

## Merchant 1401

### Chapter 1401: Wrong Gift

Zhang Tong and Zhang Zhen had already noticed the fur cloak that Luo Ya was wearing.

At that moment, Zhang Zhen knew how he needed to treat the Luo family from now on. They had to be placed on a pedestal!

But before Zhang Tong and Zhang Zhen's envy of the Luo family could sink in, they were immediately ticked off by what Jian Li said.

This banquet was held to welcome and apologize to this young man.

Jian Li had not only stopped Zhang Tong from going up to Lin Yuan to apologize to him but had even made it seem as though he was the host of the banquet instead.

*You asked us to add extra dishes? You didn't even show up the entire afternoon!*

Zhang Tong and Zhang Zhen were furious that Jian Li was trying to use the banquet for his own benefit. However, neither of them dared to show their anger outwardly.

But this was another sign that the Jian family was unreliable, and Jian Li was not a person they could trust wholeheartedly.

When they entered the banquet hall, Lin Yuan noticed that the table was filled with various fruits and roasted meats slathered in red and yellow sauces. This was not appetizing to Lin Yuan.

After training in the Divine Wood Federation for some time, Lin Yuan had eaten his fair share of roasted meats. He much preferred the dishes made by Liu Jie and Zong Ze.

Jian Li stood next to Lin Yuan the entire night, trying to come up with a way to get Lin Yuan to reveal his identity and confirm which secret elite family he came from.

But try as he might, Jian Li only became more confused. He only gave up and walked over to Zhang Zhen to discuss their collaboration when Liu Jie started to show signs of annoyance.

When Jian Li left Lin Yuan's side, Zhang Tong hurriedly walked over. He bowed to Lin Yuan and said, "Young Master Lin, thank you for showing mercy to the Rotting Poison Snake Wurm. This is an apology gift prepared by my father."

Zhang Tong took out a wooden box and solemnly handed it to Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan looked amused when he saw the box.

He had figured out what was going on from the events at Phoebe Zhennan Courtyard.

If he was weak, he would have become the Rotting Poison Snake Wurm's next meal after Luo Ya and Luo De. If that had happened, he would already have passed through the Rotting Poison Snake Wurm's digestive system by now instead of standing here attending an apology banquet in his honor.

Ji Feng took a step forward and opened the wooden box.

Lin Yuan saw a pair of Bronze/Flawless Item-Storing Walnuts inside the box and knew they had to have been personally nurtured by Zhang Zhen.

A gift worth 3,000,000 Great Lush dollars was more than sufficient to show the Zhang family's sincerity. Alas, this gift did not interest Lin Yuan in the slightest.

Lin Yuan picked up the Item-Storing Walnuts and started to play with them in his hand. They made a clear thud when they knocked together.

Zhang Tong looked ecstatic when he saw Lin Yuan receiving the Item-Storing Walnuts.

However, this was when Lin Yuan tossed the Bronze/Flawless Item-Storing Walnuts back to him and said, "You can just be straight with me. I'm not interested in the Zhang family's apology. This banquet is getting boring. If there's nothing else, we shall take our leave now."

While it was true that this banquet was boring, Lin Yuan also said this because he wanted Zhang Tong to make known the Zhang family's true motives.

If the Zhang family did not have an ulterior motive, they would not see the need to gift Lin Yuan something. They had to have a motive that encouraged them to use the gift to form a bridge between them and Lin Yuan.

During the journey from the underground palace to Phoebe Zhennan City, Lin Yuan noticed that Phoebe Zhennan City's geographical position was very special.

There was a seemingly endless forest of ironwood trees right outside of Phoebe Zhennan City. Ironwood was considered a profitable resource. However, their roots extended more than 100 meters below the surface, and it was very difficult for feys below Silver grade to remove a branch from the ironwood trees.

These made it difficult for Phoebe Zhennan City to market on the ironwood trees.

As a result, Phoebe Zhennan City became the south-most city in the Divine Wood Federation.

Phoebe Zhennan City had towering mountains on one side and raging rivers on the other. This gave them a two-sided natural barrier that also isolated them.

Once the restricted area created by Silver Corona was discovered, experts from the Divine Wood Federation would go there to look into it. The only place they would have to rest at would be Phoebe Zhennan City.

On the Iron Hammer Federation's side, Lin Yuan had asked Ta Lei to apply for the territory at the border of the Horseshoe Tribe.

If the people from the Iron Hammer Federation tried to investigate the restricted area, they would be stopped by the Horseshoe Tribe.

If Lin Yuan could gain control of Phoebe Zhennan City, he would be able to immediately find out and react to any attempt by people from the Iron Hammer Federation and Divine Wood Federation to investigate the restricted area.

Thus, Lin Yuan had been eyeing Phoebe Zhennan City from the moment he arrived here.

If whatever the Zhang family wanted to ask him could benefit him in the future, he did not mind helping out.

But if the Zhang family's goal went against his own, he would knock the Zhang family off their throne and place the Luo family there instead.

Zhang Tong anxiously reached out to catch the Item-Storing Walnuts that Lin Yuan had tossed back to him as he was afraid that the sound of them landing on the ground would attract Jian Li's attention.

Zhang Tong and his father still had no plans to pull away from the Jian family and reject the collaboration.

If Jian Li found out that Zhang Tong was trying to jump ship to Lin Yuan, the Jian family would definitely unleash their wrath on the Zhang family.

Zhang Tong became extremely anxious when he heard Lin Yuan say that the banquet was boring.

He had been confident that no one would reject this 3,000,000 Great Lush dollars gift. Lin Yuan's instant rejection left Zhang Tong at a loss.

He had come to ask Lin Yuan for help with a matter that affected the Zhang family's future. Once the chance was gone, it would never return.

Zhang Tong said honestly, "Young Master Lin, my family would like to work with you. If you provide us with resources, you can use our Creation Master resources for your own benefit."

Lin Yuan took out a pair of Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts.

The scarlet Item-Storing Walnuts spun in Lin Yuan's hand, knocking together and producing clear cracking sounds,

Zhang Tong was floored when he saw the Item-Storing Walnuts.

*Are my eyes deceiving me? That's a pair of Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts!*

He had assumed that Lin Yuan was uninterested in the Item-Storing Walnuts he had been gifted because people from the Great Lush Federation did not have the habit of using the Item-Storing Walnuts as toys. He thought that he had chosen the wrong thing to gift.

But now, he knew it was because his gift did not live up to its intended recipient.

#### **Chapter 1402: Submission After Consideration**

However, he did not know if Lin Yuan's Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts came from an auction or a Class 4 Creation Master.

Judging from Lin Yuan's extravagant attire, Zhang Tong felt that the latter possibility was also likely.

The Great Lush Federation's secret elite families all invested a bomb into their Creation Masters.

Currently, Zhang Tong was scared yet excited.

The Zhang family and Jian family's collaboration was mutually beneficial, while working with Lin Yuan would be like living under the thumb of an enormous dragon.

With the Jian family, it was possible for them to escape unscathed. But with Lin Yuan, they ran the risk of being crushed to pieces.

