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Chapter 141: The Sea of Flowers Eating The Insects

Xin Ying managed to strike the Spiky Beetle.

The golden feline shadow hidden in her claw blades exploded when it hit the Spiky Beetle's weak spot and entered the insect's buttole.

This strike containing Xin Ying's full force exploded in the Spiky Beetle's body.

Despite being a Class 3 alien insect, the Spiky Beetle had suffered a full blow at its weak spot by Xin Ying, a B-rank power offense-type spirit qi professional with a Gold fey.

Although it was still struggling, it was obviously the Spiky Beetle's last resistance before its death. Soon, the Spiky Beetle lost its life and lay motionless.

Zhang Xiaobai immediately commanded his Bloody Leech to drain the Spiky Beetle's blood.

The Bloody Leech could quickly replenish its lost stamina during the battle by draining blood.

The defense line formed by the alien insect corpses was mostly thanks to Zhang Xiaobai and the Bloody Leech. Without the Bloody Leech using its Oily Plasma to attract the insects, the fortification could not have been constructed so quickly.

At this point, everyone had been fighting hard for nearly an hour, causing their stamina to reach rock bottom.

However, they still carried on fighting, relying on nothing more than the faith and protection in their hearts, as well as the desire to live.

Zhang Xiaobai's Bloody Leech drained the Spiky Beetle's blood. Its acidic blood made the Bloody Leech suffer serious injuries, but it recovered its stamina pretty well.

Then, Zhang Xiaobai commanded the Bloody Leech to fill the Spiky Beetle on the fortification where the Spiky Beetle had previously crashed into.

The Spiky Beetle's shell faced outward, and its spikes pierced through the low-grade alien insects that crashed into it, just like candied hawthorn sticks.

It seemed that the Spiky Beetle had contributed a lot to the fortification.

Under the dome of the night, the battle ensued.

Lin Yuan could completely sense that everyone had little stamina left. Not only had the front line defense become a bit strenuous, but those combat-class spirit qi professionals with Bronze and Silver feys behind also rotated at a much faster pace than before. Before their fresh injuries could heal, they had to take over. Due to their unhealed fresh injuries adding onto their old injuries, everyone could barely hold on any longer.

Healing-type spirit qi professionals were rare, including those with Bronze feys, like the Spitting Turtledove. These healing-type spirit qi professionals had already exhausted the spirit qi in their bodies.

At that moment, Lin Yuan suddenly received an intimate greeting that came from his spiritual spatial zone.

Red Thorn had awakened from its evolution, and a look of surprise appeared on Lin Yuan's face. It had awakened at the right time!

Lin Yuan summoned Red Thorn without hesitation.

A strange plant that was nearly two meters tall appeared in his hand. A huge sphere grew in the middle of the plant, with the folds on the sphere covered with sharp teeth. Each sharp tooth was a bloody mouth when opened. Red Thorn's Mouth of Relinquish had become more powerful after evolving to Bronze.

Large but layered flesh-like flowers grew above the Mouth of Relinquish. The flowers were covered with folds and carried a strange aroma. Strong acids from all sorts of dimensional lifeforms' flesh that Red Thorn had digested and extracted filled the digestive cavity. Not only could the acid help the Mouth of Relinquish with digestion, but it could also be spat out by the large rose-shaped flowers growing on the digestive cavity.

The first 18 vines that had grown previously could now reach seven or eight meters long. They were the thickness of a wrist, and the barbs that grew on them also had many irregular serrations. The outer new vines were the thickness of a thumb.

Not only did they have barbs on top, but these barbs were also hollow.

While stabbing into the target, the acid in Red Thorn's digestive cavity could also be injected.

Red Thorn was more like a killing machine than when it had been at Elite. However, this was not why Lin Yuan was confident in Red Thorn. Rather, it was because of the new layers of flesh-like flowers on the Mouth of Relinquish.

This was an organ that had grown based on the new exclusive skill when Red Thorn had evolved to Bronze—the spore cavity.

Lin Yuan yelled, "All the combat-class spirit qi professionals at the front line, retreat backward! Protect the combat-class spirit qi professionals at the back! Those with Gold feys focus on killing the alien insects."

Despite not knowing why Lin Yuan had given such an order, their instinctive trust in Lin Yuan made them retreat at the same time, including the quartet.

Red Thorn had not seen Lin Yuan for a long time. The smooth vine with no sharp barbs that Red Thorn had evolved particularly for Lin Yuan wrapped around his wrist, expressing the affection of Red Thorn, which did not have high wisdom.

Lin Yuan held this smooth vine and said, "Red Thorn, release the spores to your heart's content and devour all the alien insects that you can."

Red Thorn conveyed its joy when it sensed the alien insect corpses everywhere and the countless alien insects not far away.

In the simple-minded Red Thorn's opinion, these alien insects were the food that Lin Yuan had sent it after its awakening.

The spore cavity on the Mouth of Relinquish shook. Each of the spores released from the layered flesh-like petals flew to the alien insect corpses and quickly took root. In just a few seconds, the Red Thorn's spores drained the alien insect corpses' energy.

A shrunken version of the Red Thorn with only a digestive cavity with several vines grew as a result.

Rhizomes grew out of these spores' child ramets and quickly joined in tandem, passing energy to each other.

A few of the closest ones to Red Thorn were rooted on the alien insect corpses' fortification line, and the strongest ramets were connected to all the new child ramets grown from the spores.

These few strong ramets placed their roots on top of Red Thorn's roots and passed on the energy that the child ramets were draining from the sea of insects.

While the crowd was defending for more than an hour, the child ramets rapidly drained the insect corpses.

Red Thorn was constantly releasing spores and producing new child ramets.

The child ramets that had previously grown were also becoming more robust from a height of 30 centimeters to nearly 2 meters tall. The rose-shaped flowers of the digestive cavity could swallow most of the alien insects when it swirled open.

Each child ramet had a digestive cavity with large and delicate red rose-like flowers.

Under this night sky, snaking vines with sharp barbs were hidden in the growing sea of flowers.

This scene was beautiful yet strange and magnificent.

While this sea of flowers was rapidly digesting the alien insect corpses, it started to sweep up the alien insects.

Most of the alien insects were gradeless or even Normal. Such alien insects were the best soil for these child ramets to absorb nutrients.

The sea of flowers spread toward the sea of alien insects, regarding them as the most sumptuous dinner.

The Millstone Town people, including the quartet, looked dumbfounded at the magnificent sea of flowers' sudden appearance. When they looked at Lin Yuan and Red Thorn's ortet, they could not help but swallow.

The vines danced, and the sea of insects trudged among the flowers.

Chapter 142: The Battle Between the Sea of Flowers and the Insect Tide

Under the approaching early morning's sky, the chill of the late autumn crept up and constantly produced water vapor in the air, forming vague, cold fog.

When everyone looked at this sea of flowers colliding with the endless insect tide and killing them to its heart's content, they felt a tightness in their throats.

However, the Millstone Town people suddenly felt ease in their tense feelings.

At the very least, the sea of flowers was now in a stalemate with the insect tide, giving all of them the chance to breathe at last.

When the Extreme Guild Club's quartet looked at Red Thorn's ortet beside Lin Yuan and then at him, they could not help but feel that he was simply a person full of surprises.

At every critical moment—be it the previous scouting, his fey having the ability to restore spiritual power, or the fact that he could keep up healing the front line—Lin Yuan could always come forward.

And now, when everyone was nearly unable to hold on anymore, he summoned a strange plant lifeform and controlled the insect tide's pace.

Xin Ying detected Red Thorn's ortet beside Lin Yuan's hand. She could sense that this two-meter-tall, strange plant that she had never heard of was not very powerful. Its battle prowess was merely at Bronze.

However, this plant lifeform's ability was simply too powerful. It seemed as if it was born to suppress this insect tide.

Xin Ying had taken part in the S Tournament before, so she had more thoughts on this. When she looked at the Normal child ramets in the sea of flowers and the Elite ramets beside the ortet, she deeply felt that Lin Yuan's plant lifeform was terrifying.

If its grade reached Diamond, then what kind of killing power would the Platinum ramets and countless Gold child ramets possess?

If this was the case, wouldn't it alone be able to suppress a Class 3 insect tide?

Lin Yuan did not know what Xin Ying was thinking, or else, he would have smiled bitterly.

It was difficult on him now, as his spiritual power was being consumed while the Red Thorn was constantly releasing spores from the Mouth of Relinquish's topmost flesh-like petals.

Before Lin Yuan could not bear with it, he quietly activated the Spirit Qi Imprint on his back.

The Spirit Qi Imprint's spiritual power was continuously supporting Red Thorn's constant release of spores, allowing the sea of flowers to become more magnificent. It was all thanks to Blackie's exclusive skill. Otherwise, even if Red Thorn had such a capability, Lin Yuan's body's spiritual power could not last.

