

Merchant 161

Chapter 161: Congratulations! It Hasn't Been Healed!

In the Radiant Moon Palace's breeding room, the Moon Empress was concocting with spiritual ingredients. With her natural movements, she completed a bottle of light-purple concoction.

The Moon Empress shook her hand, and the light-purple concoction turned into an aromatic mist that enveloped a Diamond/Epic lotus fey in the lotus pond. This fey quickly absorbed the light-purple aromatic mist, and in a moment, it evolved into Diamond/Legend.

But when doing so, most of the aromatic mist was used up. What was left spread out and was absorbed by the other lotus feys in the lotus pond.

At that moment, the Moon Empress's cell phone, which she had not used for a long time, on the table rang.

If she wanted to meet anyone, she could just summon them. If anyone wanted to meet her, they had to see whether they were worthy enough to do so.

The Moon Empress did not save many numbers in her cell phone besides those exceptional experts from the Radiance Federation. Of course, there were exceptions, such as Lin Yuan.

The Moon Empress looked at her cell phone, and a gentle smile crept on her cold face when she saw the caller ID. She answered the call. "Lin Yuan, it's been a while since you came to see me at the Radiant Moon Palace."

Lin Yuan hurriedly replied, "Master, I went to the Endless Forest for wild harvesting some time ago. I'm now in Redbud City again. I'll go visit you when I go to the Royal Capital."

He did not tell her about the dimensional rift outside Millstone Town and the battle that had ensued, as he was afraid she would worry.

Although he said nothing, the Moon Empress had long known about it since it was such a big thing that involved Lin Yuan.

Upon finding out, the Moon Empress marveled at Lin Yuan's strength. She had always known that he had exceptional talents as a Creation Master, but she did not expect him to be such a powerful combat-class spirit qi professional.

While she was proud of Lin Yuan, she could not help but feel that she had neglected her duties.

The Moon Empress was not worried about Lin Yuan's safety, as the Mother of Bloodbath was his Path Protector. It could take Lin Yuan away in one piece from even a Class 3 dimensional rift.

After chatting with the Moon Empress for a while, Lin Yuan stated his purpose of calling her. "Master, I would like to ask you a favor."

Upon hearing that, the Moon Empress nearly giggled in joy. During that period, she had been worried to death. What should she do when her independent disciple did not rely on her, his master?

As a result, the Moon Empress, who rarely went onto Star Web, even searched for posts there but did not find any answers.

She then anonymously posted a post for help, but the answer she had received made her so angry that she almost crushed her phone.

If Cold Moon had not found out that the Moon Empress was angry and had taken the initiative to crush the cell phone on her behalf, the Moon Empress would have crushed it instead.

Now that the Moon Empress heard Lin Yuan had something he needed her help with, the sense of accomplishment as his master arose in her heart.

“Tell me, what do you need my help with?” The Moon Empress said very generously because there was nothing in the world she could not do.

Afterward, Lin Yuan told her about Chu Ci’s situation and his thoughts.

Upon hearing that, the Moon Empress could not help but hold her forehead. She had been happy for nothing. Her disciple sought her help not because he was in trouble but because of his sister.

Nonetheless, the Moon Empress replied very solemnly, “Lin Yuan, don’t worry. I’ll ask Cold Moon to get this done.”

After hanging up the phone, Lin Yuan then ordered a Platinum Divine Travel Black Swallow on Star Web and rode it to the Royal Capital.

When he returned to the Royal Capital, he first confirmed his store location.

During this period, Liu Jie had searched for quite a few locations and had sent Lin Yuan the details of each place.

After narrowing them down, Lin Yuan then realized two places were quite good. One of them was where he had gone for an appointment but had been attacked by Cheng Wu, while the other was an excellent location in the Royal Capital’s bustling area.

Lin Yuan needed to choose between the two locations—the well-located bustling area where it was easy to set up the store or the huge one with the nice scenery located in the remote suburbs. However, he still needed to see the places before choosing one.

After he confirmed his store location in the Royal Capital, he would enter a long period of seclusion inside. Firstly, he had to fuse Chimey with the Twilight Willpower Rune and evolve it into a Fantasy Breed. He would then put the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee in Red Thorn’s corrosive cavity and let it hatch. After that, he would evolve the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee into Gold.

Given his strength, Lin Yuan had the possibility of climbing to the 100th floor of the Star Tower and ascending to the Celestial Stairway.

If he were to be fighting and raising his rank in the Celestial Stairway, he could most likely be matched with the Radiance Alliance’s young pinnacle experts.

Lin Yuan had always kept Liu Jie's Insect Queen in the Pure Land of Bliss. In these few months, the Insect Queen, which had been in imminent danger, had more or less recovered. As long as he spent a few days healing it, it could completely recover. At that time, Liu Jie could restore the Heart of Insect Swarm's strength, which ranked Sequence #39 in the Radiance Hundred Sequence.

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Liu Jie, who was helping Lin Yuan find the locations for his store in the Royal Capital, was standing there in a confrontation.

"Liu Jie, you're becoming worse! You used to be a member of the Radiance Hundred Sequence, yet you're actually working as a retainer for a Class 2 Creation Master."

A man with a pair of peach blossom eyes[1] shouted at Liu Jie. His tone seemed to have a fit of indescribable anger.

But before he could finish his words, a thick voice sounded from the side, stopping the man with the peach blossom eyes from speaking further.

The man with the thick voice turned to Liu Jie and said, "Liu Jie, Bai Hao has a temper like this. When he learned that you were injured, he looked around the entire world for you, but you disappeared without a word."

Bai Hao snorted and turned away from Liu Jie.

Liu Jie did not expect that he would meet his former teammates. Before Liu Jie had gotten injured, Liu Jie, Bai Hao, and Wang Fan would always go out to train and do missions.

However, after Liu Jie had gotten injured and learned that he could not recover, he felt downhearted and left the Royal Capital.

He had bidden goodbye to his identity of Heart of Insect Swarm, the former Sequence #39 in the Radiance Hundred Sequence, and had become an ordinary down-and-out adventurer.

Upon hearing Bai Hao's words, Liu Jie, who always had a good temper, frowned and responded in a low voice, "I work for him not because he's a Creation Master of a certain class or his strength."

He lowered his head to look at the Class 2 Creation Master crest on his chest and felt that it was particularly hot.

Two months ago, a youth had given him hope for a new lease of life while he was desperate and down, allowing him to once again find his value, his dream, his persistence, and the meaning of his life.

Therefore, Liu Jie had sworn an oath with the Willpower Rune to dedicate his future life as a retainer knight.

However, Liu Jie's words made Bai Hao tremble. He clenched his teeth and looked at Liu Jie before asking, "Has your Insect Queen been healed?"

When Liu Jie shook his head, Bai Hao clapped. "Congratulations! It hasn't been healed."

Bai Hao then left with Wang Fan, who wanted to say something. Wang Fan sighed as he looked at Bai Hao and did not say what he wanted to.

Bai Hao turned around to look at Wang Fan and asked very seriously, "Wang Fan, how much money do you have?"

Wang Fan took out his Star Web Card and handed it to him. "I should have over 20,000,000 Radiance dollars in it."

Bai Hao took Wang Fan's Star Web Card and replied, "I've saved some money in the past two years, so I have 32,000,000 Radiance dollars in my Star Web Card. Counting yours in, we have over 50,000,000 Radiance dollars. Let's see if we can get Liu Jie's Insect Queen healed!"

Wang Fan had long known about Bai Hao's temper and said helplessly, "You never speak properly. You have a sharp tongue but a soft heart. Have you never thought that you would hurt Liu Jie when you clapped your hands?"

Bai Hao immediately went silent and only said after some time, "He hurt me first. He left without saying a word and did not treat me as a brother."

Wang Fan was speechless for a moment and did not speak.

When Liu Jie had been in trouble, the three of them had just pooled their money together to buy spiritual ingredients for Bai Hao to evolve his fey.

Liu Jie had lost his capabilities and had pooled all his savings in his Star Web Card for Bai Hao, so the latter did not know how Liu Jie had been getting along all these years.

At that moment, Bai Hao said, "Before Liu Jie's Insect Queen is healed, I won't spend a single penny. I'll save them for its treatment." He then let out a strange cry. "Ugh! I can't reward the Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess anymore during this period. I don't know if I can maintain my spot of being the top contributing fan."

Wang Fan rolled his eyes. Bai Hao was becoming more and more like a child. He watched the Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess's live-streaming on Star Web daily and even rewarded it. He was really hopeless.

