

Merchant 1391

### **Chapter 1391: Young Man in White Looks Like a God**

Liu Jie and Ji Feng were like constellations that adorned the moon that was Lin Yuan. It was evident that he had the highest position amongst the three of them.

Luo Ya was ready to face death quietly until she heard the dragon roar coming from the distance. However, she did not expect the person arriving to be Lin Yuan.

After all, she knew very little about Lin Yuan. All she knew was that he had a white cat with many tails.

When the black flood dragon neared, Luo Ya's eyes almost flew out of her sockets so they could attach themselves to him.

Back when Luo Ya and Lin Yuan had been living together, she secretly studied him every few minutes and felt that she had a firm grasp on his appearance. Although Lin Yuan's features had not changed, his intrinsic change made her feel that he had become much more handsome than before. Now, his aura and eliteness were even harder to conceal.

If Lin Yuan had had this aura before, she would not have mistaken him for a lost member of a merchant group, no matter how much dirt was covering his body.

The young man in white riding on a dragon was like a god in her moment of despair. The wisps of hair blowing across his forehead mesmerized her.

At that moment, Lin Yuan was befuddled as he did not understand why Luo Ya had asked to meet him at such a crowded place.

Moreover, most of the people at Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard were guards, and the hustle and bustle that Luo Ya had mentioned were completely absent. Also, why was there a Platinum purplish-black giant snake? This fey should be of a very high level in a place such as Phoebe Zhennan City.

Lin Yuan instinctively used True Data to check on the large black snake. What he saw made his lips twitch.

The Platinum X/Fantasy I Rotting Poison Snake Wyrms' low-grade ability and first exclusive skill showed that it was going in the physical direction. Yet, the person nurturing it was trying to take it up the poison-type route. However, no spirit qi was being used to change the fey's directional evolution.

This could cause the Rotting Poison Snake Wyrms to forever lose its chance to evolve its bloodline again.

It was true that poison-type feys had more impressive combat power than other types of feys when they were Silver, Gold, and Platinum. However, once they evolved past that level, they would be useless.

"Blackie, don't disturb the citizens. Retract your aura when we arrive in the city."

Lin Yuan touched Blackie's horns, and Blackie's body turned to jelly to the point that it almost fell out of the sky. Lin Yuan had touched Blackie's horn before, and a flood-dragon-species fey's horns were the most sensitive parts of their bodies.

Blackie had been troubled by this. It had explicitly told Lin Yuan not to touch its horns, so why was he doing it now? However, it was not repulsed by Lin Yuan touching its horns. Hence, it did not remind Lin Yuan and obediently retracted its aura as per Lin Yuan's order.

Blackie retracted its pure flood-dragon-species aura, and the Rotting Poison Snake Wurm immediately snapped out from its terrified state. It remembered the target that Zhang Tong had ordered it to attack. Thus, it opened its mouth and lunged toward Luo Ya.

Luo Ya was much more appetizing than the old bag of bones that was Luo De. Hence, it decided to start off its meal with Luo Ya.

Lin Yuan frowned and ordered Blackie, "Blackie, use Spirit Essence Explosion on the Rotting Poison Snake Wurm."

Blackie swayed its tail, and a black scale fell from the back of its tail.

A ball of pure spirit qi rose from its body and combined with the black scale. With a swish of its tail, Blackie sent the black scale and pure spirit qi flying toward the Rotting Poison Snake Wurm's body.

When the scale and spirit qi made contact with the Rotting Poison Snake Wurm, it exploded a large hole in its body. The Rotting Poison Snake Wurm reared its head and let out an anguished roar.

Lin Yuan nodded in satisfaction.

Naturally, Blackie would be able to use its own exclusive skill. However, the spirit qi it used was not as pure as Lin Yuan's own spirit qi. Hence, Blackie's attack was much less powerful than the one Lin Yuan could produce.

Although Blackie was a support-type fey, its combat ability was not weak. It might not be able to use Spirit Essence Explosion to defeat a combat-type fey of the same grade, but it was more than enough to cause serious damage to a combat-type fey of a lower grade.

When the Rotting Poison Snake Wurm was roaring in pain, Luo Ya took the chance to yank Luo De to the side to prevent him from becoming injured by the Rotting Poison Snake Wurm's flailing.

The black flood dragon's sudden attack caused Zhang Tong's expression to shift abruptly. Even Jian Li's gaze darkened.

Could the three people riding on the black flood dragon be foes instead of friends?

Jian Li could not remember if he had met these three people. He turned to look at Luo Ya and noticed that her gaze was fixed on the young man in white. Now, he realized that Luo Ya knew that young man.

This explained why the young man had suddenly attacked the Rotting Poison Snake Wurm.

While Jian Li was thinking, the two guards were afraid that the black flood dragon would attack Jian Li next, so they stood in front of him despite not being permitted by Jian Li to do so. The two of them summoned their feys.

The Divine Wood Federation had trained the guards to protect the safety of the Divine Wood Hundred Sequence, and all of them were top experts.

In order for their main feys to have the most power possible, the Divine Wood Federation invested all their resources into the main feys of the guards. As such, every guard only had one fey.

The guards summoned a large armored insect and a golden and brown monkey that was a head shorter than Jian Li.

The dark green armored insect was seven-meters-long, three meters tall, and four meters wide. It resembled a moving tank. Its shell was like a mirror that clearly reflected its surroundings. Its thick insect armor and clumsy movements were proof that it excelled at defense.

Meanwhile, the golden and brown monkey's body erupted into flames. The fire set the air in Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard alight, and waves of heat rolled off the monkey's body and shot into the sky. Its fists were raised, with two fire pillars shooting out of them. Evidently, this monkey was very skilled at attacking.

The guards assigned to the members of the Divine Wood Hundred Sequence were usually evenly matched by one being skilled at attacking while the other defending.

### **Chapter 1392: Insects All Over the Courtyard**

The giant dark green armored insect and the fiery brown and golden monkey flanked Jian Li. They immediately prepared themselves to take on the large black flood dragon.

When the guards summoned their feys, Lin Yuan checked on them using True Data. He learned that one of them was the Diamond X/Fantasy IV Armored Wood Reflect Insect while the other was the Diamond X/Fantasy V Explosive Fire Golden Monkey.

The Armored Wood Reflect Insect's abilities and exclusive skills were impressive, and it had the ability to reflect damage. However, it had much less potential than Chu Ci's Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly.

As for the Explosive Fire Golden Monkey, it was a combat-type fey with both physical and elemental attacking skills. There was nothing special about its abilities, but its dual attacking skills meant that it did not have any weaknesses.

Both the Armored Wood Reflect Insect and the Explosive Fire Golden Monkey were pinnacle Fantasy Breed feys. The Explosive Fire Golden Monkey was only one step away from being able to receive the World Cleansing and evolving to Myth Breed.

This meant that the two armored men in front of the short boy were pinnacle king-class experts.

Lin Yuan had come to Phoebe Zhennan City to see Luo Ya and obtain the Item-Storing Walnut Trees from here.

He also wanted to see if any feys like the Clear Sunshine Flower were being sold on Phoebe Zhennan City's market. This would allow him to get a sense of the price of feys like the Clear Sunshine Flower that could produce weather.

If Phoebe Zhennan City sold many plant-type feys that could produce weather, Lin Yuan would purchase plenty of them so that Gray would be able to increase its power.

If there were not many of such plant-type feys being sold in Phoebe Zhennan City, Lin Yuan would head to Oak City to fetch Su Yiren and contact the Sincere Merchant Group. He wanted to use his connection to the Sincere Merchant Group to obtain a large stock of feys like the Clear Sunshine Flower from the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce.

