

Merchant 1381

Chapter 1381: Lin Yuan: Unpredictable Fortune and Misfortune

Hu Quan paused before saying, "Liu Jie, increasing your power is the most important thing at your age. You don't have to specially prepare food for me the next time you come. I'll be happy enough if you can grill some meat for me when you're here. Your food is so good that I can't control my appetite. If I eat too much, I'll become lethargic, and it'll affect the progress of the construction."

Liu Jie shook his head and said, "Uncle Hu, it's no trouble at all. I made this food when I was cooking meals in the mansion. It doesn't take much extra time. You said that it'd pile on the happiness. More happiness is always better."

Liu Jie knew that Hu Quan was afraid of taking up Liu Jie's time.

Liu Jie was not good at expressing his feelings and would not say anything to the people close to him to show that he cared. Instead, he would silently use his actions to show them.

However, he had no clue that Hu Quan already knew how thoughtful Liu Jie was.

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Hu Quan hated to eat pig intestines, but he liked various types of lamb and beef. No one else in the mansion liked to eat these, so it was impossible that Liu Jie made them part of his usual menu for the mansion.

Ji Feng had not seen Lin Yuan in days. When he had last been in the mansion, he had been too anxious to leave that he had not had the time to speak with Lin Yuan.

A week ago, the Karma Sword Lily had predicted that the Mother of Bloodbath would run into misfortune. But before Ji Feng could call Lin Yuan to tell him about this, the Karma Sword Lily had predicted that the Mother of Bloodbath's misfortune would turn into fortune.

The type of prediction that involved misfortune progressing into fortune was extraordinary. The misfortune had to happen for the fortune to come after.

Because of this reason, Ji Feng had not told Lin Yuan about the prediction for fear that the Mother of Bloodbath would try to avoid the misfortune and end up missing out on the fortune.

Besides the prediction about the Mother of Bloodbath, the Karma Sword Lily had predicted last night that something important would happen to Lin Yuan. This event was so enormous that the Karma Sword Lily was not powerful enough to tell if it was going to be misfortune or fortune.

This made Ji Feng worried about Lin Yuan. But at the same time, he was afraid that if he told Lin Yuan about this unclear prediction, Lin Yuan would start to hesitate in his future actions.

After mulling over this dilemma, Ji Feng decided to tell Lin Yuan about this.

It would be fine if the event was going to be fortuitous. But if it was going to bring Lin Yuan misfortune, it could threaten his life. Thus, Ji Feng threw all caution to the wind.

Ji Feng called Lin Yuan aside and whispered the prediction to him.

Lin Yuan narrowed his eyes, but his face did not display any worry or fear.

He had come a long way from that sickly boy in the Xia Region. Now, he had the confidence to take on any challenge.

Even if he encountered serious danger, he had no lack of people around him that he could turn to for help. The strongest helper he had was White Speak, who had returned to the marsh world to guard the territory.

After the battle with Shark Awn, Lin Yuan confirmed that White Speak would be able to utilize power that was just below Eternal power if it had Lin Yuan's help.

White Speak had been able to conquer a pinnacle Immortal Sea Emperor using its Immortal body in the sea. Not even regular pinnacle Immortal feys would be able to achieve this.

Besides White Speak, Lin Yuan also had the Extreme Token the Moon Empress gave him.

These were all Lin Yuan's safety nets.

It was often said that one had to be flexible enough to adapt to the situation at hand.

Lin Yuan was confident that he would be able to handle any challenge. Regardless of whether it was going to be fortune or misfortune, Lin Yuan would trudge steadily on.

When Ji Feng saw Lin Yuan's expression, he knew that what he had told Lin Yuan had not brought any worry or hesitation to him.

Now, Ji Feng could relax.

At that moment, Lin Yuan prepared to walk around the exterior of the underground palace to see the progress of Silver Corona's sea of bone lotus flowers.

When he walked out of the underground palace, he was immediately surprised by Silver Corona.

When Lin Yuan left, the sea of bone lotus flowers had only been about the size of a football field. But now, it was at least ten times larger.

According to Lin Yuan's plan, the sea of flowers was supposed to reach the border of the Iron Hammer Federation.

Previously, the alien insects that poured forth from the Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift opened using the Shatter Spatial Stone had been consumed almost instantly by the merciless bone lotus flowers.

But now, Lin Yuan saw the Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift spit out bright green and fat alien insects. He knew that this was called the Acid Tapeworm.

The Acid Tapeworm relied on the acid in its body to attack and had one of the weaker defenses amongst the Class 3 alien insects. But despite its weak defense, it was still a Class 3 alien insect.

Before the Acid Tapeworm could struggle in the sea of bone lotus flowers, it was immediately trampled over by the bone insects. The bone insects easily broke through the Acid Tapeworm's skin and entered its body.

The Acid Tapeworm cried out in pain. Acid flowed out of its body and caused the bone lotus flowers around it to rot.

At that moment, a shadow of a hand holding a scythe suddenly appeared next to the Acid Tapeworm and sliced it up. A one-meter-long gash was left on the Acid Tapeworm's back.

Green acid shot out of the one-meter-long gash. Before the acid could land on the shadow of a hand holding a scythe, the shadow melted into the white mist.

The Acid Tapeworm's eyes looked suspicious as to the disappearance of its enemy.

The hand holding the scythe appeared above the Acid Tapeworm's head. It sliced downward and plunged the half-meter-long scythe into the Acid Tapeworm's head. The Acid Tapeworm lost its life in a flash.

Lin Yuan immediately linked the shadow of a hand holding a scythe to the Hermit's Dead Servant. It must have been produced while the sea of flowers had been killing the waves of alien insects.

When Lin Yuan left, Silver Corona had only been Bronze III/Elite. But in the short span of five days, it had reached Bronze VI/Flawless.

This speed of evolution showed that Silver Corona was a carcinoma fey whose true self lay in conquering and destroying.

The more souls the hermit dead servants consumed, the stronger they would become.

It was clear that they had not reached their full strength. Yet, they were already able to kill a Class 3 alien insect of relatively equal power as a Gold fey when Silver Corona was only Bronze grade.

Lin Yuan could not imagine how terrifying the bone powder mist would become after the hermit dead servants consumed even more souls.

Chapter 1382: Evolved Sea of Bone Lotus Flowers

Moreover, Silver Corona's exclusive skill could produce not just one but 36 hermit dead servants. The hermit dead servants could hide in the bone powder mist and pop out at any time. It was as though they were shapeless assassins crouching in the mist.

When Lin Yuan had left, the bone powder mist hanging above the sea of bone lotus flowers had not completely blocked Lin Yuan's sight.

But now, there was a layer of light gray mist within the bone powder mist. This light gray mist should be a sign that another hermit dead servant was being produced.

Once the 36 hermit dead servants were produced from the sea of bone lotus flowers, Silver Corona would be able to easily kill a team of 100 people without even using the bone lotus flowers.

Silver Corona saw Lin Yuan walking out of the underground palace.

It had ordered the hermit dead servants to kill the Acid Tapeworm.

Silver Corona had not seen Lin Yuan in a few days and missed him terribly. Hence, it immediately showed off its growth over the past few days.

At that moment, Liu Jie and Ji Feng walked out of the underground palace.

When Liu Jie saw the bone lotus flowers and the Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift, he suggested, "Lin Yuan, although Silver Corona's grade isn't very high, a Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift isn't a challenge for it anymore. Given the extent that the sea of flowers has spread, it should be able to handle another few Class 1 alien insect dimensional rifts."

