone Town had been a place where many merchants would sell supplies because it was at the border of Endless Forest. It had slowly turned into a steady gathering place, and after dozens of years of development, many adventurers resided here, gradually forming Millstone Town.

Millstone Town was just like an adventurer town embedded at the border of the Endless Forest and Ascending Dragon City.

Lin Yuan stood on the street of Millstone Town and looked at the town that wasn't very clear due to the setting sun. After hearing all the hawking and shouting, and conversations between adventurers, Lin Yuan couldn't help but lament. "Even in remote mountains and rivers, traces of humans could still be found."

Lin Yuan and his four teammates were walking on the main street as they prepared to buy some supplies.

However, in the background of this peaceful time, none of the people in Millstone Town, including Lin Yuan's group, was aware that a crack had appeared on the horizon. Behind the crack was a hidden dark red wave...

Chapter 132: Alien Insect's Descent

During autumn, the sky would turn dark much faster than summer. Ascending Dragon City wasn't like Redbud City, where all four seasons were filled with gloomy rain and would be stuffy even during autumn. But for Ascending Dragon City's autumn, the cool winds would be extremely comfortable, but after getting blown for a prolonged period of time, a person would feel the chill within their bodies. It was especially so at night when the winds blew across Millstone Town at night; everyone would involuntarily wish they had an additional layer of clothing.

The lamps by the streets of Millstone Town had lit up, and the stalls under the illumination of the light looked to be even more lively than daytime. There were no signs of influence due to the cold autumn. All sorts of food stalls and fruit stalls were opened up, their business booming.

The aroma of barbecue skewers was so prominent when walking through the streets, and it was the aroma that enticed the gluttonous worm within everyone's stomach. The fruits' refreshing sweetness was also able to lift a person's mood.

Xin Ying looked at the sky and said, "Let's stay in Millstone Town for tonight. Pinru and I will prepare the daily necessities for this mission. Tan Ran will go and book rooms in a guest house."

Xin Ying frowned when she looked at Zhang Xiaobai and said, "Zhang Xiaobai, you will buy... Forget it, Zhang Xiaobai, you may move around as you please."

She then looked at Lin Yuan and said, "Lin Yuan, you can also shop around as you like. We'll gather back here in one hour and meet up at the guest house that Tan Ran found. We will depart tomorrow morning."

It was obvious that this wasn't Xin Ying's first time at Millstone Town, and she knew the place very well. Just a few instructions were enough to fix the itinerary for everyone.

When Zhang Xiaobai heard that he didn't have to do anything, he was rather happy, but he had a sudden change in response. "Wasn't I included when purchasing daily necessities last time? Why aren't I required this time? Xin Ying, are you shunning me!?"

Zhang Xiaobai looked at Xin Ying with a righteous expression before he instantly received Xin Ying's heavy fist.

Lu Pinru rolled her eyes. "Zhang Xiaobai, when you were told to buy daily necessities last time, what did you buy? You bought 50 roasted chickens and came back with nothing else. You nearly agitated Big Sister Ying to death. This time, you better be obedient and go eat some barbecue. It is enough as long as you don't create trouble."

Zhang Xiaobai held his stomach, partly because it was rather painful as he was just punched by Xin Ying, partly because he was feeling wronged by what Lu Pinru said. However, after he heard that he could eat some barbecue, he immediately let out a delighted 'pfff'.

Seeing that Xin Ying was turning restless, Zhang Xiaobai quickly yelled, "I am not going to be mischievous this time!"

Lin Yuan and the Extreme Guild Club's quartet started to split up.

Just as Lin Yuan was preparing to find a random stall, Zhang Xiaobai pulled him aside and said in a secretive voice, "Lin Yuan, do you want to eat barbecue with me? That stall is very good."

Zhang Xiaobai then pointed at a place that wasn't far behind him.

Lin Yuan wasn't hungry yet. He took a glance at the barbecue stall and the fruit stall beside him and replied, "I am not hungry yet. You can go ahead. I will buy some fruits here."

Zhang Xiaobai patted on Lin Yuan's shoulder and said, "Then just wait here for around ten minutes. I will come and look for you after buying the barbecue."

After speaking, Zhang Xiaobai started running to the barbecue stall and shouted with a stretched neck, "Boss, give me 30 kidney skewers. I want them super-duper spicy."

Lin Yuan had already prepared his own supplies as it was very important to stock up supplies in order to go for an adventure. Since Lin Yuan decided to venture out, he was naturally fully prepared for all situations.

The Moon Empress had given Lin Yuan two Diamond fey storage boxes. The leaf-shaped fey storage box had all sorts of dimensional lifeforms' flesh, so Lin Yuan didn't touch them.

As for Cheng Wu's dark brown, beetle-shaped fey storage box, Lin Yuan had tidied up the Radiance dollars that took up half the space inside and emptied out a corner. That corner was used to store a large amount of water and some convenience food to curb hunger.

When adventuring in the wilderness, the lack of food could be solved by killing a wild fey and making a fire to do a simple barbecue. However, it was hard to survive without water in the wilderness.

Those experienced adventurers would know that water in the wild must not be drunk casually unless it was a large water body with living fish or the mountain's spring water. Otherwise, drinking water casually might cause diarrhea, fever, or even get inflicted with poison. Such conditions might be even more fatal than a fey's attack.

Lin Yuan took two steps forward to the stall beside him. Seeing that the fruits were all very fresh, he had the idea to store some in the Diamond fey storage box.

Just as Lin Yuan was picking the fruits, he heard a middle-aged woman's voice. "Good baby, quickly pick a sugar figurine[1] and let the old uncle help you make one."

Lin Yuan looked at the stall beside, which was selling sweets. They sold sugar figurines and cotton candy.

The little boy who was being carried by the woman then asked the old man, making sugar figurines, shyly, "Old uncle, I wish to have a sweet sugar figurine. Could you make me a fat yellow duck?"

The old man chuckled with a benevolent smile and said, "This old uncle is the best at making fat yellow ducks. I will make one for you quickly."

The old man grabbed a handful of malt sugar with proficiency, and after a short moment, a cute and fat yellow duck was made. He then brushed on some sugary coating, giving life to the fat yellow duck.

The little boy received the fat yellow duck with excitement and smiled happily as though there were stars in his eyes.

Just as the woman was about to leave with the little boy in her arms, the little boy then said with an innocent tone, "Mommy, mommy, I want cotton candy."

The woman pinched the little boy's cheek helplessly and pointed at the sugar figurine before saying, "You have yet to finish the sugar figurine in your hand. Why do you want cotton candy too?"

The little boy was very persistent as he immediately kissed the woman on the cheek. The woman immediately smiled after getting kissed by her own baby and immediately paid money for the cotton candy.

The cotton candy was very easy to make, and it took just two minutes for the old man to make a huge cotton candy ball that was like a white blanket.

The little boy received the cotton candy and said to the fat yellow duck, "Ducky, with the cotton candy as your blanket, you will not feel cold at night."

The child's words were filled with innocence, and it was probable that this sugar figurine duck might not feel cold with the cotton candy blanket even during winter.

After Lin Yuan stored the fruits in the beetle-shaped fey storage box, the sky looked like a shattered mirror as a dark red luster leaked out of the shattered night sky. There was a distortion energy wave that ripped open a huge gap in the night sky. Soon enough, a rift was formed in the sky by the dark red energy.

As soon as the rift was formed, large quantities of alien insects instantly surged out of the rift!

Chapter 133: This Punch Is Strong Enough

When Lin Yuan saw this strange energy rift, his brain felt as if it was going to explode. He had seen this strange energy rift back in the Xia Region.

Wasn't it a dimensional rift?

Alien insects frantically rushed out of this opened dimensional rift, and all sorts of alien insects fell from the sky before falling into pieces.

But as layer after layer of alien insect corpses laid down and formed a thick layer of insect corpses, there were no casualties among the newly fallen alien insects when they fell on them.

