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Chapter 1471: Freedom Envoy Proposes an Alliance

However, Poison Beauty felt that the people currently attacking Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess would end up eating crow.

Since Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess had said in public that she was going to set up the Warm Sun Fund, she had to have the means to carry it through.

Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess' reward turnover was more than 1,000,000 Radiance dollars. As such, the Warm Sun Fund had to have a source fund of at least a hundred million.

Spending hundreds of millions of Radiance dollars would definitely cause a large commotion on Star Web.

Choosing to attack Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess at such a time would only be the equivalent of digging your own trap.

At that moment, a special comment appeared in the live-streaming room.

Annihilation Black Wings: I'm wondering if these haters and paid nasty comments are enjoying their meal of crow?

Annihilation Black Wings' comment was short, and it included a Star Web link.

Posting a link in the comments cost money because it was considered an advertisement.

The price of posting a link would be 5% of the host's rewards for the day.

Although Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess had sung for less than 20 minutes and went offline before finishing the fifth song, she had already gained 800,000 Radiance dollars.

This meant that Annihilation Black Wings had spent 40,000 Radiance dollars to post the link.

Was it really worth spending all that to post one message?

Many audience members in the live-streaming room clicked on the link out of curiosity and were immediately stunned by what they saw.

The screen showed a very simple free post where one could record one's life. This post detailed the life of a sad person who had a rope thrown down to him when he was at the lowest point in his life.

The post seemed to be a story, but it also came with a video at the end.

Many of the audience members fell silent when they watched the video because it showed an organization called the Warm Sun Fund giving out hope and saving the most plebeian people imaginable.

The person giving out the hope was the young girl who had just been the victim of bombings of accusations in her live-streaming room and ended up leaving her live stream.

Perhaps it was because of the sorrow of a girl who was falsely accused and wronged, but more and more people clicked on the post and spent 40,000 Radiance dollars to repeatedly share it.

Now, the Xia Region truly became the spark of what would turn into a blazing pyre.

All the nasty comments disappeared, and some of the paid commentators even started to apologize.

“I’m sorry, Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess!”

Such messages flooded into the hostless live-streaming room.

For some reason, every audience member recalled the last line of the song that Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess sang before she left.

‘Would you be willing if it was in the name of love?’

This matter spread all over Star Web, and many of the hosts who had hired people to write hate comments were exposed.

All the flack that Chimey had been enduring ended up reflected back onto the hosts.

Star Web was currently roiling with activity. However, there was a place that was experiencing even more intense commotion than Star Web.

On the dark blue surface of the sea, waves up to four meters tall crashed against an island.

Two Island Whales that were 10,000 meters long each were docked on the shores of the sea.

Yin Lin had become withdrawn ever since the last Astronomical Parliament’s parliamentary meeting failed to take place.

The next Astronomical Parliament’s parliamentary meeting was supposed to be taking place tomorrow.

Will it happen like it’s supposed to? Otherwise, will I lose the man wrapped in willpowers and laws who saved me from the darkness?

At that moment, someone knocked on Yin Lin’s door twice, and a kind voice said, “Lordess Azure Envoy, Lord Lan Xun would like to discuss the agreement proposed by the envoys from the Freedom Federation with you.”

Yin Lin frowned. She did not like to be disturbed when she was thinking. But since Lan Xun wanted to discuss an important matter with her, she knew that she had to go and see him.

Yin Lin stood up and picked up her floor-length dress before opening the door.

The young man who came to pass on the message to Yin Lin lowered his head, and his voice became small.

Yin Lin said to the young man, “Jiang Song, lead the way.”

Jiang Song realized that he was being inappropriate and hastily walked ahead to lead the way.

The Island Whale's body was gargantuan, and it took Yin Lin ten minutes to walk from the room to the meeting area.

While Jiang Song was anxiously walking, Yin Lin said in a cold yet clear voice, "Jiang Song, is Teacher Lan Xun tempted by the temporary collaboration proposed by the Freedom Envoys?"

Jiang Song shook his head and said, "I'm not aware of what conditions the Freedom Envoys proposed, and I can't read Lord Lan Xun's intentions. However, I think that the Azure Federation is on better terms with the Radiance Federation than the Freedom Federation. We're going to the Radiance Federation to spectate the Radiance Hundred Sequence selection and cement your status as an envoy. The Freedom Federation and Azure Federation's bet is proof of their enmity. The Freedom Envoys must be up to no good on this trip to the Radiance Federation. I did bring this up with Lord Lan Xun. Although he did not say much, I think he agrees with me."

Yin Lin nodded and fell silent.

She was the fourth Azure Envoy; doing the best thing for herself would be the best option for both her and the Azure Federation.

Jiang Song might not be aware of the conditions stated by the Freedom Federation, but Yin Lin was.

The Freedom Federation had promised to give the Azure Federation a precious instrument made from the body of a 5 Stars and above sacred source lifeform.

This benefit would tempt anyone.

However, Yin Lin was against the Freedom Federation's suggestion because the man who had saved her told her to go to the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce in the Radiance Federation's Royal Capital to trade for the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls. This meant that her savior likely came from the Radiance Federation.

Yin Lin did not want to do anything that would be disadvantageous to the Radiance Federation where the man lived.

When they arrived at the door of the meeting room, she heard a shrill voice say from inside the room. "Lord Lan Xun, I suggest forming a short-term alliance with the Freedom Envoys. Both us and the Freedom Envoys are guests of the Radiance Federation. If we form an alliance, we'll be able to take care of each other."

Chapter 1472: Firefly Demon Fetus

The shrill voice paused before she went on to say, "Moreover, the Freedom Federation is willing to give all ten of us a Firefly Demon Fetus each. The Firefly Demon Fetus can transform insect-species carcinoma feys into fairy source-type lifeforms. When the insect-species carcinoma feys are transformed into fairy source-type lifeforms, they will be able to break through the limit of their grade and evolve to Myth Breed."

Yin Lin pushed open the door and sneered. "Zhen Kelian, you brought up how the Firefly Demon Fetus is used. But will you really be brave enough to use it to nurture insect-species carcinoma feys? Don't you

think it's ridiculous that the Freedom Federation decided to give such a treasure away instead of using it themselves? You're from a Class 4 family and will inherit a Class 4 beast pattern. Haven't you heard of the Firefly Fantasy Centipede's Premature Death incident that happened on the Freedom Federation's 16 islands?"

Every person in the room turned their eyes onto Yin Lin.

The ten young people, including Zhen Kelian, hurriedly stood up and bowed to Yin Lin.

All of their expressions shifted when Yin Lin mentioned the Firefly Fantasy Earthworm's Premature Death. The incident was too well known!

The incident happened at the Freedom Federation's 16 islands which spanned tens of millions of square meters.

Although 20 years had already passed, no plant-type feys could grow on the land.

As such, the 16 islands had to continuously use tens of Island Whales to import plant-type feys, agriculture, and fruits to sustain the many lives that lived on the island.