As Lin Yuan looked at Silver Corona, who had landed on his shoulder and was nuzzling his neck with its face, he stroked its silver hair and pulled Silver Corona to his palm as he asked, "Silver Corona, will you be able to handle two of the same dimensional rifts?"

Silver Corona said confidently, "Yuan, counting this one, you can open another three of the same dimensional rifts, and I'll be able to handle it. Recently, the 2,000 bone lotus flowers I focused on producing absorbed 50% of all the vitality from the dimensional lifeforms and have become powerful. After some testing, I realized that these 2,000 bone lotus flowers can hold down Class 3 alien insects."

Lin Yuan shook his head. He could not guarantee that the next dimensional rift he opened would be an alien insect dimensional rift. Whether it was marsh dimensional rifts, subterranean rifts, or abyss dimensional rifts, their dimensional lifeforms were all stronger than alien insects on average.

However, Lin Yuan did not scare Silver Corona with this information. Silver Corona needed to have experience in order to grow.

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Lin Yuan strode into the sea of flowers. The bone lotus flowers did not attack Lin Yuan. Rather, they gently swayed by his feet as though they were welcoming their master to come in and look around.

Lin Yuan found a place far away from the Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift and took out the Shatter Spatial Stone to open another Class 1 dimensional rift.

Soon, the Class 1 dimensional rift opened. The Shatter Spatial Zone opened a Class 1 subterranean dimensional rift this time.

A large amount of subterranean dimensional lifeforms emerged and were immediately caught and torn to shreds by the bone lotus flowers.

It did not take long for the first Class 3 subterranean dimensional lifeform to emerge. It was the Stone Statue Monster.

The Stone Statue Monster hurriedly flew up into the air when it saw the bone lotus flowers that were about to trap it. But it remained within the bone powder mist no matter how high it flew.

A silver gleam flashed across Silver Corona's eyes when it saw the Class 3 Stone Statue Monster.

The bone powder mist started to swirl, and the mist turned white on the Stone Statue Monster's light green skin.

At that moment, bone insects crawled all over the Class 3 Stone Statue Monster. They used their sharp mouths to tear the Stone Statue Monster's skin. No matter how hard the Stone Statue Monster flapped its wings, it was unable to shake off the bone insects.

Nonetheless, the Stone Statue Monster still dared not land on the ground to beat its wings against the ground. It even tried to slam its body against rocks in an attempt to crush the bone insects to death.

The ground was covered with bone lotus flowers. Once the Stone Statue Monster landed on the ground, it would immediately be held down by the bone lotus flowers, and it would not be able to fly up again.

Lin Yuan watched as the Stone Statue Monster was bitten into pieces by the bone insects. All that was left was its heart, which landed among the sea of bone lotus flowers.

The bone lotus flowers quickly transported the Stone Statue Monster's heart to the area where Silver Corona stored its treasures.

Since Silver Corona could even handle a dimensional lifeform with a good defense like the Stone Statue Monster, Silver Corona would even be able to handle a Class 3 Horn Demon, which was the dimensional lifeform with the strongest combat power in an abyss dimensional rift.

Lin Yuan decided to respect Silver Corona and opened another two Class 1 dimensional rifts in another two locations within the sea of bone lotus flowers. One of them was a Class 1 marsh dimensional rift, while the other was a Class 1 abyss dimensional rift.

Four dimensional rifts gathered in the sea of bone lotus flowers. Since Silver Corona was faced with the dimensional lifeforms from four Class 1 dimensional rifts, it did not have the energy to continue playing with Lin Yuan.

Silver Corona went to the center of the sea of bone lotus flowers and tried its best to use the bone lotus flowers to attack the dimensional lifeforms from the four dimensional rifts.

Every time a Class 3 dimensional lifeform emerged, Silver Corona would use a hermit dead servant to kill it as it was afraid that it would not be able to handle more than one Class 3 dimensional lifeform at once.

Liu Jie ordered the Insect Queen to produce two Diamond X Flesh-Mincing Blade Insects to protect Silver Corona.

He had seen Silver Corona use the sea of bone lotus flowers last time, so he was not as shocked as he had been in spite of the bone lotus flowers' rapid development.

However, this was the first time Ji Feng had come to the Divine Wood Federation with Lin Yuan, and the sight before him utterly stupefied him.

As the Young Leader of Sea Sky Nurture, Ji Feng had his fair share of experiences. However, he had never seen a fairy source-type lifeform transformed from a carcinoma fey use such purely cruel methods. Moreover, this fairy that was not even Silver grade had six wings!

Ji Feng had been running for his life for ten years. At that moment, he suspected that the fey world was not the same fey world he had known a decade ago.

Chapter 1383: Goal, Phoebe Zhennan City

Silver Corona still needed time to grow. Increasing its grade and quality as well as producing more hermit dead servants required more than one or two days.

Now that Lin Yuan had seen Silver Corona, he planned on looking for the Class 4 Vein Land Imp. He wondered if Heavy Mountain had found the heart of the Spirit Settling Silver Ore vein.

Lin Yuan asked Liu Jie and Ji Feng to head to the area which the Web Area Glass Spider had wrapped up.

Lin Yuan looked up at the translucent Web Area Glass Spider lazily lying on the web. From this, he knew that everything had been calm and peaceful in the days that he had not been here.

When he reached the area where the Spirit Settling Silver Ore mineral vein was, Lin Yuan saw Heavy Mountain in the distance. It was lazily stretched out across the entrance of the Spirit Settling Silver Ore mineral vein. It looked extremely relaxed as it sunbathed.

The moment Heavy Mountain spotted Lin Yuan, it jumped up and ran up to him as it said excitedly, "Lord, my luck is great. It only took me four days to find the heart of the Spirit Settling Silver Ore vein. I have used my blood to activate the heart of the mineral vein, and it has turned into a vein fairy that is harvesting the Spirit Settling Silver Ore."

Heavy Mountain gulped down saliva, and it was clear that it badly wanted to eat the vein fairy.

Heavy Mountain had reached Class 4 and could easily evolve to Class 5 if it ate the vein fairy formed from the heart of a large mineral vein.

Lin Yuan nodded. Given how quickly Heavy Mountain was able to discover the heart of the mineral vein, it should be able to clear out the mineral vein soon, and he would be able to give the harvested Spirit Settling Silver to Gu Lang and Zong Ze.

Lin Yuan took the small bundle of Floating Silver Strands out of the Diamond fey storage box and handed it to Heavy Mountain as he said, "Heavy Mountain, these are Floating Silver Strands. Use Metal Growth and form a contract with it. Produce as much of it for me as you can."

Heavy Mountain received the Floating Silver Strands and held them to its chest as he said, "Lord, the Floating Silver Strands are a type of Gold metal spiritual ingredient. Given my current power, producing Gold metal spiritual ingredients won't be difficult."

Heavy Mountain promptly formed a contract with the Floating Silver and felt it out for some time before saying, "Lord, I will be able to produce about 2.5 kilograms of Floating Silver per day."

Lin Yuan's face lit up with joy.

The Floating Silver Strands were very light, and 2.5 kilograms of it would be about 3 kilometers. This rate of production would be enough to satisfy Hu Quan's usage.

When Heavy Mountain evolved to Class 5, it would be able to produce Floating Silver faster.

Lin Yuan had the growing feeling that picking up Heavy Mountain was a lucky break.

Liu Jie took out two Diamond fey storage boxes and tossed one of them to Heavy Mountain. Inside of it were 20,000 Platinum fey storage boxes that Heavy Mountain would be able to use to store the Spirit Settling Silver.