Chapter 162: Heart of Insect Swarm

Lin Yuan sat on the Divine Travel Black Swallow's back and endured the discomfort on his butt. He could not help but have the idea of nurturing an avian transportation fey.

Given his spiritual energy, although he could still contract with a Normal/Normal fey that would not use much of his spiritual energy, he clearly would not leave his contracted fey spot for an avian transportation fey.

Lin Yuan was a Creation Master. If he nurtured an avian fey from a young age, even if he did not form a contract with it or could not command it to fight well, there would be no problem using it for transportation.

Before leaving Redbud City, he entered the Spirit Lock spatial zone once again. He found that in the past few months, the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus within had produced young new leaves.

Although the Cinnabar Osmanthus Haworthia, which he cared most about, still looked withered, he was surprised to find that it had extended its roots and grown on the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus's trunk. This clearly meant that the Cinnabar Osmanthus Haworthia was starting to recover.

If he could evolve the Gold Cinnabar Osmanthus Haworthia into Platinum after it was healed, then it could produce one to three fruits. Lin Yuan could also grow his spiritual energy by eating those fruits.

As he looked at the mountains and white clouds while on the Divine Travel Black Swallow's back, even though he felt his heart and mind open up after looking at them for so long, he did not feel that the mountains and white clouds were hard to come by.

Lin Yuan had nothing to do, so he took the Insect Queen, which had been recovering from its damaged roots, out of the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

This journey would take a few days. Lin Yuan thought that he might as well completely heal its damaged roots before he met Liu Jie.

Actually, he could heal it all thanks to the fact that Liu Jie's contracted source-type lifeform was the Insect Queen.

If it were other feys or source-type lifeforms at Platinum, Lin Yuan could not heal them.

The Insect Queen was a kind of special source-type lifeform. It needed a huge amount of spiritual energy based on its contract alone, and the contractor could not form a contract with other source-type lifeforms or feys. This was why Liu Jie only had one contracted fey, the source-type Insect Queen.

Once its roots were damaged, then Liu Jie did not have any other feys to use.

If other spirit qi professionals had feys with damaged roots and could not be healed, they could nurture other feys. Although a fey would greatly affect one's talent if they could not use it, the contractor would not end up in a down-and-out state.

On the other hand, it also showed the Insect Queen's power.

Liu Jie had long comprehended a Willpower Rune, but his Insect Queen was stuck at Epic, unable to upgrade to Legend. Therefore, even with the Willpower Rune, Liu Jie still could not evolve it into a Fantasy Breed.

Nonetheless, he was still ranked Sequence #39 in the Radiance Hundred Sequence, despite having the Insect Queen as his only fey.

Before the Insect Queen's roots got damaged, Liu Jie had spent a lot of resources visiting Creation Masters everywhere to improve its quality. However, no Creation Masters could upgrade his fey from Epic to Legend. This was because all spirit fluids concocted with spiritual ingredients were not as helpful as the pure spirit qi for the Insect Queen.

The Insect Queen was a kind of lifeform that required extremely high pure spirit qi. In an extremely pure spirit qi environment, even if it was on the verge of death, it could absorb the highly pure spirit qi and

activate the powerful self-repair function in its body to restore its damaged roots or even raise its quality.

Without pure spirit qi, no matter how powerful the spirit fluids concocted by Creation Masters were, it could not do so. This was also why after Liu Jie had gotten seriously injured when he guarded the Cold Frost City alone and held off the dimensional lifeforms for half an hour, the Bamboo Monarch, one of the Class 5 Creation Masters, had helped him. However, he still could not heal the Insect Queen's damaged roots.

That was because the Bamboo Monarch had used all sorts of spiritual ingredients to produce spirit qi. Although there were various medicinal properties that could restore the damaged roots, they were not very useful for the Insect Queen. The best recovery medicine for the Insect Queen was pure spirit qi.

Despite the pure spirit qi in the spirit fluid that the Bamboo Monarch had prepared, it was not pure enough for the Insect Queen to activate its body's self-repair function.

But it was different when Lin Yuan used his spiritual power to channel spirit qi into the Insect Queen's body. He did not channel pure spirit qi. Instead, he purified the spirit qi in the world into pure spirit qi through his body before injecting it into the fey's body.

To put it bluntly, Lin Yuan was a porter of spirit qi. He could make the spirit qi very pure while moving it.

At that moment, a purple flesh cocoon appeared in Lin Yuan's hand. He channeled the spiritual power in his body and injected a huge amount of pure spirit qi into the Insect Queen's body with his hands.

This purple flesh cocoon was thumping like a heart, absorbing the pure spirit qi from Lin Yuan like a bottomless pit, with an unusual joyfulness.

Lin Yuan suddenly opened his eyes wide in surprise after two days! He found that the Insect Queen had healed its damaged roots and evolved from Epic to Legend.

In other words, if Liu Jie fused his Willpower Rune with it, the Insect Queen would immediately become a Fantasy Breed. At that time, even if Liu Jie had completely wasted these two years, it was not a loss compared to the Insect Queen evolving into a Fantasy Breed.

It could even be said that after these two years of silence, Liu Jie, who would return with a Platinum Fantasy Breed Insect Queen, could be considered soaring into the sky like a phoenix's nirvana.

Lin Yuan used Morbius' True Data to check the Insect Queen.

[Fey Name]: Insect Queen

[Fey Species]: Bombycidae/Queen Insect

[Fey Grade]: Platinum (4/10)

[Fey Type]: Source/Spiritual

[Fey Quality]: Legend

Abilities:

[Bayonet Beetles]: The small beetles have black armor and six legs as sharp as blades.

[Shield Ladybugs]: The large ladybugs have thick armor. Their hard shells can resist physical and energy damage.

[Plasma Caterpillars]: The medium-sized caterpillars have a huge amount of plasma in their bodies that can cause paralysis and high electric shock damage.

[Lightning Gathering Moths]: The small moths can quickly gather lightning. A large number of them can gather a super-strong lightning cannon.

Exclusive Skill:

[Blast Recovery]: The Insect Queen can choose to explode the insects it produces and recover some energy contained in their bodies.

Lin Yuan finally understood why Liu Jie only had a Platinum Insect Queen two years ago.

Liu Jie was ranked as Sequence #39 in the Radiance Hundred Sequence and was known as 'Heart of Insect Swarm'.

Chapter 163: Complementing Combination

The Insect Queen had a very special method to obtain abilities. Unlike other feys and source-type lifeforms, which would obtain a corresponding ability when they progress in grade, the Insect Queen would obtain its abilities when it progressed to the next grade and consumed an insect-species fey. The insect-species fey's genetic model would be engraved in the Insect Queen's body. The Insect Queen would then absorb the genetic model and make its ability.

During combat, the Insect Queen could use up the energy in its body to rapidly reproduce the genetic model, producing the insect-species fey itself.

Take Liu Jie's Gold Insect Queen's abilities, Bayonet Beetle, Plasma Caterpillar, Lightning Gathering Moth, and Shield Ladybug. These four insect-species feys' genetic models were all embedded within the Insect Queen's body.

Lin Yuan could see that Liu Jie had put in a great amount of effort in the nurturing of the Insect Queen, especially in terms of the combination and choices of abilities.

When choosing each of the insect-species fey for the Insect Queen's ability combination, Liu Jie didn't pick those insect-species feys with extreme individual strength. Instead, he chose those with genetic models that were easy to replicate. At the same time, the insect-species feys with simple genetic models would have a qualitative change in strength as their numbers increased.

Take the Bayonet Beetles as an example. The Insect Queen was able to produce 100 of them quickly due to their simple genetic model. When a group of Bayonet Beetles crawled on the other feys' bodies, it would feel like an execution of thousands of slashes due to their six blade-like legs.

The Shield Ladybug was a fey that was extremely adept at defense, and when in defense, it would open up an insect shield on its back. When a few of the Shield Ladybugs opened up their insect shields simultaneously, it would form a firm insect-armored wall. It was normally used to defend the Plasma Caterpillars that were adept at energy attacks but weak in defense.

The Plasma Caterpillars' plasma wasn't just extremely lethal, as they also had a paralysis effect. After getting paralyzed, the Bayonet Beetles would then attack relentlessly.

As for the Gold ability, it was the Lightning Gathering Moths. It was an insect-species fey that could fly in an agile manner while expending very little energy. The lightning attack from a single Lightning Gathering Moth wasn't powerful. However, when an eclipse of Lightning Gathering Moths gathered lightning elements, they could blast out a destructive lightning cannon to create immense damage.