But now, the situation was different from what Lin Yuan had expected.

Jian Li hurriedly prepared to stop the two guards when they summoned their feys. Assuming attack positions would seal the current circumstances. How was Jian Li supposed to become friends with the young man riding on the black flood dragon if that happened?

Before Jian Li could tell the two guards to recall their feys, Liu Jie's expression hardened.

There was nothing Liu Jie hated more than someone targeting Lin Yuan. Since they were so clearly preparing to attack Lin Yuan, no one could blame Liu Jie for returning the favor.

The spirit qi in Liu Jie's body that Blackie had replenished started to flow. If he used his spirit qi, he would produce an even more violent reaction than when the Insect Queen produced the Hurricane Owlet Moths.

Since the Insect Queen had reached Diamond X/Fantasy V, it could produce insect-species feys between Normal quality and Diamond X/Fantasy V quality.

However, Liu Jie had always employed the strategy of using an army of insects. Thus, he rarely instructed the Insect Queen to produce Diamond X/Fantasy feys.

This time, Liu Jie did not instruct the Insect Queen to produce insects that would use a large amount of energy and insect protein like the Hurricane Owlet Moths, Lightning Gathering Moths, or Plasma Caterpillars. Instead, it produced a large number of Flesh-Mincing Blade Insects.

As the Diamond X/Fantasy I Flesh-Mincing Blade Insects were produced one by one by the Insect Queen Dimensional in the Dimensional Light Moth's abdomen, they gathered on the ground and started crawling toward Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard.

The 300 Flesh-Mincing Blade Insects crawled without making any noise. Every step that they took pierced the light green stone below them and left behind a terrifying scar on the ground.

The two guards would not be afraid if it were just one Diamond X/Fantasy I Flesh-Mincing Blade Insect. From their experience in combat, they were confident of being able to kill one Diamond X/Fantasy I Flesh-Mincing Blade Insect. After all, the Armored Wood Reflect Insect was Fantasy IV and the Explosive Fire Golden Monkey was Fantasy V.

But when they gathered together, it was a completely different situation.

Phoebe Zhennan City had never experienced a terrifying disaster on the same scale as 300 Diamond/Fantasy insects. The army of Flesh-Mincing Blade Insects turned Phoebe Zhennan City into a hell.

Even the experienced Jian Li could not help but suck in a sharp breath when he saw the army of Diamond/Fantasy insects.

Once Liu Jie was done doing this, he turned to look at Lin Yuan questioningly as he waited for Lin Yuan's signal to go ahead with attacking the Armored Wood Reflect Insect and Explosive Fire Golden Monkey.

Lin Yuan gently shook his head. The situation was still too unclear, and there was no need for a direct attack.

A few months ago, Lin Yuan looked up to pinnacle king-class experts. But now, they posed no threat to him. It would not benefit him in any way to kill the two pinnacle king-class experts.

Just as Blackie was about to land on the ground, Lin Yuan waved his hand and returned Blackie to the spiritual spatial zone.

Lin Yuan, Liu Jie, and Ji Feng landed in Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard in a charismatic manner.

Jian Li, Zhang Tong, and the rest could not help but widen their eyes.

Everyone clearly saw that the young man dressed in white had not taken out an Item-Storing Walnut when he recalled the black flood dragon.

This meant that the giant black flood dragon was the young man's contracted fey. This was stupefying news! The young man dressed in white was so young, yet he already had a Diamond/Fantasy fey.

Jian Li was #83 of the Divine Wood Hundred Sequence, and his strongest fey was only Gold X/Fantasy I. He had always been proud of his power. But compared with this young man, it was clear that Jian Li fell far short.

When Lin Yuan walked toward Jian Li, the latter hurriedly said to the two guards next to him, "What are the two of you doing? Why would you summon your feys when a friend arrived?"

Jian Li spoke loudly enough for every person present to hear what he said.

This left a bad taste in Zhang Tong's mouth. He was the one who had gone to the effort of setting up this welcoming for Jian Li. In order to pander to Jian Li, Zhang Tong had even called out the strongest fey in his family.

The Rotting Poison Snake Wurm had been seriously injured by the person riding on the giant black flood dragon and was still rolling around the ground and crying out in agony.

Yet, Jian Li was smiling at the person who had attacked the Rotting Poison Snake Wurm and had addressed him as 'friend'. This word was a stab in Zhang Tong's back.

*If that young man in white is your friend, what does that make me!?*

### **Chapter 1393: Ambiguous Identity**

Lin Yuan did not know who Jian Li was and ignored his greeting.

Since the only person present that he knew was Luo Ya, he waved at her and went over to ask her how she was.

When Lin Yuan waved at Luo Ya, she hurriedly dragged the shocked Luo De along with her as she sprinted to Lin Yuan.

Previously, Luo De's face had been one of absolute terror as he assumed that he was about to be eaten by a snake because of his daughter.

He did not expect the giant black flood dragon that had suddenly appeared in the sky to save him and Luo Ya.

A guess formed in Luo De's mind.

Could one of the three people on the giant black flood dragon's back be Luo Ya's boyfriend? If so, there would be no point in him forcing Luo Ya and Huang Yu to get to know and eventually marry Huang Yu. Jian Li had already acted in a friendly manner to those three people.

Luo De slowly stopped trembling, and his body became ramrod straight. It was as though his position had been elevated to the same level as that of Zhang Tong and Jian Li.

When Lin Yuan saw Luo Ya running toward him, he asked, "Didn't we agree to meet here? What's going on?"

Luo Ya lowered her head in embarrassment. She turned to look in Zhang Tong and Jian Li's direction and noticed that Zhang Tong was looking at her threateningly.

Her eyes flashed, and she turned to say to Lin Yuan, "I didn't know what Zhang Tong would be welcoming Lord Jian Li here when I told you to meet me here. Luckily, no misunderstanding took place."

Luo Ya lowered her voice and explained to Lin Yuan softly, "Zhang Tong is the Young Leader of a Class 3 Creation Master family in Phoebe Zhennan City, while Lord Jian Li is a member of the Divine Wood Hundred Sequence."

At that moment, Luo Ya felt extremely wronged over almost becoming the Rotting Poison Snake Wyrms' meal just because of an expression she pulled.

However, her relationship with Lin Yuan was still not deep enough. To put it in strict terms, their relationship extended as far as him saving her life from the Class 2 subterranean dimensional rift at the border between the Divine Wood Federation and Iron Hammer Federation.

Thus, Luo Ya did not explain the situation to Lin Yuan exactly.

If Lin Yuan had not arrived on the giant black flood dragon, the current situation would have been completely different.

Judging from the current situation, Lin Yuan knew that something had to have happened. Nonetheless, he did not care.

Zhang Tong was the Young Leader of a Class 3 Creation Master family and could act as he pleased in Phoebe Zhennan City. However, this did not matter to Lin Yuan in the slightest.

If Lin Yuan wanted a Class 3 Creation Master, it would take less than two days for Genius to train a Hundred Questions Beast to that level. To Lin Yuan, a Class 3 Creation Master was as good as worthless.

Rather, it was Jian Li's status as a member of the Divine Wood Hundred Sequence that piqued Lin Yuan's interest.

If Lin Yuan could use Jian Li's status, he would be able to quickly gain access to the upper echelon of the Divine Wood Federation and gain information that only the most elite would have access to.

While Lin Yuan was thinking about what he could do with Jian Li's status, Jian Li walked over to Lin Yuan.

When Jian Li walked over to the young man dressed in white, his two guards and Zhang Tong quickly followed.