Soon, a sea of alien insects suddenly gathered secretly in the night under the dimensional rift.

All sorts of alien insects cried in unison, creating an ear-piercing and disordered sound of insects. Then, these alien insects gorged their sacrificed companions' flesh below them and seemed to be waiting for something.

The dimensional rift had suddenly opened widely at the Endless Forest border, and the sea of insects had gathered only two or three meters away from Millstone Town.

This was almost akin to the dimensional rift opening at the gates of Millstone Town.

This dimensional rift that had suddenly opened in the night sky revealed its hideous claws and teeth, just like a devil choosing people to devour.

Millstone Town, which was directly connected to this sudden change, started to panic.

At that moment, Zhang Xiaobai dashed at his side. He was holding 30 kidney skewers, which could not be held in one hand, so he held 15 in each hand.

Zhang Xiaobai might be experienced eating Millstone Town's kidney skewers. Those 30 kidney skewers could satisfy his appetite.

He ran to Lin Yuan with a very grave expression, glanced at the kidney skewers in his hands, and threw them on the ground. "Lin Yuan, we'll gather at the earlier location. With such a big change of events, they should have rushed over immediately."

Zhang Xiaobai rarely looked so grave. He looked at Lin Yuan and wanted to say something, but did not in the end. Instead, he only reached out to pat Lin Yuan's shoulder.

Lin Yuan and Zhang Xiaobai ran toward the location previously agreed with Xin Ying, Lu Pinru, and Tan Ran.

After arriving at the location, Lin Yuan found Xin Ying and Lu Pinru standing there with ugly and anxious expressions.

When Xin Ying saw Lin Yuan and Zhang Xiaobai, she shouted, "Based on the disorderly insect sounds, this opened dimensional rift must be linked to the dimension with alien insects. However, I don't know if it's a Class 1 Insect Dimensional Rift or a Pinnacle Class 1 Insect Dimensional Rift."

Lin Yuan had also done a lot of research on this aspect. If the alien insect dimensional rift reached Class 2, the sounds of the alien insects alone could cause dizziness and blurred vision to people under such proximity.

Therefore, this opened alien insect dimensional rift could only be Class 1. However, there was a vast difference between an ordinary Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift and a pinnacle Class 1 dimensional rift.

At that moment, Tan Ran dashed to their side while panting.

The five-member team officially assembled. Xin Ying regained her calmness and said as she looked at Lin Yuan, "Due to the sudden dimensional rift in Millstone Town, our mission of finding the Jade Unicorn Ice Snake venom in the Endless Forest is suspended. You can go to the Royal Capital's Guild Alliance to collect the deposit we put up as the compensation for a sudden suspension of a mission."

Zhang Xiaobai held back until his face turned red. Despite wanting to say something and looking at Lin Yuan and then Xin Ying, he still did not say what he wanted to, even if his face turned red.

Lu Pinru and Tan Ran were frank, but it was as though they had a vague expectation as they looked at Lin Yuan.

At the same time, Lu Pinru took down the closet, which was the height of two people, that she was carrying on her back.

Tan Ran also opened the backpack he was carrying and wore a forehead protector. He pushed his naturally curly hair to the back of his head and revealed his forehead. It was clear that Lu Pinru and Tan Ran were ready for battle at this point.

Lin Yuan could see the intention of the quartet. They wanted to stay in Millstone Town and help the town defend against the insect tide invasion.

At that moment, Lin Yuan could not help but think of the little boy that had bought a fat yellow duck sugar figurine earlier.

He also recalled that when Chu Ci was young and was eating sugar figurines, she would always throw a tantrum about wanting a sugar figurine in the shape of an Elite Black Back Mountain Boar.

It was as though the taste of pork could be felt.

Those distant memories appeared before his eyes.

What was happiness?

When one was hungry, rice would be one's happiness. It was enough if one could eat to one's fill.

When one was thirsty, water would be one's happiness. It was enough if one could drink to one's fill.

When one was poor, money would be one's happiness. It was enough if one had sufficient money.

Happiness might be one thing when one was young, and one would feel happy when one had something.

When one grew up, happiness might be one goal, and one would feel happy when one achieved that.

A few months ago, Lin Yuan had been a struggling man on the line of happiness, and he had been neither healthy nor had enough food or clothes.

But now, he had bigger life goals than other people.

In Lin Yuan's opinion, rather than saying it was because of his reincarnation, him forming a contract with Morbius, or being able to channel spirit qi to enhance feys, it was because he had been born in the Radiance Federation.

Although Lin Yuan had grown up unwilling to accept others' help, he had unknowingly accepted too many favors.

From time to time, Auntie Zhang and Uncle Wang would take care of his daily life and wonder whether he could live well. Before Chu Ci had a contracted fey, Teacher Bao had wanted to buy one for her with his own money. And there was also his dutiful teacher, the Moon Empress.

When Lin Yuan saw the battle intent in the quartet's eyes, it seemed as if he suddenly understood the meaning of radiance.

Radiance was a legacy, a mission, and a kind of belief.

Lin Yuan frowned as he looked at them. "Do you think that the four of you are the only ones who want to stay? In my opinion, our temporary squad can't be disbanded, not at least until we get through this insect tide."

Xin Ying, Lu Pinru, and Tan Ran looked at Lin Yuan with their eyes lit up.

If they were kind to Lin Yuan before, then it was because they had formed a temporary squad. But now, they were looking at Lin Yuan in approval. This kind of recognition had nothing to do with his strength. Rather, it was a kind of soul-level recognition.

Zhang Xiaobai's face turned red from holding back his words. He laughed and punched Lin Yuan. "Lin Yuan, you're worthy of being a good brother of mine."

Lin Yuan almost took a step back from Zhang Xiaobai's punch on his shoulder.

Zhang Xiaobai was worthy of someone boorish who had to eat 30 kidney skewers for each meal. He was indeed boorish.

Lin Yuan also punched back on Zhang Xiaobai's shoulder. "I'll focus on healing you during the battle later."

Zhang Xiaobai took a step back from Lin Yuan's punch and replied with a laugh, "This punch is strong enough. That's satisfying!"

Zhang Xiaobai and Lin Yuan were not good at expressing their affection. Hitting each other with a punch was sometimes the way males expressed their friendship.

Lin Yuan looked at the dimensional rift and said sternly, "We won't be able to stop this insect tide with just a few of us. We'll follow the stream of people toward the location where Millstone Town's adventurers gather."

Xin Ying quickly responded, "There is a Guild Alliance branch in Millstone Town. The stream of people is heading there. We'll head there now."

Lin Yuan was running with the quartet to the Millstone Town's Guild Alliance branch when he heard a strange yet pleasant female voice. It belonged to none other than the Mother of Bloodbath, which had been silent before.

Chapter 134: A New Dormant Red Thorn

The Mother of Bloodbath's voice suddenly rang in Lin Yuan's ears, causing him to feel more at ease. "Kid, as your Path Protector, I'll only care about your life and not anything other than that. However, you're considered courageous for wanting to fight against the insect tide under the dimensional rift."

The Mother of Bloodbath suddenly became silent for two seconds before a strange female voice sounded again. "However, this Pinnacle Class 1 Dimensional Rift is no joke to you right now. If you can get through it and defend against the insect tide, I'll give you the source-type item from this dimensional rift as a reward."

When Lin Yuan heard the Mother of Bloodbath's words, he frowned.

Although Lin Yuan knew that this alien insect dimensional rift was Class 1, he was unsure whether it was just an ordinary or a pinnacle Class 1.

Now that the Mother of Bloodbath had said that it was a pinnacle Class 1 dimensional rift, the grade of this dimensional rift could be determined.

Lin Yuan's heart tightened.

A Class 3 alien insect would appear from a pinnacle Class 1 dimensional rift as the swarm leader.

The combat power of a Class 3 alien insect was comparable to that of a Gold fey, which also meant that the insect tide in Millstone Town would have at least one Class 3 alien insect with a combat power comparable to a Gold fey.