Furthermore, the Plasma Caterpillars' plasma could also help the Lightning Gathering Moths gather lightning elements rapidly. It would greatly reduce the loading time required for the group of Lightning Gathering Moths to prepare the lightning cannon.

One had to admit that Liu Jie's contracted Insect Queen was already a combatant with a comprehensive battle style.

Even though the Insect Queen was a Platinum fey and had yet to consume any insect-species fey for its Platinum ability, its current abilities already had an extremely good combination.

The Insect Queen was able to reproduce all sorts of insect-species fey combinations to battle, as though it was controlling an insect horde during a war.

When used along with the Insect Queen's exclusive skill, Blast Recovery, it would be able to effectively reduce the Insect Queen's energy consumption. Those severely injured insects could be used to self-destruct and regain plenty of energy, allowing the Insect Queen to reproduce new insects.

On the other hand, Blast Recovery could also scale up with the numbers. A single Bayonet Beetle might not be lethal or wouldn't create great damage if it self-destructed alone. However, when many Bayonet Beetles exploded simultaneously, it would be enough to deal severe injuries and even threaten the enemy's life.

A Platinum defense-type fey might be able to resist the explosion, but if a wound was blasted open, it would become a nightmare when other Bayonet Beetles crawled inside.

Lin Yuan was involuntarily amazed by the strength of this source-type lifeform, Insect Queen.

In Lin Yuan's opinion, if any fey received a proper and effective nurturing, it might not be the strongest, but it would certainly be useful during battle. However, this idea could only be possible for Lin Yuan's ability to channel spirit qi and help feys to evolve.

There was still close to an entire day of journey before reaching the Royal Capital, so Lin Yuan took a fey that he had captured in the Endless Forest out of the leaf-shaped fey storage box. It was a Normal, snake-species fey, the Green Bamboo Snake.

The small Green Bamboo Snake was extremely fast and adept at using its venomous fangs to deal damage. It was considered a rather good assassin, offense-type fey.

Lin Yuan started to channel his spiritual power after bringing out the Green Bamboo Snake, allowing large amounts of pure spirit qi to pour into the snake and enhance it.

Soon enough, Lin Yuan enhanced the Green Bamboo Snake to Bronze/Epic. Lin Yuan then stored this Green Bamboo Snake back into the leaf-shaped fey storage box.

If Lin Yuan wanted to open a fey shop, he would need to produce superior feys to build its reputation. For all spirit qi professionals, what could make them more insane than a Bronze fey with high quality?

A higher graded fey might be precious, and Lin Yuan might still be able to tame a Gold fey right now, but he would need to use a lot of effort and time. Enhancing a fey to platinum-grade was currently impossible for Lin Yuan. Furthermore, when the fey was at Bronze, the higher its quality, the more expensive it was.

A Bronze fey would be particularly cheap when its quality was Normal or Elite. However, once the Bronze fey had Flawless quality, the price would be more than most of the low-quality Silver feys. That was because Bronze feys with higher quality would have a higher chance of being enhanced to the Legend quality in the future. They just had to fuse a Willpower Rune with the fey to obtain a Fantasy Breed by then.

A Bronze/Epic fey was already the highest quality of Bronze feys in the market right now. Whenever a Bronze/Epic fey appeared in the Rare Lifeform Pavilion, it would be auctioned out for an astronomical price.

When a spirit qi professional formed a contract with a fey, they would always reserve some spiritual energy and wouldn't use all the spiritual energy on the fey contract. One reason was due to the large number of resources required to nurture feys. Only a rare few individuals were able to afford the resources, even if they were from prestigious families.

Instead of pouring resources into five feys, why not gather the resources to nurture one main fey and two complementing feys? Also, the reserved spiritual energy would be used after comprehending a Willpower Rune.

Many spirit qi professionals would choose to form a contract with another low-grade fey and nurture them from the beginning. Because the faster a low-grade fey became a Fantasy Breed, the higher its potential would be.

Therefore, those who strived for these low-grade and high-quality feys were mostly experts who comprehended Willpower Runes but didn't have high-quality and low-grade feys. Or some of the prestigious families wished to prepare a low-grade and high-quality fey for an exceptional junior of the family, allowing the junior to have a greater head start.

Thus, whenever a Bronze/Epic fey appeared, it would attract plenty of disputes. If Lin Yuan were to release a Bronze/Legend fey, the entire Radiance Federation might be shocked and would cause an intense contest between the major factions.

Lin Yuan wasn't planning to release any Bronze/Legend fey, at least not for now.

To upgrade a Bronze fey to Legend quality would need at least five days. For now, Lin Yuan felt that the most important thing was for him to increase his spirit qi professional rank.

Only by increasing his spirit qi professional rank would he be able to enhance stronger feys and his strength would also improve along.

After Lin Yuan enhanced the Green Bamboo Snake, he didn't enhance other feys. He closed his eyes to rest on the back of the Divine Travel Black Swallow.

When Lin Yuan woke up, it was already noon, and the Divine Travel Black Swallow had just arrived at the Royal Capital.

After alighting the Divine Travel Black Swallow, Lin Yuan felt half his butt was numb.

He gave Liu Jie a call first and fixed the time for their meeting in the afternoon. Subsequently, he went to the Leaning Moon Mountain and headed for the Radiant Moon Palace.

At the entrance of the Radiant Moon Palace, Lin Yuan saw the silver-robed Mystic Moon.

Chapter 164: Picking a Spirit Attendant

Mystic Moon was sweeping up the Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia's fallen leaves at the Radiant Moon Palace entrance. Lin Yuan walked over and said, "Senior Mystic Moon, it has been a long time."

Mystic Moon was originally very happy to see Lin Yuan but was shocked by Lin Yuan's greeting. Mystic Moon immediately took a step forward and bowed. "Young Lord, you must not! I cannot afford to be called senior by the Young Lord!"

Mystic Moon's voice was already clear, and his personality was particularly calm. However, a single greeting of a senior from Lin Yuan actually stirred him up.

Lin Yuan shook his head helplessly. Cold Moon had also said the same time, and Lin Yuan felt rather uncomfortable.

Lin Yuan then saw Mystic Moon handing over a bottle. Lin Yuan received it and realized it was filled with Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia nectar. The bottle was huge, and if the nectar was poured out, it would probably fill up four or five bowls.

Lin Yuan raised his brows and looked at Mystic Moon with a confused expression.

"Previously, I mentioned that I would treat the Young Lord to the Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia nectar, but I had to go for a mission. Now that the Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia flowers are fully developed in deep autumn, I have harvested them personally to make this bottle of Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia nectar. After making it, I smelled it and felt that it was better than Cold Moon's nectar."

While speaking, Mystic Moon let out a bright smile.

Cold Moon had already set off for Redbud City. Had she been around now, she would have mercilessly exposed Mystic Moon. In order to personally make this bottle of Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia nectar, Mystic Moon had wasted countless Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia flowers.

While Mystic Moon was letting out a bright smile, the Moon Empress' voice echoed behind him. When the Moon Empress detected that Lin Yuan had arrived, she immediately came to the Radiant Moon Palace entrance.

As a result, when she saw Mystic Moon handing over a Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia nectar bottle to Lin Yuan, she was so angry that she nearly choked.

"Mystic Moon, go to the Chef Supreme and help This Empress collect a Spirit Savory Pig."

When Mystic Moon heard the Moon Empress' voice, he quickly turned around and bowed. "Yes, Moon Empress. I shall go immediately."

At this moment, Mystic Moon saw that the Moon Empress was holding a crystal bottle that was at least three times bigger than his bottle. It might be called a crystal bottle, but it was actually like a small barrel, and it was filled to the brim with Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia nectar. He noticed that the Moon Empress was grinding her teeth while looking at him, and it felt as though her eyes were shooting a barrage of black dragon bullets.

Mystic Moon was confused at first, but when he looked at the Moon Empress' eyes, he immediately found out what was happening. He silently felt that it wasn't good as he was standing right in front of a gun barrel. He quickly turned around and left in a hurry to help the Moon Empress collect that Spirit Savory Pig from the Chef Supreme.

When Lin Yuan saw the Moon Empress, he quickly greeted her. The Moon Empress carried out a face-changing act and turned gentle. She then handed over the crystal bottle that was at least three times bigger than Mystic Moon's bottle.

"Master personally made this Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia nectar. I have added plenty of Lotus Heart Dew, and it is much better than Mystic Moon's nectar."