But only a dragon like Lin Yuan could lead the Zhang family toward a bright future.

While Zhang Tong's mind was swirling with thoughts, Lin Yuan said, "I don't have much use for Class 3 Creation Masters. Compared to the Zhang family's individual strength, I'm more interested in the power you hold over Phoebe Zhennan City."

Zhang Tong froze. He knew that Lin Yuan was being serious.

He clearly expressed his lack of interest in the Zhang family's Creation Master resources and declared what he was truly interested in.

Zhang Tong resolutely said, "In Phoebe Zhennan City, our family is the strongest. The other four Class 2 Creation Master families have no choice but to admire us from a distance. To tell you the truth, my family is planning on using Phoebe Zhennan City's resources next month to devour the other four Class 2 Creation Master resources.

"The Huang family is connected to us by marriage and has been siding with us for a long time. We have been intending to take out the Meng family, Li family, and Luo family since a long time ago. But since Luo Ya is your acquaintance, we have decided to spare them—"

Zhang Tong was about to continue speaking, but he was interrupted by Ji Feng. "Our Young Master isn't interested in this trivial benefit. Since you're aware that our Young Master is on good terms with the Luo family, what makes you think that he will work with you instead of helping the Luo family? If our Young Master wanted, he could give Luo De a pinnacle Diamond fey that will be able to give your Rotting Poison Snake Wurm a run for its money. It would even be child's play for him to give the Luo family a Class 4 Creation Master.

"In order to capture loyalty, the Zhang family is choosing to swallow the other Class 2 Creation Master families instead of working with them. I'm sure that as the Young Leader of the Zhang family, you are aware of what our Young Master is after."

Zhang Tong was stunned into silence by what Ji Feng said.

He believed Lin Yuan could give Luo De a pinnacle Diamond fey tonight if he wanted to.

However, it was too shocking for him to be able to give the Luo family a Class 4 Creation Master.

Class 4 Creation Masters were almost like gods. Why did he make them seem like such a lowly commodity?

Zhang Tong glanced at Jian Li, who was deep in discussion with Zhang Zhen, before steeling his heart and saying to Lin Yuan in a sincere tone, "Young Master Lin, my father told me before the banquet that I have the authority to make decisions for the Zhang family. We will submit to you."

Luo Ya, who had been keeping a close watch on Lin Yuan, walked over with a glass of wine in her hand and whispered to him, "Lin Yuan, if you trust me, I can help you keep watch over the Zhang family."

Luo Ya had described the distribution of power to Lin Yuan.

However, only the Zhang, Huang, and Luo families were in attendance at tonight's banquet.

It turned out that it was because the Zhang family was planning on targeting the other two families and had already excluded them.

Lin Yuan did trust Luo Ya to a certain extent. If she represented the Luo family in watching over the Zhang family, the two families would be able to keep watch and control each other. This would enable Lin Yuan to easily keep Phoebe Zhennan City in the palm of his hand.

Lin Yuan tossed Luo Ya and Zhang Tong one of the Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts each.

The two of them were overjoyed when they caught the Item-Storing Walnuts. However, their joy stemmed from different reasons.

Neither of them was happy over the Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnut's value. Zhang Tong was happy because Lin Yuan would be able to carry the Zhang family to new heights, while Luo Ya was happy that she was touching something that had been in Lin Yuan's hand. She was going to treasure the Item-Storing Walnut for the rest of her life.

Lin Yuan said to Zhang Tong and Luo Ya, "Once you're done organizing Phoebe Zhennan City, I will complete your pair of Item-Storing Walnuts. I will try my best to get a chamber of commerce to set up a branch in Phoebe Zhennan City. For now, the two of you can continue to do what you've been doing."

Lin Yuan turned and left the banquet with Liu Jie and Ji Feng.

A smile spread across his face as he looked into the night sky.

From now on, he would essentially own the entire Phoebe Zhennan City.

On their way back to the treehouse, Ji Feng's eyes flashed, and he said to Lin Yuan, "Young Master, the Prior Decree Sleeping Lotus has found the person you asked for. According to your instruction, the Prior Decree Sleeping Lotus has been secretly watching her and has not made contact. She is currently eating rotting fruits she fished out from a trash bin. She is covered in scratches, and it looks like one of her legs is broken. Her soul injury has been triggered twice in the past hour."

This reminded Ji Feng of how he used to be. This person was in the exact situation he had been in. However, he had a much better time in the Radiance Federation than she was having in the Divine Wood Federation.

Lin Yuan had expected Su Yiren to be in such a pathetic state.

The ordinary citizens of the Divine Wood Federation already led tough lives, much less Su Yiren, who was essentially a refugee.

After tonight, Lin Yuan would be heading to Oak City tomorrow morning.

Since the Prior Decree Sleeping Lotus had already found Su Yiren, he did not need to call her.

Tomorrow, he would be meeting with a Dark Envoy in all her supposed glory.

In the treehouse, Lin Yuan felt extremely content at first. But as the night progressed, the water vapor produced by the plants created a very humid environment inside the treehouse.

Lin Yuan had no choice but to release Dark Blue and use it to control the humidity so the environment would become dry again.

After this first night in a treehouse, Lin Yuan swore that there would not be a second.

The next day, after eating a breakfast prepared by Liu Jie, Lin Yuan, Liu Jie, and Ji Feng prepared to head to Oak City.

This time, Lin Yuan did not summon Blackie. Instead, Liu Jie and Ji Feng entered the Jeweled Cave Golden Toad.

The Hurricane Owlet Moths had already set up the Ethereal Jellyfish's tentacles along the road to Oak City.

These tentacles would become Tentacle Nodes that Lin Yuan could use to transport himself to and from Oak City in a short span of time.

### **Chapter 1403: Prosperous Chamber of Commerce**

In less than five minutes, Lin Yuan silently appeared in Oak City.

Oak City lived up to being one of the major cities in the Divine Wood Federation. Its roads were three times wider than those in Phoebe Zhennan City.

The treehouses in Phoebe Zhennan City were only around 12 meters tall, while the treehouses in Oak City were more like tree castles around 20 meters tall.

Currently, there was a giant tree castle almost 100 meters tall near Lin Yuan. There was a sign hanging at the front of it that read, 'Prosperous Chamber of Commerce'.

Many people were entering and exiting the tree castle.

There were basically two types of people who visited the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce.

One of them was ordinary merchants of the Great Lush Federation, while the other type was the elite of Oak City, who were dressed in expensive attire from head to toe.

Lin Yuan was very interested in a chamber of commerce controlled by one of the Great Lush Federation's secret elite families.

He planned on trying to find a way to buy plant-type feys that could produce weather from this chamber of commerce.

Lin Yuan released Liu Jie and Ji Feng from the Jeweled Cave Golden Toad and led them to the entrance of the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce.

There were two attendants dressed in blue standing at the entrance of the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce. They carefully eyed every person who walked in and out of the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce. They stopped numerous people who tried to enter the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce.

Lin Yuan immediately knew that those men were guarding the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce's entrance.