It was difficult to estimate how much loss of resources resulted from the Firefly Fantasy Earthworm's Premature Death.

The Firefly Demon Fetus had started this incident.

The Firefly Demon Fetus could break the shackles of insect-species carcinoma feys and enable them through the limit of Diamond X/Legend. This was enough to justify its value.

In actuality, the culprit was not the Firefly Demon Fetus but the insect-species carcinoma fey.

Insect-species carcinoma feys did not possess high intelligence, and most could only react according to their primal urges even after reaching Diamond X/Legend.

Using the Firefly Demon Fetus to transform the insect-species carcinoma fey into a fairy source-type lifeform would not be able to increase the insect-species carcinoma fey's intelligence. Hence, they were uncontrollable.

A Gold carcinoma fey was enough to wreak havoc. Even a member of royalty would only be able to do their best to minimize the damage caused by a Diamond insect-species carcinoma fey.

But once a carcinoma fey's shackles were broken, and they evolved to Suzerain, even low-danger insect-species carcinoma feys would be able to bring forth a disaster.

The disaster caused by an insect-species carcinoma fey would be able to disrupt the balance of an entire continent.

The Firefly Fantasy Earthworm's Premature death had led to seven members of royalty being deployed.

Although a Class 5 Creation Master was stationed at the 16 islands, the soil could not be recovered to its original state even after two decades had passed.

As an Azure Envoy, Yin Lin would not allow anyone to bring back such a dangerous item to the Azure Federation.

The Fairy's Hearts had once appeared in the Azure Federation, and they could transform any fey into a fairy source-type lifeform. They could fetch an even higher price at an auction than a sacred source lifeform.

The Fairy's Heart and Firefly Demon Fetus had similar functions.

However, the Fairy's Heart's effects came from its soul taking control of the carcinoma fey, while the Firefly Demon Fetus evolved the soul of the insect-species carcinoma fey itself.

Yin Lin had never heard of a person being able to contract or control carcinoma feys to wield them in battle.

She looked around at the ten young men and women around her and said, "All of you must have already received the Freedom Envoys' Firefly Demon Fetuses. Take them out and hand them to me. You are forbidden from bringing these things back and endangering the Azure Federation."

Yin Lin's words caused Zhen Kelian's features to harden as she said, "Lordess Yin Lin, I have a four-winged fairy. The insect-species carcinoma fey transformed by the Firefly Demon Fetus will only be able to have two wings at most. I can use my fairy's bloodline to control the transformed insect-species carcinoma fey."

The expressions of the other nine young people changed.

Yin Lin had just given her command, but Zhen Kelian was challenging her authority. This was considered an offense. It was a serious crime to offend an Azure Envoy!

If Yin Lin wanted to pursue the matter, Zhen Kelian would immediately be sent to the Shore Maze when they returned to the Azure Federation.

Every person present was certain that Yin Lin was going to tear into Zhen Kelian. But instead, Yin Lin raised her hand and summoned a navy-haired fairy with six wings.

"My six-winged fairy's bloodline will be able to suppress your four-winged fairy and the transformed insect-species carcinoma fey. If I managed to get my hands on a six-winged fairy, someone else would too. Do you still think that it will be safe to use the Firefly Demon Fetus to transform an insect-species carcinoma fey?" said Yin Lin.

Zhen Kelian was stunned. Her face flushed, and she faltered.

It was true that she had not thought about it in such detail, and it seemed that her idea was not as safe as she thought it was.

Moreover, she had just clashed with Yin Lin. What was she going to do now?

Frankly, Zhen Kelian had been indignant of Yin Lin from the beginning.

Zhen Kelian came from a Class 4 family in the Azure Federation and possessed a Class 4 beast pattern from a young age. She had been put on a pedestal her whole life.

She knew that she could never become an Azure Envoy and had been aiming to become an Azure Knight.

Yet, Yin Lin managed to rise to become the fourth Azure Envoy almost overnight.

Was it because she was a genius that had two beast patterns?

For the first time, Zhen Kelian felt discontented.

Zhen Kelian had carefully studied Yin Lin when they first boarded the Island Whale.

At first, Yin Lin had only been a C-rank spirit qi professional. Although she had recently become a B-rank spirit qi professional, she was still far from being capable of filling her position.

There were no C-rank spirit qi professionals in the Azure Hundred Sequence, and a few of the top members had already reached A-rank.

Chapter 1473: The Freedom Envoy Team's Goal

Yin Lin's summoning of the six-winged fairy was the first time she showed off her might and clarified the gap between her and Zhen Kelian.

The Diamond six-winged fairy could go a long way in justifying oneself.

Zhen Kelian knew that the Diamond six-winged fairy was enough for Yin Lin to crush her under her feet. She looked at Yin Lin and apologized decisively, "Lordess Yin Lin, I'm not trying to keep the Firefly Demon Fetus for myself. I'll give it to you now!"

Zhen Kelian took out the Firefly Demon Fetus and handed it to Yin Lin with both hands.

Her action was like a reminder to the rest of them, and they all took out their own Firefly Demon Fetus and gave them to Yin Lin.

Soon, there were 10 Firefly Demon Fetuses in Yin Lin's hand.

At that moment, Lan Xun, who had been silent until now, stood up and handed Yin Lin two Firefly Demon Fetuses as he said, "Lordess Azure Envoy, the Freedom Envoys also gave me two Firefly Demon Fetuses. I'm handing them both to you now."

Lan Xun's words stunned everyone present.

He was the manager of the Azure Sacred Hall and was of equal status as an Azure Envoy. He did not need to address Yin Lin as 'Lordess', but he did so to add might to Yin Lin's charisma.

Lan Xun stood up and walked over to smile at Yin Lin as he pointed at the head of the table.

"Lordess Azure Envoy, please take a seat."

Lan Xun pulled a chair over and sat down next to the chair he had pointed at.

Yin Lin recalled what Lan Xun had said to her the previous night and strode to the head of the table without hesitation.

“Everyone, take a seat. Jiang Song told me about the situation on the way here. Let me express my opinion on the Freedom Envoys and Radiance Federation,” said Yin Lin.

Yin Lin waved again.

Nothing happened inside the house. But outside, fountains of water twisted out of the sea and formed a film of water that covered the surface of the Island Whale.

This film of light blue water seemed to cover everything and separated aura, noise, and sight from the rest of the world.

When this film of water appeared, the faces of every person on the Island Whale’s back fell.

Yin Lin instructed her sacred source lifeform to produce this layer of water to show the Freedom Envoys what her stance was. This film of water completely sealed off the Freedom Envoys on the outside.

She said to the people in the meeting room, “We’re headed to the Radiance Federation to celebrate that the Radiance Hundred Sequence is about to be complete. The Radiance Federation is on good terms with the Azure Federation. We traded side by side using the Radiance Azure Waterway and have both enjoyed prosperity. Since we’re going as spectators, we shouldn’t cause trouble. Do you understand what I’m getting at?”

Yin Lin’s tone made it seem non-negotiable and more like she was declaring her decision.