The Moon Empress had already recorded a punishment for Mystic Moon in her heart. My disciple hasn't visited the Radiant Moon Palace for half a month, and you actually dare to give something This Empress' disciple in front of me? Furthermore, you actually gave the same type of gift. Are you trying to infuriate This Empress to death!? Can you give this Empress a chance to show my good side in front of my disciple?!

Lin Yuan didn't reject the bottle of Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia nectar given by his master. It wasn't because Lin Yuan wanted to rely on the Moon Empress, but he had already treated the Moon Empress as a blood-relative.

A gift from the elder must not be rejected!

This was a sign of respect and filial piety.

However, it was unknown how much Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia flowers were used to produce so much nectar. When Lin Yuan looked at the two Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassias at the Radiant Moon Palace entrance, he noticed that one of them didn't have any more flowers, while the other didn't have many flowers left either. There was only a thin layer of flowers left behind that were still on the branches.

Lin Yuan and the Moon Empress arrived at the Radiant Moon Palace's inner palace to conduct a question and answer session that they hadn't done for a long time. Lin Yuan had asked everything he didn't understand during this period of time, while the Moon Empress answered all the questions.

The Moon Empress' answers were very concise, and it was so clear that Lin Yuan was able to achieve speedy enlightenment. At the same time, the Moon Empress had also imparted some new knowledge to Lin Yuan in an inquiry method.

This time, the question and answer session lasted much longer, allowing Lin Yuan to receive a huge input of knowledge. During this session, the Moon Empress was also able to feel Lin Yuan's improvement.

After the questions ended, the Moon Empress poured a cup of flower tea to Lin Yuan and asked, "Are you going to be developing in the Royal Capital for the next period of time?"

Lin Yuan nodded. "I wish to open a shop in the Royal Capital and increase my capability as a Creation Master. At the same time, I will prepare to compete for the Radiance Hundred Sequence."

After hearing Lin Yuan's response, the Moon Empress revealed a bright smile as she was very happy that Lin Yuan was going to stay in the Royal Capital. That was because Lin Yuan wouldn't be going to places like Millstone Town or Redbud City, not visiting the Radiant Moon Palace for half a month again.

Presently, she was a master, as well as a senior. She finally understood why the Bamboo Monarch and the Chef Supreme would always be filled with emotions when mentioning their disciples.

It was the same for the Moon Empress now as she was now smiling much more than before as compared to the number of smiles she had in a year. She was also proud and happy to see her disciple growing.

"Since you wish to open a shop, how can you not have an assistant? Later on, pick a spirit attendant from the Radiant Moon Palace to be your assistant. She can help you to attend to the plants that are nurtured in the shop too."

Which of the spirit attendants in the Radiant Moon Palace wasn't a prodigy among Creation Masters? Most of them were so young and already had the capability of a Class 1 Creation Master. Some of the more talented ones were even Class 2 Creation Masters. For such prodigies to attend to plants, wouldn't it be a waste of talent?

Any of the spirit attendants in the Radiant Moon Palace could open up a shop in the Royal Capital, and after a few years of development, their shop's reputation would surely be great. However, if a spirit attendant was attending to the shop, it would certainly save Lin Yuan plenty of trouble.

The Moon Empress said to Cai Cha, who was brewing the tea, "Ask all of the spirit attendants to gather at the main palace. Let Lin Yuan pick his own assistant."

Cai Cha immediately responded and carried out the task given by the Moon Empress. Over ten spirit attendants wearing light yellow robes were standing in the main palace in just a short moment.

Each of the spirit attendants had a kind of indescribable expectation. When they heard the news from Cai Cha, all of the spirit attendants wished they could become Lin Yuan's assistant.

Lin Yuan was the Moon Empress' disciple, and seeing how long Lin Yuan had been staying in the Radiant Moon Palace and how the Moon Empress treated him, it was obvious that Moon Empress treated her disciple with great importance. Even the two Moon Envoys, Cold Moon and Mystic Moon, would greet Lin Yuan respectfully as Young Lord.

The moment Lin Yuan became the Moon Empress' disciple, he was already seated firmly on the Radiant Moon Palace's second chair. If they could become Lin Yuan's assistant, their status would be entirely different and might even be above the tea attendant sisters. In fact, they might even have comparable status with Cold Moon and Mystic Moon.

These spirit attendants were all young ladies, and it was obvious that most of them took the effort to put on some exquisite make-up before coming.

Wen Yu was currently holding a small amber bottle, but it was already empty. All of a sudden, Wen Yu heard a voice that made her frown.

"You are a sickly person, so why are you standing at the front? Hurry up and stand at the back."

Wen Yu lifted her head and saw that it was none other than Jin Qi who was speaking to her.

"I am just standing in place according to our ranking exam last year. Is there a problem?"

Jin Qi immediately sneered in response. "One month later will be this year's spirit attendants ranking exam. As a sickly person, you will definitely fail. Why do you still have the face to stand at the front?"

Wen Yu's roots had already been healed after consuming the Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia nectar, and her original talent had already been restored. In fact, the drop of Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia nectar had actually allowed Wen Yu's aptitude to improve further.

However, Wen Yu hadn't informed any of these girls, who she had been treating as sisters in the past. During this period of suffering, Wen Yu had understood that these people weren't even her friends, and it wasn't worth it for her to invest any emotions.

Wen Yu was always indifferent and didn't wish to compete, so she simply stood at the back. However, Wen Yu felt that the small amber bottle in her hand was actually boiling up.

Chapter 165: Why Did She Grow a Mouth?

Wen Yu was clenching that small amber bottle tightly and had unspeakable gratitude. She knew that it was that small drop of Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia nectar in the bottle that had completely changed her fate.

Without the drop of nectar Lin Yuan had given her, Wen Yu knew that she was destined to be eliminated during the spirit attendant's ranking exam, and she would need to give up her position as a spirit attendant. But with Lin Yuan's drop of nectar, she was at least able to keep her position as a spirit attendant.

She might not be able to get ranked at the top, but even if she was at the bottom, as long as she could stay in the Radiant Moon Palace as a spirit attendant, she would still be able to climb up the rankings.

Furthermore, this drop of Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia nectar had actually improved her constitution significantly.

All of the spirit attendants had similar talents, but Wen Yu's improvement in strength was affected due to her damaged roots. Now that her aptitude was better, she would be able to catch up with other spirit attendants' progress in just a matter of time.

When Wen Yu was walking toward the back, she took a glance at Jin Qi and realized that she was smiling. Thus, she looked at the entrance that was connected to the inner palace. Her face was beaming, and her eyes were filled with indescribable expectations.

Wen Yu couldn't help sighing.

Ever since Jin Qi had learned that the Moon Empress had accepted a disciple that was around the same age as her, she had been filled with inappropriate thoughts. Wen Yu had reminded her, but in return, Wen Yu had received Jin Qi's anger.

Wen Yu didn't care if other spirit attendants would be picked, but Jin Qi would definitely not be picked—even though she was no. 2 among the spirit attendants—because their conversation that night had been brought to Lin Yuan's ears by the autumn wind.

Just as Wen Yu walked to the back of all the spirit attendants, Jin Qi suddenly said to the spirit attendant standing in front of her, "Pan Yue! Why do you have a withered flower on your head?"

The spirit attendant called Pan Yue quickly removed the red flower on her head and took a look at it. It might not be withered, but it was rather listless. Pan Yue then quickly hid the red flower in her sleeve and said with frustration, "I have looked through many flowers, but you plucked all of them. You still dare to say it is withered, such shamelessness."

When Jin Qi looked at Pan Yue, she felt much better. Pan Yue might be better looking than her, but it was only when she was quiet. Whenever Pan Yue spoke, everything would be torn apart. Why did a beautiful girl like her have to grow a mouth?

How could such an ignorant girl be picked?

Jin Qi was filled with confidence in herself. In terms of strength, she might only be ranked no. 2, but in terms of speech, Pan Yue would never be able to compare with her. Once Pan Yue started speaking, she would lose.

At that moment, two figures appeared at the entrance connected to the inner palace.

There was a woman wearing moon-colored robes with a cold expression and graceful bearing.

There was a handsome, sunshine youth with a faint smile. Anyone who saw him would feel that he was particularly amiable.

As the two figures walked into the Radiant Moon Palace's main palace, all of the spirit attendants bowed in unison. "Greetings to the Moon Empress, greeting to Lord Lin Yuan."

The spirit attendants might all be bending down, but they knew that they would be like carps leaping into the dragon gate and would never be the same again if they were picked. Therefore, when they were all looking at the ground, they were all nervous and filled with expectations.