He shook the other Diamond fey storage box, and 30 iron cages appeared in front of him. Inside of the cages were Land Imps that Liu Jie had received from the job offers he put up in the Guild Alliance.

Liu Jie summoned the Land Imps. At first, they were going to scream and cry. But when they spotted Heavy Mountain and sensed the faith power coming from it, they started looking at it with shining eyes as though they were looking at a deity.

Heavy Mountain's eyes lit up before Lin Yuan could say anything, and it walked up to study the Land Imps to pick those it liked.

Some of the Land Imps were in a sorry state, while others held their heads up high as they did their best to look as presentable as possible in the hopes that Heavy Mountain would pick them.

Heavy Mountain picked the Land Imp with the longest fingers. When this Land Imp knelt before Heavy Mountain, Heavy Mountain's totem lit up, and amber light flowed from the totem into the Land Imp.

With this, Heavy Mountain had turned the Land Imp into its believer.

It had to be said that Heavy Mountain had good taste.

Lin Yuan used True Data and learned that the Land Imp's natural skill was Metal Style.

[Metal Style]: It can change the shape of metal to its will. When communicating with the metal, the metal can be turned into the image that it has in its head. Changing the metal's volume is connected with its spiritual energy.

This was an outstanding natural skill.

Lin Yuan wanted Heavy Mountain to turn the Land Imp into a believer to create a team of Land Imp craftsmen. This Land Imp that could use Metal Style could not be more suitable to join this team.

After Heavy Mountain accepted the Land Imp, it was in no rush to turn it into a Favored Believer.

Heavy Mountain wanted to cultivate the Spirit Settling Silver Ore. Hence, using a large amount of faith power now would drain Heavy Mountain excessively, and it would not be able to perfectly accomplish the job that Lin Yuan had given it.

At that moment, Heavy Mountain turned to Lin Yuan and Liu Jie as he bowed and said, "Thank you for thinking about me and preparing a suitable believer for me."

Lin Yuan casually tossed a ball of Faith Water to Heavy Mountain and said to Liu Jie and Ji Feng, "Let's go to Phoebe Zhennan City!"

Lin Yuan had come to the Divine Wood Federation with a clear goal in mind. He wanted to go to Phoebe Zhennan City to see Luo Ya and trade for the Item-Storing Walnut Trees with her.

He was going to nurture the Item-Storing Walnut Trees to gather the spatial energy within them so that he would not have to worry about obtaining spatial energy for the Space Tunnel anymore.

Su Yiren's soul had been injured, and her sacred source lifeform was on the brink of death. She was living a life that was even worse than that of a regular person. If she was left out on her own, she could run into danger at any moment.

Thus, Lin Yuan needed to take her to the underground palace to ensure her safety.

Given that she was a Dark Envoy, it was needless to say that she was capable.

Wen Yu needed to stay in the Radiance Federation to manage Sky City, so Lin Yuan badly needed someone skilled at management to handle the Great Lush Federation side of things.

Su Yiren would be the best candidate for this. With her around, she would be able to handle the territory once Ta Lei applied for it.

Lin Yuan had spoken with Mr. Feng from the Sincere Merchant Group and found out that the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce supported their merchant group.

Coincidentally, the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce had a branch in Oak City. If it was possible, he would like to meet with the Sincere Merchant Group in Oak City to see if he could help them increase their ranking within the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce.

Once the Sincere Merchant Group's ranking was raised, they would be able to help Lin Yuan obtain resources from the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce.

Chapter 1384: Distance Between the Radiance Federation and Divine Wood Federation

Ji Feng and Lin Yuan did not find anything strange about what Lin Yuan said because they had come to the Divine Wood Federation to protect Lin Yuan.

No one would recognize him in the Divine Wood Federation, so he did not need to hide his identity.

Lin Yuan waved his hand and summoned Blackie, who he rarely summoned in front of other people in the Radiance Federation.

Blackie happily flew a few circles in the sky before landing beside Lin Yuan and saying to him in a gentle voice, "Yuan, you became smaller again!"

Lin Yuan shot Blackie a look of frustration as Blackie said that he became smaller every time they met. He had already become accustomed to this.

Now that the Diamond/Fantasy Blackie was already 100 meters long, its pure flood-dragon-species power caused the other feys in the forest to pull back their necks in fear.

Who would have expected that the Spirit-Siphon Goldfish that spent all its time blowing bubbles in the pool would one day transform into the Spirit Tide Ink Flood Dragon?

Liu Jie and Ji Feng were familiar with Blackie who spent all its time acting like the boss of the Submerged Flood Dragon Lake and chasing the rainbow Angelfish of Bliss.

The three of them rode on Blackie's back and headed toward Phoebe Zhennan City.

Whenever Liu Jie was with Lin Yuan, he always took up the role of a scout. The moment he sat on Blackie's back, he summoned the Insect Queen and ordered it to release the Dimensional Light Moth.

The Insect Queen entered the Dimensional Light Moth's body and produced a large number of the Hurricane Owlet Moths.

The Insect Queen was now skilled at adjusting its brand to absorb the genetic models of other insect-species feys.

This time, the 100 Hurricane Owlet Moths it produced all had large wings. These Hurricane Owlet Moths had wings twice their usual size, enabling them to fly even faster.

After the Insect Queen produced the Dimensional Light Moth, Liu Jie did not immediately set it free to fly about.

Instead, he took out a dark red and thin tentacle and handed it to each of the Hurricane Owlet Moths. These were the Ethereal Jellyfish's Tentacle Nodes.

Lin Yuan had given the Tentacle Nodes to Liu Jie long ago. Lin Yuan could not spend too much time traveling when he was moving about in the Divine Wood Federation, albeit Blackie could fly swiftly.

Thus, he needed to place Tentacle Nodes in places he would have to visit often in the future, like the underground palace, Phoebe Zhennan City, and Oak City.

Liu Jie had used up a lot of spirit qi for the 100 Hurricane Owlet Moths that the Insect Queen produced. His face had gone slightly pale.

The Hurricane Owlet Moths were the Insect Queen's Platinum ability. It took ten times more spirit qi for the Insect Queen to produce one Hurricane Owlet Moth than it did to produce one Flesh-Mincing Blade Insect.

Before Lin Yuan could speak, Blackie thoughtfully used Spirit Injection on Liu Jie. Soon, Liu Jie recovered the spirit qi he had used up.

Lin Yuan could sense through his spiritual energy link with Blackie that it was genuinely excited and happy.

Blackie only moved around in the Submerged Flood Dragon Lake when it was in the mansion. No matter how beautifully the Submerged Flood Dragon Lake was set up, it still could not compare with real nature.

Lin Yuan gently stroked Blackie's fur and suddenly realized that he had not used his feys in battle in a long time.

In this world, being able to tame and wield feys was the foundation of everything.

Lin Yuan wanted to find the feeling of being a beast tamer again in the Divine Wood Federation.

By now, Lin Yuan had spotted the small town that Liu Jie had discovered. He felt it was more of a large village than a town.

The Xia Region was considered a small region in Redbud City. Millstone Town was the least modern place in the Radiance Federation. However, both of these places were better than the place that was below Lin Yuan at that moment.

When Lin Yuan had been talking with Luo Ya, he had asked her many questions.

In the Divine Wood Federation, avian-type feys could fly directly over cities and towns. Nonetheless, there were still risks as any person in the city that found a problem with your presence could attack you immediately.

At that point, it would be a battle of abilities. It did not have to be said that no one in this small town could compete with Blackie.

Blackie let out a clear and powerful roar that immediately caught the attention of every person in the town.

Lin Yuan was surprised that these spirit qi professionals and ordinary people wearing accessories made of leaves and vines did not immediately demonstrate intense terror.