The ten members of the Azure Hundred Sequence reacted in agreement with Yin Lin’s decision.

Yin Lin nodded at Lan Xun before walking out of the meeting room.

Her mind was full of concern about tomorrow whether the Astronomical Parliament parliamentary meeting would take place as per the schedule. Thus, she could not be bothered to entertain thoughts about anything else.

Lan Xun looked worried as he watched Yin Lin walk away.

He had noticed that something was wrong with her five days ago. Yin Lin had been completely listless, and her change in mood had become even more severe these two days.

He had asked her about what was happening, but she refused to say anything.

Lan Xun was afraid that something was wrong with her psychologically.

The others might not be aware, but Lan Xun knew how precious Yin Lin’s talent was.

Amongst the 12 aristocratic families, the Azure Cloud Leopard family had not produced an heir that inherited their beast pattern in 15 years.

Previously, the other 11 aristocratic families had to fight fiercely for the four spots.

But once the Azure Cloud Leopard family had a member that awakened their beast pattern, they would have a contender to become the Radiance Envoy. This was because the Azure Cloud Leopard's ability Cloud Chain was a perfect investigative and informative-transmitting ability that would be essential during the Major Federation Meeting.

The Azure Cloud Leopard beast pattern was a large reason Yin Lin could swoop in to become an Azure Envoy.

Yin Lin's Spirit White Lion beast pattern would enable her to wield the Spirit White Lion to predict fortunes and misfortunes. Prediction was an even higher-level ability than investigation.

Yin Lin's sacred source lifeform's ability was Screen, and it added to her investigative methods.

Although she did not have impressive combat skills, her overall qualities made her qualified to rise from the fourth Azure Envoy to the third Azure Envoy.

The elder of the Azure Cloud Leopard also doted on his granddaughter and let her consume all sorts of magical and precious ingredients. As a result, her body could naturally collect spirit qi from the air.

This enabled her to increase her spirit qi professional rank quicker than the regular rate. In less than half a year, she would be able to evolve from a B-rank to an A-rank.

Lan Xun never approved of forming a temporary contract with the Freedom Federation. However, he left the matter alone because he wanted to test the characters of the new members of the Azure Hundred Sequence.

Although Lan Xun was displeased with Zhen Kelian's display, at least she repented at the last moment before she caused trouble.

The meeting between the Azure Envoy team might have just ended, but the one held by the Freedom Envoy team was just beginning.

A tall and skinny young man with an intelligent gleam in his eye was tapping on the table, and it was clear that he was deep in thought.

Three elderly men stood next to the young man, and seven of the ten young people were looking anxiously at the tall young man. Two of the remaining young people were male, and the last was a girl. All of them had calm expressions that lacked even a hint of worry.

The girl said to the tall young man, "Big Brother Qian, the people from the Azure Federation are so ungrateful. However, I don't think we'll lose much if they decide not to work with us. We're headed to the Radiance Federation this time to investigate what is going on with the Moon Empress and check on her injury. Secondly, we're going to try and humiliate the Radiance Federation. We will be able to accomplish both these goals even without help from the people from the Azure Federation. We don't need an alliance with them at all."

Chapter 1474: Accidents Always Happen While Sparring

The girl's tone turned malicious as she said, "In my opinion, the 12 Firefly Demon Fetuses can't even compete with the 12 insect-species carcinoma feys that we nurtured secretly. It will be more useful if we set the Suzerain insect-species carcinoma feys loose in the Radiance Federation."

Before the tall man could speak, one of the elderly men next to him said in derision, "Yan Ling, are you trying to start a war with the Radiance Federation? Three members of royalty might favor you, but you should consider weighing the pros and cons for their sake!"

Yan Ling pouted and rolled her eyes before falling silent.

The two men on either side of her said, "Big Brother Qian, Yan Ling, Brother You, and I are more than enough to take down every person in the Radiance Hundred Sequence. We have seen all the information about the Radiance Hundred Sequence and didn't notice anything special. Even if most of them are hiding their true power, their revealed secret weapons aren't notable either."

The two young men spoke haughtily, but the remaining seven members of the Freedom Hundred Sequence dipped their heads and tried to diminish their presence as much as possible.

This was because Yan Ling, Cai Huo, and You Changjing were not just members of the Freedom Hundred Sequence but also envoys designated by the members of royalty.

The seven members of the Freedom Hundred Sequence did not have the right to listen in to the three new Freedom Envoys' conversation with the previous Freedom Envoys.

The tall man frowned. He said to the three arrogant people, "The candidates for the next batch of Radiance Envoys include Bamboo Monarch's disciple, Chef Supreme's disciple, and Long Lamplight's disciple. They are all older than 20, and there's no way they will participate in the Radiance Hundred Sequence selection. None of these three disciples of royalty have tried to become members of the Radiance Hundred Sequence. Instead, they went out to train.

"However, we have received news that the Moon Empress and Night Empress have both accepted disciples. These two disciples are shrouded in secret, and the information we received from within the Radiance Federation did not include the two disciples' names.

"I have a feeling that they are members of the Radiance Hundred Sequence! It's possible that you will be facing off against the next Radiance Envoys. So don't underestimate them, especially you, Yan Ling. Your sacred source lifeform is strong but don't be too dependent on it during combat. Who's to say that your sacred source lifeform won't be targeted by another sacred source lifeform? Don't say I didn't warn you when you end up with the tables turned on you."

Yan Ling stuck out her tongue at Qian Yu. She disagreed with what Qian Yu said.

So what if she was about to encounter the next Radiance Envoy? Her, Cai Huo, and You Changjian's feys could form a system, and their sacred source lifeforms could work seamlessly together.

Out of all the new Freedom Envoys, the three of them were a perfect triangle of offense.

The other two Freedom Envoys consisted of a function-type spirit qi professional and a Creation Master. The two of them were just supporting acts.

Yan Ling did not think that someone of the same age as her could beat the three of them.

Cai Huo and You Changjian were just as confused by what Qian Yu said as You Changjian was.

Qian Yu was always full of himself. Why was he suddenly acting so warily?

The previous generation of Freedom Envoys had led the current batch of Freedom Envoys to the Major Federation Meeting.

It could be said that the current generation of Freedom Envoys were the substitutes for the previous generation of Freedom Envoys.

The current generation of Freedom Envoys would be subbed in during some special battles or if an accident befell one of the previous envoys.

The current batch of Freedom Envoys would only take the lead at the next Major Federation Meeting.

Yan Ling, Cai Huo, and You Changjian had never attended because the three of them always stayed behind Qian Yu's back.

Qian Yu saw that there was still a nonchalant expression on the other three's faces and sighed to himself.

I felt the same way as them eight years ago. But once I attended the Major Federation Meeting and finally clashed with the Radiance Envoys, I finally understood what kind of power the Radiance Envoys held.

Qian Yu was afraid that Yan Ling, Cai Huo, and You Changjian would end up suffering the consequences of their hubris.