The approaching Jian Li and Zhang Tong frightened Luo Ya, and her first instinct was to curl up.

Lin Yuan noticed Luo Ya's reaction and linked it to the Platinum Rotting Poison Snake Wurm that had almost gobbled her up. This led him to realize what was going on.

Liu Jie had been noticing Lin Yuan's gaze. When he saw Lin Yuan looking at Jian Li with interest, he realized what Lin Yuan had in mind.

Coincidentally, the thrashing Rotting Poison Snake Wurm used its tail to tightly wrap around its wound in an attempt to quicken the growth of new flesh. This caused it to let out a series of cries.

Liu Jie bowed to Lin Yuan and asked, "Young Master, this little snake that hasn't even awakened its flood dragon bloodline has disturbed you. Why don't I do away with it so that it won't bother you again?"

Lin Yuan understood Liu Jie's personality and knew that he was not bloodthirsty. Although Liu Jie was Lin Yuan's retainer, he never bowed to him. He usually addressed Lin Yuan by name and only called him 'Young Master' during important situations.

Hence, it was most likely that Liu Jie was trying to set up the situation for Lin Yuan so that he would be able to gain power over the situation.

Lin Yuan glanced at Zhang Tong, and a thoughtful expression came over him. It was as though he was pondering whether Liu Jie's suggestion was feasible.

Zhang Tong's expression shifted when he heard what Liu Jie said, and he felt the same despair that had filled Luo Ya's world just minutes ago.

The Rotting Poison Snake Wurm was his father's main fey and the Zhang family's strongest combatant. If the Rotting Poison Snake Wurm was killed, his father's spirit would be damaged.

A Class 3 Creation Master relied on their spiritual energy to concoct spirit fluid. If his spirit was injured, his father would be demoted from a Class 3 Creation Master, and the Zhang family's status as a Class 3 Creation Master family would be stripped from them.

Without Zhang Tong's father, the Zhang family would no longer be valuable in Jian Li's eyes.

The Zhang family had dictated Phoebe Zhennan City for a long time. If Zhang Tong's father fell and the Zhang family lost their strongest combat power, the Huang family would not attack them on account of Zhang Tong's mother. However, the Luo, Meng, and Li families would band together to target the Zhang family.

Moreover, Luo Ya was acquainted with the young man dressed in white, and it was possible that he would move on to attacking the Zhang family after he killed the Rotting Poison Snake Wurm.

Zhang Tong turned and looked at Jian Li with pleading eyes, hoping the latter would say something on his behalf to garner mercy.

Alas, when Jian Li noticed Zhang Tong's gaze, he looked away without sparing him another glance.

Jian Li's standoffish behavior caused Zhang Tong's heart to become cold.

Jian Li had assumed that the three people who had arrived on the black flood dragon were colleagues. All of them had exceptional auras and seemed like members of the Great Lush Federation's secret elite families.

Yet, it turned out that the young man in black armor was the servant of the young man dressed in white. Moreover, the young man in black armor was the one who had produced the army of insects. It was astonishing that a mere servant would have the aura of a son of a secret elite family.

This made it even more difficult for Jian Li to figure Lin Yuan out. He started to hesitate in his steps forward.

When Zhang Tong became sure that Jian Li had no intention of helping him, he gnashed his teeth and took a few steps forward before falling to his knees and speaking to Lin Yuan.

#### **Chapter 1394: Welcome Banquet**

"Sir, the Rotting Poison Snake Wurm is my father's fey. I have zero intention of offending you. Feys are meant to sustain pain, but I wonder if the Rotting Poison Snake Wurm's cries disturb you? I will order it to leave immediately so it won't bother you any longer."

When Lin Yuan saw Zhang Tong's pale and pleading expression, he could tell what kind of person Zhang Tong was.

Zhang Tong had shot Jian Li several pleading looks.

According to Luo Ya, Zhang Tong had come to welcome Jian Li. This meant that Zhang Tong and Jian Li were friends.

Jian Li was a member of the Divine Wood Hundred Sequence and had a higher status than Zhang Tong, who came from a Class 3 Creation Master family.

Yet, when Zhang Tong tried pleading with him for help, Jian Li completely brushed him aside. Jian Li sure was cruel!

Just as Zhang Tong was about to become sure that Lin Yuan would disagree and the insect army was about to advance, Zhang Tong heard a clear voice say, "Since you mentioned that a fey is meant to sustain pain, there isn't a point in blaming a fey for doing what it's meant to do."

Zhang Tong was stunned by what Lin Yuan said. He lifted his head and saw that Lin Yuan was looking straight at him.

The young man's pure black eyes that resembled the night sky made Zhang Tong feel as though he was falling into a bottomless abyss.

Jian Li looked surprised that Lin Yuan had spared the Rotting Poison Snake Wyrms, and he took a step forward and said, "Zhang Tong, why aren't you thanking him? By showing mercy on the Rotting Poison Snake Wyrms, he's doing your family a favor. Why don't you hold a banquet tonight in your family's banquet hall to thank him?"

Jian Li's words were structured in a way that seemed to be helping Zhang Tong. It was as though he had not helped Zhang Tong before because he had not had the time.

But in actuality, the insects that were present were making him too uncomfortable.

The two guards had summoned their feys and poised themselves to attack the black flood dragon.

The insects had been summoned because of the previous confrontation.

Jian Li was afraid that Lin Yuan would reject his attempt to show friendliness. If that happened, Jian Li would be at a loss.

The Jian family was an important aristocrat in the Divine Wood Federation, and the people of the Divine Wood Federation were open-minded.

There were over 20 direct descendants in the Jian family, and three of them had made it into the Divine Wood Hundred Sequence.

Jian Li was the youngest of all of them, but his rank in the Divine Wood Hundred Sequence was also the lowest.

Nonetheless, he had always hoped to compete with his two older brothers but had never found the opportunity to. But now, he saw Lin Yuan as that opportunity.

Although the people in an aristocratic family only surrounded themselves with their trusted aides, they were cold toward each other.

One would only be able to gain benefits and glory by continuously climbing until one reached the apex.

This principle had been hammered into Jian Li for as long as he could remember.

When Zhang Tong did not immediately respond, Jian Li kicked him and brought him back to his wits.

Zhang Tong hurriedly said, "In order to express my thanks, I would like to hold a banquet in my family's banquet hall tonight to welcome you to Phoebe Zhennan city. We can welcome both you and Lord Jian Li together. Do you have time to attend?"

Liu Jie and Lin Yuan's actions were intended to get Zhang Tong or Jian Li to set up a suitable societal setting.

Lin Yuan was new to the Divine Wood Federation, and Luo Ya would not be able to help him much. Hence, a banquet like this was just what he needed.

"I will stay in Phoebe Zhennan City for a day and leave tomorrow. So, I will be free tonight."

Zhang Tong turned to say to Luo Ya and Luo De, "Little Ya, since you're acquainted with this young man and you know the address, you can take him there."

Luo Ya and Luo De's breathing hitched. They never expected to be personally invited by Zhang Tong to attend such an event. This was all thanks to Lin Yuan!

Moreover, Luo De could tell from the way that Zhang Tong addressed Luo Ya that the Zhang family now regarded the Luo family as a trusted aide. From now on, the Luo family would be able to progress rapidly, just like the Huang family was.

Luo De and Luo Ya immediately and happily accepted Zhang Tong's invitation.

Zhang Tong only rose to his feet when Luo De and Luo Ya led Lin Yuan, Liu Jie, and Ji Feng away from Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard and toward the Luo family.

At the moment that Zhang Tong stood up, the way he looked at Jian Li changed.