Besides the members of merchant groups from the Great Lush Federation, ordinary people had to wear clothes or accessories of a certain quality to enter the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce.

Lin Yuan found it strange to have guards assessing possible entrants based on their dressing. However, it could not be denied that this behavior fit right into the Divine Wood Federation's style.

Before Lin Yuan could even arrive at the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce entrance, a commotion broke out there.

The two guards blocked a short person wearing accessories made of leaves.

Accessories made of leaves were a common sight in the Divine Wood Federation. However, they were never worn by the elite. Usually, only the common folk wore them.

Clearly, people wearing them did not meet the cut to be allowed into the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce.

When Lin Yuan walked nearer, he heard one of the guards say gruffly, "You don't meet the requirement to enter the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce. Please leave now. Don't prevent us from accepting guests."

Just as Lin Yuan was about to pass by the short person, a childish yet stubborn voice said, "I'm begging you, please let me go in! I brought money so I can trade for five days' worth of Reducing Heat Grass."

The small person seemed to be trying to prove something.

She carefully pulled out a pouch that jangled when she shook it. She opened it and showed it to the guard with a hopeful expression. The bag was full of dirty metal coins.

Great Lush dollars were used during trading in the Great Lush Federation, Divine Wood Federation, and Iron Hammer Federation.

Great Lush dollars were made from crystal. However, the metal coins in the bag were native coins made in the Divine Wood Federation that were not recognized by the Great Lush Federation.

This was similar to Radiance and Federation dollars.

The metal currency could be exchanged for Great Lush dollars, but they could not be used to pay chambers of commerce.

Lin Yuan turned and saw that the short person wearing accessories made of leaves was a young girl around 13 years old.

The young girl's stubborn gaze reminded Lin Yuan of Chu Ci back when she was trying to buy medicine for him.

Lin Yuan unconsciously slowed down his pace.

The guard looked conflicted when he saw the bag the young girl was holding out. He seemed to be hesitating over whether he should allow the young girl to enter.

At that moment, the other older guard said, "If something goes wrong because you let her in, I will tell the Vice President that you're the one who decided to let her in. The Young Lady is coming here today to check the accounts. Will you be able to take responsibility if this kid bumps into the Young Lady?"

The younger guard's conflicted expression turned cold. He stretched out his arm and pushed the young girl backward.

The young girl clutched her bag with a desperate look in her eyes. She pursed her lips and looked around furtively. Once she confirmed that no one was paying attention to her, she closed the bag and tucked it away.

Just as she was preparing to leave, she felt a warm pair of hands rest on top of her head.

Before she could raise her head, a voice above her said, "If there's something you want to buy, come with me."

From the moment the young girl took out the bag, Lin Yuan noticed that there were thick calluses all over her hand. Despite her young age, her hands were rough and lacked any beauty to speak of.

There was also dirt caked under her fingernails. Such dirt resulted from dirt staining the fingernails after the hand had spent a lot of time in the dirt.

This meant that she did a lot of laborious and dirty work.

The young girl's fingers were also covered with injuries, and two of her fingers were swollen.

The accessories she wore were made of hemp leaves. The exterior of the hemp leaves appeared dark green and thick. However, they were also covered with small and sharp thorns.

It would be impossible to create accessories made of hemp leaves without leaving injuries all over one's hand.

The Reducing Heat Grass was a Bronze spiritual ingredient that could reduce inflammation and remove rotting flesh. It was also very effective against parasitic insect-species feys.

A young girl had to have a reason to spend her days doing hard labor and her nights creating accessories made of hemp leaves.

It was apparent that she was trying to save someone!

The Reducing Heat Grass was a very common spiritual ingredient. But the young girl's lack of courage to trade for it from merchant groups meant that she was on her own.

Malicious people could target a girl of her age if she went to a merchant group to trade for the Reducing Heat Grass.

Lin Yuan's heart ached when he saw how the girl carefully checked her surroundings before tucking away her bag of metal coins.

He decided to help her out.

When the young girl raised her head to look at Lin Yuan, she froze.

At that moment, she felt as though she was looking at a celestial being.

However, wariness soon appeared in her eyes. She resembled an injured deer licking its wounds in the forest.

A thought seemed to strike her. Instead of running, she mustered some bravery.

#### **Chapter 1404: Finish a Good Deed With Another Good Deed**

The young girl fearfully retracted her neck and said to Lin Yuan, "Thank you, Lord. Thank you for bringing me in with you."

The two guards looked at Lin Yuan in disbelief when he stuck up for the young girl. They did not understand why an elite dressed so lavishly would personally interfere in such a trivial matter.

Their eyes were trained to the point that they immediately recognized that Lin Yuan came from an impressive background. But instead of showing the usual joy at being able to welcome a VIP, they looked austere.

People from the Great Lush Federation turned up at Oak City often, and many chambers of commerce had set up branches in Oak City.

However, the people from the Great Lush Federation who came to Oak City wearing such luxurious garments were usually either the heads of the chambers of commerce or the subordinates sent by the disciples of secret elite families to conduct a check.

Hence, the Great Lush Federation elites rarely went to a competitor's chamber of commerce.

The two guards shared a look before one of them led Lin Yuan into the chamber of commerce while the other man ran upstairs to report this matter to the higher-ups.

Once Lin Yuan entered the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce, he noticed that the interior resembled the interior of the Radiance Federation's Rare Lifeform Pavilion.

But compared to the Rare Lifeform Pavilion, the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce laid out goods that were on the heavier side.

When they walked through the entrance, the young girl nervously said to Lin Yuan, "Lord, thank you for taking me in. I have to go and trade for the Reducing Heat Grass now."

Lin Yuan was slightly frustrated by what the young girl said.

Just as she was about to walk away, he said, "It's fine if you're trying to save a C-rank spirit qi professional. But if you're trying to save a D-rank spirit qi professional or a regular person, the Reducing Heat Grass will severely affect their organs negatively and cause them to start filling up with blood. If there's a parasitic insect-species fey inside this person that has punctured this person's organs, only a skilled healing-type spirit qi professional will be able to save them."

Lin Yuan's words caused the girl to freeze. Helplessness and sorrow bubbled up to the surface, and large beads of tears trickled down her face, leaving obvious streaks in their wake.

Lin Yuan gently wiped away her tears. As a result, some of the dirt on her face was transferred to his hand. She resembled a messy child that had been playing in the dirt.

He could understand how she was feeling. She did not have anyone to rely on and had to have undergone terrible hardships and mustered up unimaginable courage in order to earn that bag of coins.

But now, all that hope of being able to save that person that had been carrying her through all her struggles was dashed. She now saw how naive she had been. This desolation and despair could even cause an adult to crumble, much less a young girl.

Since he had encountered her and brought her into the chamber of commerce, Lin Yuan would finish off his good deed with another good deed.

Lin Yuan's fingertips lit up with a green glow, and all the scars peppering the young girl's hands disappeared. Even the thorns stuck in her fingernails vanished.

"It just so happens that I'm a healer. Stay with me for now. Once I'm done buying what I need to buy, I'll help you save that person."