Once they ascertained that Blackie had no intention to attack, they either placed their hands together and started to pray or took out their phones to take videos of Blackie.

Lin Yuan found this scene to be ironic. Normally, people that had not seen a powerful dragon-species fey like Blackie would instinctively try to avoid it. Yet, the spirit qi professionals living in this town did not do so.

This indicated that these spirit qi professionals were either very arrogant or ignorant.

A small town like this definitely did not even have a Class 1 Creation Master. At best, they would have one or two healers. This town possessed extremely low knowledge.

Using this town as an example, the distance between the Divine Wood Federation and Radiance Federation was clear. The main reason for this distance was that the Freedom Federation could stake a Class 5 Creation Master against the Radiance Federation's stake of Star Web.

Every citizen in the Radiance Federation would be able to use their Star Web Card to log into Star Web. Star Web enabled the citizens to gain a clear understanding of the world beyond what they knew.

Books about Class 3 and below lifestyle-class spirit qi professionals could be bought with Federation dollars on Star Web. Hence, the citizens of the Radiance Federation possessed high knowledge.

Star Web and Ostrich Logistics allowed the citizens of the Radiance Federation to gain access to goods from any place within three hours.

Star Web enabled the Radiance Federation to maintain a high-level modern culture in the age of the Spirit Qi Awakening.

This small town allowed Lin Yuan to understand the kind of lives that people led outside of the Radiance Federation.

Because of Star Web, the Creation Masters from the Radiance Federation could immediately tell if a fey was native to the Radiance Federation.

Chapter 1385: I Already Have Someone I Like

However, the Creation Masters from the Divine Wood Federation clearly would not be able to do the same because of their lack of knowledge, and they would not be shocked by any fey placed before them.

As the cool breeze blew past Lin Yuan, he looked down at the forest below him and thought, *?In this federation where power reigns supreme, experts are almost no different from gods, and the weak are basically as pathetic as ants.*

Every person needs to live by the original rule of the jungle, and an outsider like me is no exception. In this place, people speak with their fists, and anyone who tries to rationalize with words will only be treated as a joke.

Liu Jie knew that Lin Yuan was going to Phoebe Zhennan City to discuss the trade of Item-Storing Walnut Trees with Luo Ya. However, from the moment he saw the way Luo Ya stared at Lin Yuan, Liu Jie could not help but be on guard.

Luo Ya looked at Lin Yuan like she was ready to dig sharp hooks into him that would pull him down into a world of degeneration.

Lin Yuan was only 18 years old and did not know much about intimate relationships. As Lin Yuan's retainer, Liu Jie could not allow a woman like Luo Ya to contaminate Lin Yuan.

Liu Jie decided he would remain at arm's length from Lin Yuan the entire time that they were in Phoebe Zhennan City to prevent Luo Ya from having the chance to be alone with Lin Yuan.

Blackie had been flying for a few hours and would reach Phoebe Zhennan City soon.

Lin Yuan took out his phone and found the slip of paper that Luo Ya had given him with her phone number on it.

In a large manor in Phoebe Zhennan City...

A short-haired middle-aged man with an expression of displeasure looked at a despondent girl staring at her phone.

She had not taken any of what he said to heart, and he fiercely slammed down the two walnuts in his hand that resembled red jade and said, "Little Ya, are you even listening to me? The Huang family has visited multiple times. Previously, you were young and playful, so I let you do as you pleased. But now, you're at the age to talk about marriage.

"The Huang family is a Class 2 family just like us. Huang Yu is the son of the leader of the Huang family, Huang Zhan. He is the only son in his family. When you marry into the Huang family, you'll become the Mistress of the household once Huang Yu succeeds Huang Zhan.

"I'm not insisting that you have to marry Huang Yu, but he has always liked you. Why don't you give it a try and get to know him? You can tell me if you really don't like him, and I'll reject the marriage proposal."

This was not the first time that Luo De was bringing up marriage with Luo Ya.

She had turned her father down previously because she had not had her fill of fun and did not want to settle down so soon. The people of the Divine Wood Federation were open-minded, and she did not think her past actions were embarrassing even if they were exposed. However, she would not be able to act in the same carefree manner once she was married.

However, she was rejecting him now for a different reason. In the past few days, all thoughts of playing had evaporated as thoughts of Lin Yuan occupied every crevice of her mind now.

After seeing how amazing he was, she could not bother with Huang Yu, much less marry him.

When she saw how desperately her father was trying to persuade her, Luo Ya placed her phone down on the table and said, "Father, you've been suggesting those three families to me over the years because our family is the weakest out of the four Class 2 Creation Master families in Phoebe Zhennan City. But at the end of the day, we're still a Class 2 Creation Master family. How will it affect us if we don't become linked to a Class 3 family through marriage?"

Luo De sighed.

Luo Ya was still too young to think of the key parts of this.

There were currently four Class 2 Creation Master families and one Class 3 Creation Master family in Phoebe Zhennan City. The Zhang family was the Class 3 Creation Master family, and they were poised to dominate all the Creation Master resources in Phoebe Zhennan City.

The leader of the Zhang family had recently been promoted from a mid-level Class 3 Creation Master to a high-level Class 3 Creation Master. It was clear that the Zhang family was trying to put pressure on the four Class 2 Creation Master families.

Amongst the Class 2 Creation Master families, the Huang family was the only one who was linked to the Zhang family by marriage. The Mistress of the Zhang family was the younger sister of the head of the Huang family.

If Luo Ya married Huang Yu, the Luo family would become linked to the Zhang family.

Currently, the Luo family's strongest fey was the Platinum III/Flawless Poison Dust Flying Moth. Meanwhile, the Zhang family head had the Platinum X/Fantasy Rotting Poison Snake Wyrms.

It was impossible for the Luo family to stand against the Zhang family.

Luo De had always doted on Luo Ya. If he had any other option, he would not force her when it came to matters of the heart and cause her to sacrifice her happiness.

Just as Luo De was about to try and convince Luo Ya again, the latter picked up her phone and said solemnly to her father, "Father, I already have someone I like."

Luo De frowned. However, he did not lose his temper at Luo Ya. Instead, he kept a lid on his emotions and said, "Little Ya, is the person you like one of the members of the group of robbers that you invested in a few years ago?"

Luo Ya thought about the gang of dirty and rough men from the Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps and almost choked.

When Luo De saw the look of disdain on Luo Ya's face, he knew that the person she liked was not a member of the Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps.

Then who could it be? Has she caught real feelings for one of the boys she plays around with?

Luo De decided to snap some sense into Luo Ya so that she would start to seriously consider Huang Yu.

"Little Ya, is the man you like in Phoebe Zhennan City now? If so, call him here so I can take a look at him."

Luo Ya did not know what Luo De was planning. But when he mentioned Lin Yuan's possible location, she immediately withered on the inside.

I want to know where Lin Yuan is too! But almost nine days have passed, and the phone just refuses to ring!

Just as Luo Ya was swimming in the depths of despair, her phone started to ring.

Her eyes instantly lit up with hope, and she excitedly checked it.

When she saw that the call was coming from Lin Yuan, she anxiously grabbed the chair's armrest and carefully cleared her throat before picking up.

She had wanted to wait for him to speak first as a ladylike gesture. However, she failed to control herself and babbled the moment she picked up, "Have you been busy as of late? You haven't called me once! When will you have the time to come to Phoebe Zhennan City so I can give you a tour? I have eaten at some of the restaurants in Phoebe Zhennan City ever since I was young, and they have great food!"