Although Zhang Tong still looked at Jian Li with the same warm gaze, they had lost all sincerity.

Zhang Tong was devastated by the way Jian Li had forsaken the Zhang family without hesitation. He now knew that the support the Zhang family received from the Jian family was only due to the benefits they were eyeing to gain. When push came to shove, they would abandon the Zhang family at any moment.

Since the young man dressed in white was going to attend the banquet at the Zhang family tonight, Zhang Tong hoped that he would be able to pull away from Jian Li and begin a collaboration with the young man instead.

The young man in white came from the Great Lush Federation and was dressed lavishly. Thus, he had to possess many resources.

As long as a large chamber of commerce set up a branch in Phoebe Zhennan City, the city's finances would skyrocket in a short span of time.

However, this was only Zhang Tong's dream.

Given Phoebe Zhennan City's geographical position, it was unlikely that a chamber of commerce would set up a branch in Phoebe Zhennan City.

But if the Zhang family could start working for this young man, they might get to enjoy more benefits than if a chamber of commerce opened a branch in Phoebe Zhennan City.

Every person present had their own motives. At first, Zhang Tong had planned on personally escorting Jian Li to the Zhang family's residence to rest.

But now, he was so disappointed in Jian Li that he gave the excuse that he had to clean up the mess at Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard so the Dagger Wings Eagle Sparrow would have to take the injured Rotting Poison Snake Wurm, Jian Li, and his two guards to the Zhang family's residence instead.

After Jian Li and the two guards left, Zhang Tong let out a breath of relief and looked at the ashen-faced Huang Yu.

He furiously stomped up to Huang Yu and stood silently next to him. When everyone else left, Huang Yu gnashed his teeth and growled, "Cousin, is Luo Ya in a relationship with that person? She was calling someone the entire way here. It's possible that she was trying to call him. I'm going home now to ask my father to personally ask Uncle Luo about this. If there's nothing between Ah Ya and that person, I want to be engaged with her this instant—"

Before Huang Yu could finish speaking, Zhang Tong fiercely slapped him. He had put all his strength into this slap and sent the 1.8-meter-tall Huang Yu falling to the ground.

### **Chapter 1395: Luo De's Fawning**

Zhang Tong sneered at Huang Yu. "Think of that young man and Luo Ya's status. Do you think someone like him would go for her? The aristocrats of the Great Lush Federation are always monogamous. Don't you know that? The young man will be leaving tomorrow, and there's no way he will be taking Luo Ya with him. Once he leaves, I won't stop you if you want to pursue Luo Ya. But if you're going to force her, you might cause disaster for the Huang family. Don't say I didn't warn you. You better think this through carefully!"

Zhang Tong noticed that Luo Ya had been fully fixated on the young man, but he had not done the same.

If the two of them had a secret relationship, she would not have kept her mistreatment to herself.

Luckily, there was nothing between the two of them. Otherwise, no one would have been able to survive the attack from the army of insects.

Zhang Tong ignored the stunned Huang Yu and took a deep breath. He pulled out his phone to call his father to explain the situation before Jian Li arrived at the Zhang family's residence.

He also wanted his father to come to a decision.

Lin Yuan, Liu Jie, and Ji Feng didn't stay with the Luo family despite having been invited by Luo De and Luo Ya. Instead, they rented a treehouse nearby the Luo family's residence so they could experience the Divine Wood Federation's unique architecture.

Lin Yuan's rejection had disappointed Luo Ya. However, she had gained enough experience and knowledge to know that there was no future where she and Lin Yuan could be together.

Luo Ya forced herself to bury this affection deep within her and decided to deepen their relationship in another way.

“Lin Yuan, have a rest in this treehouse before you come to my house to have a simple meal. I’ll pass you the Item-Storing Walnut Trees then,” said Luo Ya.

When Luo De heard that Luo Ya was going to give the Item-Storing Walnut Trees to Lin Yuan, he slapped his leg and said, “Our family has the most Item-Storing Walnut Trees out of all the four Class 2 families in the city. Besides the sprouts I replanted and am unsure of whether they will survive, we have a total of 26 Item-Storing Walnut Trees. If they please you, I can give them all to you.”

Luo De knew that someone like Lin Yuan would not take the Luo family’s Item-Storing Walnut Trees without giving anything in return. He also saw no hope of anything happening between his daughter and Lin Yuan. However, he could use their link to become acquainted with the powerful mountain that was Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan had come to the Divine Wood Federation to obtain the Item-Storing Walnut Trees so that he could travel freely between the Radiance Federation and Divine Wood Federation.

If he had to use spatial crystals for his trip back to the Radiance Federation, he would run out of them.

Thus, he accepted Luo Ya’s invitation to go to the Luo family. He wanted to see if the Item-Storing Walnut trees were easy to nurture and how long it would take for them to produce one Item-Storing Walnut.

After settling into the treehouse, Lin Yuan and Liu Jie headed for the Luo family.

Ji Feng stayed in the treehouse and released the Karma Sword Lily and Prior Decree Sleeping Lotus. The two feys changed into human form. One of them remained in Phoebe Zhennan City to keep watch over the situation while the other headed to Oak City as a scout.

Ji Feng was taking over Liu Jie’s role as the scout because his feys would be able to form a complete geographical map of Phoebe Zhennan City and Oak City and because Lin Yuan was afraid that with Su Yiren’s soul injury, an accident would happen if she stayed in Oak City by herself for too long.

Su Yiren was important to Lin Yuan because she would be useful to his development in the Divine Wood Federation.

Her status as a Dark Envoy was also a type of resource. If Lin Yuan wanted to break into the Dark Continent, everything would run smoothly as long as Su Yiren was around.

The Prior Decree Sleeping Lotus could heal soul injuries, so it was suitable for it to be the one to head to Oak City.

Ever since Lin Yuan saved Ji Feng, he had been tiptoeing everywhere in the Radiance Federation.

In the time that he had been in the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce, he had not left the place for fear of being spotted by someone from Ten Thousand Flags Trading. This excluded the times that Lin Yuan ordered him to return to the mansion.

Now that he could allow the Karma Sword Lily and Prior Decree Sleeping Lotus to move around freely, Ji Feng reclaimed a sense of freedom that he had not felt for a long time.

After Lin Yuan and Liu Jie arrived at the Luo family, Luo Ya hurriedly went to pick fresh fruits.

Meanwhile, Luo De ordered a servant to prepare a meal of the highest quality. He invited Lin Yuan to sit at the head of the table while Liu Jie was seated right next to Lin Yuan.

Luo De took another seat. The way they were seated made it seem as though Lin Yuan was actually the head of the household.

Luo De racked his brain to come up with a topic he could chat with Lin Yuan about. He was afraid of saying something wrong that would offend Lin Yuan and cause trouble for the Luo family.

The Luo family did not have what it took to offend a person that even Zhang Tong and Jian Li were trying to butter up.

Luo De was so anxious that he instinctively took two Item-Storing Walnuts out of his sleeve and started to toy with them in his hand.

Lin Yuan did not immediately recognize that the items in Luo De's hand were the Item-Storing Walnuts. He had to sense the spatial energy within them and use True Data before he discovered that they were Silver/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts.

Luo De noticed that Lin Yuan was interested in the Item-Storing Walnuts. He smiled and plastered on a look of reluctance. After hesitating for a moment, he bit his lip and presented the two Item-Storing Walnuts to Lin Yuan as he said, "Lord, these are Item-Storing Walnuts that I have kept by my side to use as toys for about seven years. They are Silver/Epic. They are large and have smooth lines that make them look great as a set. If you like them, I can gift them to you."