The young girl looked delighted, and her tears turned into those of joy. All her wariness disappeared at the same moment that her hands were healed.

She did not know what about her was worth being given such treatment by this healer.

To ordinary people in the Divine Wood Federation, healers were just as venerable as Creation Masters because they were the ones who could save lives.

The young girl silently followed Lin Yuan, fearing that she would disturb him while he was observing the goods in the chamber of commerce.

When Lin Yuan got to the fifth shelf, an elderly man dressed in blue walked up to him and said, "Young Master, I am the Vice President of the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce's Oak City branch. If there's anything you have in mind, you can let me know. Or if you wish to discuss business, you can do so with me."

Lin Yuan noticed that the elderly man was not speaking to him like how he would speak to a regular customer. Otherwise, he would have mentioned discussing business.

Lin Yuan's expression did not change in the slightest as he said, "Does the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce have plant-type feys that can produce weather?"

The elderly man looked Lin Yuan, Liu Jie, and Ji Feng up and down again before he said, "There are many types of plant-type feys that can produce weather. We have stocks for the Clear Sunshine Flower, Hazy Wind Grass, Snow Crystal Orchid, Cloudy Fog Sunflower, and Thunder Clap Chrysanthemum. However, we will be auctioning them off.

"If you're interested in them, you can join the auction next Thursday. All these five kinds of plant-type feys will be up for auction then. If you want to build a new castle and are looking to decorate your garden, we have other surprises waiting for you besides these plant-type feys."

Lin Yuan frowned at the elderly man's advertisement for the auction.

If the auction was taking place in the next few days, he would be able to wait till then. However, there were still nine days until next Thursday, and Lin Yuan could not afford to wait.

"Is it possible for the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce to make an exception? I will buy those plant-type feys at their expected auction prices."

The old man thought, *Is this young man really here as a buyer?*

Now, the elderly man started treating Lin Yuan as a potential customer.

"As long as you can afford it, you should be able to buy them before the auction. The invites for the auction haven't been sent out yet, and the item list can be altered at any time."

The elderly man sighed before continuing. "To be frank, the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce has run into a spot of trouble. The Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce and Profit Source Chamber of Commerce have joined forces to take control of all the resources open to the chambers of commerce in Oak City. We need to attract enough people for this auction in order to stand a chance against the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce and Profit Source Chamber of Commerce's combined attack. Hence, we will be auctioning off any decent resource available to us."

The old man's intention could not be clearer. Using the difficulty that the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce was experiencing as a reason to turn down his offer was the most polite option.

Just as Lin Yuan was about to try and make his case again, a gentle voice sounded out from behind him.

#### **Chapter 1405: Rainbow Jade Hibiscus**

"Young Master, one Rainbow Jade Hibiscus will be up for auction. If you're interested in plant-type feys that can change the weather, the Rainbow Jade Hibiscus should motivate you to join the auction."

Lin Yuan turned, and the elderly man walked past him to say, "Young Lady, why are you out here instead of resting?"

The girl did not reply immediately. Instead, she held her hand up to her mouth and coughed into it. She only stopped coughing when her face flushed slightly.

“Elder Duan, the account book is very clear. You’ve carefully done all the sums, so there’s no need at all for me to worry. I heard that there was a VIP from my hometown here, so it’s only right that I come out to take a look.”

The girl was dressed in a long red dress that was adorned with many bright red feathers. These bright red feathers came from a Diamond phoenix-species fey.

She had a composed expression and the aura of someone who had a century’s worth of wisdom. This was similar to the aura that Sun Ningxiang had.

It was likely that she came from one of the Great Lush Federation’s secret elite families.

The girl was also silently observing Lin Yuan at the same time that he was studying her.

Lin Yuan had put on a set of plainer spirit qi clothes.

The only accessory he had on was a bronze pendant of a furnace. Its design was simple and had 99 diamond-shaped larimars embedded in it. Nonetheless, it was worth 6,000,000 Great Lush dollars.

The spirit qi clothes he was wearing were black and made of black silk. The hundreds of fortuitous patterns were embroidered with spider silk from a Diamond dark-type spider-species fey.

Lin Yuan’s attire was enough for the girl to make a mental note of him.

The average disciples of secret families liked spending money on their clothes to show off their status. Only the truly powerful direct descendants paid attention to their accessories and would always add one or two to their outfits.

It was clear that this young man was the latter.

Besides his accessories, the girl marveled at Lin Yuan’s aura and appearance.

She took two steps forward and reached out to Lin Yuan as she said, “Hello, my name is Li Wan. I’m the President of the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce.”

Lin Yuan gently shook the girl’s hand and said, “My last name is Lin.”

Lin Yuan’s mind was fully focused on the Rainbow Jade Hibiscus that Li Wan had mentioned.

Gray’s Cloud Morph had gained the following abilities: Radiance of a Clear Day, Darkness of a Cloudy Day, Frozen Snowy Day, and Roar of a Windy Day. These abilities came from the Clear Sunshine Flower, Cloudy Fog Sunflower, Snow Crystal Orchid, and Hazy Wind Grass.

The Thunder Clap Chrysanthemum should be responsible for the thunderstorm weather.

Thunderstorms were the most violent weather phenomena in nature, and they were extremely deadly.

Lin Yuan dared not allow Gray to try absorbing thunderstorm weather before it reached Gold grade. But with the Thunder Clap Chrysanthemum, Gray would be able to absorb thunderstorm weather.

The Thunder Clap Chrysanthemum was a plant-type fey, and the strength of the weather it produced was linked to its grade and quality. As long as he could control the Thunder Clap Chrysanthemum's grade, he would be able to ensure that the thunderstorm weather it produced would not hurt Gray.

Sunny, cloudy, snowy, windy, and thunderstorm weather were very common in nature.

The rainbows produced by the Rainbow Jade Hibiscus were considered rare weather.

Gray had not yet encountered a rainbow from which it could absorb rainbow weather.

With the Rainbow Jade Hibiscus, Gray would be able to absorb rainbows and gain a new ability.

If Lin Yuan had known about the Rainbow Jade Hibiscus' existence, he might not have been set on trading for plant-type feys that could produce weather with the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce.

There were many chambers of commerce in Oak City. If the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce was unwilling to sell them for the sake of the auction, there were sure to be other chambers of commerce that would be willing.

Moreover, Lin Yuan could use his link to the Sincere Merchant Group to trade with the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce.

However, the other chambers of commerce might not have the Rainbow Jade Hibiscus.

Li Wan had mentioned the Rainbow Jade Hibiscus when she heard that Lin Yuan needed plant-type feys that could produce weather because she wanted to convince him to participate in the auction.

Li Wan said in her charming voice, "Young Master Lin, if you're coming to the auction, I can set a room aside for you so you won't be disturbed during the auction."

This was the first time that Li Wan was meeting Lin Yuan. He could tell from the way she was trying so hard to promote the auction that it was very important to her.

Apparently, the combined attack from the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce and Profit Source Chamber of Commerce was scaring the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce.