Perhaps when Lin Yuan was making a choice, he would be picking someone randomly, and it was indifferent. However, to these spirit attendants, it was truly considered the greatest fated opportunities of their life.

The Moon Empress turned to look at Lin Yuan and said lightly, "Lin Yuan, pick one yourself. If you feel that one spirit attendant isn't enough, then pick two."

The Moon Empress' words made all the spirit attendants delighted, but the youth immediately responded, "Master, one is enough."

Lin Yuan only wanted to open one shop, so one spirit attendant was already enough. He didn't feel it was necessary to have an additional spirit attendant.

When all the spirit attendants lifted their heads, they had varying expressions, but all of them had a sincere expectation.

When Lin Yuan glanced at all the spirit attendants, he realized that the only spirit attendant he was familiar with and had spoken with was only Wen Yu. He had quite a good impression of Wen Yu, so he simply pointed at Wen Yu.

Wen Yu was standing at a position farthest from Lin Yuan, and when he appeared, she was clutching onto the amber bottle with increasing strength. It would be false if Wen Yu said that she wasn't nervous, and it would be even more pretentious if she said she didn't wish for Lin Yuan to pick her. However, at the same time, Wen Yu wished to say thank you to Lin Yuan personally.

In Wen Yu's heart, the person she was most grateful to was the Moon Empress, who had established her life. But now, there was another person, and it was Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan had rescued her shattered life, which was already established, allowing her shattered life to become settled again.

When Wen Yu saw Lin Yuan pointing at her, she felt as though all of her strength had vanished. Her mind was in chaos, as there was pleasant surprise, excitement, and also disbelief.

However, there was more of an indescribable peace of mind. If she was able to become Lin Yuan's assistant, she wouldn't have to say thank you to Lin Yuan. Instead, she could use her actions as an assistant to repay the favor to Lin Yuan.

When the Moon Empress saw Lin Yuan pointing at Wen Yu, she said, "The one that is picked can stay behind. The rest of the spirit attendants will go back to their respective tasks."

The spirit attendants looked rather bewildered as none of them imagined that Wen Yu would be picked. The most astonished person was none other than Jin Qi.

Jin Qi had always been very confident in herself, but she knew that she might not be picked. Nonetheless, she never ever expected that Wen Yu would be picked. At this moment, Jin Qi knew that she wasn't even qualified to be jealous.

The instant Wen Yu became Lin Yuan's assistant, Jin Qi, and Wen Yu's status had a drastic difference. If Wen Yu wished to take revenge on her, she could just find a reason for Jin Qi to be dismissed from the Radiant Moon Palace. All of her expectations and fantasies had turned gray now.

Just as Ji Qi was going to walk out of the Radiant Moon Palace with a disappointed expression, she heard a cracking voice that echoed in her ears. "If you find too many excuses for yourself and if it continues, anyone will become depressed."

When hearing this statement, Jin Qi turned around to see a calm Pan Yue. Before Jin Qi could get angry, she couldn't help asking, after seeing Pan Yue's face that wasn't disappointed at all, "Are you not disappointed at all?"

Pan Yue rolled her eyes and giggled. "What is there to be disappointed about? As long as I can go onto the Star Web to see those energetic young people, my life is fulfilled."

Jin Qi felt even worse after hearing Pan Yue's strange peal of laughter.

The Moon Empress gave some comments after Lin Yuan picked Wen Yu and returned to the inner palace.

The Moon Empress knew everything that happened within her Radiant Moon Palace, but she had never meddled in Wen Yu's affairs before.

For any place with people, it would be a martial world, and the martial world was a place of contest. It was already so for places with ordinary people, let alone the Radiant Moon Palace where all the spirit attendants were prodigies.

The contest between spirit attendants was just like the calm water on the surface—there were raging undercurrents.

But it was because of this reason that true pillars were able to be filtered out from all of these prodigies.

Chapter 166: Why Can Frogs Fly?

After Lin Yuan had lunch with the Moon Empress, he took Wen Yu down the Leaning Moon Mountain and was prepared to head toward the agreed place with Liu Jie.

Lin Yuan was fiddling with his cell phone, ready to book an avian fey. It was indeed hard for him to travel without an avian fey.

When Wen Yu secretly glanced at Lin Yuan fiddling with his cell phone, her eyes lit up. She then said softly, "Young Lord, I have ready-made avian feys here. You don't need to book them from Star Web."

She channeled her spiritual energy and summoned a four-meter-long bird with a wingspan of six meters.

Lin Yuan felt that the large bird looked rather beautiful. It was covered in white feathers with a faint luster that looked like scattered sunlight.

He used True Data to check it and discovered that this large bird was a Silver Sunlight Egret. Ardea feys were relatively rare among the avian feys, but they also had high potential, growing up mostly with extraordinary combat power.

However, Sunlight Egrets were a surprise among them. They were a kind of feys with limited attack abilities. Their bodies' scattered sunlight could soothe one's mind, and most abilities they comprehended were to better increase their speed.

It could be said that Sunlight Egrets were very outstanding avian transportation feys. They were occasionally sold and even bought at high prices.

Due to their size, when they were at Bronze, they could grow to two meters with a four-meter-long wingspan. They could grow to four meters with a six-meter-long wingspan when they reached Silver, just like Wen Yu's Sunlight Egret.

Few Silver avian feys could grow that big. If they reached Gold, Sunlight Egrets could carry dozens of people on their backs. Also, they had an elegant posture and looked graceful when they flapped their wings, so they were considered luxurious avian transportation feys.

Lin Yuan did not expect that Wen Yu would make a contract with such a fey. Ordinary Creation Masters would not usually contract with a Sunlight Egret, even if they nurtured one, as they could command their nurtured avian transportation feys without a contract.

After all, the Sunlight Egrets' greatest advantage was their high visuals, fast speed, and specialization in transportation. Nonetheless, they almost had no combat ability, so it would be a waste if they became a contracted fey.

When Wen Yu saw Lin Yuan observing her Sunlight Egret, she said, "Young Lord, this Sunlight Egret was my first fey when I became a spirit attendant. I don't like fighting. I only want to become a good Creation Master, so most of my contracted feys are not good in combat."

Lin Yuan nodded. Everyone had their own right to decide the path they wanted to take, just like Wen Yu, who did not choose to take the path of a combat-class spirit qi professional.

Instead, she chose to devote all her energy to becoming a Creation Master, so she had faster growth compared to other Creation Masters, who had divided attention.

Wen Yu did not have a competitive nature. If she had a stronger personality, the other spirit attendants in the Radiant Moon Palace would not have bullied her.

When Lin Yuan saw that the Sunlight Egret was already Flawless at Silver, he could see that Wen Yu's Creation Master talent was superb.

"Let's go then. I've long heard that Sunlight Egrets are very comfortable avian feys. I've never ridden on one before." Lin Yuan revealed a cheerful smile. He was willing to ride on anything besides the Divine Travel Black Swallow. He did not want to experience the discomfort on his butt again.

Upon seeing Lin Yuan's smile, an excited emotion immediately flashed in Wen Yu's eyes. She felt indescribably happy that she could help him.

When Wen Yu had chosen this Sunlight Egret as her first contracted fey, many spirit attendants had laughed at her. They had chosen some combat feys to nurture.

Although Wen Yu's compatibility with feys was not as good as those of combat-class spirit qi professionals, her compatibility with avian feys was also considered good. Many of those feys were even good at combat.

However, besides her Sunlight Egret, her two other contracted feys were only helpful to Creation Masters.

Nevertheless, Wen Yu felt that she had made an excellent decision to contract and carefully nurture the Sunlight Egret.

Lin Yuan silently thought, It's so comfortable sitting on the Sunlight Egret's back.

He wondered how much more comfortable the Sunlight Egret was to the Divine Travel Black Swallow.

Lin Yuan took out his cell phone on the Sunlight Egret's back and went to the forum he would always visit back when he could not feel the world's spirit qi. He had not been on this forum for nearly three months.

As a result, he found that he had a lot of unread messages on it, most of which came from the foolish online friend who claimed that she had been bitten by a Ghost Shadow Bristled Spider.

Lin Yuan looked through the records and realized that this online friend was trying to 'battle' with him!

I'm Not Lin Yuan: "Weren't you bitten by a Ghost Shadow Bristled Spider? How come you're still so spirited? Don't you get tired of greeting me steadily three times a day?"

I Hate Spiders the Most: "I don't. You previously talked bad about me. You have to apologize. Otherwise, you will be bitten by Ghost Shadow Bristled Spider!"