Lin Yuan nodded as he learned that Luo De had the habit of toying with the Item-Storing Walnuts.

He had seen regular Silver Item-Storing Walnuts. They were mud-yellow in color and did not look very appealing. It was likely that the ones that Luo De kept with him resembled rubies because he had been playing with them for seven years.

In his previous life, Lin Yuan had seen many wealthy old men keep walnuts with them at all times to play with. However, he had never found anyone with such habits in the Radiance Federation.

### **Chapter 1396: Accidentally Discovered a Way to Become Rich**

From the way Luo De treated the Item-Storing Walnuts like precious items, it was clear that they were his treasures.

Lin Yuan had assumed that the Item-Storing Walnuts were storage tools used by the Divine Wood Federation's spirit qi professionals. But now, the Item-Storing Walnuts seemed more valuable than his initial expectation.

If they were just storage tools, their abilities would become stronger in a directly proportional relationship to their grades.

From Luo Ya's introduction of the Item-Storing Walnuts, Lin Yuan realized that the Item-Storing Walnuts had an advantage that the fey storage boxes lacked. This advantage was that once the Item-Storing Walnut reached Legend quality, they would produce more chambers that could store living feys. The fey storage boxes produced by Ostrich Logistics did not have this ability to divide up space.

This ability also meant that one would have to own a Legend Item-Storing Walnut in order to buy and sell feys in the Divine Wood Federation. This was a high hurdle that only large factions would be able to cross.

The higher the fey grade, the easier it would be for them to reach Legend quality.

A Class 3 Creation Master would need a long time to nurture the Item-Storing Walnut Tree to Diamond/Legend.

Moreover, the Item-Storing Walnut could be used multiple times. Each time it was used, the stored energy within the Item-Storing Walnut would be used up. Hence, the Item-Storing Walnut would still eventually run out of usages even if it had reached Diamond/Legend.

Lin Yuan was not interested in the Item-Storing Walnuts that Luo De was currently offering him.

Luo De's Item-Storing Walnuts looked this way because they had interacted with his skin for a long time and absorbed the oils, which eventually changed their exterior.

Lin Yuan did not want to touch an item that had been soaked in seven years' worth of a middle-aged man's sweat, no matter how pleasing the Item Storing Walnuts appeared.

A Class 2 Creation Master could not nurture the Silver/Epic Item-Storing Walnut. Only low-grade Class 4 Creation Masters and above could nurture the Silver/Epic Item-Storing Walnut.

There were no low-grade Class 4 Creation Masters in Phoebe Zhennan City. This meant that Luo De had to have spent a large amount of money to obtain the Silver/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts.

As Lin Yuan thought about how people in his past life who liked walnuts acted, he could tell that the higher the grade of the Item-Storing Walnut, the more expensive it would be.

It could be that high-quality Item-Storing Walnuts were considered luxury items in the Divine Wood Federation.

With this in mind, Lin Yuan planned on asking Luo De. If he were right, it would mean that he had accidentally discovered a way to become rich.

"I have treasures of my own. Since you've had these Item-Storing Walnuts for seven years, it shows how much they mean to you. I never take things that are important to others. I wonder how much Silver/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts are worth?"

Luo De looked surprised.

It was common practice in the Divine Wood Federation to keep the Item-Storing Walnuts as toys. Any head or direct descendant of a family with power would keep some around for entertainment.

As Luo De looked back on the cost of these Silver/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts, his heart ached. He had paid almost half of the Luo family's resources to buy the Item-Storing Walnuts from an auction.

He even had had to beat out the head of the Meng family for them. As a result, a grudge was formed between the Luo family and the Meng family. All their squabbles and fights over the past seven years had been a result of these Item-Storing Walnuts.

However, these Item-Storing Walnuts had also helped Luo De to puff up his pride at numerous gatherings.

If Lin Yuan was truly from one of the Great Lush Federation's secret elite families, he had to be aware of how much the Item-Storing Walnuts were worth.

Although the Item-Storing Walnuts were fashionable in the Divine Wood Federation, most of the Creation Masters who nurtured them came from the Great Lush Federation.

The Creation Masters from the Divine Wood Federation came from different families and spent all their time and resources on increasing their own family's power. As such, they did not have many resources left over for something like the Item-Storing Walnut.

If they could not spend as many resources strengthening their family because they spent it on nurturing the Item-Storing Walnut and their family was attacked, they would have doomed themselves over a toy.

Luo De was now slightly suspicious of Lin Yuan. But when he fixed his eyes on Lin Yuan's belt, all his suspicions vanished.

Look at this opulent belt. If this young man was not a member of one of the Great Lush Federation's secret elite families, who else could he be?

"Normally, low-grade Item-Storing Walnuts can be traded for using goods. In terms of Great Lush dollars, this pair of Item-Storing Walnuts should cost about 8,000,000 Great Lush dollars."

Lin Yuan almost choked when he heard the price. The Item-Storing Walnut sure was expensive!

Great Lush dollars and Radiance dollars basically had the same currency strength.

In the Radiance Federation, 8,000,000 Radiance dollars would be able to buy a Silver/Epic Fey.

Lin Yuan had paid special attention to the price of items in the Divine Wood Federation while he was making his way from Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard to the Luo family's residence.

When it came to other items, the same goods cost the same in the Divine Wood Federation and the Radiance Federation.

The Item-Storing Walnut's cost was due to how fashionable it was in the Divine Wood Federation and the scarcity of Creation Master resources in the Divine Wood Federation.

Lin Yuan thought, *"Will I be able to use a low-grade high-quality Item-Storing Walnut to buy up all the resources in the Divine Wood Federation? It would be easy for me to produce the Bronze/Legend Item-Storing Walnut much less a Bronze/Epic one."*

However, he would not produce the Bronze/Legend Item-Storing Walnuts in the Divine Wood Federation because it would be like announcing to the entire Startling Lines Continent that Bronze/Legend Item-Storing Walnuts existed.

A Class 5 Creation Master could only nurture Bronze/Legend Item-Storing Walnut Trees.

The appearance of a Class 5 Creation Master would exert unprecedented pressure on the imperial courts of the three major federations, and they could even band together to attack that Class 5 Creation Master.

This was completely unnecessary in Lin Yuan's eyes.

However, he would not have to worry too much if he only produced the Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnut.

"I heard that a set of Silver/Legend Item-Storing Walnuts appeared in Oak City that was auctioned off for 31,000,000 Great Lush dollars. They were bought by the Fan family, the second-most important family in Oak City."

### **Chapter 1397: Nurturing the Item-Storing Walnut Tree**

Luo De paused before saying nervously, "A pair of Bronze/Epic Item-Containing Walnuts will cost at least 10,000,000 Great Lush dollars. But even then, they will still be fought over by all the members of aristocratic families in Sacred Forest City."

Luo De was so excited that he failed to control himself and asked Lin Yuan curiously, "Lord, you mentioned that you also have things that you treasure. Would you be willing to show it to me?"

The moment he finished speaking, he realized he had misspoken.

*I was too daring! With this young man's status, I have no right to ask to see his treasure.*

Lin Yuan did not blame Luo De. However, he could not show Luo De his treasures either, as he was afraid that it would terrify Luo De.

He had a string of pearls made of the Heavenly Maiden Sleet and Over the Rail Coral elemental pearls, which not even Class 5 Creation Masters could produce. If such an item appeared in the Divine Wood Federation, he would immediately become the entire federation's target.

Luo De was afraid of misspeaking again during this silence. Luo Ya walked in, holding a tray of various fruits.