The Prosperous Chamber of Commerce was unwilling to sell the plant-type feys that could produce weather to him because they wanted to ensure they had enough items to auction off.

Lin Yuan met Li Wan's gaze and said softly, "The success of the auction will not depend on the weather-producing plant-type feys. As long as you have other attractive items at the auction, the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce would be able to pull in a crowd."

A pair of Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts appeared in Lin Yuan's hand, and he started to play with them.

At first, Li Wan assumed that Lin Yuan was still set on buying the weather-producing plant-type feys in advance. If so, she was disappointed at his lack of courtesy.

Elder Duan had already explained the difficulty that the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce was in, and she had shown him enough respect by inviting him three times.

There would be no point in treating Lin Yuan in a friendly manner if he was going to be overbearing.

But when she saw the Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts that appeared in his hand, she inhaled sharply and realized what he was getting at.

He was right! If the Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts appeared at the auction, there would be no need for the weather-producing plant-type feys. It would even be fine to sell the Rainbow Jade Hibiscus in advance.

Feys like the Rainbow Jade Hibiscus that could produce special weather were expensive in the Divine Wood Federation, but they were not in demand.

However, the Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts were completely different. Once the news was released that the Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts were going to appear at the auction, the elite of Oak City would arrive in throngs.

#### **Chapter 1406: A Winemaker**

It was even possible that the elites from the other major cities in the Divine Wood Federation would come to attend the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce's auction because of the Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts.

With this pair of Item-Storing Walnuts, the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce would not have to be afraid of succumbing to the collusion between the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce and Profit Source Chamber of Commerce.

Most importantly, Li Wan noticed that the pair of Item-Storing Walnuts in Lin Yuan's hand had clearly not been played with before. This pushed their price up even higher.

Some of the obscenely wealthy elites could not endure owning Item-Storing Walnuts that had already been played with.

Li Wan glanced around and saw a few customers eyeing their group. She hurriedly gestured to Lin Yuan and said, "Young Master Lin, why don't you come and have a drink in our guest lounge? We have not afforded you the treatment you deserve."

Lin Yuan knew that Li Wan understood what he was getting at. He tossed the Item-Storing Walnuts around as he said, "Since you think of me as a valued guest, I would like to send my best wishes that the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce's auction will be a big success."

Li Wan was now sure that Lin Yuan intended on trading the Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts with the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce.

However, the weather-changing plant-type feys' value was far from that of the Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts.

Li Wan shot a look at Elder Duan as she said, "Go and fetch the list of items for the auction so Young Master Lin can see if anything catches his fancy."

The elderly man beamed and replied, "Rest assured, Young Lady. I will fetch the list of items now and place them in the guest lounge."

The elderly man had seen how Li Wan had tired herself out over trying to ensure that the auction would be a success. Yet, he was unable to help in any way.

The Li family was one of the Great Lush Federation's secret elite families, but they were no longer as powerful as they used to be because of that incident. They could no longer stand up to the secret elite families that were behind the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce and the Profit Source Chamber of Commerce.

The Prosperous Chamber of Commerce had 47 branches in total in the Great Lush Federation and Divine Wood Federation. However, the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce and Profit Source Chamber of Commerce had over 100 branches each.

As such, the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce's cut of the profits was eaten into by the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce and Profit Source Chamber of Commerce.

The Prosperous Chamber of Commerce's branch in Oak City was amongst the top five chambers of commerce in Oak City. Hence, this branch had to be kept afloat no matter what.

Otherwise, the merchant groups under the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce that operated out of Divine Wood Federation and Iron Wood Federation would lose their only stopover.

Now, hope had appeared.

Li Wan had decided to open the guest lounge to Lin Yuan because he was indeed an important guest, and her sincerity would be more apparent if their discussion was conducted there. But another reason was that the various chambers of commerce often dispatched spies, and Li Wan could not say for sure that none of them were currently in the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce.

If the conversation between her and Lin Yuan was leaked, the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce and Profit Source Chamber of Commerce would definitely jump into action.

The Prosperous Chamber of Commerce was in a shaky situation and solely depended on Li Wan. She could not allow anything to affect the auction that would decide the fate of the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce.

On the way to the guest lounge, Lin Yuan could clearly feel the young girl's anxiousness rising.

He reached out and patted her head as he said, "I have the Reducing Heat Grass. You don't have to go out to buy it. Once I'm done trading for what I need, I'll help you save that person."

Lin Yuan handed the Reducing Heat Grass to the young girl.

The young girl hurriedly clutched the Reducing Heat Grass close to her body as she looked at Lin Yuan with gratitude brimming in her eyes and said, "Thank you, Big Brother."

Li Wan's eyes flashed when she noticed this.

She had come out to personally meet Lin Yuan because she had received a report from one of the blue guards.

Hence, she knew that Lin Yuan and the young girl had bumped into each other at the entrance of the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce.

Li Wan could tell from their interaction that Lin Yuan was extremely kind. There was no other reason he would help this clearly impoverished young girl.

Thus, she started looking at him in a different light.

She felt that his behavior did not match that of a disciple of a secret elite family.

However, it could not be denied that Lin Yuan was shining brightly.

Once they arrived at the guest room, Li Wan picked up a pot from a shelf and a glass cup as she said, "This is Elephant Bone Wine made from the bones of giant elephants that have been fermenting for decades. It is one of my family's secrets. Please have a taste."

She poured the wine into a cup. Just as she was about to pour a second cup, Lin Yuan stopped her and said, "Only one of us drinks alcohol. You have a coughing problem, so you shouldn't drink."

Lin Yuan handed the cup of wine to Ji Feng.

Ji Feng had the habit of sipping wine during meals. Now that he was faced with wine made by one of the Great Lush Federation's secret elite families, the alcoholic in him reared its head.

He took the cup from Lin Yuan and took a sip before he said, "The Elephant Bone Wine is made from Diamond elephant bones, elephant blood, and the Elephant Grave Vine. The metallic taste of the elephant blood has been overpowered by the taste of the alcohol to produce a strong fragrance. It's interesting."

When Lin Yuan said that he did not drink alcohol, she felt that he was like a winemaker.

Winemakers were always clear-headed and looked out for themselves.

But Lin Yuan's second line had come from a place of concern, and Li Wan knew that Lin Yuan was a thoughtful person.

This made Li Wan curious about which secret elite family Lin Yuan was from. Could he be the only direct descendant of his family and did not have to compete with anyone?

People who were used to competition would not be able to have such kind and thoughtful personalities.

Before Li Wan's train of thought could go any further, she was stunned by what Ji Feng said.

Although Ji Feng had not stated the Elephant Bone Wine's entire recipe, what he said had been exactly on the nail. It was as though he had personally participated in the brewing process.

This meant that this man drank good-quality alcohol often. Otherwise, he would have developed such an elevated palate.

### **Chapter 1407: The Fifth Disaster**

Since Ji Feng had addressed Lin Yuan as 'Young Master', it meant that he was one of Lin Yuan's servants. When were servants able to drink high-quality wine?