Another point was that the Red Thorn's spores needed to grow into child ramets. If the child ramets wanted to grow, they would need an enormous amount of flesh energy. Thanks to everyone killing these alien insects, Red Thorn's released spores could quickly form into a sea of flowers.

However, Xin Ying was right. If Red Thorn was truly at Diamond, and with the premise of a large number of insect corpses and sufficient spirit qi in Lin Yuan's body, the sea of flowers could really resist a Class 3 insect tide alone.

Xin Ying looked at Lin Yuan's outstanding figure by the sea of flowers and knew that his future was promising. Then, her eyes focused as she looked at everyone behind her. "Those who still can kill the alien insects, follow me!"

She had noticed that this sea of flowers could control the insects below Normal and be in a stalemate with Normal ones. If it encountered Elite ones and they struggled—even though the child ramets' barbed vines could pierce the Elite insects' shells and release strong corrosive blood—they could easily break the child ramets' vines and even crush them.

Therefore, the sea of flowers was not very effective against Elite alien insects. Nonetheless, the Elite alien insects could still perish under the child ramets' concentrated attacks.

Naturally, the sea of flowers could deal no damage to Class 2 insects, comparable to Silver feys. They rampaged through the sea of flowers and soon destroyed it.

Xin Ying, Zhang Xiaobai, Tan Ran, and two other spirit qi professionals with Gold feys did their best to kill all the Class 2 alien insects in the sea of flowers. When they encountered some Class 1 insects, they would kill them to reduce the pressure on Red Thorn and allow it to spit out more spores, enhancing the sea of flowers.

It was also akin to saving Lin Yuan's spiritual power consumption.

In fact, the sea of flowers' damage degree could only be considered minor for the situation at hand. There were simply too many Normal, and below, insects, which were also the child ramets' potential source of nutrients.

Some of the earliest child ramets had grown close to one meter tall. Despite almost reaching a ramet's degree, the child ramets' combat power was close to an Elite.

Such child ramets did not even need to use the vines to attack the Normal insects. Instead, they could just spiral open the flower on the corrosive cavity and reveal the sharp teeth inside before easily devouring them.

A large amount of acid in the corrosive cavity could also quickly digest the devoured insects, turning them into energy. Part of the energy would be given to Red Thorn's ortet. The child ramets would absorb the remaining energy themselves, which would then turn them even stronger.

At the same time, Red Thorn's ortet still constantly released spores that continued to spread the sea of flowers' dominance. These spores would also rapidly replenish the sea of flowers' damaged parts.

Because the child ramets' rhizomes were all interconnected, even if the sea of flowers killed lesser alien insects, the nutrition would be shared based on these rhizomes.

If they encountered some insects that wreaked havoc in the sea of flowers, Red Thorn would quickly mobilize energy. It would channel energy to numerous child ramets near that rampaging alien insect. These child ramets would rapidly absorb the ortet's energy and grow into Elite ramets.

Red Thorn had reached Bronze, so its ramets were Elite.

Numerous ramets would besiege the Class 1 alien insects and devour them to offset the consumed energy.

The stalemate between the sea of flowers and the insect tide was because the former had the upper hand. The sea of flowers' nutrients came from the insect tide, but the latter could not replenish any nutrients from the former.

Nonetheless, there were too many insects. Even if the sea of flowers devoured all the present insects, many more were approaching like an endless stream.

The sea of flowers' vines danced, and the alien insects hissed. The stalemate had lasted for nearly an hour, and in the crowd's eyes, it was the most beautiful outcome.

This was because such a stalemate could allow the injured ones and their feys to recuperate. The injured combat-class spirit qi professionals and feys were still waiting for the healing-type spirit qi professionals to heal them.

Lin Yuan's Spirit-Gather Goldfish no longer used Spirit Injection on Lu Pinru. Instead, it replenished the healing-type spirit qi professionals' exhausted spiritual power.

As a result, the healing-type spirit qi professionals had enough spirit qi to unleash their abilities and heal the combatants who were alternating between old and new injuries.

Chapter 143: Lin Yuan's Solo Kill

After another half an hour of stalemate, a green luminescent insect suddenly appeared at the sea of flowers' edge. This huge alien insect was the second Class 3 alien insect, the Acid Tapeworm.

When everyone saw the Acid Tapeworm appear, they were relieved but had grave expressions.

While killing the Class 1 and Class 2 alien insects, the combat-class spirit qi professionals with Gold feys needed to focus and carefully observe their surroundings. This was because they did not know in which insect's body the hidden killer, Class 3 Heart-Penetrating Ironline, was. It might launch a sudden attack at any time.

Since the Acid Tapeworm appeared, only the Class 3 Heart-Penetrating Ironline was left.

Everyone retreated to their defensive positions, prepared to deal with the Acid Tapeworm in unison.

The Acid Tapeworm's defensive power was not strong, not even comparable to a Class 1 insect. Nonetheless, it was terrifying due to the green acidic corrosive liquid in its body that would even corrode sand and soil when spewed out.

Even if a Gold fey got into contact with a little of this acid, a huge chunk of its flesh would be corroded. If it was covered in more acid, its roots would be damaged.

Just as Xin Ying, Zhang Xiaobai, Tan Ran, the Millstone Town's Guild Alliance branch president, and a middle-aged foreign man were prepared to attack the Acid Tapeworm, Red Thorn suddenly became excited.

Lin Yuan soon understood why he sensed Red Thorn's sudden excitement and intense emotion waves. Red Thorn had probably spotted its favorite delicacy.

The leaf-shaped Diamond fey storage box that the Moon Empress had given Lin Yuan contained a huge amount of dimensional lifeform flesh.

After devouring the flesh of different kinds of dimensional lifeforms, Red Thorn slowly became picky.

Based on Lin Yuan's observation, Red Thorn preferred eating the dimensional lifeforms' flesh that contained a lot of acid in their blood. Naturally, alien insect flesh contained the strongest acidity.

The carcass of an Acid Tapeworm was in the Diamond leaf-shaped fey storage box all along, and Red Thorn had been drooling over its Class 3 flesh. However, Lin Yuan had not allowed Red Thorn to eat it.

This was because Red Thorn had been at Elite previously. If it ate this Class 3 Acid Tapeworm, it would likely be unable to digest it and would instead be injured by the Acid Tapeworm's strong acidity.

Now that Red Thorn had seen the Acid Tapeworm, its vine wrapped around Lin Yuan's wrist shook. It was like a puppy wagging its tail pitifully to plead its master when it saw something delicious.

Lin Yuan nodded as he looked at the Acid Tapeworm at the edge of the sea of flowers.

When Red Thorn had been at Elite, Lin Yuan would at most feed it the flesh of Silver dimensional lifeforms. Now that it had reached Bronze, it should be fine for it to eat some Gold dimensional lifeforms' flesh.

Red Thorn's roots, which had been rooted to the ground, suddenly erupted with surging energy. This energy fluctuation made Lin Yuan sense a layer of airwaves forming in the ground underneath his feet.

This energy was what the child ramets had drained from a huge amount of alien insect flesh.

At that moment, Red Thorn redirected that energy to the child ramets near the Acid Tapeworm, and they rapidly grew into 1.5-meter-tall ramets. These ramets had the ability of pinnacle Elite feys, which was the limit of Red Thorn's ramets.

The nearly 100 ramets close to the Acid Tapeworm waved their barbed vines at it.

When the Acid Tapeworm sensed the attack and was about to spit out acid, Lin Yuan raised his hand, used the Spirit Qi Imprint's spiritual power, and unleashed his Blue Flash Purple Butterfly's ability, Silence Scale Powder.

The Silence Scale Powder landed and attached on the Acid Tapeworm, effectively stopping it from spitting out acid.

In fact, the Silence Scale Powder would not affect the Acid Tapeworm when it spat out acid, as it did not need to communicate with the spirit qi in the world. It was just releasing the acid from its body.

However, the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly's exclusive skill, Scale Powder Halo, made a vast difference. The light pollution—caused by the scale powder reflecting the Acid Tapeworm's body's greenish light—made it dizzy.

What Lin Yuan wanted was the Scale Powder Halo to cause brief dizziness.

Just as the Acid Tapeworm was dizzy, the pinnacle Elite ramets wrapped it, and the vines' barbs pierced into its weak epidermis.

The vines were soon firmly fixed on the Acid Tapeworm and dragged it from the edge to within the sea of flowers.

Red Thorn's pinnacle Elite ramets tore apart the Acid Tapeworm's weak translucent epidermis, causing a huge amount of green acid to spray out and land on the child ramets in the sea of flowers.

The child ramets below Normal were instantly corroded and withered when the acid touched them, while the Normal child ramets did not last long before they turned yellow and gradually corroded completely.