It would be a small matter if the Freedom Federation had to lay down some of its pride and a serious matter if the other goals for coming to the Freedom Federation were affected.

Qian Yu glanced at the three elderly men sitting next to him and nodded at one of them.

The elderly man understood what Qian Yu meant and said to Yan Ling, "The abilities of your three sacred source lifeforms are too important. Make sure you keep them a secret during this trip to the Radiance Federation."

Yan Ling, Cai Huo, and You Changjian did not oppose this instruction. They understood that the elderly man was telling them to keep the abilities of their sacred source lifeforms a secret until the Major Federation Meeting because this would be the best way to take the Radiance Envoys by surprise.

Suddenly, a thought struck Cai Huo, and he said, "If there really is a disciple of royalty amongst the Radiance Hundred Sequence, why shouldn't we try to hit them a little harder during the spar? It's normal for accidents to happen during sparring. The Radiance Federation won't be able to point fingers even if someone ends up dead."

You Changjian and Yan Ling's expressions changed.

Qian Yu mulled for a moment before he said, "If you're confident of being able to land a killing blow, you can consider using your sacred source lifeforms' abilities. But since it's meant to be an accident, make sure to be discreet!"

Qian Yu stood up and sighed before continuing. "Forget it. Even if the Azure Envoys are unwilling to form a temporary alliance, we have other allies in the Radiance Federation. I want to see how the Radiance Federation will be able to stand up against us two years after we wreak havoc during this trip."

A contemplative look appeared on Qian Yu's face. He looked like a wily hunter who was waiting for his trap to spring on prey that had just unknowingly walked into it.

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The cold sea breeze caused Yin Lin's skirt to billow in the wind.

Her hands and feet were freezing cold, and she stared up at the stars in the sky.

She could not help but be lost in the sight.

Yin Lin was no longer blind. She had awakened two beast patterns and was the Azure Federation's fourth Azure Envoy.

Chapter 1475: The Astronomical Parliament's Direction

The banquet amongst the constellations was not considered a benefit but a burden to Yin Lin.

However, she had already formed an unbreakable tie in the constellations.

She dared not think about the possibility of never seeing Lin Yuan again if the Astronomical Parliament parliamentary meeting did not take place again.

While Yin Lin was looking up at the stars, a heavily injured young man was currently commandeering a bat-species fey in the Grotto Continent.

The bat-species fey split into a group of bats and attacked a group of Class 3 subterranean dimensional lifeforms.

When the bats surrounded the Class 3 dimensional lifeforms, the young man's wounds visibly started to heal.

The figures behind the young man were using different source-type items to defend against subterranean dimensional lifeforms.

This was the team that Bei Xu had put together in two weeks, and it was a kind of miniature faction.

Bei Xu had not allowed himself to stop for six days straight. He forced himself to fight to the point of exhaustion every time because this was the only way to keep his mind from wandering.

Tomorrow was going to be the next scheduled Astronomical Parliament parliamentary meeting.

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Ta Lei's life had been rather routine the past few days, and he had concentrated on rushing along his journey.

He had encountered two robber groups who were dealt with by the guard that the Iron Hammer Federation's imperial court had assigned to him.

Although there was still a long way to go before they arrived at the border of the Divine Wood Federation, Ta Lei was very excited to meet his teacher.

Since Su Yiren had already met up with Lin Yuan in reality, the Astronomical Parliament had already lost its significance to her.

She did not intend on joining the next Astronomical Parliament parliamentary meeting because she could contact Lin Yuan directly if she needed anything.

Su Yiren had already started choosing the 14 Poppy Fruits and had already picked out seven suitable girls. The 14 Poppy Fruits would be complete soon.

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At night, all the lanterns in the Radiance Federation's Royal Capital were lit, creating a sea of light.

Topics surrounding Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess took over all the messaging boards on Star Web that night.

Even those who did not listen to music on Star Web also came to know about Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess and the Warm Sun Fund.

When the messages about Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess reached a fervor, a message was posted by the Star Web officials at midnight that was sent to every Star Web user.

This news left all the Star Web users and members of factions in shock, which was soon followed by excitement.

The message stated that the Class 6 abyss dimensional rift was about to be open to the public in the Radiance Federation.

At the Guard Ye Banquet, the members of royalty had said that the Class 6 abyss dimensional rift was only going to be open to factions.

Later on, Cicada Song suggested that the 32 major cities build representative cities in the abyssal world.

The representative cities would protect citizens from the dangers of the abyssal world.

Thus, it led to this declaration.

None of the factions had been informed about the news in advance.

This piece of news gave every person an equal opportunity.

The members of factions who received the news immediately gathered manpower to start planning for their expansion into the abyssal world.

This piece of news caused Di Wancheng and Di Wantian's expressions to change.

During the Guard Ye Banquet, they had heard about the Class 6 abyss dimensional rift.

However, they did not expect the members of royalty to act so quickly and to make the declaration without any warning.

Normally, Di Wancheng and Di Wantian would be dying for the Class 6 abyss dimensional rift to open as soon as possible.

Whale Ocean Commerce had used the lead-up to the Radiance Hundred Sequence to concentrate all attention on them and recruit a large quantity of low-class Creation Masters.

Any faction would require Creation Master resources badly when building cities in the abyssal world.

Whale Ocean Commerce was drawing too much attention to themselves by recruiting Creation Masters at such a time. It would be easy for people to sense that something was wrong and for a slip-up to occur.

Di Wantian said to Di Wancheng, "Wancheng, go and tell Third Sister about the situation. When the other batch of Creation Masters appear three days later, tell her to wipe them all out and make the leap to become a Class 5 Creation Master."

Di Wantian was well aware that his sister would hold completely different levels of authority when she was and was not a Class 5 Creation Master.

Di Wantian wanted to give Whale Ocean Commerce as much authority as possible so they could sit at the same negotiation table as the members of royalty.

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In the Return from Faraway Mansion, Lin Yuan woke up as sunlight streamed in.

After consuming the Earth Center Fine Milk, he no longer had the urge to laze in bed.

He immediately found out about the news that the Class 6 abyss dimensional rift was opening and entered the Spirit Lock spatial zone to fulfill his orders to Raging Waves City, Indigo Azure City, and Ascending Dragon City.

Sky City would use the three cities' advertisement to attract larger cities' attention and establish more partnerships. This would enable Lin Yuan to gain more food for the Sacred Sword Wielding Queen.

Lin Yuan worked hard until the afternoon when he went downstairs to eat lunch.

After lunch, he would analyze the issue of the Astronomical Parliament with Wen Yu.

The biggest increase in Wen Yu's power after training in the Radiant Moon Palace did not come from the Elemental Paper but from the Astronomical Parliament.

The Astronomical Parliament had already evolved to 3 Stars, just like the Sacred Sword Wielding Queen.

The Astronomical Parliament needed spiritual-type spiritual ingredients to increase its Stars.

Mystic Moon was a spiritual-type dragon-species fey.