Chapter 1386: Courtyard Meeting

When Lin Yuan heard what Luo Ya said, he checked the time and said, "I should be arriving at Phoebe Zhennan City in an hour."

Luo Ya excitedly jumped up from her chair and said, "Then I shall go and meet you at the entrance of Phoebe Zhennan City—"

At this point, she could not help but pause awkwardly.

It would take at least one and a half hours to ride the Mist Reverse Poison Moth from her house to the entrance of Phoebe Zhennan City. However, Lin Yuan was going to be arriving in an hour, and she could not make him wait at the entrance of Phoebe Zhennan City.

As such, she changed what she was going to say and said instead, "How about this? I will wait for you at Phoebe Zhennan City's largest courtyard. It is the nearest place to my house. I have prepared two Item-Storing Walnut Trees. If that's not enough, I will be able to return home to get more for you."

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After the call between Lin Yuan and Luo Ya ended, she noticed her father staring at her with a troubled expression.

He was feeling extremely conflicted.

Luo De had never seen Luo Ya so attached to a person, and he had even noticed her eyes shining when she was talking on the phone.

Shining eyes could not lie! Luo Ya would never be willing to give Huang Yu a try when she was so hung up on this person.

Currently, Luo De was in a difficult situation.

Although he could secretly kill the person Luo Ya liked, she could link him to the assassination.

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Moreover, the Item-Storing Walnut Tree had always been a precious resource to the Luo family, and all 12 of the Item-Storing Walnut Trees they had were valuable to them. The Item-Storing Walnuts that the trees produced could always be sold for a tidy sum.

Previously, when Luo Ya told him that she wanted the Item-Storing Walnut Trees, he had been glad because he assumed she wanted to learn how to nurture high-quality Item-Storing Walnuts.

But it seemed he had been wrong. She wanted the Item-Storing Walnut Trees to gift them to the person she liked.

It was said that daughters always had one foot out the door, and Luo De finally understood why.

As he watched Luo Ya enthusiastically prepare to leave, he stood up and said to her grimly, "Slow down, don't be in such a rush to leave. From both an emotional and logical standpoint, I should meet with this boyfriend of yours. I will go with you to Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard."

When Luo Ya heard Luo De say that she was going to meet her boyfriend, she immediately looked dejected.

Boyfriend? She was probably just a passing figure to him. He had only called when he was coincidentally in Phoebe Zhennan City on business because of their prior arrangement.

However, she was not opposed to Luo De going with her to see Lin Yuan.

He was so outstanding that anyone would be mesmerized when taking a look at him. Once Luo De got one look at Lin Yuan, there was no way he would force her to consider Huang Yu no matter what considerations he had in mind.

Luo De wanted to go with Luo Ya to scare her boyfriend and let him know how unworthy he truly was.

Young man, you shouldn't aim higher than your station. Becoming the son-in-law of a Class 2 Creation Master family isn't easy!

Hence, Luo De summoned the Platinum III/Flawless Poison Dust Flying Moth.

Luo Ya was slightly confused as Luo De summoned the Poison Dust Flying Moth. She did not know why her father was treating this matter so seriously that he even summoned the strongest fey in the family.

Nonetheless, she was happy with what he did. If she rode the Poison Dust Flying Moth to meet Lin Yuan, at least she would appear presentable and not have to worry about embarrassing herself.

Luo Ya happily hugged Luo De and said, "Thank you, Father!"

Both Luo De and Luo Ya had different thoughts going through their heads. The seemingly kind father and filial daughter rode off toward Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard together.

The two of them were famous in Phoebe Zhennan City.

Phoebe Zhennan City was not considered a large city in the Divine Wood Federation. It was just a city centered around a Class 3 Creation Master family.

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Besides the Zhang family, Luo De was the head of a Class 2 Creation Master family and was considered an aristocrat in Phoebe Zhennan City.

Luo De and Luo Ya attracted looks of respect and envy from the people they flew past.

At that moment, Luo Ya was holding onto a mirror and carefully studying the haggard face that was a result of nine days of inconsistent rest and food. The longer she stared at herself, the more perturbed she felt. She was afraid Lin Yuan's good impression of her would be negatively affected when he saw how she looked.

She ignored that her father was next to her, took her favorite rouge out of the Item-Storing Walnut, and started to apply it on her face.

The rouge was made of a mixture of amber powder, crushed water-type pearls, flower sap, lotus dew, and the fur from a Gold fey. It was made with Class 3 Creation Master skills and was the most luxurious makeup product in a place like Phoebe Zhennan City.

The Zhang family only auctioned off one bottle of such rouge per month and was fought over by all the mothers and daughters from every family in Phoebe Zhennan City.

In order to obtain the rouge, Luo Ya had spent a large sum of Great Lush dollars. The thought of this hole in her pocket still made her heart ache. However, now that it was going to be put to good use by helping her look better in front of Lin Yuan, she felt that the money could not have been more well spent.

Luo De looked at her daughter in shock as she applied the rouge, primed herself, and adjusted her purple fur cloak.

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He had always felt that he was a loving father to his only daughter. In the past years, she had spent all her time with him apart from when she was training outside of Phoebe Zhennan City.

To his memory, she did not even try this hard to look good when the Zhang family came to attend a banquet held by the Luo family.

A father would still have a soft spot for his daughter even if he knew that sacrifices were necessary for the family's sake. He could not help but hesitate about secretly sending people to kill the person Luo Ya liked.

When Luo Ya finished applying the makeup and happily admired her pretty face in the mirror, a hoarse voice resembling a goose's squawk said from behind Luo Ya, "Ah Ya! Uncle Luo! Where are the two of you headed? I spotted the Poison Dust Flying Moth from far off. I had to use my spirit qi in order for my Piercing Needle Hornet to catch up."

Luo Ya frowned.

On the other hand, Luo De's brow relaxed, and he ordered the Poison Dust Flying Moth to stop flying.

Chapter 1387: The Extreme Member of the Divine Wood Hundred Sequence

Luo De patted Luo Ya's shoulder, and she begrudgingly turned around to face a young man dressed in a yellow cloak standing on a large brown hornet.

This young man was not ugly. However, his eyes were of different sizes, and it made him appear vulgar and listless. He had a decent physique and was tall and stocky.

Unfortunately for him, Luo Ya only cared about looks. Anyone with unappealing looks was offensive to her.

Currently, her heart was fully set on Lin Yuan, and she could not even be bothered to spare Huang Yu a glance.

Huang Yu smiled and tried to greet Luo Ya. He had no clue that she was gnashing her teeth and cursing him for wasting her time when she was so anxious to get to Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard.

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Luo De was slightly embarrassed by how Luo Ya blatantly ignored Huang Yu. "Xiao Yu, you're becoming more powerful by the day. The Piercing Needle Hornet has already evolved to Gold X/Flawless in the two months since I last saw you."

While he spoke, Luo De was shocked by how quickly Huang Yu was able to increase his power. Evidently, the Huang family had invested a lot of resources into him. Once he became a Class 2 Creation Master, he would be able to take over the Huang family at any time.

Huang Yu had always liked Luo Ya, but his affections have never been returned. Luo De was afraid this would eventually cause Huang Yu to become resentful, and he would decide to marry one of the daughters from the Meng family or Li family instead.

Huang Yu proudly replied, "All the credit goes to my aunt who convinced my uncle to evolve the Piercing Needle Hornet's grade and quality. If the Piercing Needle Hornet had not started showing signs of mutating during its evolution, the Piercing Needle Hornet you're seeing now would have reached Platinum grade."

Luo De was startled by what Huang Yu said. It turned out that the leader of the Zhang family had helped evolve Huang Yu's fey.