However, the Elite ramets could bear this powerful corrosive acid.

Red Thorn had drained a huge amount of alien insect flesh, so it had significant resistance to the acid in the alien insect blood.

The potent digestive fluids in Red Thorn's body were a result of devouring highly acidic dimensional lifeforms' flesh.

The Elite ramets swirled open the rose-shaped flowers on the corrosive cavity and revealed the sharp teeth inside.

The sharp teeth immediately bit through the Acid Tapeworm's epidermis. At the same time, the corrosive cavity penetrated its body and rapidly drained the Acid Tapeworm's acid in huge amounts. Then, they transferred all the energy to the ortet.

While the ramets were devouring the Acid Tapeworm's acid, the ortet's Mouth of Relinquish became a little more acidic due to the energy the ramets provided.

Thanks to Lin Yuan's Silence Scale Powder and Red Thorn's attacks, this Class 3 Acid Tapeworm perished.

Its death could be attributed to three factors—Lin Yuan's unexpected use of Silence Scale Powder, the sea of flowers being spread out to attack, and the Acid Tapeworm having a weak spot.

Naturally, Lin Yuan's actions astonished everyone. It was a Class 3 alien insect, comparable to a Gold fey, after all.

Tan Ran could not help but mumble, “Lin Yuan is a legendary social elite, right?”

Upon hearing Tan Ran’s words, Zhang Xiaobai scratched his head and asked, “Tan Ran, what’s a social elite?”

Xin Ying looked at Zhang Xiaobai’s silly look and rolled her eyes before explaining, “You don’t know what a social elite is? They’re the ones who are left after gathering everyone in society, compressing, extracting, filtering them, and repeating it many times.”

Xin Ying’s explanation dumbfounded Zhang Xiaobai. “Isn’t that a... scum?”

Chapter 144: Severed Arm

It was unknown whether Zhang Xiaobai’s mind was truly creative, or he was purposely trying to make everyone light-hearted. In any case, everyone under the Millstone Town’s city walls had their tension relieved. Apart from Xin Ying, the rest of the people were laughing heartily. However, Xin Ying could only feel that her fist was getting itchy again.

At that moment, there was a sudden change of events.

Zhang Xiaobai originally commanded his Silver Gale Mussel to shoot out its basic ability, Forceful Wind Blade, to kill a Class 1 alien insect that was destroying things within the sea of flowers.

When the Forceful Wind Blade cleaved the Class 1 alien insect, it should have split the alien insect into two. However, the Forceful Wind Blade felt as though it had slashed on a metal plate, and there was a clear metallic clash.

At that moment, a two-meter long black iron line suddenly shot out of the Class 1 alien insect’s body and rushed straight for Zhang Xiaobai’s heart.

Zhang Xiaobai wasn’t considered far from the Class 1 alien insect and was less than 15 meters away. The Heart-Penetrating Ironline took just a blink of the eye to cover the distance.

Back when Lin Yuan heard the ‘clang’ sound, he knew that it wasn’t good. He consciously commanded Red Thorn to grow a huge quantity of Elite ramets in front of Zhang Xiaobai.

Unfortunately, the produced Elite ramets were immediately penetrated by the Heart-Penetrating Ironline and couldn’t stop its straight-line thrust.

Within a distance of 15 meters, Red Thorn had produced six Elite ramets. Each of the Elite ramets had a bowl-sized hole in their corrosive cavity, and it was an injury made by the Heart-Penetrating Ironline.

However, when the Heart-Penetrating Ironline paused for a moment due to Lin Yuan’s defense, Zhang Xiaobai was able to react. Xin Ying had also reacted by pouncing over.

Due to shock and anger, Xin Ying used nearly all of her strength to pounce over and released all the power with her claws. The sharp claws instantly cleaved on the Heart-Penetrating Ironline, and there was a metallic clash.

It was fortunate that Xin Ying's all-out attack was able to shift the Heart-Penetrating Ironline's attack trajectory. It was originally targeting Zhang Xiaobai's heart, but its direction had slightly changed now. Surprisingly, the Heart-Penetrating Ironline forcefully twisted its body to change direction and still pierced toward Zhang Xiaobai.

But when Zhang Xiaobai dodged, the Heart-Penetrating Ironline didn't manage to accurately pierce through Zhang Xiaobai's heart. Instead, it pierced through Zhang Xiaobai's shoulder bone.

When the Heart-Penetrating Ironline pierced through the shoulder bone, it twisted gently, and its ironline body gathered together. This brief contact had caused Zhang Xiaobai's entire arm to drop onto the ground.

"Zhang Xiaobai!"

"Big Brother Xiaobai! Your arm!"

"Zhang Xiaobai!!"

This sudden change of events stunned everyone. Had it not been for Lin Yuan and Xin Ying's fast reactions, Zhang Xiaobai's heart would have been penetrated by the Heart-Penetrating Ironline, and he would be a lifeless corpse now.

However, even if Lin Yuan and Xin Ying had reacted fast enough, Zhang Xiaobai still couldn't keep his arm. In fact, Zhang Xiaobai didn't just lose his arm—the severed part started from the scapula.

Zhang Xiaobai was now in such pain that he was ghastly pale and drenched in a cold sweat. His other arm was still holding his wound tightly, but fresh blood was still spraying out in large amounts.

Ten fingers weren't even able to cover the entire shoulder, let alone an entire arm. The pain was so intense that Zhang Xiaobai's vision turned black, and he nearly collapsed. However, before Zhang Xiaobai's vision could black out, another intense pain made Zhang Xiaobai's body shiver. It felt as though he didn't even have the strength to cover his wound.

Xin Ying, who was always aggressive, knelt on the ground lifelessly after seeing Zhang Xiaobai suddenly losing an arm. She didn't even blink her eyes as tears started to drip down constantly.

The moment Zhang Xiaobai lost his arm, Xin Ying knew that his life was done for. Even if they were able to survive this insect tide, Zhang Xiaobai's arm would never be able to recover.

The core of the Extreme Guild Club's S Tournament official team was the Radiance Hundred Sequence #18, White Devil.

Xin Ying knew that even White Devil wouldn't be able to regrow severed limbs. Healing-type spirit qi professionals were already rare in the Radiance Federation, and there were just a few high-ranked healing-type spirit qi professionals. Even if the Extreme Guild Club was able to invite a king-class healing-type professional, they still might not regrow Zhang Xiaobai's severed arm.

Those who could be considered king-class experts were those that possessed at least one Fantasy Breed, and they were also A-rank spirit qi professionals. Only such experts could be known as king-class experts.

A king-class expert was no longer determined by just a spirit qi professional rank or fey's strength—it was the combination of both factors. There were plenty of spirit qi professionals who were A-rank but didn't possess Fantasy Breed feys. Therefore, they weren't considered to be king-class experts.

As for those heavenly prodigies, like the members of the Radiance Hundred Sequence, they possessed Fantasy Breed feys, but their spirit qi professional rank wasn't at A-rank yet. Therefore, they weren't considered king-class experts either.

King-class experts were considered the top few experts in the Radiance Federation, and such experts weren't that easy to invite. In addition, the rarest kind of king-class experts were healing-type ones.

In the Radiance Federation, the ratio of combat-class spirit qi professionals and healing-type spirit qi professionals was always 150:1. The ratio wasn't as exaggerated among the king-class individuals, but the number of king-class healing-type experts was still less than 1/20 of king-class combat-class experts.

As for White Devil, a core member of the Extreme Guild Club's S Tournament official team, according to her true combat strength, she might not even be top 30. White Devil was Sequence #18 of the Radiance Hundred because she was a healing-type spirit qi professional, so her strategic significance was far beyond her combat significance.

Moreover, even if a king-class healer was invited, each king-class healer possessed different types of Fantasy Breed feys. Each of those healing-type Fantasy Breed feys would have different abilities and exclusive skills, so the healing methods were different too.

Some king-class healers were adept at eliminating poison, and some others were adept at healing mental damage. But in the Radiance Federation, Xin Ying had never heard of a king-class healer with a Fantasy Breed that could regrow a person's limbs.

Furthermore, even if there was such a king-class healer, and if the Extreme Guild Club was able to pay such a huge price, would they really be able to invite such a king-class healer?

Tan Ran and Lu Pinru were now attacking the injured Heart-Penetrating Ironline, which was smashed by Xin Ying's all-out attack. However, Tan Ran and Lu Pinru were still looking at Zhang Xiaobai with eyes of unspeakable concern.

All of a sudden, Tan Ran yelled furiously, "Lava Hippopotamus, use Lava Bomb!"

A scorching lava sphere was shot out of the Lava Hippopotamus' mouth and smashed onto the already injured Heart-Penetrating Ironline. It instantly burned the Heart-Penetrating Ironline and turned it into charcoal.