There was only a small amount of each kind of fruit, and the combination of 30 types of fruit released a tempting fragrance that filled the room with a fresh fruity scent.

The bottom of the plate was covered in crushed ice, making the fruit appear even juicier.

Lin Yuan thought, *It's no lie that the Divine Wood Federation is known for producing plant-type feys. I could take some of these fruit-producing feys to the marsh world and nurture them there as a backup source of food.*

After Luo Ya set the tray down on the table, she took out two four-meter-tall trees.

Although each tree was only four meters tall, their branches were almost half a meter thick each. Two people must stretch their arms around the branches to wrap them fully. This height and thickness were not proportional and made the small trees seem slightly odd.

However, Lin Yuan knew that once the trees reached a certain height, they would stop changing.

A tree's thickness was connected to its age. Given these two trees' thickness, they could be almost 300 years old.

Lin Yuan accepted the two trees from Luo Ya.

During the meal, Lin Yuan asked Luo Ya if she had a fey like the Clear Sunshine Flower that could produce weather. He was surprised to learn that the Luo family did not have any such feys.

However, he managed to learn from Luo Ya where he could obtain feys that could change weather. They were usually used to decorate the gardens of Class 3 Creation Master families or beautify their interior surroundings.

Seven years ago, the Luo family did have several pots of the Snow Crystal Orchid and the Cloudy Fog Sunflower. However, they had been part of the batch of goods that Luo De had traded away for the Silver/Epic.

Lin Yuan found out from Luo Ya that feys that could change weather did not come cheap.

But no matter the cost, it did not matter to Lin Yuan. No matter how expensive it was, the Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnut would be able to handle it easily.

Now that he knew how much the feys that could change weather cost, he did not have to ask Zhang Tong and Jian Li about it at tonight's dinner.

Since the Luo family could obtain them in the past, it indicated that it was not difficult to obtain them.

In a large city like Oak City, it would be easy to obtain them from the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce through the Sincere Merchant Group.

At that time, Gray could evolve its power even without absorbing external weather phenomena.

After the meal, Lin Yuan rejected Luo Ya and Luo De's offer for him to stay. After he agreed to go to the Zhang family's residence with them tonight, Lin Yuan and Liu Jie returned to the treehouse.

Once he was back in the treehouse, Lin Yuan immediately entered the Spirit Lock spatial zone to study how he could nurture the two Item-Storing Walnut Trees.

Since Chimey was no longer in the Radiance Federation and was out of range of Star Web, it could not live-stream on Star Web. Instead, it tried its best to absorb energy from the strange flames to temper its body so that it would be able to evolve to Myth II and change into human form as soon as possible.

Lin Yuan knew that Chimey badly wanted to hold a fan meeting.

Genius and the Wind Speed Rapid Antelope were playing with a ball of mist. The Wind Speed Rapid Antelope blocked Genius from touching the ball of mist like they were playing 'protect the balloon'.

When Lin Yuan entered the Spirit Lock spatial zone, the ball of mist immediately charged toward him.

He opened his arms wide and closed them around the ball of mist to give Gray a bear hug.

Lin Yuan stroked Gray's jeweled feathers and said, "Gray, in another two days, you'll be able to evolve your power while remaining in the Spirit Lock spatial zone. Once you reach Diamond X/Legend and comprehend a Willpower Rune, you'll be able to evolve to Fantasy Breed. At that time, you'll be able to be shrouded by willpowers while you're absorbing weather from the outside world without having to be afraid of being discovered."

Gray happily nuzzled into Lin Yuan's arms.

Now, Genius came over to Lin Yuan. It carefully looked over the two Item-Storing Walnut Trees and said, "Yuan, these two Item-Storing Walnut Trees won't require a constant stream of pure spirit qi in order to be nurtured. If you want them to produce the Item-Storing Walnuts quickly, you just have to use spirit fluids to nourish them continuously.

"As of now, the fat ginger and I have buried over 40 pieces of marsh soil in our territory in the marsh world. We can use that area to nurture the Item-Storing Walnuts. The first batch of fruits will grow within a week if we use the Sacrificial Fire to roast the Item-Storing Walnuts. However, it will take at least a month for them to mature."

Lin Yuan's face lit up with delight. With Genius around, he would not have to use True Data to check on the Item-Storing Walnut Trees.

If the Item-Storing Walnut Trees could truly produce fruits within a week, they would be full of spatial energy despite being unripe. This would be enough for Lin Yuan to use them to back and forth through the Space Tunnel.

The only caveat was that he would not be able to gain the complete Item-Storing Walnuts. However, he did not care.

One of the Item-Storing Walnut Trees would be used to produce fruit while the other would not. Lin Yuan gave the one that would not produce fruit to Genius.

### **Chapter 1398: Lin Yuan: Decked Out in Excess**

Genius was going to take them to the marsh world to be nurtured.

Lin Yuan planned on nurturing the Item-Storing Walnut Tree that could bear fruit himself and evolve it to Bronze X/Epic.

When he evolved the Item-Storing Walnut Tree's quality, the quality of the fruits it produced would also be improved accordingly. This would mean that Lin Yuan would be able to receive a batch of high-quality Bronze Item-Storing Walnuts right from the start.

Lin Yuan circulated his spiritual power and placed his hand on the Item-Storing Walnut Tree's thick trunk. After a few minutes, the Item-Storing Walnut Tree's quality evolved from Normal to Epic.

These new fruits should be juicier and larger than before. Once they were ripe, they would be covered with a layer of green skin that could be peeled away to reveal the Item-Storing Walnut's true appearance underneath.

Lin Yuan did a quick calculation and found that there were exactly 60 Item-Storing Walnuts on the Item-Storing Walnut Trees. If he was lucky, he would be able to have 30 pairs.

He would not have to harvest the Item-Storing Walnuts himself. Lin Yuan said to the Wind Speed Rapid Antelope, "Wind Speed Rapid Antelope, use an air blade to cut down the Item-Storing Walnuts from the tree. Then, use a tornado to pick them up."

The Wind Speed Rapid Antelope immediately jumped into action.

The Item-Storing Walnuts were extremely hard. Even when the Item-Storing Walnut used all its strength, it would struggle to make a dent in the Item-Storing Walnuts.

But the Item-Storing Walnut's green skin was soft and would be peeled off when the Wind Speed Rapid Antelope used a tornado on them. This would leave the Item-Storing Walnut in a cleaned state.

Soon, the tornado peeled off the skin of all 60 of the Item-Storing Walnuts, leaving the red fruits spinning in midair.

The Item-Storing Walnuts were all about the same size but had different markings on them. As such, Lin Yuan would not have to worry about matching them up.

Lin Yuan's jaw almost dropped as he looked at the scarlet Item-Storing Walnuts. The Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts were completely different from the previous Bronze Item-Storing Walnuts he had seen.

If someone started to play with these Item-Storing Walnuts, it was possible that they would turn bright red with gold markings. It was no wonder that it was fashionable to keep them around in the Divine Wood Federation.

Lin Yuan stored the Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts away before he experimented with cutting down one of the Item-Storing Walnut Tree's branches and injecting a large amount of pure spirit qi into it.

Within a few minutes, the broken branch regrew small branches that were covered with lush leaves. As Lin Yuan continued to evolve it, the branch turned into a Normal Item-Storing Walnut Tree. Finally, Lin Yuan evolved it until it reached Bronze/Flawless.

Once the Item-Storing Walnut Tree that Lin Yuan nurtured grew fully, it was also four meters tall. However, the branches were only as thick as Lin Yuan's wrist.