This was utterly bad news for the five-member team and Millstone Town.

The alien insect dimensional rift was known as the most dangerous dimensional rift due to the countless alien insects gushing out of it, just like a raging tide.

The sea of insects would turn any place barren wherever they went.

In a battle, they could kill spirit qi professionals and feys alive.

However, the pinnacle Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift was not just simply a sea of insects for Millstone Town.

This was because a pinnacle Class 1 dimensional rift's Class 3 alien insect was akin to the power of a sharp knife for Millstone Town.

Lin Yuan asked the Mother of Bloodbath softly, "Mother of Bloodbath, if we can't stop this insect tide, can you step in to defend Millstone Town?"

Mother of Bloodbath's voice sounded again. "I'm an arachnid fey, not a human like you guys. I am only your Path Protector and will only save you before you get buried in the sea of insects."

Then, the Mother of Bloodbath stopped talking.

Lin Yuan's question was buried by the autumn wind that whistled past his cheeks as he ran in the cool night.

He now did not even think about the so-called source-type lifeform reward. Instead, he clenched his fists and measured his power.

This battle would be the touchstone after the Jasmine Lily had evolved into a Fantasy Breed.

The alien insects that spewed out of the pinnacle Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift were mainly low-grade alien insects comparable to Normal feys or lower than that.

Such alien insects accounted for more than 80% of the insect tide. The remaining 19% or more were just alien insects similar to Elite feys.

Among the higher-grade alien insects that accounted for less than the remaining 0.001%, the Class 1 alien insects that were like Bronze feys made up most of this percentage.

Although this 0.001% seemed little, it was really terrifying given the numbers of the sea of alien insects.

Lin Yuan could not help but think of Red Thorn, which had evolved into Bronze.

However, when Red Thorn was evolving into Bronze, it had to grow new tissues and organs due to its exclusive skill.

After eating an enormous amount of flesh from dimensional lifeforms, Red Thorn had fallen into a deep slumber, storing up for the growth of its organs that would allow its combat system to be rebuilt.

Red Thorn had been sleeping for a long time, and Lin Yuan wondered when it would awaken.

If Red Thorn awakened, its newly awakened exclusive skill would simply be a weapon for mass destruction to the alien insect tide.

When Lin Yuan and the quartet reached Millstone Town's Guild Alliance branch, they realized that many spirit qi professionals had gathered there.

Based on their attire, most of these spirit qi professionals were some aborigines living in Millstone Town. Some came from other places to explore Millstone Town, and now they still chose to stay there.

At that moment, a steward-like person clad in a body of chain armor shouted, "Check the combat-class spirit qi professionals who came to the Guild Alliance branch." While he said that, sweat broke out on his forehead, and he looked unusually grave.

Soon, an old man stepped forward. "Sir! 1,325 registered spirit qi professionals in Millstone Town also settled down here. 215 of them had gone out, leaving 1,110 spirit qi professionals here!"

While the old man spoke, he looked at the combat-class spirit qi professionals gathered at the side, most of whom had settled in Millstone Town.

In times of crisis, as a defender of Millstone Town—although the old man was so old that it would be strenuous for him to fight in a battle—seeing all the combat-class spirit qi professionals in Millstone Town present to fight against the catastrophe, a proud feeling, and uplifting power arose in his heart.

This cohesive force was unique to Millstone Town. If every spirit qi professional was like a small tinder, the thousand of people gathered would have been a strong bonfire.

The steward-like man clad in chain armor was the president of the Millstone Town's Guild Alliance branch.

There was a hint of pride on his anxious face, but then he had a bitter smile.

As the Millstone Town's Guild Alliance branch president, how could he not know the limit of Millstone Town?

Among these more than 1,000 combat-class spirit qi professionals, most of them had Bronze feys, while only a few dozen of them had Silver feys. Only one of them had a Gold fey.

In a small town like Millstone Town, such combat power was considered great as compared to other similar towns.

However, in the face of this sudden opening of the Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift and the approaching insect tide, it was clearly too much.

At that moment, a voice deeper than the old man's shouted, "We're foreign spirit qi professionals who came to Millstone Town to provide healing and prepared to explore the Endless Forest. After summing it up, we have 113 foreign spirit qi professionals present, 87 with Bronze feys, and 25 with Silver feys. I have a Gold fey."

The middle-aged burly man's words made the president of the Millstone Town's Guild Alliance branch feel more at ease. However, this middle-aged man then made his expression turn uglier.

"Among us 113 people, we only have one healing-type spirit qi professional who has a Bronze Spitting Turtledove. How many healing-type spirit qi professionals are there in Millstone Town?"

The president's face was covered with worry.

Healing-type spirit qi professionals were too valuable and in high demand everywhere. Therefore, few healing-type spirit qi professionals would stay in a small place like Millstone Town to develop.

In Millstone Town, with thousands of people, there were only five healing-type spirit qi professionals who were responsible for healing the thousands of people in the town.

However, only four healing-type spirit qi professionals had Bronze feys, while the other one only had an Elite fey.

Upon hearing him say the Spitting Turtledove, Lin Yuan subconsciously glanced at the crowd.

He surprisingly found the healing-type spirit qi professional who had previously been rejected in his application to join the four-member squad of the Extreme Guild Club.

Lin Yuan knew that such healing-type feys like the Spitting Turtledoves were relatively rare compared to other healing-type feys. They also had disgusting abilities that few would use.

It was indeed a small world.

Just as the president of Millstone Town's Guild Alliance branch looked worried, he heard a pleasant male voice. "To prevent world destruction and protect world peace, carrying out love and true—"

Before he could finish, a blonde-haired, valiant woman raised her hand and gave the tall and thin young man a heavy punch before she yelled tenderly, "Zhang Xiaobai, don't speak at this moment!"

Then, Xin Ying took two steps forward and said calmly and firmly, "We're a five-member squad with two power offense-type spirit qi professionals, one defense-type spirit qi professional, one support-type spirit qi professional, and one healing-type spirit qi professional. Please let us join the battle."

Chapter 135: Five People Going to The Battle

Xin Ying's words made both the middle-aged man who had spoken before and the president of the Millstone Town's Guild Alliance branch look relieved.

They quickly nodded in greeting to the five people, including Lin Yuan.

At that moment, several shouts of surprise suddenly sounded. "Wow! Aren't these the four people from the Guild Alliance's Extreme Guild Club S Tournament reserve team!? They're actually here! It's great that they're here!"

"At this time, the Extreme Guild Club team would be a really powerful reinforcement with them joining in."

Then, a clamor suppressed the previous voice. "You're in Millstone Town too, my idols! We are really too destined!" The healing-type spirit qi professional with the Spitting Turtledove spoke as he was running toward them.

Even if it was a reserve team in the S Tournament, they had an excellent reputation everywhere they went.

Presently, the spirit qi professionals had recognized Xin Ying, Zhang Xiaobai, and the others.

In addition to proving to be youths with great potential, they could also prove their strength.

As soon as the five people, including Lin Yuan, appeared, everyone there got excited.

Since Lin Yuan had always been wearing the mask Genius had transformed into, he seemed like a background character.

As Lin Yuan looked at the excited crowd, he said to the quartet, "Report your strengths to boost their morale."

Morale was obviously the most important thing during the insect tide invasion in a while, especially since they would go through a defensive battle.

In this lifetime, even though Lin Yuan had never read any books on the art of war, he knew the importance of morale to a battle based on all kinds of hearing and observations in his previous lifetime.

The team then understood Lin Yuan's purpose.

"Xin Ying, a power offense-type spirit qi professional with a Gold fey."

"Zhang Xiaobai, a defense-type spirit qi professional with a Gold fey."

"Tan Ran, a power offense-type spirit qi professional with a Gold fey."

"Lu Pinru, a support-type spirit qi professional with a Silver fey."

"Black, a healing-type spirit qi professional with a Silver fey."