Tan Ran's voice carried a sobbing sound, while Lu Pinru's eyes were reddened.

Zhang Xiaobai was in such pain that his teeth were chattering. He was watching Xin Ying kneeling down and crying for him. He put in great effort to let out a simple smile. "Xin Ying, my arm is severed now. In the future, I will be a cripple. Are you willing to take care of me?"

Chapter 145: Miracle at Millstone Town

Zhang Xiaobai originally wanted to tease Xin Ying and stop her crying, but he didn't expect Xin Ying to actually cry even more intensively.

Zhang Xiaobai was shocked and immediately said, "Don't, don't, don't cry. I don't need you to take care of me! Look at how afraid you are!"

Xin Ying stood up and disregarded everything to rush over and hug Zhang Xiaobai. Xin Ying's actions gave Zhang Xiaobai so much pain that he was grimacing.

All of a sudden, Zhang Xiaobai heard Xin Ying saying softly, "I will take care of you for life! In fact, my Star Web Card's password has been your birthday since a long time ago!"

The pain had already numbed Zhang Xiaobai, and when accompanied by the loss of blood, he couldn't continue standing anymore. Had it not been for Xin Ying supporting him, he would have collapsed on the ground.

But after hearing Xin Ying's gentle voice, Zhang Xiaobai's originally pale face had a little color of blood. He felt as though his arm wasn't in as much pain anymore.

The Millstone Town's Guild Alliance branch president stood by the side and didn't know what he should say. A young elite from the S tournament reserve team of a B-level guild club was going to be crippled for the rest of his life just because he protected Millstone Town from the dimensional rift that had suddenly opened.

Plenty of spirit qi professionals who had fought alongside Zhang Xiaobai had red eyes too. Everyone started killing alien insects at a speed that was more than two times the original, pouring all of their respect and worry into the insect tide.

Lin Yuan took a deep breath and stopped supplying spiritual power to Red Thorn. The flesh-like flower above Red Thorn's Mouth of Relinquish stopped releasing new spores.

Lin Yuan looked at the thriving sea of flowers. It was already enough to repel the alien insects. A huge quantity of child ramets had consumed the alien insect flesh and had already evolved into Elite ramets.

Given the massive numbers of Elite ramets, there wasn't a need for more spores to enlarge the size of the sea of flowers as this insect tide had already lost all of its Class 3 alien insects.

Lin Yuan could feel that his Spirit Qi Imprint was already reaching the bottom, and he took another glance at the people that were in battle. He then looked at Zhang Xiaobai and his severed arm.

Without any hesitation, Lin Yuan took a deep breath and activated Jasmine Lily's exclusive skill, which he had never activated before, Recovery Imprint. All of a sudden, the totem pattern of a Jasmine Lily appeared on Lin Yuan's forehead once he activated Recovery Imprint.

The Jasmine Lily totem was radiating bright light on Lin Yuan's forehead. The massive healing energy from the Recovery Imprint was channeled into the Fantasy Breed Jasmine Lily. All of a sudden, the Jasmine Lily burst out with a flourishing light of recovery.

Lin Yuan used up all of his remaining spirit qi within the Spirit Qi Imprint. The top flower of the Jasmine Lily sprayed out with healing green light, releasing the massive amount of healing energy that was accumulated in the Recovery Imprint.

The green spots of light that were formed by Heal were transmitted to each spirit qi professional on the field.

Everyone on the battlefield was already severely exhausted, be it in stamina or energy. They were now immersed in the healing green light and were having a nice and comfortable dream.

The light's green spots weren't bright nor resplendent, but the mild light was filled with exuberant vitality. They were just like the fireflies that would fly out with the breeze during February.

The fireflies were swirling and dancing in the wind. Each and every spirit qi professional was engrossed in their sweet dreams, giving all of the injured and exhausted spirit qi professionals the most comfortable treatment. Even if they were severely injured, their injuries would be quickly recovered when the healing spots of light flowed down. Even their mental state would be at the prime.

At this moment, Lin Yuan controlled the Jasmine Lily's topmost flower to shoot out a green light that was as thick as a thumb.

The green light was like a spiritual snake that dove into Zhang Xiaobai's body, instantly relieving his pain significantly. When nourished by this surging vitality, Zhang Xiaobai felt as though all his weakness and fatigue were wiped away.

All of a sudden, Zhang Xiaobai felt an extremely itchy feeling from the area of his severed arm. He turned to look and widened his eyes as he realized his arm was regrowing.

Everyone, including Xin Ying, was shocked by this miraculous event that happened in front of their eyes. This was all credited to the Jasmine Lily's exclusive skill that had been awakened when evolving into a Fantasy Breed—Severed Limbs Growth.

Lin Yuan knew that the Jasmine Lily's exclusive skill, Severed Limbs Growth, could regrow severed limbs, but he didn't think that regrowing a single severed arm would actually use up so much healing energy and spirit qi.

Once Zhang Xiaobai's arm was completely regrown, Lin Yuan realized that all of the healing energy that had been accumulated in the Recovery Imprint for a few months was all used up. In addition, Lin Yuan's spirit qi was also completely exhausted. Had it not been for Red Thorn's vine still holding onto his wrist, Lin Yuan wouldn't have been able to continue standing.

At that moment, there was a dawn of light at the horizon of the grey night sky. The sudden emergence of the dawn's radiance outlined the silhouette of the distant mountains. It eliminated the cold air of the autumn night, and at the same time, a corner of darkness had been taken away.

When the light of dawn illuminated the youth wearing the silver mask, it made the youth look rather weak as his spirit qi was exhausted. The youth's figure set off a contrast with the huge sea of flowers

and the insect tide that was still trying to push back the sea of flowers. This light of dawn elongated the youth's figure and also lit up a miracle under the heavenly dome of Millstone Town.

This youth created this miracle, but the miracle belonged to him and all the spirit qi professionals that were fighting outside of Millstone Town. At the same time, this miracle belonged to the Radiance.

This miracle made everyone in Millstone Town look at this silver-masked youth with flabbergasted eyes. Their eyes were filled with amazement, gratitude, respect, and an unconcealed fanaticism.

The boundless sea of flowers and thousands of life-saving green light spots were engraved into the minds of all the spirit qi professionals in Millstone Town.

Zhang Xiaobai suddenly rushed toward Lin Yuan and yelled, "Black! You are really my lucky star!"

Zhang Xiaobai was definitely the person with the most excited and surging emotions.

When Zhang Xiaobai's arm was severed, he had already helplessly accepted the reality. However, he didn't expect that Lin Yuan would allow his arm to regrow, and it was definitely a favor of giving another life. This was definitely a miracle for Zhang Xiaobai that rescued the second half of his life.

When Zhang Xiaobai rushed over, Red Thorn immediately assumed a defensive stance, but Lin Yuan quickly stopped it.

Just as Lin Yuan thought he was going to receive the impact from Zhang Xiaobai's bear hug, he didn't expect the three other members of the Extreme Guild Club to rush over too.

Xin Ying's eyes were tearing up, but she was smiling with an abnormally radiant expression. After seeing Zhang Xiaobai's regrown arm, droplets of salty tears rolled down the bridge of her nose. They weren't tears of sorrow, but tears of joy.

The trio and Zhang Xiaobai could already see that Lin Yuan's spirit qi was exhausted, and he was struggling to stand.

Therefore, Zhang Xiaobai, Xin Ying, Lu Pinru, and Tan Ran hugged Lin Yuan from all four directions so that Lin Yuan didn't have to support his body alone.

This hug was particularly warm in the chilly autumn's dawn.

This was a hug from comrade-in-arms that experienced life and death together.

Chapter 146: The Puzzled Handsome Young Man

The Millstone Town people felt the joy brought by surviving the calamity and this hearty victory.

The insect tide that was constantly pouring into the sea of flowers was no longer a threat to the town.

Given the sea of flowers' numerous Elite ramets, the alien insects served to act as flower fertilizer and nutrition to them.

In addition, the Millstone Town people were now in their best condition thanks to Lin Yuan's Fantasy Breed Jasmine Lily.

Even if those Class 1 and Class 2 alien insects struggled in the sea of flowers, they were soon killed in an orderly manner.

Just as they had stabilized the insect tide, a little red spider lying on the leaf-shaped Diamond fey storage box on Lin Yuan's chest jumped, as though it was one with the fey storage box. It jumped into the pinnacle Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift.

When the Mother of Bloodbath leaped toward the pinnacle Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift, it looked at Lin Yuan and sent a voice transmission. "Not bad, kid. You're worthy of being the Moon Empress's disciple. Since you held off the insect tide, I'm going to get you the source-type item in this dimensional rift as my reward to you."

The Mother of Bloodbath had actually previously made preparations to save Lin Yuan in the sea of insects when it devoured all the people.