From this, Lin Yuan knew that the Item-Storing Walnut Trees that he used spirit qi to nurture would not be able to replace those that had been growing naturally for over three centuries.

Spirit qi could not be a direct replacement for the effects of living out a lifespan. This was part of the beauty of life.

Lin Yuan stored the Bronze/Flawless Item-Storing Walnut Tree into a fey storage box and thought, *?If I want to nurture the Item-Storing Walnut Trees, I'll have to ask the Luo family for one that has been growing for some time!*

Lin Yuan checked the time and saw that there was only half an hour left until the agreed-upon time. Hence, he hastily left the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

He saw that Liu Jie and Ji Feng had removed the clothes they were initially wearing in favor of more appropriate clothes for a lavish banquet. Since they were going to attend a banquet, it would be basic etiquette to dress grandly. This was not just a sign of respect for the event but also demonstrated one's class.

During their talks with the Sincere Merchant Group, Lin Yuan and Liu Jie had learned about the gentlemanly behaviors present in the Startling Lines Continent.

Liu Jie was dressed in a purple robe that had a bronze pot embroidered on it. There were hundreds of patterns of insects on the bronze pot.

Ji Feng was wearing a dark blue robe that had waves embroidered on it. There were flood dragons leaping through the waves.

Since Liu Jie and Ji Feng had chosen dark-colored robes, Lin Yuan decided to put on the robe that Wen Yu had specially prepared according to the information she had gathered on the Divine Wood Federation's standard of beauty.

This set of robes was also white. However, the edges of the seams had a circle of fur from the neck of the Diamond Dark Eyed Scorpion Tiger. The contrast between the gentle white and prominent black gave the robes an unspeakable aura of elitence.

There were also scales from the Dark Eyed Scorpion Tiger on the white robe. At the center of the black scales were moonstones, and the entire design formed the image of a majestic white tiger.

There was also a layer of thin black fur in between the moonstones that seemed to depict tiger stripes.

The top half of the robe showed a roaring tiger, while the bottom half had the embroidered image of 34 types of tigers. They were embroidered with jade-textured ivory, making it difficult to make them out against the backdrop of the white robe.

However, the moon-colored shoes that Lin Yuan slipped his feet into also had pearls made from Spirit-Mouthed Gold embedded into them.

Spirit-Mouthed Gold was an extremely expensive metal spiritual material that could release spirit qi.

The spirit qi released by the Spirit-Mouthed Gold enabled the 34 embroidered images of tigers to shine with a jade-tinted light.

Lin Yuan left the room after he was done changing to meet up with Liu Jie and Ji Feng.

Liu Jie was used to seeing Lin Yuan look like the epitome of beauty. Moreover, Lin Yuan was a once-in-a-generation elite. Although he wore simple clothes normally, his aura could still carry off opulent clothes.

However, Ji Feng did not interact with Lin Yuan on a regular basis and was stupefied when he saw the dressed-up Lin Yuan.

Looking at Lin Yuan now, Ji Feng suddenly thought back to when he was 17 or 18 years old. At that time, he had been a top genius that could hold his head high wherever he went.

But comparing the him of then to the Lin Yuan of now, he still fell short.

A decade of running for his life allowed Ji Feng's understanding of the younger generation in the Radiance Federation to be sparse.

Ji Feng did not know if all the members of the younger generation were as impressive as Lin Yuan or if Lin Yuan was a special case.

While they headed from the treehouse to the Luo family, the eyes of the people on the street lit up when they saw Lin Yuan.

The ordinary citizens of Phoebe Zhennan City never got to see such a god-like person.

### **Chapter 1399: 270 Pairs**

However, those onlookers dared not look at Lin Yuan openly.

There was a possibility of making a member of the elite uncomfortable with their brazen looks. This could lead to punishment, and no one wanted to go through that just for looking.

If not for Lin Yuan's overwhelmingly radiant appearance, these people would have immediately ducked their heads after one glance at him.

Luo Ya had spent a long time carefully dolling herself up in anticipation of tonight's dinner at the Zhang family's residence.

Although she had already applied her most expensive makeup when she went to greet Lin Yuan, she had removed and reapplied the makeup and even drew on a beautiful blue flower pattern on her forehead in order to present the most stunning version of herself.

She smiled in satisfaction when she admired herself in the mirror.

She fetched her favorite purple fur cloak and combed it with a comb. But the longer she spent combing her fur cloak, the more disheartened she became.

Luo Ya thought about the white spirit qi clothes and eye-catching belt that Lin Yuan had worn.

If she wore the purple fur cloak, she would seem like a pauper when she stood next to him. This purple fur cloak was like a silent reminder of the huge gap between her and Lin Yuan.

Luckily, she had changed her mindset once she saw the reality for how it truly was. She no longer focused on her affections for him but thought about how she could remain with him forever instead.

Given Lin Yuan's status and power, he had the authority to effect change in Phoebe Zhennan City.

If Lin Yuan was interested in Phoebe Zhennan City, the Luo family could act as his representative and help him manage his affairs in Phoebe Zhennan City. This way, Luo Ya could maintain a line of contact with him.

Before she could drape the purple fur cloak around her, Luo De said from the entrance of her room, "Little Ya, Lord Lin Yuan is here. Hurry and clean all this up!"

Luo Ya could clearly sense the shock in Luo De's voice. But she dismissed the thought and put on her purple fur cloak before dashing out.

At the moment that she spotted Lin Yuan, her gaze was permanently stuck on him.

This dashing young man dressed in white had an aura and features that outshone everyone else.

Luo Ya instinctively hid her favorite purple fur cloak behind her.

Lin Yuan noticed her reaction and shook his hand. A light purple fur cloak appeared in his hand. He presented it to Luo Ya and said, "This fur cloak is made from the Diamond Purple Plum Leaping Deer. It should be appropriate for you to use it as an overcoat at the banquet. Take it as my way of saying thanks for the two Item-Storing Walnut Trees."

Luo Ya suddenly felt the strange urge to cry.

All she had given Lin Yuan were two Bronze/Normal Item-Storing Walnut Trees. Yet, he was giving her a cloak made from a Diamond fey's fur in return. This showed that he did not want to owe her anything or leave any link between them.

Eventually, she stretched out her hand and received the light purple fur cloak with tears welling in her eyes.

"Thank you. I promised you the two Item-Storing Walnut Trees long ago. You saved my life, so I owe you."

The ache in Luo Ya's heart intensified, yet Luo De was smiling from ear to ear.

They had given out two Bronze/Normal Item-Storing Walnut Trees, yet they received a Diamond fur cloak. This was such a good deal!

From this, Luo De could tell that Lin Yuan was a generous person. Or, it could also be that this Diamond fur cloak was peanuts in his eyes.

As Luo De thought about whether he still had anything else that he could give Lin Yuan so that Lin Yuan would gift him precious resources in return, Lin Yuan said, "You said that the Luo family has a total of 26 Item-Storing Walnut Trees. Are they all around 300 years old? If so, I would like to use this tree to exchange for those trees."

Lin Yuan took out the Bronze X/Flawless Item-Storing Walnut Tree that he had just nurtured.

At first, Luo De was disappointed by the Item-Storing Walnut Tree's thin branches as this meant that the tree could only be five years old at the most. The Item-Storing Walnut Tree would not be able to produce the Item-Storing Walnuts at such a young age. What would be the point of Luo De holding onto it?

However, when he took a closer look, Luo De inhaled sharply, and delight spread across his face.

"Lord Lin Yuan, are you sure you want to trade this Bronze/Flawless Item-Storing Walnut Tree for 26 of our Item-Storing Walnut Trees!?"