As Wen Yu's Master, Mystic Moon felt that he was mistreating her.

He was trying so hard to nurture her because he wanted her to be able to assist Lin Yuan, just like how he helped the Moon Empress.

Hence, Mystic Moon had shed his dragon horn and had given it to her so the Astronomical Parliament could absorb it.

Although the Astronomical Parliament was only 3 Stars, the dragon horn would enable it to evolve to 5 Stars and above very soon.

The higher the Astronomical Parliament's Stars were, the better Wen Yu would understand it.

Wen Yu was ready to tell Lin Yuan about the Astronomical Parliament so he could help her decide the direction in which the Astronomical Parliament should develop.

Chapter 1476: Cloud Lake City and Mountain Bell City's Favors

But before Wen Yu could discuss the Astronomical Parliament with Lin Yuan, she had other things to ask him.

Wen Yu had also found out about the opening of the Class 6 abyss dimensional rift this morning.

She saw the abyssal world as an untouched and undiscovered world filled with resources that were ripe for the picking.

Wen Yu wanted to ask Lin Yuan if he intended to expand into the abyssal world.

Hence, she said, "Young Master, according to the rules, Sky City is under the Royal Capital. Should we create a representative faction inside the Royal Capital in the abyssal world?"

Lin Yuan was stunned.

He remembered that he had not told Wen Yu about the faction that he was setting up with Liu Jie, Zong Ze, Long Tao, and the rest. As such, he told her about their plans.

Wen Yu nodded when she heard Lin Yuan's plans for the abyssal world.

"Wen Yu, I told you about the marsh world, but you've never seen it for yourself. Since we have some time now, I'll take you to the marsh world for a visit now," said Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan took out the Jeweled Cave Golden Toad.

He let out the Dragon Horns Mysterious Turtle and left it in the Mother of Bloodbath's care before telling Wen Yu to enter the Jeweled Cave Golden Toad.

Next, Lin Yuan took the Jeweled Cave Golden Toad with him to the Spirit Lock spatial zone and entered the marsh world through Klein Hub.

He let Wen Yu out when they entered the marsh world.

After he took Wen Yu on tour around the territory, Lin Yuan brought her back to the main world.

Wen Yu sat down on the water rhinoceros leather sofa as she took in the fact that Lin Yuan had already gotten the lay of the land in the marsh world.

The marsh world was much more suitable for human habitation than the abyssal world because the abyssal world experienced year-long high temperatures and a lack of rain, and the ground was covered with sharp rocks. No plant-type feys could grow there. It was also very difficult to breed furry beast-type feys in such an environment because their fur would trap heat and cause them to overheat and die.

Lin Yuan would also receive a share of the resources earned by the faction that Long Tao managed without lifting a hand or supplying labor.

Since Lin Yuan had already arranged and prepared everything in the abyssal world, Wen Yu did not have to come up with another plan.

At that moment, Wen Yu recalled the message Duan He sent two days ago.

She waved her hand, and paper started flying around the room. As the paper flew around the room, words appeared on the sheets before landing back on the table as a new set of documents.

Wen Yu handed the documents to Lin Yuan and said, "Young Master, Indigo Azure City wants to deepen their relationship with you and purchase more Bronze/Epic feys. They also want to expand their order of feys beyond just the Hot Spring Slugs.

"You were not back yet, so I called the Indigo Azure Guard Captain when I heard about the matter. I learned that Cloud Lake City and Mountain Bell City would also like to work with us. Both of these cities are larger than Indigo Azure City.

"I sent a Faceless Paper to Duan He so he can change his appearance to meet with and discuss business with the two cities. It goes without saying that you have the last say about whether we work with them. It's likely that the two cities are so anxious for Creation Master resources because they heard the news about the Class 6 abyss dimensional rift opening.

"Law Source Crystals are not a rare resource to the major cities because they can gather them in hordes during the dimensional rift active period that takes place every ten years. You can increase your price, so it benefits both you and Indigo Azure City."

Lin Yuan frowned slightly but quickly realized what Wen Yu meant.

She had heard about Cloud Lake City and Mountain Bell City from Indigo Azure City.

If he increased his asking price for Cloud Lake City and Mountain Bell City while keeping Indigo Azure City's price the same, Indigo Azure City would essentially become one of Sky City's branch factions.

This would enable the Indigo Azure Guard Captain to develop an even more positive impression of Sky City that went beyond a normal trading relationship.

Wen Yu's method would involve pulling strings and solidifying their relationship with the Indigo Azure Guard Captain.

Feng Dong had also been the one to spread the news to Raging Waves City.

From the way that Feng Dong spread the news of a collaboration that could bring prosperity to three other major cities, it could be seen that he was a generous person. It was either that or he had a big mouth.

If Sky City kept the price the same for Indigo Azure City while increasing the price for Cloud Lake City and Mountain Bell City, Feng Dong would be able to boost his pride, and he might let more cities know about the benefits of working with Sky City.

Duan He had been training with the white-clothed followers.

It might be better for Duan He and all the white-clothed followers to put on the Faceless Paper so they could meet with the major cities to discuss business.

Lin Yuan thought, *I will have to burn the midnight oil often the next month.*

However, burning the midnight oil was the only way for Lin Yuan to increase his spirit qi professional rank.

Although he would not receive as much spirit qi by evolving Bronze/Epic feys as he would evolving them to Silver and Gold grade, this would bring him greater financial gain.

After all, the entire faction was currently solely dependent on Lin Yuan.

However, everything started small and would eventually snowball.

It would be enough for Lin Yuan if he could easily evolve to become an A-rank spirit qi professional before the Radiance Hundred Sequence selection.

Lin Yuan said to Wen Yu, "I will go and contact the Guard Captains of Cloud Lake City and Mountain Bell City."

Lin Yuan's mindset changed, and he said, "Wen Yu, tell the Elemental Paper to produce a Faceless Paper for me."

Wen Yu did not understand why Lin Yuan needed the Faceless Paper. But since he had made the request, she was not going to turn him down.

Soon, a light yellow paper appeared in Wen Yu's hand. She handed the paper to Lin Yuan and said, "Young Master, paste the Faceless Paper on your face. It will change your features by about 80%. Once the change takes place, no one will be able to recognize you."

Chapter 1477: I Have More Than Enough

"Besides using the Faceless Paper to change your appearance as you please, I can also control it to create a custom appearance. But once you put on the Faceless Paper, you won't be able to remove the

effects on your own. Only the Elemental Paper can recall the Faceless Paper. Otherwise, the Faceless Paper won't be damaged even if you receive a scratch on your face."

Lin Yuan chose the former option without hesitation. He planned to use the Faceless Paper to make his features plainer so he would be able to investigate Whale Ocean Commerce by pretending to register to be one of their Creation Master.

Lin Yuan placed the light yellow paper on his face. He felt as though something was caressing his face, followed by slight itchiness.

However, the itch disappeared quickly.

There were no mirrors in the Return from Faraway Mansion's main hall.