Li Wan took a deep breath and picked up a pitcher of freshly squeezed juice. She poured out a glass each for Lin Yuan, Liu Jie, and the young girl.

At first, the girl was slightly afraid.

Lin Yuan could tell how much she wanted to drink the juice but was too afraid to do so. He pushed the cup of juice over to her and said, "Drink it. If you want more, I'm sure President Li Wan will be happy to give you a refill."

He gave the pair of Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts to Li Wan and said, "This pair of Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts should be enough to trade for all the weather-producing feys in the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce, right?"

Li Wan received the Item-Storing Walnuts and looked them over carefully. Her expression changed abruptly.

When she held them close, she could detect the faint fragrance of nature.

This meant that they had just been plucked from the Item-Storing Walnut Trees and had their skin removed. It could not have been ten days since they were plucked.

This meant that it was likely that he had a Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnut Tree.

Now, Li Wan no longer thought about how she could trade for the Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts but how she could establish a long-term working relationship with Lin Yuan.

With the Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts, the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce's auction was sure to be a success. However, they would inevitably be bought by someone.

Once the pair of Item-Storing Walnut Trees was gone, the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce would still be unable to compete with the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce and Profit Source Chamber of Commerce despite becoming more reputable.

If they were able to ensure a constant stream of Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts at future Prosperous Chamber of Commerce auctions, they would be able to stand their ground against the other two chambers of commerce.

Li Wan organized her thoughts and said, "Young Master Lin, we have seven Clear Sunshine Flowers, Nine Cloudy Fog Sunflowers, six Snow Crystal Orchids, seven Hazy Wind Grass, and only about four Thunder Clap Chrysanthemums. However, we only have one Rainbow Jade Hibiscus at our Great Lush Federation branch. I can give you a 10% discount which means their total value is 5.76 million.

“However, this pair of freshly plucked Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts will go for at least 25 million at the auction. The highest price that Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts have been auctioned off for is 35 million. It happened at an auction in Sacred Forest City. Still, we are unable to offer such a high price. How about I price them at 31 million? Would that be okay with you?”

Lin Yuan had heard from Zhang Tong and Luo Ya about the value of the Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts. Both of them had said that they were worth at least 28 million. The price that Li Wan stated fell within this range.

It was unlikely that the Item-Storing Walnuts would fetch a price of 31 million Great Lush dollars.

An auction placed a maximum price on every item to prevent an outbreak of aggression.

It seemed that Li Wan was not trying to make money off of this deal with Lin Yuan. Rather, she would be spending money to pay for an improvement in their reputation.

Moreover, Li Wan had given him a discount on the weather-producing feys. This meant that she had saved him several hundred thousand Great Lush dollars.

Lin Yuan was extremely pleased by the trade that Li Wan was proposing.

“Let’s do it as you said. As for the remaining 20 million Great Lush dollars, I will account for it using the items on the list you gave me. Don’t worry. I will still leave some items. I won’t buy the items that I don’t need. If I’m interested in any of the items, I don’t mind providing your auction with even more items.”

Another pair of Item-Storing Walnuts appeared in Lin Yuan’s hand.

Li Wan’s heart almost erupted with delight.

She had been afraid that Lin Yuan would buy up all the items available for auction.

But with this pair of Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts, the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce’s auction was sure to be packed.

But if Lin Yuan bought up all the items, the auction would still be a failure, and people might discover the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce’s situation.

When Lin Yuan took out another pair of the Item-Storing Walnuts, Li Wan could confirm that he did have the Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnut Tree. There was no other reason to explain why he had so many freshly plucked Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts.

This discovery made Li Wan certain that the family Lin Yuan came from had a Creation Master that was at least Class 4.

Her family, which was in decline, would not be able to compare to such a family.

At that moment, Elder Duan walked in with the list of items to be auctioned off. He was also carrying a tray with 34 plants on it.

There was a small scene above the tray. It depicted a sunny sky with a tornado brewing on one side and a snowstorm with flashing lightning and thunder on the other side. There was a rainbow between the two sides that seemed to connect them.

Lin Yuan noticed that all the weather-producing plant-type feys were Normal quality.

All of them were about the same size as the Flower Brocade Pearls. This meant that they would not take up much space in the Spirit Lock spatial zone while still enabling Gray to absorb various types of weather.

Since they were all Normal quality, it meant that the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce had nurtured them. Another possibility was that they had a source to buy these feys.

Lin Yuan received the list from Elder Duan but did not immediately read through it.

Instead, he looked up at Li Wan and said, "Is it possible for me to order weather-producing feys from the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce in the future?"

Li Wan had been struggling to come up with a way to establish a lasting connection with Lin Yuan. But now, he had solved the problem for her.

She said with a smile, "Of course you can. Besides the Clear Sunshine Flower, Cloudy Fog Sunflower, Snow Crystal Orchid, Hazy Wind Grass, and Thunder Clap Chrysanthemum, I can also obtain others like the Soft Rain Lotus."

#### **Chapter 1408: Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies**

Li Wan paused before continuing. "However, whether I will be able to obtain feys that can produce special weather like the Rainbow Jade Hibiscus depends on luck."

Upon hearing that, Lin Yuan said, "Of course! I will set aside 10 million Great Lush dollars as the down payment for the weather-producing plant-type feys. From now on, I will buy up all the weather-producing plant-type feys you can get your hands on."

Lin Yuan looked down and started to read through the list.

There was another reason besides Gray why Lin Yuan wanted to collect as many weather-producing plant-type feys as possible.

He had discovered that there seemed to be a lack of weather in the marsh world. It was always hot and humid there, and they did not have seasons.

This environment was suitable to nurture most types of plant-type feys. However, some plant-type feys needed different seasons in order to be properly nurtured. Hence, weather-producing plant-type feys were required in order to nurture such feys in the marsh world.

Li Wan's heart skipped a beat.

Lin Yuan's nonchalant attitude with regard to 10 million Great Lush dollars made Li Wan break out in a sweat.

Although Li Wan was the head of the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce and controlled the combined profits of all 47 branches, she could not produce 10 million Great Lush dollars even if she tried.

The chambers of commerce needed many funds to maintain their operations. Li Wan had been troubled by finances in recent years.

After all, the money that they earned through the sale of feys would be spent quickly. Once their stream of funds was cut off, the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce would immediately have to halt its operations.

Li Wan had invested a lot of money into advertising the auction.

The 10 million Great Lush dollars from Lin Yuan would help cover some advertising costs.

As Lin Yuan started looking through the list, he did not spot anything that he was interested in.

Most of the items on the list were fur cloaks and items made of metal. Lin Yuan had no lack of such items, so he did not need to trade for them from the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce.

Lin Yuan continued looking through the list of items. The most eye-catching things were the Diamond X/Epic Burning Wood Wasp Bird and the Bronze/Flawless Sweet Raining Rabbit.

The Burning Wood Wasp Bird was both wood and avian-type, but it was too small to carry people. Yet, it possessed powerful fire- and wood-elemental energy. It could also be kept as a pet. Moreover, it had a pleasing appearance and was beloved by many spirit qi professionals.