Previously, the crowd was still focused on the quartet. But when Lin Yuan revealed that he was a healing-type spirit qi professional and had a Silver fey, their eyes all focused on him instead.

A Silver healing-type spirit qi professional was an important strategic resource in a battle. With a healing-type spirit qi professional, who had a Silver fey standing behind, it was akin to having solid protection behind while they were fighting for their lives in a battle. What would be more exciting than this?

The other people present and the quartet stared at Lin Yuan blankly.

Zhang Xiaobai almost blurted out. Brother, are you still Lin Yuan? You're rather fair and not tanned¹.

Lin Yuan blinked at the quartet and pointed at the mask on his face.

They looked at Lin Yuan's non-stop blinking eyes behind the mask and soon understood what he meant.

When they recalled that Lin Yuan was a Creation Master at a young age and healing-type spirit qi professional with a Silver healing-type fey, they guessed that his identity was not simple. Black might be Lin Yuan's identity outside.

Lin Yuan had become friends with them using his actual name, which made the quartet feel his sincerity.

At that moment, as the representative of the spirit qi professionals in the town, the president of the Millstone Town's Guild Alliance branch quickly took two steps forward. He brought Lin Yuan and the other four members to the front of all the spirit qi professionals and said, "All of you are young elites. I thank all of you for staying in Millstone Town. You're a coordinated squad and the one with the strongest combat power present. It's better that you guys command the fight against the insect tide."

Millstone Town's Guild Alliance branch president was considered to be the person whose words carried the most weight.

The people guarding the town were getting on in years and barely could fight, so the battle arrangements depended on the president of the Millstone Town's Guild Alliance branch.

At present, he was delegating authority because there could be no two commanding voices in a defensive battle, or it would weaken the team's cohesion.

The president delegated his authority so that there would only be one commanding voice later.

On the other hand, he simply had too much pressure due to the fight against the insect tide. He believed that his qualifications and brainpower could barely withstand such pressure. Therefore, he might as well push this responsibility to the best of the younger generation, while he would fight with all his might in the battle as a pure combat-class spirit qi professional.

Lin Yuan, Xin Ying, Zhang Xiaobai, Lu Pinru, and Tan Ran looked at each other. Then, they nodded gravely, and Xin Ying said, "Which one of you has a small flying fey to observe what scale this dimensional rift really is and whether it's an ordinary Class 1 insect tide? If we can find out what kind of Class 3 alien insect leads this Class 1 insect tide, we can be prepared in advance and target them effectively!"

After she said those words, the feedback she received made her expression turn ugly.

It was not that these people present did not have flying feys. Rather, their flying feys were either too large or did not have high wisdom. Thus, they could not complete the scouting work and effectively bring back the information.

Xin Ying knew that the four members of her team did not have such scouting flying feys. This was because support-type spirit qi professionals usually equipped scouting flying feys. However, Lu Pinru's situation was special. She did not have such scouting flying feys.

This was not Xin Ying's first time encountering an insect tide. Previously, she had taken part in the Extreme Guild Club's insect tide trials. Because of that, Xin Ying had heard that the sounds of insects from the ordinary Class 1 dimensional rift's insect tide were more ear-piercing than she had an impression on.

Upon seeing that, Lin Yuan activated his spiritual energy and summoned Chimey, which had recently been in the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

When Chimey was summoned, it was still confused. It was about to stand on Lin Yuan's ear and get closer. But when it saw Lin Yuan's grave expression, it became well-behaved as well.

Chimey had actually been live-streaming in the Spirit Lock spatial zone, and the return of the long-lost Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess had surprised the fans.

Many fans had flocked to the live-streaming room to witness the return of the Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess.

Lord Ranger, who had been the top contributing fan, had even frantically donated 10,000 Radiance dollars.

After live-streaming for a while, the fans encouraged Chimey to compete with other live streamers, but it still had not figured out how to.

The dimensional rift had caused abnormal dimensional fluctuations that it could not log in with its Star Web Card, so Chimey naturally got off the live-streaming.

At that moment, Chimey could not help but miss Genius.

Without Genius as its manager and helping with the operation, Chimey felt it was hard putting on a GIF in front of the computer screen.

Chimey thought that when Genius was around, it would compete with the other live-streamers. It would spare them for now. At that moment, it would let them know the power of the Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess.

When Lin Yuan summoned Chimey, the surrounding people glanced over.

Although Chimey was a Silver fey, since its quality was Legend, it looked quite better than most Silver feys.

Furthermore, it was in sky blue with obvious cloud patterns on its wings that contained mysteriousness and elegance. Coupled with Chimey's agility, the people knew that this small flying fey had good wisdom.

The quartet looked at Lin Yuan differently. He had actually given them a surprise at such a moment.

It was crucial to have flying feys to scout the insect tide, as their side was already vulnerable. If the weak side could not grasp the upper hand, there would really be little chance of resisting the insect tide invasion.

Lin Yuan immediately issued an order to Chimey, telling it to fly outside Millstone Town and observe the insect tide's situation. If possible, it could also check out the species of the Class 3 alien insect.

Chapter 136: Wearing Pinru's Clothes

Actually, Chimey wasn't adept at scouting from high altitudes as it couldn't recognize Class 3 alien insects nor call out their names. However, as long as Chimey described the Class 3 alien insect's appearance, most of the people there would be able to identify it.

After all, understanding various dimensional lifeforms from the dimensional rifts was a compulsory lesson for each citizen of the Radiance Federation.

It was rare for Chimey to see Lin Yuan so solemn, so it was particularly serious too. It immediately flapped its wings and flew out of the Guild Alliance's sub-branch in Millstone Town. It flew toward the dark red dimensional rift under the darkness.

Presently, Lu Pinru had already unloaded the two wardrobes that were the height of two humans. She was now rapidly circulating her spiritual power. The two wardrobes suddenly opened up when Lu Pinru circulated her spiritual power.

It was now that Lin Yuan finally got to know what Lu Pinru's contracted fey was and why she was constantly carrying two huge wardrobes behind her. The wardrobes were filled with plenty of silk racks, and there were three 3-inch-long light yellow silkworms within.

The moment Lu Pinru circulated her spirit qi, the three silkworms rapidly spat out silk and weaved spirit qi silk clothes on the silk racks. The silk clothes weren't ordinary ones as they were weaved with energy.

The three silkworms were spitting silk at extreme speed, and it took just a short moment to finish weaving an entire set of silk clothes on the racks. Subsequently, Lu Pinru took down the energy-weaved silk clothes.

Lin Yuan was looking at the three identical silkworms and using True Data to check on them.

[Fey Name]: Glowing Silkworm Weaver

[Fey Species]: Silkworm gene/Cocoon worm species

[Fey Grade]: Silver (8/10)

[Fey Type]: Wood

[Fey Quality]: Flawless

Abilities:

[Silk Spit]: Rapidly spit out a large amount of disheveled silk to protect itself.

[Light Body Silk Clothing]: Spit out energy silk to weave silk clothing that allowed the wearer's body to feel lighter and faster.

[Firm Armor Silk Clothing]: Spit out energy silk, using large amounts of energy silk to weave silk clothing that could effectively guard against physical attacks.

Exclusive Skill:

[Tough Silk]: Silk has resilience and toughness. It can greatly enhance durability and reduce wear and tear when using the silk products.

When using True Data, Lin Yuan was surprised to find out that these three Glowing Silkworm Weavers didn't just have the same abilities—they also had the same exclusive skill, Tough Silk.

Putting aside the rarity of the exclusive skill, Tough Silk, or the great abilities that the Glowing Silkworm Weavers possessed, the real difficulty was to have three Glowing Silkworm Weavers with the same exact abilities and exclusive skills.

When feys evolved, they would obtain exclusive skills of a huge myriad. A single Glowing Silkworm Weaver could have up to 1,000 different exclusive skills, and when they evolved to the next grade, the abilities weren't fixed either.