After all, in the Mother of Bloodbath's opinion, the insect tide from such a pinnacle Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift was simply not something that these thousand or so uncoordinated people could resist against.

As Lin Yuan's Path Protector, the Mother of Bloodbath wanted to let him understand through this matter that, no matter what, he should not easily get himself involved in such perilous situations.

This was also the way of its survival, engraved in its bones as a fey. Feys lived in nature and faced all kinds of threats all the time at a young age. They might lose their lives if they were not careful.

Life was the root of everything. Without one's life, how could they bother about anything else?

How would Lin Yuan not know the principle of 'A wise man foresees danger and hides himself'?

But sometimes, some beliefs must be adhered to.

Moreover, Lin Yuan knew that he still had a Path Protector like the Mother of Bloodbath as his trump card. In fact, the Mother of Bloodbath's prediction had not been wrong, but it had not taken a variable like Lin Yuan into consideration. Lin Yuan had taught the Mother of Bloodbath, a Suzerain/Myth I fey, a lesson.

The Mother of Bloodbath had seen that Lin Yuan's Red Thorn was a Bronze lifeform grown from a Source Seed, while that healing-type fey that had healed everyone was a Silver/Fantasy Breed fey.

However, the Mother of Bloodbath did not attribute the success of everything to Lin Yuan. It speculated that it was a trump card that the Moon Empress had given to her disciple.

It had never thought that even the Moon Empress was unclear of Lin Yuan's strength. This was entirely because Lin Yuan relied on his own ability and grew up step by step.

When the Mother of Bloodbath headed to the pinnacle Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift, Lin Yuan was finally relieved. He quickly let Blackie release its skill, Spirit Injection, on him. After that, Lin Yuan finally got rid of the feeling of powerlessness that his spiritual power's exhaustion brought.

At that moment, Zhang Xiaobai laughed and patted Lin Yuan's shoulder before he said, "It's now dawn. Several hours have passed since this dimensional rift opened. Even if Millstone Town is located at the

border, the Ascending Dragon City should have noticed it. Therefore, the Ascending Dragon Guards will come here to bring this pinnacle Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift to an end.”

Tan Ran also let out a deep breath and said, “We can finally remove this burden.”

Xin Ying looked at Zhang Xiaobai, who had a strange smile and looked improper, and felt her fist itching again. She swung her fist hard at him, causing him to rub his stomach in grievance and say, “Hey, you said you’d take care of me previously! Say it! Say it! When did you change your Star Web Card’s password to my birthday? How come I didn’t know?”

Xin Ying did not expect Zhang Xiaobai to shout out her private words just like that. Furious, she swung her fist hard and mastered a deadly rhythm. As a result, Zhang Xiaobai shouted for help. While Xin Ying swung her fist hard, her face was secretly flushing.

Tan Ran could not help but say, “Big Brother Xiaobai, you are always messing with Sister Xin. Do you like the feeling of pain and pleasure?”

When Lu Pinru heard Tan Ran’s words, she felt somewhat helpless. It seemed that she could not let Tan Ran surf the Star Web with Zhang Xiaobai or read that strange book anymore.

Unexpectedly, she made a rare joke. “Tan Ran, if you want to experience the feeling of pain and pleasure, I can lock you in my closet.”

Tan Ran was puzzled.

Lin Yuan also revealed a handsome young man’s puzzled expression.

Zhang Xiaobai was rubbing his stomach when he heard Lu Pinru’s words. “Lu Pinru, you can’t hide liking someone!” he shouted.

Lu Pinru was puzzled.

“Because your future husband will still find you, even if you hide in the closet.”

Lu Pinru, Tan Ran, and Lin Yuan were puzzled.

Xin Ying rolled her eyes at Zhang Xiaobai. “It seems that I hit you lightly just now. Zhang Xiaobai, don’t run away if you can!”

Lu Pinru wiped the beads of sweat on her forehead that she could not wipe during the battle and said to Lin Yuan, “It was all thanks to you this time, Black! If it wasn’t for you, none of us would have survived.”

She sounded very solemn as she looked at the Millstone Town people, who were showing smiles on their faces as the sea of flowers was blocking the insect tide.

She was very glad that Lin Yuan had applied to form a temporary squad with them, and they had accepted him as well.

At that moment, the pinnacle Class 1 dimensional rift, where alien insects were constantly falling from, suddenly distorted and returned to normal, as though the sky had broken like a mirror.

That dark-red pinnacle Class 1 dimensional rift completely vanished, as if it had never appeared.

Before this dimensional rift disappeared, a small red spider, which was about one centimeter in size and carved like a crystal, appeared on Lin Yuan's leaf-shaped Diamond fey storage box.

The Mother of Bloodbath's strange yet very pleasant voice sounded, but it seemed to contain a hint of disdain. "You've really hit the jackpot with the source-type item inside the pinnacle Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift. There's actually such a compatible source-type item. This item is not for you, but that Source Seed plant of yours."

The Mother of Bloodbath babbled and sounded so sour, as though she had eaten a cartload of limes.

Lin Yuan chuckled. He would simply welcome any praises to an uber-lucky person like him! It just felt too awesome!

Chapter 147: Quality Upgrade

Dimensional rifts had undoubtedly all sorts of source-type items. The source-type items had no exact strength or weakness in terms of ability. They were either compatible or incompatible, and sometimes, it was even up to how one would use them in the future.

It was just like the Source Seed that Lin Yuan had produced Red Thorn from. The Radiance Federation's Scholars had once identified Source Seeds as one of the most useless source-type items. But in Lin Yuan's hands, Red Thorn had perfectly stopped the pinnacle Class 1 insect tide based on its exclusive skill.

There were too many types of source-type items, and it had only been over 100 years since the Radiance Federation's Spirit Qi Awakening.

Although many dimensional rifts had opened, there were still a huge amount of source-type items that remained unique to this day.

Each spirit qi professional had a different route to pairing with and choosing their feys. Therefore, it was very much a matter of luck to find the right one among the random source-type items in the dimensional rifts.

The feys' contracts all depended on the spirit qi professional's spiritual energy, but not the Source Seed. Although everyone's spiritual energy differed, there was a limit to their spiritual energy. The contract of a Source Seed might likely not occupy their spiritual energy. This was undoubtedly akin to having an extra contracted fey spot.

A source-type item that did not occupy one's spiritual energy was an excellent choice for Lin Yuan, whose spiritual energy was almost completely occupied by Morbius. However, a Source Seed that did not occupy one's spiritual energy might also have more demanding requirements. For example, Cheng Rui's Spine Gu would require a spine and harm the contractor's roots.

Source-type items were so precious that they rarely circulated even in Star Web's Treasure Pavilion. This was because even if any source-type items were not applicable, most experts with source-type items would choose to keep them and not sell them easily.

Besides going into the dimensional rifts to obtain the source-type items, they could only be obtained by exchanging with the Radiance Federation's merits.

Most of the transactions between individuals for source-type items were through bartering—exchanging it with another source-type item.

It was difficult to go into a dimensional rift and obtain the source-type items.

When the pinnacle Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift opened, although only three Class 3 alien insects had descended because of the rift's energy, there were many Class 3 alien insects in a pinnacle Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift. The sea of insects inside would keep pouring out of the rift, mostly because they had been squeezed out by the other alien insects inside.

One could imagine how perilous it was inside such a dimensional rift.

Only a Suzerain/Legend I fey like the Mother of Bloodbath could easily obtain a source-type item from a pinnacle Class 1 dimensional rift.

Otherwise, even a king-class expert would at least need to form a squad to take down the world inside the dimensional rift and obtain the source-type item.

Lin Yuan did not bother to check out exactly what the source-type item the Mother of Bloodbath had taken from the rift or why it had said it was suitable for Red Thorn.

Instead, he stored the source-type item, which looked like a translucent thumb-sized insect egg, in the Diamond fey storage box. Lin Yuan thought that this was not a good time to study this newly-acquired source-type item.

At that moment, many sharp chirping sounds from large avian feys came from the sky.

Soon, these sharp chirping sounds approached.

Lin Yuan looked over and recognized that the hundreds of avian feys were Gold Blade-Winged Feathered Eagles.

On the back of each Gold Blade-Winged Feathered Eagle stood a spirit qi professional with armor engraved with dragon-species fey patterns.

These people who suddenly arrived on the Blade-Winged Feathered Eagles were none other than the Ascending Dragon Guards from the Ascending Dragon City under the famous city lord.

The pinnacle Class 1 dimensional rift had vanished from the sky, as though no new alien insects would appear.

The remaining alien insects were swallowed by the sea of flowers and could no longer be healed, just like stagnant water.

Soon, these alien insects were more or less gone.

When the Ascending Dragon Guards saw that the sea of flowers had devoured the insect tide in Millstone Town, they could not help but widen their mouths one by one.