However, the white ceramic vase on the table with fresh flowers could produce a perfect reflection.

From his reflection in the ceramic vase, Lin Yuan saw that his features had indeed been transformed into a plainer version. Now, no one would be able to pick him out from a crowd.

Lin Yuan was very satisfied with the result. However, he had no clue that Wen Yu had a completely different opinion from him.

When Wen Yu first laid eyes on Lin Yuan after using Faceless Paper, she also felt that his features had become plainer.

But when she took a second look, she realized that this was not the case.

Previously, his features had been exquisitely handsome, and his beauty had suppressed his charisma and bone structure.

But now that his appearance was plainer, there was nothing in the way of his charisma and bone structure.

Now, Lin Yuan might appear normal at first glance. But as long as the person looked at him a second time, they would find that he was eye-catching.

But this would not affect Lin Yuan using the Faceless Paper to blend into a crowd.

Wen Yu was not one to focus on looks. But this Lin Yuan, with plainer looks and more outstanding aura and bone structure, was much more attractive to her.

Wen Yu's heart started to race sitting next to Lin Yuan, and she said softly, "Young Master, if you want to stop using Faceless Paper, I can help you remove it. It won't be ruined when removed. You will be able to put it on again to change your looks later. However, if you use a different Faceless Paper, your features might not change in the same way."

Lin Yuan patted his face and found that his face felt exactly the same as how it always felt. He could not tell that his features had been changed at all.

The Faceless Paper's ability to transform features was unmatched.

When Wen Yu removed Faceless Paper, Lin Yuan stored the light yellow paper away and asked, "Wen Yu, you said that you wanted to talk to me about the Astronomical Parliament. Is something wrong?"

Wen Yu immediately activated the Astronomical Parliament, and a cat's eye stone appeared in the middle of her forehead. The cat's eye stone started to shine, and Wen Yu was transported to the constellations.

Lin Yuan realized that the Astronomical Parliament had evolved into 3 Stars, and there seemed to be a large amount of spiritual energy hidden within it that was evolving the Astronomical Parliament with every passing second.

Lin Yuan used True Data to check on the Astronomical Parliament and saw that its Stars were changing, but every other part of its data was the same.

He looked at Wen Yu as he did not know what Wen Yu wanted to talk about.

"Young Master, the Astronomical Parliament has evolved to 3 Stars. It's now at a crossroads. I can use spiritual energy to decide which direction it should go in. The first direction is the same as in the past, where more people can be pulled into it to fill up the north-star constellation seats. The other road will deepen the relationship between the Astronomical Parliament and the members of the north-star constellation seats."

Lin Yuan raised an eyebrow and asked, "Elaborate on it. How will the relationship between the contractors of the north-star constellation be deepened?"

Lin Yuan felt that bringing more people into the Astronomical Parliament was not necessarily a good thing.

Wen Yu only had enough spiritual energy to hold a parliamentary meeting once every week and only for half an hour.

In such a situation, if more people suddenly joined the Astronomical Parliament, the time given to each contractor of the north-star constellation would be greatly reduced. There would not even be enough time to chat about the weather.

Lin Yuan would not have enough time to use Star Spirit Seat to solve problems.

Hence, Lin Yuan was leaning toward the latter road.

But he wanted to know in what way and how the relationship would be deepened.

The Astronomical Parliament was comprised of a mutually beneficial group. Hence, sufficient time to communicate was necessary.

Lin Yuan would prefer to keep the net smaller than large and spread out.

"In order to deepen the relationship with the contractors of the north-star constellation seats, I will need to use a large amount of spiritual energy. But once the relationship has been deepened, we will not only be able to pull the contractors into the Astronomical Parliament at set times while they are

sleeping, but the Astronomical Parliament can also communicate with the contractors through their constellations,” explained Wen Yu.

Lin Yuan’s eyes lit up.

If this was true, the Astronomical Parliament would turn from one-way communication to two-way communication.

However, given Lin Yuan’s understanding of Star Spirit Seat, this link would require Wen Yu to use up her spiritual energy and maybe even other things.

But before Lin Yuan could ask more, Wen Yu said, “However, using this long-distance connection would require willpower and law energy. I have to possess enough willpower and law energy to communicate with the contractors through Star Spirit Seat. It will take a big toll on me.”

Lin Yuan cocked his head and said, “If all you need is willpowers and laws, I have more than enough.”

Chapter 1478: New Member of the Astronomical Parliament

If the Astronomical Parliament needed other things to deepen the relationship with contractors, Lin Yuan might not have agreed so readily.

Although Lin Yuan had the Spirit Lock spatial zone and could quickly collect a large amount of riches, the resources he produced in the Spirit Lock spatial zone were too rare.

He had placed all the jade-textured wood to the side. He had nurtured these jade-textured wood to build the Return from Faraway Mansion’s basement.

He instructed the Spirit Craftsmen from Heavenly Craft Pavilion to use the powder Hu Quan put extra work into to make luxury goods that the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce sold off.

As for the jade-textured wood that was left over, Lin Yuan stored them away so they could be used for building the Sky City on the Floating Island Whale.

Although he already had the bones from three mature Island Whales that he could use to create the structure of Sky City, he needed more materials to beautify the pillars and other infrastructure.

Lin Yuan was used to using jade-textured wood to craft. Hence, he planned on building Sky City in the same style as the Return from Faraway Mansion. Thus, he would not supply any more jade-textured wood to the market and only provide them to his acquaintances.

The most valuable things currently stored in the Spirit Lock spatial zone were the Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls, heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls, and the Bronze/Epic feys that he evolved.

Normally, precious spiritual ingredients did not appear on the market.

For example, even if Lin Yuan went bankrupt one day, he would not use the Dragon Saliva Whale Fragrance and Island Whale brain oil to trade for resources.

Hence, there were some resources that Lin Yuan could not promise away.

However, Lin Yuan had too many willpowers and laws.

It would be difficult for other people to get their hands on willpowers and laws.

But the Sacred Sword Wielding Queen could draw out willpowers and laws from the Law Crystals of Fantasy and Myth Breed feys.

Lin Yuan had never stopped searching for the Law Crystals of Fantasy and Myth Breed feys.

Lin Yuan removed the willpowers and laws from the bodies of feys before he gave them to Duan He to give to Purple Demon.

Now, the Sacred Sword Wielding Queen's skirt had many willpowers and laws.

He did not have use for the unorthodox and incomplete laws and willpowers. He would not mind using those up as a means of cleaning up the Sacred Sword Wielding Queen's skirt.

Wen Yu blinked when she heard what Lin Yuan said.

She remembered Lin Yuan saying the same thing after he used willpowers and laws in the first Astronomical Parliament's parliamentary meeting.

However, she would require many more laws and willpowers to use the Astronomical Parliament to communicate with the contractors of the north-south constellation seats.

"Young Master, even if you have no lack of willpowers and laws, I will really need a lot of them," said Wen Yu.