The three Glowing Silkworm Weavers had the same exclusive skills and abilities to rapidly produce energy silk clothing. Lu Pinru wasn't like other support-type spirit qi professionals who would use control abilities to weaken and restrict the enemies. She had sacrificed her individual combat ability to provide full support to her teammates.

Zhang Xiaobai received Lu Pinru's energy silk clothes and gave the first set to Lin Yuan. "Black, wear this Firm Armor Silk Clothing first. It can help you resist some physical attack. Pinru's clothes are very comfortable!"

Lin Yuan didn't reserve himself. As a healing-type spirit qi professional, when he was healing a teammate, it was best that his teammates wouldn't have to be distracted in order to protect him.

After wearing this Firm Armor Silk Clothing, Lin Yuan's body had a layer of silk that was fused with energy. It was light and comfortable.

As Lu Pinru went all out to exhaust her spiritual power, she quickly produced over a dozen Firm Armor Silk Clothing. After giving them to the few healing-type spirit qi professionals, the remaining clothes were distributed to the spirit qi professionals with Gold feys.

By the time the Firm Armor Silk Clothings were completed, Lu Pinru's complexion was abnormally pale. She quickly took out a spiritual ingredient that could replenish her spirit qi and chewed it twice before saying, "Let me rest for five minutes, and I will continue weaving Firm Armor Silk Clothings."

The healing-type spirit qi professionals would wear the Firm Armor Silk Clothings Lu Pinru weaved, but spirit qi professionals with Gold feys would choose their feys to wear them instead. The Firm Armor Silk Clothing was made by fusing energy and silk, so there wasn't a fixed shape. Even a large-sized fey could expand the Firm Armor Silk Clothing and equip it.

Lin Yuan was able to see the obvious expectations on the faces of the spirit qi professionals who witnessed Lu Pinru's ability. He was completely able to understand why these spirit qi professionals desired the Firm Armor Silk Clothings, even though they were already prepared to die in order to protect Millstone Town. Everyone simply wanted to have an additional layer of protection, even if this layer of protection could only protect them from a few attacks of Class 1 or Class 2 alien insects before getting damaged.

Lin Yuan responded immediately and summoned his Bronze/Legend Spirit-Gather Goldfish from Morbius' Spirit Lock spatial zone. This was the first time Lin Yuan summoned Blackie into the outside world.

Blackie was originally inviting the female Five Fortune Ranchu to play and eat Butterfly Shells. When Lin Yuan summoned it, it habitually flourished its tail. Half of Blackie's body was now in the shape of a black peony after flourishing its tail. It was now waiting solemnly for Lin Yuan's command.

When Lin Yuan summoned Blackie, the Spirit-Gather Goldfish didn't release any trace of spirit qi due to its exclusive skill, Spirit Qi Imprint. However, its faint dragon prowess already told everyone present that Blackie was a dragon-species fey. After awakening the dragon-species bloodline, the Blackie wasn't just a fey—it was a luxury item that only wealthy people would possess.

“Blackie, use Spirit Injection on Lu Pinru and help her recover her spirit qi.”

When Lin Yuan commanded Blackie to use Spirit Injection, he completely forgot his own codename was called Black too. Blackie immediately spat out pure spirit qi from its mouth and injected it into Lu Pinru's body.

The Spirit-Gather Goldfish might only be bronze-grade, but having awakened the dragon-species bloodline while its quality was at Legend, its Spirit Injection's effects were extremely potent.

While Lu Pinru was showing a surprised expression, her spiritual power and spirit qi were rapidly getting replenished. The Extreme Guild Club's quartet didn't expect Lin Yuan to bring such a pleasant surprise during the battle preparation.

Spirit Injection was a spirit qi recovery ability that was hard to come by because the fey that possessed this ability would have other abilities that were almost useless. Therefore, such feys weren't suitable for contracts. However, it was an ability that was extremely crucial, be it on the battlefield or in tournaments.

Lu Pinru could feel her spirit qi getting rapidly replenished. When her spirit qi was almost fully replenished, she continued to produce the Firm Armor Silk Clothings. Among the Glowing Silkworm Weavers' weaving abilities, the Firm Armor Silk Clothing was certainly more useful.

Zhang Xiaobai distributed Lu Pinru's silk clothes and shouted, “Humans and feys can wear Pinru's clothes. Please, don't forget the wardrobe before wearing the clothes.”

Zhang Xiaobai might not sound serious still, but his eyes were filled with overwhelming battle intent and determination. Xin Ying was also boosting everyone's morale before the battle.

The healing-type spirit qi professional who had the Spitting Turtledove was currently pressing down on his Spitting Turtledove's head and said, “Drink a little more water. If you don't have enough saliva later, you will not be able to eat your favorite Gray Beetles anymore.”

When the Spitting Turtledove heard that it couldn't eat the Gray Beetles anymore, it disregarded its life and continued gulping down the third bucket of water. Earlier on, the Spitting Turtledove had already emptied two buckets of water.

Lin Yuan concentrated his eyes as Chimey had already scouted the situation and was flying back. He could feel the panic in Chimey's heart when it was flying.

Chapter 137: Heart-Penetrating Ironline

Once Chimey flew in front of Lin Yuan, he immediately communicated with Chimey. After a short communication and feeling what Chimey had seen, Lin Yuan's face behind the mask looked terrifyingly gloomy.

Lin Yuan already knew that this alien insect dimensional rift was a pinnacle Class 1 one, through the Mother of Bloodbath. However, by seeing the scene through Chimey, Lin Yuan could feel the endless numbers of alien insects gathering under the dimensional rift. There were all sorts and types of alien insects packed up together, and it looked like they were piling on top of each other.

Had Chimey not experienced Cheng Wu and Cheng Rui's assault and gone through life and death, it would have been overwhelmed when it saw so many alien insects.

Of course, the massive numbers of this insect tide wasn't the reason why Lin Yuan had a gloomy expression. The most important reason was that Chimey had seen three Class 3 alien insects.

Class 3 alien insect, Acid Tapeworm.

Class 3 alien insect, Spiky Beetle.

There was another one, but it was a Class 3 alien insect that was halfway out of the dimensional rift.

The Acid Tapeworm looked just like a green neon lamp under the night sky and was abnormally eye-catching. The Acid Tapeworm's skin was just like a translucent and durable membrane, and it was filled with green glowing acid that was extremely corrosive. When it spat out the corrosive acid, the flesh would be instantly carbonized once it made contact with flesh.

The Class 3 alien insect, Spiky Beetle, was just like an iron tortoise with horrifyingly thick armor. The massive body possessed power that could raise things that were several times heavier than its body. When the Spiky Beetle smashed with its spiked armor, it would be able to penetrate city walls.

Of course, there were individuals here who had Gold feys that could battle with Class 3 alien insects, so Lin Yuan wasn't really worried about these two Class 3 alien insects. The most important Class 3 alien insect was one that Chimey saw when it was still emerging from the dimensional rift. It was a slender black line.

The black line was the reason why Lin Yuan frowned. This third Class 3 alien insect that only revealed half its body was an invisible killer, the Heart-Penetrating Ironline.

Under normal circumstances, the Heart-Penetrating Ironline wouldn't reveal its original body and would be hiding within the bodies of other alien insects. From an alien insect that didn't have any grade or a Class 3 alien insect, any of the alien insects could be the host for the Heart-Penetrating Ironline.

The Heart-Penetrating Ironline would control the host's movement, and it would grab the opportunity to suddenly emerge. It would use its slender iron-line-like body to penetrate the heart of its target. It was considered an invisible assassin on the battlefield.

With the Class 3 Heart-Penetrating Ironline around, each spirit qi professional would need to be 120% concentrated. If the Heart-Penetrating Ironline found a gap and suddenly attacked, it would penetrate the heart. There was no method to cure or save the victim.

The heart was the core of the blood's movement, and if the heart was shattered, the entire body's blood would stop flowing, instantly losing vitality.

No matter how great a healing-type spirit qi professional was, it was impossible to rescue a life with a shattered or penetrated heart.