In particular, the Ascending Dragon Guards' leader felt that the scene before him was surreal. But when he saw the intact Millstone Town, he could not help but start laughing.

His peals of laughter were full of joy, with his worries dissipated.

When the Ascending Dragon Guards had received news that a pinnacle Class 1 dimensional rift had opened outside Millstone Town, they had immediately gathered two large teams and headed to the town without a moment's delay.

Their only wish on the way there was for their Gold Blade-Winged Feathered Eagles to fly faster.

A pinnacle Class 1 dimensional rift was no joke at all. They had thought that Millstone Town might have become a paradise for the alien insects. However, when they finally arrived, they realized that it was intact and had managed to protect itself.

The Ascending Dragon Guards were somewhat curious about where the pinnacle Class 1 dimensional rift had gone. If they had not seen the traces of battle outside Millstone Town, they would probably not believe that a pinnacle Class 1 dimensional rift had opened there.

However, the Ascending Dragon Guards did not really care much about these. After all, their goal was to save Millstone Town. The other departments of the Ascending Dragon City would settle the matters afterward.

The Ascending Dragon Guards' leader looked at the situation at hand and could not help but touch his big bald head.

They probably had to return without success as that strange sea of flowers had nearly devoured all the insect tide.

Lin Yuan would undoubtedly benefit the most from this dimensional rift. Not only had he obtained a source-type item from it, but his Red Thorn's child ramets and ramets had nearly devoured this insect tide, and hence gave Red Thorn a huge amount of flesh energy, allowing its quality to upgrade.

Lin Yuan had always been suppressing Red Thorn's grade and let it upgrade its quality first.

After devouring the vast amounts of flesh energy, Red Thorn had jumped from Normal to Elite and Flawless.

Upon seeing that the Ascending Dragon City's Ascending Dragon Guards had taken over the situation outside Millstone Town, Lin Yuan knew that Red Thorn's sea of flowers Red was no longer needed.

He then ordered Red Thorn to deal with the child ramets and ramets.

Upon receiving Lin Yuan's order, Red Thorn's roots danced and siphoned all the energy from the child ramets and ramets.

Many Normal child ramets and Elite ramets instantly withered, and they transferred all their energy to Red Thorn's body through the connected root system.

Red Thorn trembled violently before this withering sea of flowers, and Lin Yuan could clearly feel that it had grown much stronger than before. Its Mouth of Relinquish had become even bigger, and the barbs on its vines had become sharper and longer. Red Thorn had evolved from Flawless to Epic.

The pinnacle Class 1 dimensional rift's insects had nearly all become sacrifices to the Red Thorn's Mouth of Relinquish.

Thanks to the insects frantically presenting themselves, Red Thorn's quality underwent a transformation!

Chapter 148: He Had Always Been Unfettered

Lin Yuan had always been frustrated about upgrading Red Thorn's quality, but he did not expect this insect tide to solve his problem.

Now that Red Thorn had reached Epic, it could only devour dimensional lifeforms' flesh and work hard to accumulate if it were to reach Legend.

Although time passed without a trace, time could solve many problems.

Xin Ying suddenly said to Lin Yuan softly, "The Ascending Dragon City's Ascending Dragon Guards have taken charge of the situation and will be responsible for the Millstone Town people. Let's leave now. Otherwise, when Ascending Dragon City's reporters arrive here and find us for an interview, we won't be able to leave within a day or two." She suddenly paused and did not continue, as she knew that it was a slip of her tongue.

If a person who had resisted against the pinnacle Class 1 insect tide alone and protected a small town were to accept the Star Web's interview, they would undoubtedly become famous and gain widespread attention.

Xin Ying never cared about this because in such a situation, even though guarding Millstone Town was an unwise choice—it was a splendid choice.

In her opinion, if one wanted to be famous, they had to improve their strength and fight it out in the S Tournament.

Even though Xin Ying, who knew the world's ways, had long recognized Lin Yuan as her friend, she felt awkward because she had unintentionally helped Lin Yuan grab the attention.

Zhang Xiaobai did not think like this. He put his arms around Lin Yuan's shoulders and said, "Hahaha! We should just go quickly! Otherwise, we won't be able to leave a while later!"

Xin Ying wanted to pull Zhang Xiaobai, but Lin Yuan said softly, "The Endless Forest is up ahead. Let's hit the road! Wasn't our original plan to set out early in the morning to collect the Jade Unicorn Ice Snake venom?"

Lin Yuan's words were faint yet contained an indescribable refreshment and straightforwardness. He had never been a person who cared about fame and fortune.

On the contrary, after living two lives, Lin Yuan looked at everything dialectically and focused on things he truly cared about.

In a world where strength was highly respected—although fame and fortune could not be equated with strength—having strength was akin to having fame and fortune.

If strength were to be compared to flowers, while fame and fortune as butterflies, then the butterflies would naturally come when the flowers bloomed.

The Radiance Hundred Sequence was Lin Yuan's next best choice. A real man's choice was to speak with strength.

Lin Yuan looked at the blazing sun that arrived with the dawn. The warm light emanating from the blazing sun seemed to be more conspicuous than it had been at noon.

At that moment, there was a subtle spiritual fluctuation on Lin Yuan's body that not even Zhang Xiaobai, who had his hands on Lin Yuan's shoulder, felt.

The Mother of Bloodbath lying in the leaf-shaped fey storage box moved gently and felt even more jealous. "This kid is really uber lucky. He has comprehended a Willpower Rune after sensing my Law Rune!"

However, the Mother of Bloodbath thought about it and felt that since Lin Yuan already had a Fantasy Breed Jasmine Lily, this Willpower Rune should be his second one.

The Mother of Bloodbath believed that Lin Yuan had comprehended this Willpower Rune because when it became his Path Protector, it had allowed him to sense the energy in the Law Rune.

Naturally, it had something to do with him sensing the Mother of Bloodbath's Law Rune back then, but if it knew that Lin Yuan had comprehended the fourth Willpower Rune, it would have been so jealous that its name would become the Mother of Jealousy.

The clearest light of the morning sun seemed to have risen in Lin Yuan's eyes, and a twilight-like Willpower Rune appeared in his spiritual world.

When Lin Yuan comprehended this rune, he thought that it was perfect for Chimey.

Lin Yuan looked at the gradually rising morning sun, and his face behind the mask suddenly revealed a smile that no one saw but was enough to overshadow the blazing sun.

He was a youth that had always been taking fragmented footsteps with sooty air while in a weak state—stumbling, standing, and running.

Whether it was seeking survival at his lowest point in life or being calm at his highest point, he had never forgotten the epiphany in his heart.

The warm light had dispersed the last bit of sooty air in his fragmented footsteps.

And he, as someone who had lived two lives, had always been unfettered.

When Xin Ying, Zhang Xiaobai, Lu Pinru, and Tan Ran heard Lin Yuan's refreshing and straightforward words, they could not help but wear a smile on their faces.

Those with favorable impressions of each other would become friends after interactions. After experiencing life and death together, they were comrades. Since their interests were completely similar in such a situation, they were bosom friends.

Zhang Xiaobai gave Lin Yuan a thumbs-up and said, "Lin Yuan, you were so cool when you said that."

Lin Yuan could not help but laugh upon seeing Zhang Xiaobai's actions and strange expressions.

Was it cool? Maybe!

Actually, those who were themselves were the coolest at any moment!

Lu Pinru rolled her eyes at Zhang Xiaobai. "Can you stop showing the results of you learning weird facial expressions in cram school!" Xin Ying felt helpless as she looked at Zhang Xiaobai.

After last year's S Tournament, they had a month of vacation, and she had wanted to go on a vacation together as a team. However, Zhang Xiaobai had gone to enroll in classes teaching weird facial expressions, wanting to learn a specialty.

Zhang Xiaobai felt grieved and pursed his lips before saying, "Is it wrong to learn a specialty?"

Lin Yuan could not help but ask, "Is there such a thing as learning weird facial expressions as a specialty?"

Zhang Xiaobai felt even more grieved and blinked his eyes. "I've got a certificate in that!"

Lin Yuan and the Extreme Guild Club's quartet quietly left Millstone Town and headed to the Endless Forest, where the morning rays were shining at.

Actually, they did not know that the people present had taken their departure seriously.

One of them had guarded Millstone Town under the pinnacle Class 1 insect tide and healed everyone during the most critical moment.

In the eyes of everyone, Lin Yuan's grace of saving them had made it difficult for the people outside Millstone Town, who had experienced the killings, to take their eyes off Lin Yuan.

When Lin Yuan and the quartet left, the Ascending Dragon Guards' leader, the Millstone Town's Guild Alliance branch president, and everyone in Millstone Town stood there quietly, gazing sincerely as they watched their heroes leave.

This was the heroes' choice. Heroes would always help those in need but leave so easily, unwilling to leave their names behind.