Huang Yu's aunt had married into the Zhang family and was the Mistress of the Zhang family. She was the only one who could persuade the leader of the Zhang family to help evolve one of the juniors' feys. This was the benefit of being linked through marriage.

If Luo Ya could marry Huang Yu, the Luo family would be able to use their relationship with him to become a distant relative of the Zhang family. It would even be possible for the Luo family to obtain some benefits from the Zhang family.

As she watched her father and Huang Yu speak for ten minutes straight with no sign of stopping anytime soon, Luo Ya became increasingly manic. When she could no longer control herself, she said, "Huang Yu, we need to go to Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard urgently, so we shall take our leave now."

Luo Ya reached out and grabbed her father's arm to signal for him to instruct the Poison Dust Flying Moth to continue flying toward Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard.

Huang Yu was already used to Luo Ya's attitude. His eyes lit up when he heard her mention Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard, and he said, "Ah Ya, Uncle Luo, so it turns out that you're going to Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard. It just so happens that I'm going there too. Big Brother Zhang Tong will be there today to welcome Lord Jian Li. I wasn't aware that Ah Ya was back. Otherwise, I would have invited her to come with me."

Luo De and Luo Ya's expressions changed vastly.

Luo De did not expect Jian Li to visit a small, insignificant city like Phoebe Zhennan City. Moreover, the First Young Master of the Zhang family, Zhang Tong, had managed to become acquainted with Jian Li.

Jian Li was the cream of the crop of the Divine Wood Federation's younger generation and was Sequence #83 of the Divine Wood Hundred Sequence.

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Compared to Jian Li's brilliance and talent, the most impressive thing about him was his background.

The Jian family was a veteran family in the capital of Divine Wood Federation, Sacred Forest City.

Luo De did not know if they had any Class 4 Creation Masters, but they had three Class 3 Creation Master families under their control. One of these Class 3 Creation Master families had a pinnacle Class 3 Creation Master.

Although he was the leader of a Class 2 Creation Master, Luo De had not heard the news that Jian Li would be arriving at Phoebe Zhennan City. Yet, because of his relationship with the Zhang family, Huang Yu had the right to welcome Jian Li at Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard. This proved that Phoebe Zhennan City's inner circle had already excluded the Luo family.

At that moment, Luo De decided he would seal the marriage between Luo Ya and Huang Yu by hook or by crook.

Meanwhile, Luo Ya was nervous.

Just like in the Radiance Federation, the members of the Divine Wood Hundred Sequence were household names and superstars in the Divine Wood Federation. Every member of the Divine Wood Hundred Sequence was seen as a blindingly bright star that existed beyond the reach of all other spirit qi professionals in the Divine Wood Federation.

Given that Huang Yu was on his way there now, it meant that Jian Li would be arriving at Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard in an hour. This seemed to coincide with Lin Yuan's estimated time of arrival. Would they end up bumping into each other?

Every member of the Divine Wood Hundred Sequence had an imperial court-appointed expert by their side.

Although Jian Li was not one of the higher ranks of the Divine Wood Hundred Sequence, he was notorious for being tyrannical. There was no way he would allow another person riding on an avian-type fey to arrive at the same place and at the same time as he was. Did this mean that Luo Ya had doomed Lin Yuan?

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She hastily took out her phone and called Lin Yuan. Alas, he did not pick up even after the call rang for some time. The result did not change even after the multiple calls she made in succession.

Luo Ya was so anxious that sweat started to drip down her forehead.

She was certain that Lin Yuan's background was nothing to turn up one's nose at either, and he was likely from one of the Great Lush Federation's secret elite families.

However, he was going to confront Jian Li on Divine Wood Federation territory, and it would be impossible for him to gain the upper hand.

When Huang Yu saw Luo Ya making so many calls, he wanted to ask her who she was trying to get in contact with. But at the same time, he was afraid that asking would set her off and cause her to blow her top.

Suddenly, Luo De's lips curled into a strange smile.

It was impossible that Luo Ya could come up with a thought that he could not. He would like nothing more than for Luo Ya to be unable to contact that person she liked, so he would unsuspectingly arrive at Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard at the same time as Jian Li and get himself killed.

Once the person she liked was dead, Luo Ya would not have any more hang-ups. Luo De would then kindly coax her and use reason to get her to agree to marry Huang Yu.

Huang Yu treated Luo Ya well, and she would become the Young Mistress of the Huang family once she married him. A life like that would be free of hardship.

Luo Ya was relentlessly calling Lin Yuan. She had no idea that after their previous call, he had stored away this phone that he did not often use in a Diamond Fey storage box.

Chapter 1388: Don't Cause Trouble!

It did not take long for Huang Yu, Luo De, and Luo Ya to arrive at Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard.

When Huang Yu saw Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard in the distance, he said to Luo De, "Uncle Luo, riding avian-type feys is forbidden up ahead. Why don't we stop outside the courtyard and walk in? If we continue flying, we will be attacked by my cousin's bodyguard."

Luo De hurriedly stopped the Poison Dust Flying Moth and ordered it to land outside Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard before returning it to his spiritual spatial zone.

Huang Yu had always liked Luo Ya. As a result, he greatly respected Luo De.

When Luo De returned the Poison Dust Flying Moth to his spiritual spatial zone, Huang Yu led Luo De and Luo Ya into Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard.

Normally, Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard was the most crowded place in Phoebe Zhennan City. But now, it was surrounded by a group of armored guards with mean faces. The usual stalls and spirit qi professionals milling about were also absent.

Huang Yu greeted all the guards as they all knew who he was. On account of Huang Yu, the guards did not block Luo Ya and Luo De and allowed Huang Yu to lead them into the courtyard.

Luo De was annoyed by how the guards were acting because it was clear from their gazes they respected Huang Yu more than they respected him.

After passing through the guards, Luo De saw a tall and broad-shouldered man with a light-green fur cloak draped over him standing in the middle of the courtyard.

This person was Zhang Tong. All the people around him were the Zhang family's trusted aides.

The people from the Meng and Li families were not present, which put Luo De at ease. It seemed that the Luo family was not the only family that Phoebe Zhennan City's inner circle had excluded.

Huang Yu walked up to Zhang Tong and shouted, "Big Brother Zhang Tong, I thought I was early by arriving 15 minutes in advance. I can't believe you're even earlier than me!"

When Zhang Tong turned to Huang Yu and saw Luo De and Luo Ya were with him, he furrowed his brow.

Phoebe Zhennan City was not large, and Zhang Tong was Huang Yu's cousin. Hence, he knew that Huang Yu had affection for Luo Ya. As such, Zhang Tong did not comment on it.

Zhang Tong had arrived at Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard early this morning to start preparations.

Although the Zhang family lorded over Phoebe Zhennan City, they could not touch Phoebe Zhennan City's resources.

The Zhang family needed to find another way or a source of support in order to develop themselves. This support was Jian Li, who was from the Jian family.

The Zhang family was after the Jian family's resources and connections in Sacred Forest City, while the Jian family was happy to support another Class 3 Creation Master family from a small city.

It was the link between Jian Li and Zhang Tong that made Jian Li willing to come all this way.

Huang Yu noticed Zhang Tong's displeased expression and said, "Big Brother Zhang Tong, Ah Ya and Uncle Luo will follow behind me. I will instruct them not to cause trouble. I want to help Ah Ya to experience more things too."

Zhang Tong immediately realized what Huang Yu was gunning for.

There were no daughters from aristocratic families in the Divine Wood Federation that did not enjoy basking in wealth and power. Huang Yu wanted to show off his connections in front of her to win her heart.