When everyone noticed that Lin Yuan wasn't talking after gathering intel, their morale that was originally boosted by Xin Ying had fallen a little. However, Lin Yuan had to tell everyone of the Heart-Penetrating Ironline's presence. If they weren't cautious in advance, the Heart-Penetrating Ironline would be able to launch its sneak attack. It was highly possible that they might lose a Gold combatant. Even a Gold defense-type fey wouldn't possibly be able to defend against an all-out attack from the Heart-Penetrating Ironline.

"Acid Tapeworm, Spiky Beetle..." Lin Yuan paused for a moment before he said with a deep voice, "And also the Heart-Penetrating Ironline. This dimensional rift is a pinnacle Class 1."

Since Lin Yuan took responsibility for the reconnaissance, he felt that he shouldn't withhold any information. It might affect morale, but it wasn't enough to win the battle with just empty morale.

When the alien insect dimensional rift opened, it was already a fight to life and death. Both sides had a huge difference in combat power, and if they couldn't even have the most accurate and factual information, then the result would be them getting wiped out. All of the non-combatants in Millstone Town would become food for the alien insects, and Millstone Town would become a meat paradise for the alien insects.

Lin Yuan's words made everyone silent—only the silly Spitting Turtledove was still gulping down the third bucket of water. In order to eat Gray Beetles, it wasn't willing to give up even if it was choking.

All of a sudden, Zhang Xiaobai let out an inappropriate peal of laughter. Immediately after, he gripped his fist and stepped forward. "It doesn't matter if this alien insect dimensional rift is a normal Class 1 or a pinnacle Class 1. We are not trying to slaughter the insect tide. We are just going to endure until reinforcement arrives."

Zhang Xiaobai wasn't certain if Ascending Dragon City would notice the opening of this dimensional rift, however, someone had to step out and boost the morale for everyone.

Xiao Ying looked at Zhang Xiaobai with a little extra. This obviously inappropriate person is always surprisingly reliable during crucial moments.

After hearing Zhang Xiaobai's statement, everyone stayed silent for a moment until some unknown person yelled out, "Since we have stayed behind, then we don't have to be afraid of death! It is just an insect tide. I am great at enduring!"

“There is nothing to be afraid of. Even if I am not from Millstone Town, I cannot allow my own race to be killed by alien insects! Fight! Fight! Fight!”

Gradually—it was unknown if it was because of extreme fear or a certain indestructible faith that was passed down—everyone had a sudden boost of morale.

A dazzling spot of light that supported the morale was fused with the boost of morale from everyone, and it was shining brightly. A radiant spirit was rising up within the Millstone Town’s Guild Alliance. A grand spirit was produced invisibly under the night sky, and it was enough to contest with this dimensional rift.

The heaven’s dome in the night sky was like a silent reporter. When the sword aura drew across thousands of miles, the sword light would lit up all nineteen states¹.

The faith and grand spirit at this moment was something that many people would eulogize, but it would be carved into the memories for eternity.

As the radiant light gathered, the energy was enough to penetrate the sky.

As Lin Yuan felt that grand spirit, he involuntarily wanted to laugh heartily toward the sky. However, he quickly withdrew his mind and reverted to his most composed state at this crucial moment.

“The alien insects might start moving at any time. We cannot allow the alien insects to enter Millstone Town. Therefore, our only choice is to meet the alien insects outside Millstone Town.”

Millstone Town didn’t just have spirit qi professionals. There were also ordinary people, and they were all helpless. If they were to face the insect tide, they would instantly become food for the insect tide.

Furthermore, once the alien insects entered Millstone Town, they would be receiving attacks from all directions, and it was impossible to defend against the alien insects from all directions. They would have to break formation due to the alien insects’ attacks, and everyone would be overwhelmed by the insect tide, turning into food for them.

Millstone Town’s city wall was built between two mountains, connecting them. Because it was very close to the Endless Forest, the city walls were built to be very thick.

To fight outside Millstone Town and rely on this city wall was the best choice to resist this insect tide.

Lu Pinru was still constantly producing Firm Armor Silk Clothing. Even with Blackie replenishing her spirit qi through Spirit Injection, her spirit qi was still exhausted.

After extracting all the spiritual power and spirit qi from herself and working hard with the coordination of her three Glowing Silkworm Weavers, almost every spirit qi professional with Silver feys had a set of Firm Armor Silk Clothing.

Lu Pinru was currently pale like a white sheet, and sweat was rolling down her cheeks. She wiped off the sweat on her cheeks and stood up to carry the two large wardrobes before she took big steps forward.

Lin Yuan and the quartet of the Extreme Guild Club led the way while the spirit qi professionals that were residing in Millstone Town followed behind, along with the adventuring spirit qi professionals that actually wanted to venture into the Endless Forest.

Over 1,000 individuals that disregarded death had started to form up formations under the city wall of Millstone Town. Dozens of Firm Armor Silk Clothing were glowing, and when buried in the insect noises, the silk clothing was giving off a trace of stern feeling.

Just as everyone formed up the formations, Lin Yuan suddenly felt the atmosphere tensing up. He took a deep breath and could see low-grade alien insects rushing over from the source of the insect noises.

Everyone could feel the ground underneath their legs constantly shaking. Lin Yuan looked far away and could see countless yellowish-green, reddish-brown, and different spots of light under the night sky. They looked just like spin drifts from the ocean and were surging over at astonishing speed.

Behind each spot of light was a dashing alien insect.

When facing this ferocious insect tide, everyone circulated their spiritual power to summon their feys.

The battle was about to begin!

Chapter 138: Cat Transformation

Under the night, the surging insect tide brought up a fishy smell, a smell that only belonged to the alien insects.

The wind brought by the insect tide spread this smell to the people in Millstone Town.

Zhang Xiaobai could not help but say, "Wow, this is so smelly! Thank goodness I didn't eat the skewers earlier, or I would have thrown up now."

As he said that, he instructed his two feys. One of his fey was a mediocre defense-type fey, the Gale Mussel. It could provide other feys with a Gale Shield and had a solid physical defense. Due to its speed, the gale could cause powerful cuts through the wind blades.

His other fey was a bit peculiar. It was a fey the height of a human, which was reasonably common, but it was an uncommon Bloody Leech. How much blood did this Gold Bloody Leech usually need to absorb to be full?

Zhang Xiaobai constantly instructed the Gale Mussel to provide a Gale Shield to this Gold Bloody Leech. Then, he gave this Bloody Leech the five layers of the Firm Armor Silk Clothing from Pinru's closet.

"I will be at the front line later. My fey has a strong attraction to the alien insects. My Gale Shield will cut the alien insects to death. Little mussel, don't slack on the shields later, or I won't feed you salt. I'll let you become a freshwater mussel."

Zhang Xiaobai had returned to his former improper self, but his words were very reliable.

Upon seeing the change in him, Xin Ying felt she had nowhere to place her fists.

At that moment, Lin Yuan and the quartet had taken over issuing commands.

The Gold fey Xin Ying had summoned was just a big, pure golden cat with a metallic luster that was slender and elegant. The big cat was more than a meter long with very sharp claws.

Xin Ying yelled, "Cat Transformation."

Golden flames ignited on this big golden cat, and it quickly pounced toward Xin Ying before fusing into her body like a shadow.

Then, Xin Ying's entire aura changed.

The black pupils in her red phoenix eyes^[1] turned into golden slit pupils. These slit pupils solely belonged to cat-species feys and were the same as the big golden cat's. Sharp claws emerged from Xin Ying's hands as golden soft cat fur grew on her. Two golden cat ears also grew on her head.

Lin Yuan sighed when he saw Xin Ying's transformation.

It was true that someone in the reserve team for the S Tournament would have an outstanding fey.

The exclusive skill that Xin Ying's fey had awakened at Bronze was actually the rare Transformation Possession skill. This exclusive skill was like Tool Transformation, as it rarely appeared.