Lin Yuan secretly raised his brows. Wasn't it just a joke?

I haven't logged on to the forum for three months, yet you actually reply to me so quickly. How many grudges do you have?

It's impossible for me to apologize. Before I can be bitten by a Ghost Shadow Bristled Spider, you still have to find one first!

Being bitten by a Ghost Shadow Bristled Spider can probably be considered as luck.

I'm Not Lin Yuan: "I'll apologize to you if you answer my question."

I Hate Spiders the Most: "Shoot!"

I'm Not Lin Yuan: "Why do frogs fly?"

I Hate Spiders the Most: “???”

I’m Not Lin Yuan: “Because they ate biscuits that can fly!”

I Hate Spiders the Most: “???”

I’m Not Lin Yuan: “Why do snakes fly?”

I Hate Spiders the Most: “???”

I’m Not Lin Yuan: “Because they ate frogs that can fly!”

I Hate Spiders the Most: “???”

I’m Not Lin Yuan: “Why do hawks fly?”

I Hate Spiders the Most: “Because they ate snakes that can fly!”

I’m Not Lin Yuan: “No!”

I Hate Spiders the Most: “???”

I’m Not Lin Yuan: “Because hawks can fly!”

The braised egg head on the other side of the phone was screaming in anger! She was so angry that she took off her bumblebee hat and threw it on the ground.

Suddenly, she had a bright idea. You can ask questions, but so do I!

I Hate Spiders the Most: “If a gorgeous woman and an ugly woman were kidnapped, which one would you save? The gorgeous woman will marry you, but that ugly woman will give you 100,000 Federation dollars. You can only choose one!”

I’m Not Lin Yuan: “I don’t want to tell you the answer!”

I Hate Spiders the Most: “???” Say it quickly!”

I’m Not Lin Yuan: “Money doesn’t matter. Most importantly, I like ugly ones.”

I Hate Spiders the Most: “???”

Lin Yuan was mischievous for a while and did not bother with that foolish online friend, who had been bitten by a Ghost Shadow Bristled Spider. He just exited the forum.

Chapter 167: Parents’ Love For Their Children

Lin Yuan corrected how Wen Yu addressed him along the way. If she still called him ‘Young Lord’ outside, it would simply be too strange. If any passersby heard it, none of them would take it seriously. Instead, they would only think that she was delusional. After looking down upon her, they would secretly call her a lunatic.

Soon, the Sunlight Egret flew to the location agreed with Liu Jie. Lin Yuan and Wen Yu got down, and Wen Yu used her spiritual energy to store her fey.

At a glance, Lin Yuan could see Liu Jie standing not far away. The middle-aged man standing beside Liu Jie had a flat face with flat-top hair. When Lin Yuan looked over, he nearly called him 'Brother Flat-top1'!

Lin Yuan could not help but recall something from his previous life.

Whether or not the desert is chaotic, only the honey badger's words count!

When Liu Jie saw Lin Yuan, he immediately greeted him and said with a smile on his face, "Young Master Lin Yuan, long time no see."

Lin Yuan felt that Liu Jie was now a lot more spirited than two months ago. Liu Jie previously had a sense of decadence, which was now gone, making him look much younger.

Liu Jie saw Wen Yu beside Lin Yuan and nodded in greeting.

Wen Yu hurriedly returned the greeting and saw a Class 2 Creation Master retainer crest on Liu Jie's chest. She could tell that the man before her was Lin Yuan's retainer knight.

She may be Lin Yuan's nominal assistant, but she was not as close to Lin Yuan as him.

Wen Yu had noticed that Lin Yuan did not wear his Creation Master crest and was aware that he was a person who kept a very low profile.

Lin Yuan smiled and reached out his hand toward Liu Jie, causing excitement, joy, and a peace of mind to flash in the latter's eyes. Liu Jie waved his hand and clasped it tightly with Lin Yuan's hand. He immediately knew what Lin Yuan meant when he reached out his hands.

Back when Lin Yuan had said he could heal the Insect Queen, he had shaken hands with him. Now that he extended his hands out again, it meant that his Insect Queen had been healed.

Liu Jie hurriedly collected his ecstatic emotions and introduced the flat-top man beside him to Lin Yuan and said, "Lin Yuan, this is the owner of this piece of land."

The flat-top man looked at Lin Yuan and said straightforwardly, "Let's go in first. See whether you're satisfied with this piece of land. If you decide, we can talk about the price." He sounded very sincere, clearly keen to sell this piece of land.

Based on Liu Jie's information alone, Lin Yuan was very fond of the land.

Lin Yuan, Liu Jie, and Wen Yu followed the flat-top man into the dilapidated gate. The flat-top man then hurriedly said, "This place used to be a vacation resort. After over 100 years, most of the facilities inside are old, and many things have been moved away."

The flat-top man sounded somewhat awkward, as he should have arranged in advance to demolish them, which he would have to spend a lot of money to do so.

It was actually easy to demolish all these facilities, but not their foundations. This would be an extensive project.

At this point, Wen Yu said, "Regardless of whether you're going to stay here, everything inside needs to be demolished and rebuilt." As she said that, she looked at the flat-top man, causing him to smile awkwardly.

Lin Yuan looked at the scenery before him. Although the old facilities were an eyesore, he did not intend to leave them if he bought this piece of land. Since everything had to be rebuilt, he did not really care about these old facilities. The key was the environment.

The area of this land was very large, with a small artificial lake next to it. He could even build a manor on this piece of land.

Upon seeing that Lin Yuan did not speak but continued to look at the place, the flat-top man could not stay still, so he said, "This piece of land is qualified to build a guild club. Its area is more than twice as large as those A-level guild clubs. Someone has considered buying this piece of land to build a guild club."

But at this point, the flat-top man could no longer continue.

After the person, who had considered buying this place to build a guild club, had taken a look at the land again and thought about it, he had given up because the land was simply too big. He could not afford to develop the guild club.

However, the flat-top man did not want to divide the land and sell it because it could now only be described as a large area with magnificent scenery. If he divided the land, he could never sell it at this price.

Actually, the flat-top man also knew that whoever bought this piece of land was akin to buying a piece of empty land with nothing. Its price alone was not low, and one would need to spend a considerable sum of money on developing it.

Liu Jie followed by Lin Yuan's side and said, "Lin Yuan, this piece of land has the largest area, as well as a wonderful environment. If you want to build on this land, however, it won't be a small sum of money."

Lin Yuan nodded. He indeed would have to spend a lot of money to rebuild this place. However, he was not short of money now, so there were no problems building on this piece of land. Also, he wanted to build a guild club but had not decided yet.

If he bought this land, even if he wanted to build a guild club in the future, the place was big enough no matter how he used it.

Lin Yuan's contracted feys were Genius, Chimey, Red Thorn, Blackie, and the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly. Although he put them in the Spirit Lock spatial zone most of the time, Blackie, the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly, and Genius were stuck at their current grades.

Therefore, they could no longer evolve inside. He might as well let them out so that they could feel the blue sky and white clouds under this world.

Lin Yuan would nurture many more feys and would keep some outstanding ones, but he could not always place them in the Diamond fey storage box.

With such a large area of land, these feys he nurtured could also have a place to stay.

Just like the Leaning Moon Mountain's Radiant Moon Palace, some rare feys were playing around everywhere. It could be called a fairyland on earth.

When the flat-top man saw that Lin Yuan still did not speak, he felt even more uncertain. He was really eager to sell this piece of land, as he currently needed money for his son so that his peers would not leave him behind because of resources.

Parents' love for their children was far-reaching!

Chapter 168: Cruel Wen Yu and the Bullied Flat-Top Man

A combat-class spirit qi professional would need a huge amount of resources to grow. If they could not keep up with the resources, they would waste their talents and affect their growth. There was no shortage of geniuses in this world who progressed slowly because of insufficient resources.

Just like Chu Ci, even if she had impressive potential, she might not even have a chance to go to school without Lin Yuan.

The flat-top man had ordinary qualifications, but he came from an affluent family. However, he was in dire straits now. Although his past glory had declined, he still had an enormous piece of land left.

After being in the society for a long time, he naturally understood the principle of the strong being respected.

His son had been gifted ever since he was young. He was now studying in the Spirit Qi Occupation Academy and was even a student of the key class.

Not long ago, a B-level guild club had shown interest in his son, so the flat-top man planned to sell the piece of land his ancestors had left behind and nurture his son.

As long as his son became a formidable combat-class spirit qi professional, it was possible to revive his family's past glory.