Lin Yuan smiled and started explaining to Wen Yu, "My sacred source lifeform can extract laws and willpowers from the Law Crystals of Fantasy and Myth Breed feys. Don't worry. If you really need an overly large quantity, we can trade for some Fantasy Breed fey bodies from the cities. We can also trade for Law Crystal fragments when we're trading the Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls with the top factions."

Wen Yu finally relaxed.

She knew long ago that Lin Yuan had contracted a sacred source lifeform.

Wen Yu had no idea what Lin Yuan's sacred source lifeform was, and she had never thought to ask Lin Yuan.

But now, Lin Yuan was telling her about his sacred source lifeform's ability of his own accord. This meant that he trusted her implicitly.

A wave of warmth washed over Wen Yu, and her lips curled.

She composed herself before saying, "Young Master, if I deepen the relationship with the contractors of the north-south constellation seats, the Astronomical Parliament will only be able to contain seven people at most, including me. However, I can extend the parliamentary meeting from half an hour to 45 minutes."

Lin Yuan's eyebrow twitched.

This was not considered a limitation but good news to Lin Yuan.

An extension of 15 minutes was a 50% increase in time. This would enable Lin Yuan to communicate better with the members of the Astronomical Parliament.

From a certain angle, seven people were not a low number.

Excluding himself and Wen Yu, the Astronomical Parliament could contain five other people at the same time.

Su Yiren had already met up with him at the Divine Wood Federation. Although she had formed a contract with a north-south constellation seat, she no longer needed to attend the parliamentary meetings.

Lin Yuan would be able to meet up with Ta Lei at the border of the Divine Wood Federation soon.

This would open up another space in the Astronomical Parliament.

Currently, the only people who needed to enter the Astronomical Parliament were Yin Lin, Bei Xu, and Ta Lei.

This meant that he could pick two new people to join during the next Astronomical Parliament parliamentary meeting.

Lin Yuan was very excited about this.

By giving the contractors of the north-south constellation seats the ability to contact the Astronomical Parliament themselves, there would be no need for every member to join the parliamentary meeting each time.

This would not prevent Wen Yu from increasing the number of contractors and would also enable the Astronomical Parliament to increase its Stars quicker.

There were two ways for the Astronomical Parliament to increase its Stars. The first was to absorb spiritual-type ingredients. The second method was using Star Spirit Seat to consume laws and willpowers.

It could be said that the Sacred Sword Wielding Queen and Astronomical Parliament could form a symbiotic relationship.

Now that Lin Yuan had decided on the direction for the Astronomical Parliament, Wen Yu prepared to go to the training room to set up the ritual for the Astronomical Parliament parliamentary meeting.

Meanwhile, Lin Yuan called the Guard Captains of Cloud Lake City and Mountain Bell City.

He repeated the same script to both of them: he would evolve their standard feys to Bronze/Epic at a price of six Law Source Crystals per fey.

With Feng Dong's glowing review, both Guard Captains were eager to work with Lin Yuan, and they put down an order of 1,000 feys.

However, the Guard Captains of the Cloud Lake City and Mountain Bell City had never met Lin Yuan. Hence, unlike Wang Ce, they only paid a deposit.

Chapter 1479: The Young Man in Despair

Once this deal was sealed, Lin Yuan would gain 12,000 Law Source Crystals. This would be enough to sustain the Sacred Source Wielding Queen for some time.

From the large number of high-quality Bronze feys that Cloud Lake City and Mountain Bell City required, it meant that they were determined to build representative cities in the abyssal world.

Lin Yuan knew enough about dimensional worlds to know how difficult it was to harvest resources from dimensional worlds.

They would have to fight countless battles with abyss demons before they were able to harvest the resources.

Once the Class 6 dimensional rift opened and the representative cities were built, the spirit qi professionals would inevitably become more bloodthirsty. Their training in the abyssal world would cause them to become more determined and persevering.

It could be said that the abyssal world was the best battleground for the Radiance Federation.

However, the members of royalty should be awarded the credit for discovering the Class 6 abyss dimensional rift, clearing out the area of powerful dimensional lifeforms, and enabling this battleground to be formed.

Lin Yuan agreed on such a low price with the Guard Captains of Cloud Lake City and Mountain Bell City because he did not want to take advantage of the opening of the Class 6 abyss dimensional rift to amp up the price and leave them with the impression that he was greedy.

Even if Lin Yuan set a price of 10 or 15 Law Source Crystals at this juncture where all of the factions were recruiting Creation Masters, the Guard Captains of Cloud Lake City and Mountain Alps City would eventually have to begrudgingly agree.

Lin Yuan added an extra Law Source Crystal on top of the original five as a gesture to Feng Dong.

He had already acted in a friendly manner to Feng Dong. But Sky City's future attitude toward him would depend on how many orders he brought Sky City.

Cloud Lake City and Mountain Bell City were Indigo Azure City's neighbors, and Duan He was currently off training with the white-clothed followers.

Lin Yuan called Duan He right after he ended the call with the Guard Captains of Cloud Lake City and Mountain Bell City.

During the call, he gave Duan He an order to apply the Faceless Paper to all the white-clothed followers and to travel between Cloud Lake City, Mountain Bell City, and Raging Waves City.

Duan He immediately promised that he would carry out the job perfectly.

Lin Yuan had finished fulfilling the orders and just needed Duan He to deliver them.

Every white-clothed follower that Sky City recruited had comprehended at least three Willpower Runes.

These elites from the Radiance Federation who had fallen off the wagon mostly had weak feys due to their background. However, with Lin Yuan's supply of resources and Duan He's caring and nurturing, all the white-clothed followers were completely different from who they used to be.

Their swords had been sheathed for too long, and it was time for them to enter the stage.

This task would be the best chance for the white-clothed followers to start swinging around their swords.

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"I have awakened a Willpower Rune and am willing to be your servant. Please let my sister go."

A young man was kneeling on a black stone floor and kowtowing violently. His head knocking on the ground produced a deafening banging sound.

The shiny stone ground was soon covered with flesh and blood.

A large bump rose on the young man's head. There was a gash on the bump, and blood was steadily spilling out of it and onto the black stone floor.

There was a middle-aged woman around 40 years old in front of the young man.

The middle-aged woman did not even glance at the young man.

But when she saw his blood staining the ground, a look of disdain crossed her originally expressionless face. She looked as repulsed as when she was looking at dirt on the ground.

When the middle-aged woman frowned, the two men behind her hurriedly picked up the kneeling young man and prepared to throw him out.

This was when the middle-aged woman stood up and said, "Stop!"

She walked up to the young man and snarled, "You sure did come up with a good scheme. Did you say that you have a Willpower Rune and want to become my servant because you want to cheat a fey out of me? Your sister should be honored that the Sixth Young Master took a liking to her. IF she stays by his side and serves him well, you might wind up with a good life too!"

The middle-aged woman picked up the jade wheel on the table and walked into the castle.

As she walked away, she rubbed the jade wheel on her face to massage her skin. She had a very cavalier air about her.