However, Transformation Possession and Tool Transformation were different. There was no weak Transformation Possession, unlike the latter, which was reliant on luck.

If one was lucky, a bike would turn into a motorbike. Otherwise, even a pair of skateboarding shoes would become open-toed.

With a fey that had Transformation Possession, a spirit qi professional was akin to having the fey's combat abilities. A large part of the cat-species feys' combat power was beast instincts, which Xin Ying had undertaken perfectly.

Xin Ying raised one hand, and golden flames arose on her sharp claws, looking very resplendent under the night sky.

"We have too few people and high-grade combatants, so those with Gold feys will attack at the periphery later. Those with Silver and Bronze feys will form two rows alternatively. If those at the front line can't hold on, move to the back, and let the healing-type spirit qi professionals heal you. Those behind them will immediately take over."

Then, Xin Ying rapidly flashed past everyone, creating an arc scratched by her claws on the ground.

"In a moment, with this line as the boundary, we'll use the alien insect corpses as a solid line of defense."

Lin Yuan soon understood what Xin Ying meant. She wanted to kill the alien insects along this line, where their corpses would pile up along. They only needed to leave a gap in those corpses that would keep piling up high in order to defend well.

Of course, this defense was only limited to the alien insects.

The constant opening of the alien insect dimensional rift gave the Radiance Federation's Fey Researchers more chances to constantly analyze the alien insects and eventually come up with several ways to fight them.

Rather than saying the alien insects were intelligent beings, they were a race willing to devour everything in order to keep evolving.

Low-grade alien insects were not very intelligent and were almost in a state of confusion. They only acted according to instinct. Even with the high-grade alien insects commanding, when faced with the temptation of many alien insect flesh, the low-grade alien insects would probably devour this unstruggling flesh.

Of course, even the high-grade alien insects could not restrain their obsession for evolution. This obsession was inscribed in the bones and souls of the dimensional lifeforms, like the alien insects.

The alien insect evolution came entirely from devouring flesh and absorbing the energy from the flesh.

Xin Ying's line could even stop the Class 3 alien insects and let them gorge on the corpses.

It was because of such instincts that the people in Millstone Town could use it as a sharp sword against the alien insects.

These alien insects' cruel instinct to evolve by devouring was one of the reasons that made them terrifying.

All alien insects with grades would probably have experienced a lot of battles on the other side of the dimensional rift and cruelly devoured their companions. Therefore, almost every alien insect with grades was an experienced executioner.

The alien insects were going to attack Millstone Town because their echolocation had helped them find out which place contained the most lives that they could devour. When facing the vast and empty periphery of the Endless Forest, there was undoubtedly the most flesh energy in Millstone Town. This was why the insect tide would flock to Millstone Town.

Lin Yuan turned his head to look at the healing-type spirit qi professionals behind him and exclaimed, "Healing-type spirit qi professionals, regardless of whether you're Bronze or Elite, go to the back. Find an opportunity at the back to heal the injured combat-class spirit qi professionals. It's enough for me at the front line. My fey can heal all."

A cheer rang out in the Millstone Town. Lin Yuan's words once again increased their morale at this critical moment.

Multi-target healing would mean that Lin Yuan could heal multiple targets at the same time and provide more chances for the people present to receive his healing.

Chapter 139: Hippopotamus Affinity?

Lin Yuan knew that it was inevitable for people to get injured and sacrificed in the battle to defend Millstone Town and fight against the insect tide. However, he could only allocate the other healing-type spirit qi professionals to the rear while he healed the front line.

As such, he could ensure the survival of those healing-type spirit qi professionals that could not defend themselves—only by ensuring their survival could the people receive more healing.

Given his capabilities, Lin Yuan was confident that he could do a good job healing the front line. Actually, this was because his Jasmine Lily was a Fantasy Breed. Otherwise, he would not dare to be so bold.

Even if there would be sacrifices in the battle, Lin Yuan would also do his best to maintain the sacrifices at the minimum within his ability.

The insect tide was a breath away, and all the feys had taken their positions, ready to meet their enemies.

Lin Yuan finally got to know why even though Tan Ran loved cute feline feys, Zhang Xiaobai had said that the former was not fated with cute feys in this lifetime.

Two of Tan Ran's five-meter-long and three-meter-tall huge feys stood there. One was a Gold Lava Hippopotamus, while the other was a Silver Gluttony Hippopotamus.

When Lin Yuan looked at Tan Ran, who had natural curls, a cute face, and smooth skin, a guess arose in his heart.

Is Tan Ran's affinity for feys more inclined toward hippopotamus feys?

This was simply a discrepancy in cuteness!

When Zhang Xiaobai saw that the insect tide had rushed to less than 100 meters before him and would reach him in a few seconds, he and his Bloody Leech immediately stood in the very front.

Accompanied by a flash of sword light, Zhang Xiaobai cut his wrist, causing fresh blood to drop on the Bloody Leech right away. He then yelled, "Little Red, use Oily Plasma."

The Bloody Leech's body quickly secreted a layer of lustrous dark-red plasma, which was as sticky as oil.

Oily Plasma was actually an ability to defend against damage caused by sharp weapons and heavy blows.

Before the sharp weapons could cut the Bloody Leech, the Oily Plasma would slide away the sharp blades. And when there was a heavy blow, this layer of Oily Plasma could also serve as a cushioning role.

It was just that he now used this Oily Plasma as a tool to attract the alien insects.

The actual world was no game. Defense-type spirit qi professionals did not have taunting abilities, which only existed in games. Nonetheless, the Oily Plasma ability was just like a taunting ability to the alien insects.

The Oily Plasma emitted a thick stench of blood with a mixture of oil and blood that stimulated the alien insects nearby when diffused into the night sky.

The alien insects that smelled this stench of oil and blood rapidly rushed toward the Bloody Leech right away.

Zhang Xiaobai had taken advantage of the alien insects' weakness. When the bloody smell attracted the alien insects, they crashed into the Gale Shield around the Bloody Leech.

A dozen layers of Gale Shields had covered the Bloody Leech's body. The gale circulated rapidly on this Gale Shield's surface and stirred the gradeless alien insects into smithereens.

Although many alien insects approached wave after wave, these dozen Gale Shield layers did not suffer any damage. Instead, they ran out of energy and dissipated when the Gale Shield turned the alien insects into smithereens.

Many low-grade alien insect corpses on both sides of the Gale Shield built up half of the fortification on this side.

The alien insect corpses on both sides were three meters high, with only a gap between where the Bloody Leech stood.

Upon seeing that the fortification on this side almost built up, Zhang Xiaobai immediately led the Bloody Leech to retreat. Then, he moved to another side of the battlefield to help build the fortification and fight against the insect swarm's fierce attacks.

Zhang Xiaobai handed over the fortifications to the spirit qi professionals led by Millstone Town's Guild Alliance's branch president to guard.

On the other side, Tan Ran's Gold Lava Hippopotamus used its Gold ability, Melting Mantle.

The land in front of the Gold Lava Hippopotamus suddenly churned, and the black land slowly turned red. It emitted a scorching heat and crimson blaze.

The land within this range turned into slow-flowing lava that melted and cremated many alien insects.

At the side, the Gluttony Hippopotamus bit those alien insects that stepped on their companions' corpses to come over and chewed and swallowed them.

The alien insects' blood contained strong acidic toxicity, which was nothing to the Gluttony Hippopotamus.

When Lin Yuan looked at the Gluttony Hippopotamus' data information, he realized that its exclusive skill was interesting.

[Fey Name]: Gluttony Hippopotamus

[Fey Species]: Hippopotamidae/Hairless Horse

[Fey Grade]: Silver (7/10)

[Fey Type]: Water

[Fey Quality]: Flawless

Abilities:

[Tooth Stab]: Continuous stab with its five-inch-long sharp teeth.

[Hunger Eating]: The Gluttony Hippopotamuses are always hungry and will always crush and rapidly eat the target.