Wen Yu had been watching the flat-top man's nervous and hesitant expression. In fact, she saw that Lin Yuan had been looking at this piece of land for a long time. Given her understanding of him, she knew that he really fancied it. Otherwise, given his character, he would have long gone to see another place.

Therefore, she walked to the flat-top man and said, "It's difficult to sell your piece of land!"

The flat-top man saw that Lin Yuan had not spoken and felt uncertain. Thus, his smile froze when he heard Wen Yu speak.

Wen Yu had always been carefully observing the flat-top man's expressions. Now that he had an obvious change in his expression, she wore a smile on her face.

Even though her smile was gentle, the flat-top man did not think so. He only felt that her smile contained 30% of coldness, 30% of cynicism, and 40% of indifference. They added up to one meaning—they did not want to buy the land.

The flat-top man looked at Wen Yu with some indignation and almost blurted out, "You evil woman."

Wen Yu did not know that a movie had started to play in his heart. She cleared her throat and said, "There are three reasons it's hard to sell your piece of land. First, it's too huge. Few people will buy such a large area of land for development. Second, it's actually far from the Royal Capital. It would take at least half an hour with a Silver avian fey. Third, it will cost a lot of money to demolish so many dilapidated facilities."

As Wen Yu spoke, the flat-top man's expression turned even uglier. He nearly turned into a marmot and shouted at the open space, "Ah~!"

After Lin Yuan carefully looked at it and discussed it with Liu Jie, he decided to buy this piece of land.

Although the two pieces of land Liu Jie had picked were suitable to build Lin Yuan's store, the one in the Royal Capital's bustling area was a bit smaller than this. It was not even 1/100 of this land.

This was actually reasonable, as it was unrealistic to buy such a big piece of land in the Royal Capital's bustling area.

After weighing the pros and cons, Lin Yuan still felt this piece of land was more suitable for him. When he was about to negotiate the price, he saw the flat-top man standing there with a face full of grievance.

Wen Yu said to the flat-top man calmly, "The price you just stated is still unreasonable. If you are selling at this price, I don't know how long you'll take to sell it!"

The flat-top man gnashed his teeth in grievance and replied, "8,000,000 Radiance dollars."

Upon hearing that, Wen Yu shook her head calmly and answered, "Not only do we have to demolish these old facilities, we still have to fill in the ground and compress it. Look at how many old facilities you have here. If you sell it at 8,000,000 Radiance dollars, you have to help us demolish them."

The flat-top man was on the verge of wailing, but he ground his teeth and replied, "7,500,000 Radiance dollars. I'm not selling any lower than that!"

Lin Yuan was a bit dumbfounded, as he did not expect Wen Yu to have a bargaining talent.

Wen Yu spoke in a gentle voice, but she was about to make this flat-top man cry. Her bargaining skills were simply too powerful!

This made Lin Yuan want to complement something he had seen in his previous life.

A flat-top, white hair, and a silver cloak!

I'm the fiercest in this desert continent!

I'm invincible around the world!

But I don't dare to go to Dongzhou1!

Lin Yuan had discussed this piece of land with Liu Jie. Buying it for 12,000,000 Radiance dollars would be just right, and any higher than that would be a loss.

The flat-top man had given Liu Jie a price of 10,000,000 Radiance dollars. According to the market, Lin Yuan had earned it.

However, Wen Yu had chatted with the flat-top man and managed to lower the price by 2,500,000 Radiance dollars— buying it at that price was a solid profit!

Although the flat-top man had lowered the price, he was not dumb. He had previously refused to lower the price, so he had been unable to sell it for two years.

Now that his son had grown up, he urgently needed Radiance dollars to nurture his fey. In order not to waste his son's talent, the flat-top man could only reluctantly sell this piece of land at a lowered price.

Otherwise, based on the Radiance Federation's news, when the dimensional rift became active in a few months, he would not be able to sell this piece of land.

Lin Yuan eventually bought the land with 7,500,000 Radiance dollars.

At that moment, Wen Yu suddenly whispered to Lin Yuan, "Actually, we can just scare him by saying we won't buy it. I still can lower the price by at least 100,000 Radiance dollars."

Lin Yuan felt that she was really impressive. Although Wen Yu's contracted feys could not fight, she was really a great genius in internal affairs!

He brought Wen Yu and Liu Jie to follow the appropriate procedures with the flat-top man.

Soon, Lin Yuan became the official owner of this piece of land.

Then, Wen Yu took on the task of rebuilding the manor under the somewhat distrustful gazes of Lin Yuan and Liu Jie.

Lin Yuan clearly had to transform this place so that people could stay there. He brought Liu Jie to the Royal Capital's Creation Master Association and was prepared to rent a breeding room, where he planned to evolve Chimey into a Fantasy Breed and hatch the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee before enhancing it.

They both arrived inside the breeding room, and Lin Yuan took out Liu Jie's Legend Insect Queen with a flip of his hand. The moment he did that, Liu Jie widened his eyes in surprise.

Chapter 169: And Faith!

The moment Lin Yuan took the Insect Queen out of his Spirit Lock spatial zone, Liu Jie immediately sensed it. When he saw the Insect Queen, which he had not seen in a long time, he instinctively felt its attachment to him, as well as its yearning and joy.

Without the trials and tribulations over the past two years—which had made Liu Jie fall hard from the peak to the bottom and become an ordinary person—he would not have comprehended that sometimes, not forgetting one's own original intentions was the only answer.

If Liu Jie could shine in glory, he could also be in dire straits. Thus, his mind had become stronger.

If he did not have a mind as strong as iron, when he sensed the Insect Queen's intimate spiritual fluctuation, tears would have streamed down his face instantly.

Liu Jie could not forget how he had felt its constantly worsening injuries and deteriorating spiritual energy until it reached the brink of death in the past two years.

Although Liu Jie knew that Lin Yuan had healed his Insect Queen when they shook hands, when he saw it fully healed and able to communicate with him through his mind, he could not help but feel all sorts of feelings well up in his heart.

However, before he had the time to relish the joy of this meeting, he realized that his Insect Queen had evolved from Epic to Legend. He started to tremble with excitement and looked at Liu Yuan, wanting to say something, but he could not utter a word.

Nobody would know better than him, its contractor, how hard it was to evolve the source-type Insect Queen. It needed extremely pure spirit qi to evolve, much purer than what was required to heal its damaged roots.

Not even the Class 5 Creation Master, Bamboo Monarch, could restore its damaged roots with such pure spirit qi. Lin Yuan was probably the only one who could do so and also raise it from Epic to Legend.

When Lin Yuan noticed that Liu Jie could say nothing due to his excitement, he could not help but smile brightly. He reached out to pat Liu Jie's shoulder and said, "After this, it's time for you to be reborn in nirvana along with your Insect Queen. The Radiance Federation people have always been looking forward to the return of Sequence #39, Heart of Insect Swarm."

What Lin Yuan mentioned was a sore spot that Liu Jie had never dared to touch before. It was because he always saw how the Radiance Federation folks regarded the Heart of Insect Swarm as a hero on Star Web and how they looked forward to his return.

This degree of passionate concern and expectations made Liu Jie, whose hopes had been squashed at that time, feel nothing but helplessness and pain.

Liu Jie had wanted to return to his former days and dominate the competition with his insect swarm, but all his yearning was just like the shattered yet dappled light in a dream.

Liu Jie had never regretted resisting the dimensional lifeforms' invasion outside Cold Frost City. While he had been commanding the Insect Queen to fight against them, he had sensed the insect swarm's frenzy and comprehended a Willpower Rune.

But after that, the Insect Queen's roots had been damaged, and it had been on the brink of death. Liu Jie felt it was ironic he had comprehended this Willpower Rune.

At present, everything seemed to be the best choice that could have been made so far, as he knew that as long as he fused the Willpower Rune with the Insect Queen, it would become a Fantasy Breed. He would also be truly reborn in nirvana and proclaim to the world, "I! Liu Jie! Heart of Insect Swarm, Sequence #39 of the Radiance Hundred Sequence! Am back!"

He was well aware that everything and all future glory would be all thanks to this young man before his eyes. This young man had ignited the light of hope and changed it into a warm sun that caused a layer of gold color to emerge in his gloomy heart.

At that moment, Liu Jie was so excited that he could not say a word. He just looked at Lin Yuan firmly and gave a deep bow. This salute was much lower than the one a retainer knight would give to a Creation Master.

It was not only Liu Jie's thanks but also faith.