Zhang Tong did not like Luo Ya at all.

Zhang Tong had his pick of girls to become his wife in Phoebe Zhennan City. However, none of the frivolous girls managed to catch his attention.

Zhang Tong had failed the Divine Wood Hundred Sequence selection once and wanted to find a wife from Sacred Forest City. He felt that only they were able to aid in his future endeavors.

Although Zhang Tong was not interested in any girl from Phoebe Zhennan City, he had information on all of them.

The information had laid out Luo Ya's actions over the past few days. Zhang Tong was worried that his cousin would not be able to handle Luo Ya's promiscuous side. But regardless, he would help his cousin.

At that moment, Luo Ya was almost in tears over being unable to contact Lin Yuan. As she looked at Huang Yu, who was listing a long spiel of rules, she suddenly had the urge to cause a large commotion in Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard to allow Lin Yuan to escape.

However, she could not go through with it. The strongest fey she had was the Gold Mist Reverse Poison Moth. If she dared to summon it, her father would be the first to stop her.

Just as Luo Ya's anxiousness and panic reached a peak, an ear-piercing bird cry filled the air, and an enormous bird with a wingspan of ten meters appeared in the sky.

The giant bird's flapping wings disturbed the air currents and caused a three-meter tornado to appear in the air above Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard. The tornado caused all the guards' armor to clank together.

A skinny and short young man stood atop the giant bird's back. He was dressed in a white fur cloak. The wind blew up the cloak and caused it to billow behind the young man,

Such a white fur cloak almost did not appear in Phoebe Zhennan City at all. Compared to it, the light green fur cloak that Zhang Tong was wearing looked cheap.

There were two burly men dressed in black vines behind the young man. There were dark green leaves growing out of the vines that made the vines appear as though they were alive.

These men were the imperial court-appointed guards for a member of the Divine Wood Hundred Sequence.

Jian Li looked down from the bird. When he saw Zhang Tong, he ordered the Gold X/Legend Dagger Wings Eagle Sparrow to land.

Before the Dagger Wings Eagle Sparrow landed, the two guards leaped down and prepared to flank Jian Li.

Once the Dagger Wings Eagle Sparrow stabilized and the tornado disappeared, Jian Li lifted up the white fur cloak and slowly walked down the Dagger Wings Eagle Sparrow, which had laid itself flat on the ground.

Zhang Tong hurriedly walked up to Jian Li and said in a friendly tone, "Lord Jian Li, your avian-type fey is so elegant and magnificent. A casual flap of its wings would be able to pluck out a Gold ironwood farm!"

Chapter 1389: Handled Them

Jian Li indifferently patted the Dagger Wings Eagle Sparrow's mouth and said, "This Dagger Wings Eagle Sparrow was just one of the avian-type feys I casually picked from those in my family's aviary. It isn't that impressive. Your family's Platinum/Fantasy Rotting Poison Snake Wurm must be a very comfortable ride."

Zhang Tong's smile turned unnatural.

The Rotting Poison Snake Wurm belonged to his father and represented the Zhang family's strongest combatant. As much as the Zhang family wanted the Jian family's support, he could not allow Jian Li to

ride the Rotting Poison Snake Wyrm for sport as it would cause the Zhang family to lose the might they enjoyed in Phoebe Zhennan City and become a citywide joke.

Jian Li haughtily studied the people behind Zhang Tong.

When Luo Ya spotted Jian Li, the last glimmer of hope in her heart was extinguished.

If Lin Yuan had arrived first, there might have been a chance to turn things around. But now that Jian Li had arrived first, he would take total control of the situation.

At this moment, Luo Ya was full of worry and self-reproach. She felt Luo De nudge her forcefully, and the pain pulled her back to her senses.

She noticed that Jian Li was currently staring at her, and alarm bells immediately went off in her head.

Jian Li said to her in an amused voice, "What's wrong? You dolled yourself up so prettily, yet you're pulling such an unhappy expression. Is it because you don't want to welcome me? Or is it because you've heard of me but feel disappointed now that you're seeing how short I am?"

Jian Li's voice became gentler in the middle of his speech. However, his words caused Zhang Tong to break out in a sweat because he knew that the bane of Jian Li's existence was people mocking his height.

It was clear that Luo Ya's downhearted expression caused Jian Li to misunderstand.

Zhang Tong did not know if Luo Ya's expression was truly a result of her being disappointed by Jian Li's height. However, she had committed a sin just by showing such an expression during Jian Li's welcoming.

All the guards around Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard should have prohibited outsiders from entering. However, Huang Yu had brought the people from the Luo family with him, and they even angered Jian Li. This was as good as slapping Zhang Tong.

Luo Ya was a mere member of a Class 2 Creation Master family. Did she really consider herself an aristocrat from Sacred Forest City? Given her status, she should have been careful even breathing around Jian Li, much less coveting him and thinking of marrying into the Jian family.

Zhang Tong also became annoyed at Huang Yu, who had brought Luo Ya here.

Luo Ya was worried about Lin Yuan and had been stunned into silence by Jian Li.

Luo De was also stupefied. When he saw Luo Ya stare dumbly at Jian Li without responding, he gathered his courage and said in a trembling voice, "Lord Jian Li, my daughter would never dare to be disappointed by you. She looks upset because the team she had been managing encountered a dimensional rift and was killed. She's the only survivor. Lord Jian Li, you're so charming. She would only dare to look up to you."

After Luo De spoke, Zhang Tong thought that it was possible that this matter could be over.

If it was true that the robber group that Luo Ya had joined had been killed, it was unlikely that Jian Li would continue to put this girl from a Class 2 Creation Master family on the spot. Zhang Tong could just tell someone to take Luo Ya and Luo De away, and the matter would be settled.

However, when Luo De mentioned the last part about 'looking up', Zhang Tong paled.

This phrase had hit Jian Li right in his sore spot. Zhang Tong had once seen Jian Li kill a person taller than him for saying the words 'look up'.

Zhang Tong noticed Huang Yu move and knew that he was about to speak up on Luo Ya's behalf. He coughed and shot Huang Yu a glare.

Huang Yu was worried about Luo Ya but also embarrassed by how she had caused trouble for Zhang Tong. When he caught sight of Zhang Tong's glare, Huang Yu was instantly scared into silence.

Jian Li's initial look of amusement darkened when he heard what Luo De said.

Zhang Tong walked over to Jian Li and said apologetically, "Lord Jian Li, this is the head and daughter of the Luo family, a Class 2 Creation Master family in Phoebe Zhennan City. If you don't want to dirty your hands, I can handle them on your behalf."

Zhang Tong blew a strangely high-pitched whistle toward the northwest. The whistle sounded a lot like the hissing of snakes.

A ferocious hiss sounded out from the northwest. The hiss encompassed the might of flood-dragon-species feys.

A 25-meter-long purplish-black scaled snake with two horns on his head flew into the air and headed toward Zhang Tong. While it was flying, it continuously stuck out its half-meter-long black tongue. Its dark purple fangs gleamed menacingly when the light from the sun reflected off them.

Before the giant snake even arrived at Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard, the air turned sickly sweet.

This was the Zhang family's main combat fey, the Rotting Poison Snake Wurm.

In order to welcome Jian Li, the leader of the Zhang family had released the Rotting Poison Snake Wurm and allowed Zhang Tong to command it.

The Dagger Wings Eagle Sparrow's insufferably overbearing aura was diminished, and it stopped flapping its wings. It was clear that it was terrified of the Rotting Poison Snake Wurm.