The Millstone Town's Guild Alliance branch president felt that the morning sun was particularly bright during dawn. For some reason, be it the bright sun shining on his eyes or his aroused feelings, tears streamed down his face as he softly spat out the words—"Outstanding youths."

Upon hearing that, the bald man leading the Ascending Dragon Guards looked in the direction where Lin Yuan and the others had left with a solemn expression and said while bowing, "They're more than outstanding youths. This is the spirit and backbone of radiance."

Chapter 149: Come, Keyboard! The Birth of Ancestor Peace Berserker!

The mountains and waters were in serenity, while the birds, beasts, fish, and insects were all resting. As they were walking in the Endless Forest, Lin Yuan felt that the air he could smell was particularly refreshing.

It was refreshing not because of the spirit qi concentration but the fragrance from the plants and soil that pervaded the Endless Forest's air.

At that moment, Lin Yuan noticed a thumb-sized dragonfly that was only a birch, close to 20 centimeters in height. The dragonfly was completely red, and its wings were light green. From this dragonfly's appearance, Lin Yuan could guess that it was a Normal Mist Flame Dragonfly that had just been born.

The Mist Flame Dragonfly was an extremely rare fey with great potential. Along the way, Lin Yuan had encountered plenty of Normal and Elite feys, but the Mist Flame Dragonfly had the best aptitude among them all.

A fey's aptitude didn't indicate its grade, but instead the potential during the evolution process. The Mist Flame Dragonfly was a dual-type fey that had great potential in both wind and fire. If it underwent a spiritual mutation, it would be considered rather powerful among the offense-type feys that could use the wind and fire energy.

Wind could enhance fire, so wind was always fire's best companion.

Since Lin Yuan spotted this Mist Flame Dragonfly that had a great aptitude, he naturally wasn't going to miss out on it.

He carefully approached the Mist Flame Dragonfly. When his palm was still a certain distance away, he quickly circulated his spirit qi and allowed the Mist Flame Dragonfly to feel the pure spirit qi that was coming out of his palm.

Lin Yuan only released pure spirit qi for a split moment. The Mist Flame Dragonfly immediately flew over because it felt the split moment of spirit qi release. At that moment, the Mist Flame Dragonfly was already obediently standing on Lin Yuan's fingertip. It wasn't afraid of humans, and it was actually flapping its wings gently, as though it was appealing to Lin Yuan to release more spirit qi.

This scene stunned the Extreme Guild Club's quartet. They had seen other Creation Masters harvesting in the wild, but none of them had such an easy time to develop a good relationship with wild feys.

Zhang Xiaobai suddenly muttered, "Is a handsome appearance able to make feys have a favorable impression of you? If that's the case, all of Endless Forest's feys should be surrounding me!"

Xin Ying couldn't help holding her forehead. Even though it was very satisfying to hit Zhang Xiaobai, it was rather tiring to always do so. Therefore, Xin Ying took a katar out of her bag and equipped it. Zhang Xiaobai became obedient instantly.

Meanwhile, Lin Yuan stored this Normal Mist Flame Dragonfly in the fey storage box.

The group continued on their way and walked for a few hours until it was noon.

Lin Yuan had already caught several feys with potential in the wild. If he nurtured them, he would be able to nurture some of the powerful feys that were hard to obtain.

During lunch, everyone sat on the ground and ate the rations that Lu Pinru had prepared. While Zhang Xiaobai was eating, he was chattering, "I should have bought a few dozen kidneys in the morning. It would definitely be satisfying and delicious to eat them right now!"

Xin Ying glared at Zhang Xiaobai and waved the katar on her hand. He immediately rephrased. "I mean that I would have energy after eating all the kidneys. Otherwise, how would I be able to stand in front of all of you and block the damage?"

Lu Pinru involuntarily rolled her eyes at Zhang Xiaobai and said, "You are just a gluttonous freak. You are cheap!"

Zhang Xiaobai wasn't going to take such criticisms. "Is the kidney not fattening enough? Is the kidney not delicious enough?! Why can't I be gluttonous over it!?"

Lin Yuan had removed his mask when they entered the Endless Forest and was enjoying the rations now. When he noticed that everyone was almost done with the rations, he flipped his hand and brought out the fruits that he had bought and stored within the leaf-shaped fey storage box.

Upon seeing the fruits, Zhang Xiaobai immediately chucked the rations to the side and started munching on the fruits. The slightly sour but sweet flesh of the fruit in his mouth made Zhang Xiaobai think, What satisfaction! My life is at the pinnacle!

When adventuring in the wild with a Creation Master, the team's chances of getting attacked by wild feys were greatly reduced. Lin Yuan and the Extreme Guild Club's quartet had been attacked a few times earlier, but with Xin Ying and Tan Ran as the main attackers, Zhang Xiaobai as the main defense, Lu Pinru as support, and Lin Yuan as the healer, the battles were quickly ended.

At the same time, Lin Yuan and the Extreme Guild Club's quartet had obtained plenty of fresh spiritual ingredients.

As they were treading through the Endless Forest, Zhang Xiaobai had a sudden flash of inspiration and asked everyone with a mysterious face, "'Women giving birth...' Give me a saying!"

Xin Ying, Lu Pinru, and Tan Ran couldn't be bothered to respond. Therefore, Zhang Xiaobai quickly turned to look at Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan looked at Zhang Xiaobai's expectant eyes and pondered before saying, "Wishing for death more than to live."

Zhang Xiaobai seemed as though he already expected Lin Yuan's answer. He laughed heartily and said, "It should be spitting blood."

Lin Yuan also revealed a handsomely puzzled expression. He didn't have many friends in this life as he had been struggling to survive previously, so he didn't have many chances to make friends, either.

Lin Yuan had always felt that the friendship between gentlemen would be indifferent but pure like water. Nonetheless, after many interactions with Zhang Xiaobai, he felt that such silly conversations actually made Lin Yuan feel it was particularly interesting.

The collection of the Jade Unicorn Ice Snake's venom was easy for Lin Yuan and the Extreme Guild Club's quartet. At the same time, Lin Yuan had also discovered a few fish in the cold pond the Jade Unicorn Ice Snake resided.

When Lin Yuan saw the small fish, he immediately recognized the species. He didn't think that such a place would have such great feys. Lin Yuan was planning to nurture these few fish carefully after bringing them back.

Lin Yuan quickly placed the few fish in a vessel filled with the pond's water and carefully stored it inside the Diamond fey storage box.

Lin Yuan's harvest was also considered to have officially ended now. He might not have gathered a large number of feys, but each of them was considered exquisite, especially the three fish in the cold pond—they were considered superior.

On the way back, Lin Yuan wasn't planning to return to the Royal Capital along with the Extreme Guild Club's quartet. Before returning to the Royal Capital, Lin Yuan was planning to visit Chu Ci in Redbud City's Redbud Intermediate Spirit Qi Academy.

At the same time, the Normal Earth Powder Butterfly that had hatched from the cocoon had already evolved into a Bronze Vajra Butterfly. He was going to give it to Chu Ci for her second contracted fey. Also, Lin Yuan had reserved the Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia nectar for Chu Ci.

Lin Yuan was planning for Chu Ci to consume the nectar as it was able to refine her body constitution and cleanse the impurities. It was better for Chu Ci to consume it as early as possible.

Lin Yuan and the quartet exchanged contact information and arranged to have a small gathering once they all returned to the Royal Capital. As such, Lin Yuan and the quartet parted ways at Ascending Dragon City.

Immediately after, Lin Yuan spent a huge amount of Radiance dollars to call for a Platinum Divine Travel Black Swallow. This fey had the fastest speed among all avian transportation feys in the Radiance Federation, so its 'Divine Travel' name was truly fitting.

Lin Yuan had called for the Divine Travel Black Swallow because Ascending Dragon City and Redbud City were too far apart. Back then, even Ling Xiao's Fantasy Breed Blue Jade Pegasus had taken several days just to fly from Redbud City to the Royal Capital.

If Lin Yuan were to ride on a Silver fey and fly from Ascending Dragon City to Redbud City, by the time he arrived, Chu Ci would have already ended her school term, which was over two months from now.

Lin Yuan, who was riding on the Divine Travel Black Swallow, still didn't know that his identity, Black, had already become famous in the Star Web. He might not have accepted any interviews from Star Web reporters, but all of Millstone Town's combatants could attest to Black's prowess.

The Star Web reporters that had arrived after the incident had roughly sketched Black's image and abilities. Millstone Town's combatants had provided the description, of course.

Previously, no one had actually thought that Black's fey was a Fantasy Breed. After all, a Silver/Fantasy Breed was too shocking. However, after research and discussions among the Star Web reporters and Class 3 Scholars that were also contacted—along with the description of how Black's Silver healing-type fey was able to regrow limbs—they finally concluded that Black's healing-type fey was a Silver/Fantasy Breed.