The Sweet Raining Rabbit was a healing-type fey, but its abilities and exclusive skill were not impressive. However, it had a better appearance.

It would be a good choice for daughters of elite families who were affiliated with healing-type feys.

However, Lin Yuan could nurture Bronze/Epic feys. Both of these feys did not meet his standards.

But when Lin Yuan got to the last item on the list, he was immediately stunned.

The Prosperous Chamber of Commerce was selling a carcinoma fey! Moreover, this insect-species carcinoma fey was so vile!

The list did not state the black and gold butterfly's name. It only listed the butterfly as a newly discovered insect-species carcinoma fey.

However, Lin Yuan immediately knew what the insect-species carcinoma fey was. It was the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies!

The Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies were listed as number 13 on the Spirit Guards' list of carcinoma feys to be contained.

The first 20 carcinoma feys were all titled the 'Fifth Day Disaster'. This referred to how any of these feys could cause a disaster that resulted in the death of thousands if they were released.

The Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies referred to two feys, not one. There was a male and a female one, the Sun Send Mess Butterfly and Dark Send Mess Butterfly.

The Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies could choose to live off a lifeform of the same gender and turn that lifeform into their nest.

When this lifeform interacted with others of the same species, the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies would contaminate the entire species.

The Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies could gain access to the minds of the lifeforms it had inserted itself into.

This meant that the insect-species carcinoma fey could steal intelligence for itself.

Instead of having the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies set, the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce only had the Dark Send Mess Butterfly.

The Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies were usually inseparable. It was impossible to only catch one of them.

Lin Yuan asked Li Wan solemnly, "Shouldn't there have been another white and gold version of this carcinoma fey? Where is it?"

Li Wan was surprised to hear what Lin Yuan said.

Could he have recognized the insect-species carcinoma fey? It must be! There was no other reason why he knew that there was another white and gold one.

Li Wan said regretfully, "One of our merchant groups happened to catch this pair of feys. But the merchant group ran into a band of robbers on their way to Oak City. Although the merchant group's experts managed to kill the band of robbers, the gold and white butterfly was accidentally released."

Lin Yuan clenched his fist. He had to find the Sun Send Mess Butterfly. If it was left out on its own, Oak City, the Divine Wood Federation, and the entire Startling Lines Continent would be plunged into disaster.

Luckily, the Dark Send Mess Butterfly had been captured. Otherwise, the 'Fifth Day Disaster' would be unleashed on Oak City.

The Dark Send Mess Butterfly could live off all male lifeforms. Currently, it had not started to do so. But once it started, its influence would start spreading rapidly.

The host lifeforms would all be in the same state while under the control of the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies.

The Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies would sap nutrients from their hosts and birth a mutt worm.

The only thing the worm would do was consume. It would consume anything that was alive.

Eventually, the entire Startling Lines Continent would be covered with the worms and turn into a desolate land.

If not for the sea that separated the Startling Lines Continent from the other federations, the effects of the Fifth Day Disaster would spread to the entire world.

Lin Yuan already regarded the Startling Lines Continent as the back garden of Sky City, and he could not allow the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterfly to wreak havoc there.

According to the list of items to be auctioned off, the Dark Send Mess Butterfly was priced at 12 million Great Lush dollars.

Lin Yuan said, "I want this insect-species carcinoma fey. The remaining money can be used as the down payment for the weather-producing plant-type feys. Please give me this insect-species carcinoma fey as soon as possible."

### **Chapter 1409: How Dare You Attack Me?**

Li Wan did not understand what had happened.

However, Lin Yuan's tone and demeanor changed when he saw the insect-species carcinoma fey.

It was not strange for a chamber of commerce to auction off an insect-species carcinoma fey. There was one at almost every large-scale auction.

Li Wan had wanted to continue establishing a connection with Lin Yuan. But it was clear that now was not a good time.

In order to show her sincerity, she personally fetched the Dark Send Mess Butterfly.

Once Lin Yuan collected the 34 weather-producing plant-type feys and the Dark Mess Send Butterfly, he immediately left the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce.

Ji Feng had never heard of the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies. But as the disciple of Night Leaning Moon and given that he used insect-species carcinoma feys in combat, Liu Jie knew more about the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies than Lin Yuan.

Liu Jie knew that the situation was extremely serious. But luckily, Lin Yuan now possessed the Dark Send Mess Butterfly.

The Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies attracted each other. If the Dark Send Mess Butterfly was released, it would instantly try to seek out the Sun Send Mess Butterfly.

If the Sun Send Mess Butterfly had already attached itself to a lifeform, the host would be the Dark Send Mess Butterfly's goal.

This was a secret that the Spirit Guards had discovered after conducting research.

Liu Jie hurriedly told Lin Yuan this secret.

When Lin Yuan heard what Liu Jie said, he said sternly to the young girl, "I have something very important that I need to do now. If you're in a rush to return home, give me your address. You can go back first, and I'll head over to see you once I'm done. You can stay with me if you're not in a rush."

Conflict bloomed in the girl's round eyes.

She thought about her younger brother back home, who she badly needed to take care of. However, she was also afraid that Lin Yuan would disappear.

The young girl had felt a surge of warmth from Lin Yuan that she had never experienced before. This kind of warmth was called 'care'.

She remembered that there was still a fair amount of food at home, so she said softly to Lin Yuan, "Big Brother, go ahead and do what you need to do. I will stay by your side. Once you're done, you can return home with me to save my younger brother."

Lin Yuan patted the young girl's shoulder before he opened the cage holding the Dark Send Mess Butterfly and released half of the Fifth Day Disaster.

The Dark Send Mess Butterfly was only Elite IV/Elite and could not fly quickly. Lin Yuan could catch up to it if he sprinted.

It was not suitable for Lin Yuan to summon Blackie in such a situation. Even if it held back its dragon aura, it would still startle the Dark Send Mess Butterfly.

The situation would be bad if the Dark Send Mess Butterfly disappeared while it was trying to escape from Blackie.

Thus, when Lin Yuan opened the cage, Liu Jie ordered the Insect Queen to produce 20 Bronze Hurricane Owlet Moths. Five of the Hurricane Owlet Moths formed a group and used wind elements to carry the four people into the air.

Lin Yuan and the rest kept a 30 to 50-meter distance between them and the Dark Send Mess Butterfly to avoid disturbing it.

However, even if Lin Yuan's group did not bother the Dark Send Mess Butterfly, that did not mean that other people would do the same.

There were many people whose gazes followed Lin Yuan's group as they flew past. However, given the way Lin Yuan, Liu Jie, and Ji Feng were dressed, none of them dared to say anything.

Some kind of people tried to catch the Dark Send Mess Butterfly because they thought Lin Yuan's group was trying but failing to catch it.

However, a few Gold Hurricane Owlet Moths stopped these people.

If the Dark Send Mess Butterfly was startled, Lin Yuan would be unable to find the Sun Send Mess Butterfly.