[Fasting Bomb]: The Gluttony Hippopotamuses stop eating and spew out all the accumulated energy, causing an explosion of energy.

Exclusive Skill:

[Harmful Food Purification]: The Gluttony Hippopotamuses will purify all the toxic and harmful components out of its body with the special jaw glands.

The Gluttony Hippopotamus was executing its exclusive skill and filtering out the acidic toxicity from the alien insects' blood before it spat it out to the insect swarm. The purified acid sprayed on the alien insects' hard shells and caused their bodies to corrode and soften.

In the process of running, the alien insects with softened shells were cut into pieces by their companions' shells at the side, leaving their corpses with no bones left.

Xin Ying quickly hunted and killed the nearby alien insects with grades.

Regardless of Class 1 alien insects that were equivalent to Bronze feys or Class 2 alien insects that were equivalent to Silver feys, Xin Ying leaped up, and her sharp claws soon killed these alien insects.

The dead Class 1 and Class 2 alien insects were left in the swarm of mostly Normal alien insects, which immediately caused turmoil. Those low-grade alien insects madly snatched the high-grade alien insect flesh, and it was for this reason that the advance of the insect swarm was greatly reduced.

Lin Yuan's Spirit-Gather Goldfish was still incessantly replenishing Lu Pinru's spiritual power, while Lu Pinru was still producing the Firm Armor Silk Clothing.

Chimey was guarding by Lin Yuan's side as the latter was standing behind Tan Ran. It would kill those alien insects that crossed Tan Ran's line of defense with its Sound Thrust.

At that moment, Lin Yuan summoned his Jasmine Lily.

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When the Jasmine Lily was summoned, its emerald-green fasciated flowers were mottled with a jade-like color, as though emitting an emerald green mist.

The light mist rose from the jade-green color, causing the normal flower on the top to look extraordinary.

In the process of evolving into a Fantasy Breed, not only had Lin Yuan's Jasmine Lily developed bunches, but it had also undergone fasciation.

Not even an ordinary Creation Master could recognize that Lin Yuan had summoned a Jasmine Lily.

When the quartet and many combat-class spirit qi professionals saw Lin Yuan summon his Jasmine Lily, they could feel that this fey was quite extraordinary. However, nobody entertained the idea of it being a Fantasy Breed, as they had never heard of a Silver Fantasy Breed.

Despite that, Lin Yuan could not help but feel somewhat awkward when he used his Jasmine Lily's Heal ability.

If he used the Jasmine Lily's fasciated flowers to heal, the healing effect would indeed be much stronger.

However, the feeling of happiness the fascinated parts caused while healing was fatal to the combat-class spirit qi professionals in the midst of battle. If such a feeling of happiness enveloped them and they got indulged in it, the approaching alien insects would rip them apart.

Thus, Lin Yuan could only use the Jasmine Lily's topmost flower that had yet to undergo fasciation to heal the front line.

Xin Ying had killed high-grade alien insects among the insect tide, and inevitably, the other alien insects snuck up on her and injured her.

But every time Xin Ying got injured, she realized that there would always be a beam of green light shining on her. The surging vitality in the green light could heal her wounds by just circulating her once.

While Zhang Xiaobai's Bloody Leech was resisting against many alien insects, its Oily Plasma seemed to have faded because of the alien insects' attacks.

Under the sea of insect attacks, it was inevitable to be injured by the low-grade alien insects' spikes and sharp teeth.

At that moment, there were many fine wounds on the Bloody Leech, and the tissue fluid oozing out of the wounds almost drenched its body.

Just as Zhang Xiaobai felt that the Bloody Leech could not hold on any longer, a beam of green light shone on its body. The green light rapidly helped the Bloody Leech to replenish its vitality and healed its wounds.

These beams of green light always brought hope filled with vitality when the front line combat-class spirit qi professionals were having the hardest time. Regardless of Lin Yuan's control of the healing amount or the timing of his healing, those on the front line felt a peace of mind.

If it were not for the fact that they had no way to make a move when defending against the insect tide, the people Lin Yuan had healed would probably want to give a thumbs-up to him.

Although Lin Yuan was actually healing other spirit qi professionals for the first time during this perilous insect tide, he acted calmly and unhurriedly without panicking.

Each time, the topmost Jasmine Lily flower would emit eight healing beams, which was the best Lin Yuan had experimented with. Otherwise, too many healing beams would not allow him to achieve the perfect healing effect.

If he released too many healing beams, it would cause a healing overflow. Under such a situation where healing was lacking, any healing overflow was an intolerable mistake.

Lin Yuan then followed the eight healing beams' frequency to heal the people on the front line.

From time to time, he would turn around to help ease the burden of those healing-type spirit qi professionals at the back.

Whenever there were combat-class spirit qi professionals in the back who were seriously injured and had to retreat from the battle, Lin Yuan would use the Jasmine Lily's fasciated flowers to heal them.

But every time he healed them, these combat-class spirit qi professionals would uncontrollably make strange sounds, which made the battle against the insect tide seem somewhat bizarre.

Zhang Xiaobai pursed his lips, and when he heard these strange sounds, he could not help but mutter, "Are they really so happy to be wounded by alien insects? Why can't I feel it whenever I get beaten up by Xin Ying? If this is happiness, then how is Xin Ying different from the alien insects?"

Upon hearing Zhang Xiaobai's words, Xin Ying, who was killing the alien insects with grades, felt the fire in her heart igniting. Despite killing the alien insects with strong intensity, her exhausted body and her speed got better right away.

After Cat Transformation, Xin Ying constantly scratched with her sharp claws and killed the alien insects more effectively than before.

Lin Yuan found that among the healing-type spirit qi professionals, the person with the Spitting Turtledove had really made a big difference. Despite its gross abilities, the Spitting Turtledove's Sticky Saliva could effectively stop bleeding. Basically, the combat-class spirit qi professionals who had gone to the back and moved back up to the front line all almost had the Spitting Turtledove's sticky saliva.

With its contractor forcing it, the Spitting Turtledove frantically spat its saliva. It felt very regretful now. If it had known earlier that it would have to spit so much saliva, it would have drunk one more bucket of water, even if not for the delicious Gray Beetles.

If the Spitting Turtledove could speak, it would probably have jumped and shouted, "I really don't have a drop of saliva left."

After just less than 20 minutes, a defensive line formed by the alien insects' flesh had basically been built.

At that moment, a violent crashing sound rang from the solid defensive line.

A few dark spikes pierced through this defense line of alien insect flesh pile, creating an opening due to the impact.

With a body full of spikes, a huge black beetle was rapidly eating the alien insect flesh on the line of defense that had been knocked apart. This black beetle was one of the three Class 3 alien insects. It was a Class 3 Spiky Beetle.

The Class 3 alien insect finally appeared among the insect tide.

Alien insects were indeed greedy, and such greed referred to their desire for flesh. Naturally, the Class 3 Spiky Beetle was not an exception.

The Spiky Beetle was the most excited. Given the enormous amount of insect corpses accumulated there, the Spiky Beetle could not help but quickly enjoy this gourmet feast.

Xin Ying's expression turned bitter. She circulated the spirit qi in her body, and a golden feline fey shadow appeared behind her.

She shot a glance at Tan Ran and Zhang Xiaobai. They looked at each other and immediately worked together to command their feys to attack and attract the Spiky Beetle's attention.

The Spiky Beetle hissed upon seeing the Bloody Leech and Lava Hippopotamus. Upon sensing the power within the Bloody Leech and the Lava Hippopotamus did not lose to itself, it charged toward them.

Its shell with sharp spikes that carried a tremendous force was the Spiky Beetle's best means of attack. The spikes' penetration power, coupled with the tremendous force, allowed them to pierce through steel plates with the same thickness as the spikes. The burst of power due to the spikes' tremendous force was truly terrifying.

At that moment, Xin Ying condensed the golden feline shadow behind her into her claws. She sneak-attacked the Spiky Beetle with all her power and hit its most vulnerable area—its buttohole!