This was not surprising. Although both the Dagger Wings Eagle Sparrow and Rotting Poison Snake Wurm were pinnacle Gold feys, one of them was a Fantasy Breed fey while the other was Normal. There was a world of difference between them.

If not for the two guard's control over the Dagger Wings Eagle Sparrow and the training it had received from a Creation Master, it would have started attacking people hysterically or fled in fear.

Zhang Tong's words plunged Luo De into despair, and Huang Yu froze.

The Rotting Poison Snake Wyrms had arrived at Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard and looked ready to launch a lethal attack. Its tongue slipped in and out of its mouth, and it was clear that it was famished.

Huang Yu looked at Luo Ya and thought about his father's teachings. Eventually, he lowered his head.

The Huang family was a Class 2 Creation Master family. If not for his aunt, he would not have the right to stand here to welcome Jian Li. It would be useless if he tried to plead for leniency on Luo Ya's behalf. It could even offend Jian Li and push the entire Huang family off a cliff.

Chapter 1390: Giant Black Dragon in the Sky

Although Huang Yu liked Luo Ya, he would not sacrifice himself for her.

Now that she was faced with possible death in the form of Zhang Tong, Jian Li, and the Rotting Poison Snake Wyrms, Luo Ya found that she was not as terrified as she thought she would be. Rather, her mind was exceptionally clear.

At that moment, she suddenly felt boiling rage. In Phoebe Zhennan City, Class 2 Creation Master families were not focused on how they could evolve feys but how they could butter up Class 3 Creation Master families.

She had enraged a member of the Divine Wood Hundred Sequence because of the expression she made. This was ludicrous!

At that moment, Luo Ya understood that power was the foundation of everything, and bootlicking was nothing more than a trick.

Compared to the terror of being eaten by the Rotting Poison Snake Wyrms, Jian Li's tyrannical and malicious ways made Luo Ya worried over Lin Yuan, who would arrive at any moment.

Zhang Tong assumed that Luo Ya would immediately fall to her knees and start begging for mercy from Jian Li once she saw the Rotting Poison Snake Wyrms. Yet, Luo De was the only one begging for mercy at the moment.

Zhang Tong noticed Jian Li's annoyance intensifying as he watched Luo De put on an ugly display of crying and trembling. He anxiously ordered the Rotting Poison Snake Wyrms, "Go! Rotting Poison Snake Wyrms, time to eat."

The Rotting Poison Snake Wyrms moved its body, and its scales produced an ear-splitting screech as they rubbed together.

In a flash, the Rotting Poison Snake Wyrms's enormous body appeared in front of Luo De and Luo Ya. Just as the Rotting Poison Snake Wyrms was about to begin its feast, a melodious dragon roar filled the sky.

Jian Li narrowed his eyes.

He was not a Creation Master, but he was from the Jian family in Sacred Forest City and had seen his fair share of dragon-species feys. This dragon roar was enough for him to tell that this dragon-species fey had a more elite bloodline than the Rotting Poison Snake Wyrms.

This dragon roar did not have the aura of carnage. Instead, it was full of dignity and beauty. As such, it was likely that it came from a pure-blooded flood-dragon-species fey.

It would not be surprising if such a fey appeared in a large city like Sacred Forest City or Oak City. However, it was strange that it was appearing in Phoebe Zhennan City. Could it be that another important person was coming to Phoebe Zhennan City?

The most important thing about dragon-species feys was their bloodlines. The roar of a pure-blooded flood-dragon-species fey might not scare the Rotting Poison Snake Wurm because terrifying-dragon-species feys and flood-dragon-species feys were generally matched, but the pressure from a pure-blooded flood-dragon-species fey could cause the Rotting Poison Snake Wurm to lose its appetite.

When everyone looked up to the sky, they saw a 100-meter-long dragon soaring toward Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard.

Blackie had been elated ever since Lin Yuan let it out. It released its Diamond/Fantasy aura without holding back. Every person in Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard could sense its aura.

The two guards by Jian Li's side became austere when they caught sight of the Diamond/Fantasy flood-dragon-species fey.

When the black flood dragon drew near, the people suddenly realized three people were on its back.

The young man dressed in white standing at the front slowly stroked the black flood dragon with an elegant expression. His sharp brows, ruby lips, and exquisite features made it difficult for people to tear their eyes away from him.

Although he was not wearing a fur cloak, the fashionable item in the Divine Wood Federation, his white spirit qi clothes seemed to be shrouded in mist. It was likely that it was made from silk from the Water Mist Freezing Silkworm.

He was wearing a belt with various gems embedded in it. Most of the guards on the ground could not identify the gems. Zhang Tong was the only one who knew that some of them were jade-textured wood, and some were the Blue Radiant Stones, which were only found in Class 3 subterranean dimensional rifts.

From the accessories on the belt, Zhang Tong could tell that this person's background was impressive. Otherwise, he would not be wearing a belt worth at least 1,000,000 Great Lush dollars.

Zhang Tong was the Young Leader of a Class 3 Creation Master family, and he would not be as knowledgeable as Jian Li, who had grown up in Sacred Forest City.

Jian Li noticed even more than Zhang Tong could. Jian Li knew that the light yellow wood on Lin Yuan's belt that Zhang Tong had assumed was jade-textured yellow willow wood was actually jade-textured beautiful pear wood. The two had values that differed by several hundred times.

The Blue Radiant Stones that Zhang Tong had recognized were the most common things on the belt. Amazonite, larimar, and other impeccable blue-type gems were embedded on the belt. This formed the image of a shining sea on the belt.

This belt made Jian Li wary of Lin Yuan, and he noticed Lin Yuan's black hair and eyes. From this, he became certain that Lin Yuan was a secret aristocrat from the Great Lush Federation.

The secret aristocratic families from the Great Lush Federation controlled the merchants of the entire Startling Lines Continent and possessed 60% of all the wealth in the Startling Lines Continent. Every family held immense power in the Startling Lines Continent.

Although the Divine Wood Federation and Iron Hammer Federation always attacked merchant groups from the Great Lush Federation, it was mostly to push blame on each other. Stealing wealth was just a convenient side-benefit. This indicated that the Divine Wood Federation and Iron Hammer Federation made efforts to disparage each other in front of the merchant groups of the Great Lush Federation.

This meant that the Divine Wood Federation and Iron Hammer Federation cared about what the Great Lush Federation merchant groups thought of them.

Given that Jian Li came from an important aristocratic family in Sacred Forest City, he knew far more than ordinary people. This made him even more fearful of the secret elite families of the Great Lush Federation than Zhang Tong was. Once he verified Lin Yuan's background, he decided he would pull Lin Yuan to his side.

Even if he could not reach the level of becoming Lin Yuan's friend, he would make sure that he did not make himself into an enemy.

Jian Li immediately spotted Liu Jie and Ji Feng behind Lin Yuan.

Liu Jie was dressed in black armor, while Ji Feng was wearing a black robe. Neither of them was wearing fur cloaks, but Jian Li immediately sensed a remarkable elite aura coming from them.

Liu Jie was a member of the Radiance Hundred Sequence and the disciple of the Radiance Federation's Chief Spirit Guard. Someone of his status should have been specially welcomed by the Divine Wood Federation's imperial court with a greeting banquet, and the aristocrats of the Divine Wood Federation would fight over an invitation to the banquet.

Ji Feng had been in a sorry state when he met Lin Yuan. However, he was still the true Young Leader of Sea Sky Nurture. The eliteness he had accumulated in his youth could not be removed so easily.

Jian Li could be certain that the three people riding on the Diamond/Fantasy black flood dragon had extraordinary backgrounds.