The dizzy young man with tears in his eyes was left kneeling on the ground as he clenched his jaw and tried to keep his tears from spilling out.

His sister was helpless to say no when the Sixth Young Master propositioned her.

This was why he had gone behind her back to reveal the secret she had forbidden him from speaking.

The two men beside him had various images tattooed all over them. One of them had tattoos covering half of his face, and this made him appear even more vicious.

When he saw the young man struggling to hold in his tears, the man said in amusement, "Boy, the Elder of our castle hates seeing people cry. Any person who dares to cry in the castle ends up regretting it. If a single tear drips down your face, I won't need to toss you out."

A malevolent expression appeared on the man's face. It was as though he would kill the young man the moment a tear rolled down his face.

This was exactly what was going to happen.

The other man snapped. "Why are you wasting your breath on this brat? We can just toss him out and get him out of our hair! Now that this boy's sister is serving the Sixth Young Master, we might have to send her back to this brat sometime in the future."

The man had intentionally intensified his tone to provoke the young man.

Right as the last word left the man's lips, he felt the young man's muscles tensing.

This was a bad habit of men. They loved looking at a creature flailing around helplessly in the depths of despair.

The young man's nails were digging into his palm. However, the pain in his forehead could not compare to the ache in his heart.

His parents had died early, and he only had his sister to depend on for as long as he could remember.

He was well aware of how much his sister doted on him.

He had thought about the day that his sister would get married. Although he was slightly resistant to the idea, he was not against it.

However, the Sixth Young Master of this castle was a sick demon.

In less than three days, his sister would be killed by the Sixth Young Master, or she would take her own life after being pushed to the brink by the humiliation she had to suffer.

Chapter 1480: Surrounded by Black Figures

Given the young man's understanding of his sister, he felt that the latter possibility was more likely.

The young man was enveloped by a cocoon of despair.

At that moment, he longed for a powerful force that could charge into the castle and take his sister away from this place while massacring all the evil people inside, including the Sixth Young Master.

Suddenly, he was hit by a spell of dizziness. After banging his head on the ground so many times, he was concussed, and his consciousness started to slowly fade away.

The two tattooed men lost interest when they saw that the young man had fainted. They walked out of the castle and tossed him out like a piece of garbage.

The young man was dressed in rags and was in a sorry state. It was evident that he did not fit in with the imposing air of the castle.

Some time passed, and a gust of icy breeze woke the young man up. He opened his eyes and sucked in a painful breath of cold air.

The cold air in his lungs pulled him to his senses.

He turned to glance at the black castle before dashing back to his house.

Although there seemed to be no one around the black castle, there had to be guards hiding in the shadows.

By now, there was no way that his sister was unaware of his visit to the black castle. If he lingered any longer, he would probably be killed by the guards.

Since he could not help his sister, he did not want to add to her sadness by dying.

At that moment, he prayed that a miracle would descend.

His mother had given him his first tattoo, and his father had given him his second. After his parents' deaths, his sister tattooed them on him.

He remembered begging his sister to tattoo the two of them next to their parents so their family could be together again.

The young man clenched his fists tightly and slammed his fist into the wall of the alley.

There was an Earth Mother Elder in the black castle who held a middle-class knight position in the Spirit Mother Federation.

The rank above Earth Mother was Sky Mother.

Class 1 to 3 Creation Masters and experts below emperor-class could be Earth Mothers. The arch-class and above experts could be Sky Mothers.

There could only be one Spirit Mother in the entire Spirit Mother Federation. This person was the only Class 5 Creation Master in the Spirit Mother Federation.

There was no royalty in the Spirit Mother Federation.

Experts who were arch-class and above could be Spirit Mother Guards whose job was to protect the Spirit Mother.

The knights were a well-oiled machine.

The Earth Mothers worked for the Sky Mothers, and the Earth Mothers could also receive rewards from the Sky Mothers. The Sky Mothers all worshiped the Spirit Mother.

The knights were such an overwhelming force that the young man could not hope to retaliate.

If a god truly descended and enabled him to defeat the Earth Mother Elder in the black castle, the Sky Mother who had sent guards to watch over the black castle would definitely kill him.

Even if he managed to defeat the Sky Mother's guards, the Spirit Mother and Spirit Mother Guards would eventually come after him.

The only way to change his fate was for him to become a Creation Master and gain the rank of Earth Mother.

Unfortunately, he was too young and could not afford the 10 Spirit Mother dollars that were required to pay a Creation Master to test him for Creation Masters talent.

But when he thought about his sister, he felt a burst of courage.

If he could save his sister, he was willing to sacrifice everything.

Once he returned home, the combined effects of the loss of blood, nerves, and exhaustion caused him to collapse.

His fist remained clenched even as he fell asleep, and the blood seeping from between his fingers soon stained the blankets, turning them as fiery red as his will.

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A worn but large boat sailed across the waves.

The wood that the boat was made of prevented water from seeping in and rotting from occurring. It also gave the boat a stone-like quality.

There was an uneven mesh attached to the boat. A layer of metal spiritual ingredients was stuck to the mesh.

There were also two large lanterns at the head and tail of the boat.

Previously, there were high-grade strange flames in the lanterns that were extremely bright.

However, the strange flames in the lantern at the back of the boat had been removed by someone.

At dusk, as the wind and waves quieted down, the surface of the sea was especially quiet.

However, hundreds of five-meter-long black figures could be seen below the water near the boat.

Occasionally, one of the black figures would break the surface of the water and reveal the sharp spikes that covered their body.

If the black figures increased their speed, the spikes would blur together to resemble wooden boards.

Constant thudding noises were coming from the bottom of the boat.

Evidently, the black figures were knocking against the bottom of the boat.

Luckily, the wood at the bottom of the boat was rock-textured and was connected by metal spirals to further fortify them.

Nonetheless, scratches were still left on the bottom of the boat.

The sailors sat around the deck. Only a few of them were still working, like those who were adjusting the sail and the one in the crow's nest.

Their hands, lips, and skin were dry to the point of cracking. All of them looked extremely haggard.

It was strange for someone to be so deprived of water when they were surrounded by liquid.

Although seawater was not drinkable, one could scoop up a pail and allow the water to evaporate and condense back into clean water droplets that would be enough to sustain a boatload of sailors for a day.

However, this did not account for the situation where there were hundreds of black figures below the water.

Some sailors had taken the risk of scooping up a pail of water and discovered the black figures' strong leaping abilities.

There had been nowhere for them to find their footing in the water. But using the pail as a ledge, one of the black figures had managed to make it onto the deck.

As it squirmed and flailed around clumsily on the deck, its movements were still quicker than that of the fleeing sailors, and it was only killed after five sailors sacrificed their lives.

From the way that the sailors looked unbothered by the black figures, it indicated that they had been trapped for some time.

The black figure that had leaped on board had been killed and provided the sailors with a source of food.

However, none of them dared to eat any more of the black figure's flesh because the more they ate, the hungrier they became.

Consuming food while being dehydrated at the same time was no different from committing suicide.