The Bronze/Flawless Item-Storing Walnut Tree would be able to produce Bronze/Flawless Item-Storing Walnuts. Only Class 3 Creation Masters would be able to produce the Bronze/Flawless Item-Storing Walnut Trees.

If Lin Yuan used the Bronze/Flawless Item-Storing Walnut Tree to trade for the Luo family's Item-Storing Walnut Trees, the Luo family would hit the jackpot!

After being nurtured for a few years, the Bronze/Flawless Item-Storing Walnut Tree would be able to make the Luo family rich.

Although the Bronze/Flawless Item-Storing Walnut was not as expensive as the Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnut, a pair could still go for 3,000,000 Great Lush dollars at an auction.

Luo De was already thinking about how he could release the news that the Luo family had the Bronze/Flawless Item-Storing Walnut Tree. Countless people from Phoebe Zhennan City would do anything to try and order a pair of the Bronze/Flawless Item-Storing Walnuts from him.

Luo De personally went to their back garden and plucked out the 26 Item-Storing Walnut Trees.

When Luo De returned with the 26 Item-Storing Walnut Trees, Lin Yuan noticed that eight of them had already borne fruit.

Lin Yuan left these eight Item-Storing Walnut Trees alone and sent the remaining 18 to the Spirit Lock spatial zone so that Genius could take them to the Spirit Lock spatial zone to be cultivated.

He planned on evolving the eight Item-Storing Walnut Trees to Epic quality. He would then give Genius the first batch of fruits they produced so it could nurture them in the marsh world.

The Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnut Tree that Lin Yuan had evolved had produced 60 Item-Storing Walnuts for him. When added to the fruits produced by these eight Item-Storing Walnut Trees, Lin Yuan would have 540 or 270 pairs of the Item-Storing Walnuts.

Every pair of the Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts could be sold for astronomical prices in the Divine Wood Federation.

The 270 pairs of Item-Storing Walnuts would be enough to last Lin Yuan a long time.

#### **Chapter 1400: Luo Ya's Change**

In less than half an hour, Luo Ya changed into the fur cloak made of the Diamond Purple Plum Leaping Deer's fur and put on purple shoes.

With this new fur cloak, Luo Ya felt as though she had been elevated. After all, it looked as, if not more opulent than the white one that Jian Li wore.

Since Luo Ya and Luo De were leading them, Lin Yuan did not use Blackie. Instead, they rode on the Hurricane Owlet Moths.

The Hurricane Owlet Moths produced wind elements and held him aloft, so it looked as though he was standing on air.

Although Lin Yuan saw this as a modest decision, it was shocking in the eyes of Luo Ya and Luo De. They remained stunned by Lin Yuan and Liu Jie's immense resources the entire journey.

Although the 20 moth-species feys were not Fantasy Breed and could not be compared to the black flood dragon, they were still extraordinary to the Luo Ya and Luo De who lived in Phoebe Zhennan City.

Could this be how the disciples of secret elite families lived? They could change into two extravagant outfits a day and use two types of Diamond feys in a day. This was too luxurious!

Jian Li, Zhang Tong, and the head of the Zhang family had all come out personally to welcome Lin Yuan. The three of them had all put on clothes that they usually saved for important banquets and gatherings.

But now that they were looking at Lin Yuan, Ji Feng, and Liu Jie, they suddenly felt as though they were dressed rather plainly.

This should come as no surprise as they would look homely even if they were next to him in his white daily attire.

The way Lin Yuan and the other two were dressed and how they arrived at the banquet indicated to everyone present that they were true elite guests.

The head of the Zhang family, Zhang Zhen, had immediately become disappointed in Jian Li when Zhang Tong told him about what Jian Li had done.

Recently, Zhang Zhen had been weighing the costs and benefits of being supported by the Jian family.

From this incident with the Rotting Poison Snake Wurm, it was clear that the Jian family was unreliable as they were ready to abandon the Zhang family whenever push came to shove.

The Zhang family had wanted the Jian family's support in order to expand themselves. But if the Jian family could not help the Zhang family to the extent that the Zhang family needed them to, there would be no need for the Zhang family to desire the Jian family's support no matter how powerful they were.

Nonetheless, they would still have to keep up appearances by flattering Jian Li, as it would do them no good to be on Jian Li's bad side.

Night descended upon them, and the spirit qi released by the Spirit-Mouthed Gold nourished the 34 embroidered tiger images on his robe.

With every step that he took, he emanated the aura and might of a white tiger.

When Zhang Tong spotted Lin Yuan, he moved to welcome Lin Yuan as the host. However, he was stopped by Jian Li's arm before he could even take the first step.

Jian Li quickly walked up to Lin Yuan and said, "How should I address you? You arrived in Phoebe Zhennan City rather unexpectedly. Your attire would be most impressive even in Sacred Forest City."

Jian Li gave Lin Yuan a thumb's up and beamed brightly. It was clear that he was trying to leave a good impression on Lin Yuan so as to form a link with him.

Lin Yuan's eyebrow twitched. This attire was only considered above average in his wardrobe.

Wen Yu had recently made many clothes for him, and some even had heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls embedded in them. Compared with those clothes, this set seemed ordinary.

It was clear from what Jian Li said that he was trying to butter up Lin Yuan. However, it also allowed Lin Yuan to understand how the elites in Sacred Forest City lived.

Jian Li was #83 in the Divine Wood Hundred Sequence and would not be able to interact with those who were actually standing at the top in the Divine Wood Federation.

Yet, it seemed as though he had seen similar outfits before. This showed that the elite disciples in the Divine Wood Federation chased after opulence.

This was a good thing for Lin Yuan. The more they courted lavishness, the more Lin Yuan's Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts would be worth.

Lin Yuan did not respond to Jian Li's attempt at being friendly and said, "My last name is Lin."

"Young Master Lin, everything that happened at Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard today was a misunderstanding. I hope you will forgive us. If you are ever in Sacred Forest City, please let me know, and I might be able to offer help in some way," replied Jian Li with a smile.

Jian Li's words exposed his true intentions. He did this because he knew that a person that could be decked out in such a way would not be interested in his small talk and pandering.

If he did not get to the main topic too, he might be seen as irritating.

Jian Li did not reveal his status, but Lin Yuan had already found out about it from Luo Ya.

From Jian Li's words, he had hinted at a mutually beneficial relationship if Lin Yuan and he were to become acquainted. Such alliances were very common amongst the elites in the Divine Wood Federation.

At first, Lin Yuan had been trying to come up with a way to get closer to Jian Li at the banquet. But now, Jian Li had voluntarily reached out to him instead.

"I will be going to Sacred Forest City in the future, and I won't hold back if there's anything you can help with."

Jian Li hurriedly turned and said, "The Zhang family has done a good job with this banquet. I asked them to add a few extra dishes. I hope that they suit your palate!"

Jian Li's gaze landed on Luo Ya. One glance was enough for him to tell that the purple fur cloak she had on was far from ordinary.

The dark purple one she had on before had coarse fur and made her seem inelegant.

But this one reflected the starlight with a soft, light purple glow.

It was evident that his light purple fur cloak came from a Diamond fey.

However, the Luo family couldn't have obtained this on their own because it would have bankrupted them.

Luo Ya had invited Lin Yuan to the Luo family's residence that afternoon, and now she was wearing the Diamond cloak. Hence, there was no question where she had gotten it from.

Jian Li silently noted the Luo family's good luck.

This Diamond fur cloak had to cost at least 1,000,000 Great Lush dollars. Even he, the direct descendant of an important aristocratic family in Sacred Forest City, did not own a fur cloak of such high quality.