The Radiance Federation was a nation that worshiped heroes. Thus, Black's status started to become famous on the Star Web. There was even a dedicated forum and fan club on the Star Web.

The Star Web forum and fan club for Black was created by none other than the healing-type spirit qi professional who possessed the Bronze Spitting Turtledove. In addition, almost everyone from Millstone Town, including the Guild Alliance branch president, had joined Black's forum and fan club.

There were also plenty of people that joined because of Black's achievements, strengthening Black's forum and fan club significantly. Of course, there were plenty of jealous people too.

Liu Lang, the healer with the Bronze Spitting Turtledove, was currently flaming back at the Star Web haters. When someone tried to criticize his idol and savior, Black, it really infuriated Liu Lang.

A prodigious hero like Black is someone you can criticize?

Liu Lang couldn't help cursing. "These haters are really disgusting. They swallow their pride and don't dare to humiliate others in reality, but they are not holding back in the Star Web. Casually ridiculing others without any regard. For such haters, I, Liu Lang, shall not be courteous!"

Liu Lang had a stern expression as he chanted:

Heaven doesn't give birth to me, the Keyboard Warrior!

My flaming skills are as great as the long night!

Pinnacle of the immortal realm, and looking down at the mortal realm!

With my keyboard, there is heaven!

I am suppressing the enemies for the Keyboard God!

Who would dare to say they are invincible in this world?

Who would dare to say they would never be defeated!?

The keyboard has materialized into my heart!

The keyboard of heaven is arriving!

Receiving no replies after a waterfall of typed words!

I will wait until the Yin and Yang cross over!

I will take down the clear sky with my demonic keyboard!

The world shall turn into a keyboard! Come, keyboard!

Because Liu Lang's Star Web name was 'Ancestor Peace', after his amazing 'poem', his name had also become famous and was given the title of—"Ancestor Peace Berserker".

Chapter 150: Acid Corrosion Queen Bee

Lin Yuan sat on the back of the Divine Travel Black Swallow and couldn't help criticizing. It would be fine if it wasn't comfortable to ride on the Divine Travel Black Swallow—the crucial thing was because it was hard on the butt.

The Divine Travel Black Swallow was rather small, and its body very light. Most of the feathers were gathered on the wings, so its back only had a thin layer of woolen feathers.

In fact, the Divine Travel Black Swallow wasn't suitable for riding because it was too fast. There were plenty of avian feys that were suitable for transportation in the Radiance Federation. The Divine Travel Black Swallow might not be a comfortable means of transportation, but it was definitely the most popular avian fey.

The distance between the Radiance Federation's major cities was too far, and if time could be saved during travel, a little discomfort could be overlooked.

Actually, before Lin Yuan ordered for the Divine Travel Black Swallow for transportation, he had also looked through other Platinum avian feys. Among them, the most expensive and comfortable avian fey would be the Orchid Fragrance Swan.

The Orchid Fragrance Swan's appearance was exquisite. Its slender neck and wide wings looked very graceful. The white feathers that had slight pink gave off a romantic feeling. At the same time, the Orchid Fragrance Swan's body had plenty of Goose-Feathered Orchids that were particularly pleasant to smell.

The Goose-Feathered Orchids had the fragrance of orchids and a refreshingly sweet fruit smell. Once a person could smell it, they would feel refreshed and also elegant. At the same time, the Goose-Feathered Orchids were also a type of Platinum spiritual ingredient that had extreme value. It was also the main ingredient for a high-quality perfume that was very popular among female spirit qi professionals.

The Orchid Fragrance Swan's pinkish feathers were very smooth, and it felt as though the hand was sliding into a huge patch of silk.

Although the Platinum Orchid Fragrance Swan was so comfortable and elegant, when a spirit qi professional was going to travel for a long distance, they wouldn't ride on the Orchid Fragrance Swan no matter how wealthy they were. The Orchid Fragrance Swan's flying speed was truly too slow, and it was even slower than some of the Silver feys that were great at flying.

Therefore, the Orchid Fragrance Swan was normally the best choice when wealthy spirit qi professionals got married and they were going to have a honeymoon. If someone was to ride on the Orchid Fragrance

Swan to attend to urgent matters, the matter might have already been resolved itself by the time the Orchid Fragrance Swan arrived.

Lin Yuan rode on the back of the Divine Travel Black Swallow and adjusted his body. After all, he would need a few days to travel from Ascending Dragon City to Redbud City.

As such, Lin Yuan checked on the source-type lifeform that the Mother of Bloodbath had retrieved from the pinnacle Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift. It looked like a thumb-sized and translucent insect egg. Lin Yuan took the insect egg-like source-type lifeform out of the leaf-shaped fey storage box.

When Lin Yuan used True Data to check on this source-type lifeform, it was really an insect egg. Lin Yuan only realized why the Mother of Bloodbath would say that this insect egg was extremely suitable for Red Thorn and that it was a great deal for him.

This translucent insect egg was an Acid Corrosion Queen Bee that was in its egg form. As a source-type lifeform, the contracting requirements for the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee were extremely harsh.

The Acid Corrosion Queen Bee was a kind of parasitic source-type lifeform, and it could only survive by living as a parasite in other feys or source-type lifeforms. At the same time, the body of the fey or source-type lifeform would need to have an extremely acidic environment because the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee could only thrive in such extremely acidic environments.

The Acid Corrosion Queen Bee would normally live inside the fey or source-type lifeform's body while harvesting large amounts of acid as nutrition and maintaining its life. Therefore, it was right to say that there weren't many feys and source-type lifeforms that were suitable for it to live as a parasite.

After hatching from the egg, the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee would immediately build its hive under the acidic environment. While building the hive, the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee would also absorb large amounts of acid and energy from the host. After building the hive, the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee would form a contract with its host and protect the host from then on. The Acid Corrosion Queen Bee would treat the host as its only god and listen to all their commands.

Lin Yuan was speechless as this Acid Corrosion Queen Bee was truly a perfect match for Red Thorn. Most of the feys and source-type lifeforms would only have powerful acidic parts in their digestive system. Since the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee was going to build its hive, all those smaller-sized feys and source-type lifeforms would need to be eliminated.

But even if that was the case, those animal-type feys and lifeforms with powerful acid wouldn't be suitable to host the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee. Once the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee constructed its hive in its stomach area, which was also the digestive area, if the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee consumed a large amount of acid and energy, the host would definitely suffer damage to their roots.

But it was different for Red Thorn, as it had the perfect conditions for the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee. When Red Thorn evolved to Bronze/Epic, its Mouth of Relinquish was now a blood-and-flesh smelting furnace. Large quantities of alien insects would be easily digested. Lin Yuan wouldn't dare to say that Red Thorn's acid would be stronger than the alien insects' acidic juices, but it was already enough to corrode sand.

Such powerful acid was a really great aid for the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee's growth. Furthermore, the large amount of energy and acid required for the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee to construct its hive wouldn't be a problem for Red Thorn.

Red Thorn's Mouth of Relinquish contained powerful digestive capability, and its body had over a dozen digestive cavities that were mainly used to store surplus acid. If the Mouth of Relinquish required any acid replenishment, the digestive cavities would just cycle the stored acid to the Mouth of Relinquish.

Due to the massive number of consumed alien insects in Red Thorn's body and the massive amount of acid contained within the alien insect's blood, Red Thorn had an overflowing amount of digestive fluid. Therefore, when there was a need to spray out a massive amount of acid fluid, the digestive cavities would always be able to supply.

Presently, Red Thorn was only required to reserve one of the digestive cavities for the ortet. If the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee required more energy, Red Thorn would just need to consume more dimensional lifeforms' blood and flesh.

Another advantage for Lin Yuan was that the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee's contract didn't require him to use any of his remaining spiritual energy. As a parasite inside Red Thorn's body, the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee would only form a contract with Red Thorn, allowing Red Thorn to command the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee casually.

Due to Red Thorn and Lin Yuan's bloodline connection, when Red Thorn commanded the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee, it was the same as Lin Yuan commanding the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee. However, due to the parasite and host relationship, the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee wouldn't have a contract with Lin Yuan. Therefore, Lin Yuan wasn't able to provide any Willpower Rune for the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee.

If the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee was to evolve into a Fantasy Breed, it could only reach the pinnacle of Diamond, like a wild fey. Once the quality reached Legend, the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee would need to comprehend its own Willpower Rune.

However, it was fortunate that Lin Yuan couldn't enhance the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee. As such, it wasn't difficult for the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee to reach the Legend quality.

As for whether the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee was able to comprehend a Willpower Rune and become a Fantasy Breed, it would be up to the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee's aptitude as a source-type lifeform.