Oak City was one of the Divine Wood Federation's major cities, and many of the people watching had high statuses.

Some of the people watching were Creation Masters, and they immediately recognized the black and gold butterfly as an insect-species carcinoma fey.

Any insect-species carcinoma fey represented a mountain of wealth that no one would be willing to let go of.

This matter was too important for Lin Yuan to take the time to attend to these people.

He summoned Genius from the Spirit Lock spatial zone. Genius appeared in Lin Yuan's arms and started to meow.

Genius had been busy teaching the Hundred Questions Beasts, setting up the marsh world, and nurturing some special feys. Thus, it had not cuddled up to Lin Yuan in a long while.

Lin Yuan looked at the people in front of them who were trying to catch the Dark Send Mess Butterfly and said to Genius, "Genius, use your tails to slap the people and feys who are trying to lay a hand on the Dark Send Mess Butterfly."

Genius meowed and said with determination, "Don't worry, Yuan!"

Genius' body lit up with a white glow and its eight tails extended until they were almost ten meters long. Now, each of its tails could wrap around three adults.

Genius swung its tails and hit a person who was about to summon his fey. It did not care about this person's status at all.

Although Genius was not skilled at combat, it was still a Diamond/Fantasy fey. Hence, it still had more physical power than other Diamond combat-type feys.

With Genius' movements, the area around the Dark Send Mess Butterfly was cleared, and the ground was littered with people who had tried to capture the Dark Send Mess Butterfly.

One of them was a young man who was so chubby that he resembled a balloon. He held his back as he bellowed, "What the hell? How dare you attack me? Are you craving death?"

The man stood up, and two young girls behind him stood up as well. The two girls fought their pain and supported the rotund young man's arms as they said, "Young Master Lu, are you okay? We'll massage your back!"

The two girls started to massage the young man's back. When they touched his wound, he berated them in pain and slapped their faces.

#### **Chapter 1410: Just Needs to Be Handled**

The slap sent the two girls crashing to the ground, and fear spread across their faces. They dared not pick themselves up for some time.

The other people in the area hurriedly left in case they also incurred Young Master Lu's wrath.

Young Master Lu had black hair and eyes and was not native to the Divine Wood Federation. However, no one dared to cross him in Oak City because the Lu family was behind the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce.

Although this young man was not a direct descendant of the Lu family, he was an important companion of the Lu family's First Young Master.

Even the Vice President of the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce's branch in Oak City had to be polite to him. Thus, there was no way that ordinary people could even attempt to do so.

The fat young man with the murderous gaze looked in Lin Yuan's direction and snarled, "The two of you better go back and fetch more people. I want to see the face of the person who has the audacity to hit me because of an insect-species carcinoma fey!"

The two girls scrambled to their feet and did as the fat young man said. In order to ensure that the fat young man would be satisfied, the two girls called the President of the Oak City branch of the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce, Song Dingzhen, and asked her to send out experts from the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce to help Lu Kun save his pride.

The two girls' request caused Song Dingzhen to furrow her brow. However, given Lu Kun's status, she still sent out a small team of guards from the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce.

Song Dingzhen could not help but sigh when she put down the phone. She then pulled out numerous Bronze/Normal and Silver/Normal Item-Storing Walnuts.

The only function they had was to carry goods for merchant groups.

A man in a standard black uniform next to Song Dingzhen said, "Vice President, has Young Master Lu Kun gotten himself into trouble again?"

Song Dingzhen said with a tone of resentment, "We have already sealed the collaboration with the Profit Source Chamber of Commerce. Lu Kun is here to sign the contract, and he will leave Oak City once he's done. I shall have to fulfill all of his needs for now. My position in Oak City will be more stable if I can satisfy him."

The man dressed in a black uniform could not help but purse his lips.

Lu Kun had been in Oak City for less than a week, but more than 100 people had already died because of him. Many of these people had been guests at the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce, and this incident would not reflect well on the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce.

The Profit Source Chamber of Commerce had already raised the issue many times to the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce.

But when he thought about all that Song Dingzhen had done over the past few years, the man felt that she was no saint compared to Lu Kun. In fact, it could be said that she was worse than him.

While Song Dingzhen was looking through the Item-Storing Walnuts, the man asked, "Vice President, should we keep these Item-Storing Walnuts and get the merchant groups to handle them as usual?"

He drew a line across his neck.

Song Dingzhen asked with interest, "What's the name of that low-ranking merchant group? Is it Sincere Merchant Group?"

The man hurriedly replied, "The Sincere Merchant Group is the lowest-ranked merchant group under the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce. There are almost 100 members in the merchant group, but their captain is the only one with a Gold fey. They usually take the route at the border between Oak City and the Iron Hammer Federation.

"For some reason, they recently ran into a spot of luck and managed to trade for many good items at the border of the Iron Hammer Federation. Although the beast skins in the Item-Storing Walnuts are Silver at best, they are in perfect shape. Many of the minerals can be sold for high prices in the Iron Hammer Federation.

"I did a calculation, and their entire haul is worth a million Great Lush dollars. The captain of the Sincere Merchant Group came to me with these items with the intention of trading them for some wine and plants. They probably want to use them to make a windfall in the Iron Hammer Federation.

"The Sincere Merchant probably obtained some miracle as the entire merchant group seems to be in a happy state. As per the rules, I brought all the items to you so you could have a look at them."

Song Dingzhen looked amused as she said, "Hehe, they're happy? Doesn't the Sincere Merchant Group know that miracles can change hands? Since they're just a small merchant group, you can just come up with some reason to send them away, and I'll split the benefits with you. Go and get to work."

The man bowed and said, "Thank you, Vice President. There have been more and more merchant groups who want to be part of the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce. We can't handle the quantity. Now that we are working with the Profit Source Chamber of Commerce, why don't we shift some of the merchant groups over to them?"

Song Dingzhen scoffed and said, "How can we be saturated with merchant groups? We can just pick the better ones. Go and continue promoting the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce. The merchant groups who decide to join us will gain funds that they can use to trade for items. They will gain 2,000 metal coins after each return trip."

Song Dingzhen waved her hand before picking up the wine bottle from the table and taking a sip.

Lin Yuan had been following the Dark Send Mess Butterfly for about 15 minutes. He noticed that it had flown to the border of Oak City.

The only people who lived at the border of Oak City were those at the bottom of the food chain and the homeless. The place was very chaotic, and it was not uncommon for wicked incidents to happen.

The young girl looked shocked and asked, "Big Brother, why did you fly to the place I live? We're going to arrive at my house soon! Look at that store selling fruits that are about to rot. My younger brother and I buy fruits from them using metal coins when we're hungry. We buy five kilograms of fruits and cut away the rotted portions. The remaining portion is so sweet."

Little Flower's eyes shone when she talked about food. Her smile was pure, and she looked hopeful for the future. There was not a shred of bitterness on her face.

Lin Yuan sighed at her innocent smile.

He and Chu Ci had had to fend for themselves back in the Xia Region, but they still led better lives than Little Flower was leading.