Lin Yuan knew that Liu Jie must be feeling a lot at that moment, so he patted his shoulders and said, "When I came into the Royal Capital's Creation Master Association, I booked a breeding room for you. Go evolve your Insect Queen into a Fantasy Breed first."

Lin Yuan was really happy on Liu Jie's behalf. Although he had wasted two years, now that the Insect Queen was a Fantasy Breed, Liu Jie would not just be Sequence #39 this year.

Liu Jie nodded vigorously. Despite being a man like steel, his nose tingled because of Lin Yuan's words that seemed like the warm sun in midwinter.

After a long time, Liu Jie only said in a hoarse voice, "Young Master Lin Yuan, I—"

Lin Yuan interrupted Liu Jie. "You swore by your Willpower Rune and became my retainer knight. Nevertheless, you're also my friend," he said seriously.

He had risen from humble origins and did not treat others easily as subordinates. Regardless of whether it was Liu Jie or Wen Yu, since he had lived two lives, Lin Yuan understood that human interactions would all boil down to one thing—putting himself in other people's shoes.

Liu Jie was stunned, looking at Lin Yuan before he nodded as an indescribable sense of warmth emerged in his heart.

Friends?

Liu Jie thought about it, and an ultimate glimmer of radiance appeared in his eyes.

At this moment! To Lin Yuan—

I'm a friend!

A retainer!

And faith!

Fighting alone in Cold Frost City, where the insect swarm was as vast as the city...

Fighting against the surge outside the city, where an epiphany of willpower leads to success and failure...

Everything has turned into perfection today!

After sending Liu Jie away, Lin Yuan started to think about what he needed to do during his seclusion in the breeding room. He realized that he would have to enter seclusion for nearly two months. But after this seclusion session, he could likely have the capabilities to compete with the Radiance Hundred Sequence members.

Lin Yuan raised his hand, summoned Red Thorn, and looked at its true data. He could not help but have high hopes of it.

[Fey Name]: Red Thorn (Predator Plant)

[Fey Species]: Rafflesia genus/Vine subspecies

[Fey Grade]: Bronze (3/10)

[Fey Type]: Source/Wood

[Fey Quality]: Epic

Abilities:

[Mouth of Relinquish]: Secretes vigorous digestive fluids with powerful corrosive properties, allowing a faster speed to absorb the energy in the food.

[Armor-Piercing Vines]: Vines that wrap quickly tremble rapidly and strengthen the effect of the vines' sharp thorns piercing through the armor.

Exclusive Skill:

[Spore Growth]: Spits a huge amount of spores, which can absorb the energy or flesh energy supplied by Red Thorn, out of its spore cavity to quickly grow ramets and child ramets that are controlled by the ortet.

Red Thorn's real rise was when it reached Bronze and obtained its exclusive skill, Spore Growth, as it changed Red Thorn's combat style.

If Red Thorn was a lone warrior previously, it was a commander that commanded the child ramets and ramets to fight now. However, Lin Yuan believed it would undergo its real metamorphosis when it reached Legend and became a Fantasy Breed.

At that moment, he took the source-type Acid Corrosion Queen Bee's egg out of the leaf-shaped Diamond fey storage box.

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Lin Yuan placed the egg in Red Thorn's corrosive cavity for it to hatch. He conveyed his thoughts to Red Thorn through his spiritual fluctuation, and it soon understood his intention.

It used the thornless vine to wrap the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee's egg in his hand. It did not place it in its corrosive cavity but into the Mouth of Relinquish.

When it swallowed the egg in its Mouth of Relinquish, Lin Yuan immediately fed Red Thorn with the dimensional lifeforms' flesh from the Diamond fey storage box. He selected a lot of Class 3 alien insect flesh with strong acidity and fed them into its Mouth of Relinquish.

When Red Thorn evolved into Bronze, Lin Yuan chose Class 3 dimensional lifeforms, which were akin to Gold feys' flesh, for it. After that, he started channeling the spiritual power within his body and made the Mouth of Relinquish quickly absorb the flesh energy.

When the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee hatched, it would immediately build its nest.

Lin Yuan did not know how much energy it would take, but it was being prepared.

After an entire day, Red Thorn stopped eating quickly and absorbed the Class 3 alien insect flesh's energy at normal speed.

Upon seeing that, Lin Yuan stopped channeling his spiritual power. He had consumed a lot of spiritual power to help the Mouth of Relinquish digest the dimensional lifeforms' flesh.

At that moment, a thumb-sized gray bee crawled out of the Mouth of Relinquish's flesh-like petals. It still seemed very fragile, but the two stingers on its forelegs, as well as the stinger at the end of its abdomen, seemed sharp enough as they flashed with cold light.

Lin Yuan used True Data to check it and found that the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee was a Normal I/Normal source-type lifeform.

However, he was surprised when he looked at it because Red Thorn had devoured a huge amount of Class 3 alien insect flesh and absorbed ten times the flesh energy it would need in one day.

In other words, the newly hatched Acid Corrosion Queen Bee had used a huge amount of the dimensional lifeforms' flesh energy to build its nest.

Lin Yuan did not know what kind of nest it would build. This was because he could not enter the Mouth of Relinquish to see the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee's nest. However, he could sense through Red Thorn that the nest was not small.

The Acid Corrosion Queen Bee used the digestive fluids condensed into acid crystals to build this nest, which was a huge project. When it finished building its nest, Lin Yuan sensed Red Thorn, which had a bloodline connection with him, form a contract with the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee.

He did not know what kind of contract it would choose to form with Red Thorn right after building its nest.

What kind of degree could this contractual relationship reach?

At that moment, Lin Yuan found that the contract between Red Thorn and the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee was simply harsh.

If Red Thorn was a queen that looked down on the world disdainfully, then the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee was the subordinate who served her.

At that moment, Lin Yuan could sense that the newly hatched Acid Corrosion Queen Bee was releasing spiritual signals to please Red Thorn. It was simply more shameless than exceptional bootlickers.

Lin Yuan could not criticize the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee, as his primary task was to raise its grade.

Red Thorn commanded the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee to fly to Lin Yuan's palm as he calmed down. Lin Yuan brought it to the Spirit Lock spatial zone and enhanced the gray and very young Acid Corrosion Queen Bee.

It evolved quickly with the help of the rich spirit qi inside.

Normal, Elite, Elite/Epic, Bronze, Bronze/Legend, Silver...

He stopped when he raised the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee to Gold.

At this point, Lin Yuan finally had a Gold fey and was considered to have the combat power of a pinnacle expert among the younger generation.

He had spent a lot of time evolving the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee to Gold in the Spirit Lock spatial zone. When Lin Yuan looked at the time on his cell phone, he found that he had spent nearly 20 days evolving one fey from Normal I/Normal to Gold I/Legend. This was the result of him evolving it with all his effort in the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

When he wanted to evolve the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee from Gold I, he realized that he could not do so at the moment. He knew that he could only easily do so when he became a B-rank spirit qi professional. He was very satisfied that he had been able to evolve it to Gold I/Legend, nonetheless.

Even if the Legend Acid Corrosion Queen Bee was at Gold I, it possessed tremendous combat power. It could probably be comparable to Epic VI or VII feys.

As Lin Yuan looked at the Gold Acid Corrosion Queen Bee in his hand, he could not help but feel a rise of emotions.

It was his first Gold fey.

This sense of accomplishment of evolving life washed away the past 20 days' fatigue, as it was a soul-level of ascension no matter when he experienced it.

At present, the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee had grown to a length of about 15 cm. It had a long, slender body, with dark-red metallic luster hidden with strange dark-green markings, showing a hideous sense of beauty.

It had two thick stingers on its forelegs and two long, thin stingers on its abdomen. Its foreleg stingers were thick, while the abdominal stingers were sharp and slender, carrying an eerie greenish cold light.

The Acid Corrosion Queen Bee flew around Lin Yuan affectionately before landing back in his hand. Then, he sensed it emitting a kind of eagerness to see Red Thorn.

Lin Yuan could not help but diss in his heart, What a bootlicker!

Then, he left the Spirit Lock spatial zone with the Gold Acid Corrosion Queen Bee.

Despite being at Gold, it was still careful to please Red Thorn as before.

The landlord, Red Thorn, was clearly very cold to its own tenant, the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee. However, the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee did not mind. It was as if when Red Thorn paid just a little attention to it, it would be a great gift to it.

The Acid Corrosion Queen Bee flew happily among Red Thorn's dancing vines and occasionally landed on Red Thorn's corrosive cavity's rose-like red flowers to rest.

At that moment, Lin Yuan carefully checked its true data.