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Chapter 201: Radiance Dollars Warrior

As Chen Hongfeng said that, the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard used its exclusive skill that it could only use once before it was on the brink of death, the Blood Burning Strike. At that moment, the viewers in Chen Hongfeng's live-streaming room could not help but hold their breath as they watched the duel.

When Black summoned the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly, comments flooded the screen and blocked the video. Then, they saw Black command the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly to seal that Gold VI/Flawless Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard in the duel with Chen Hongfeng.

As they witnessed his smooth command and the superb cooperation between the sea of flowers and the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly, they felt as though they were watching a delightful movie. As a result, they could not bear to comment to spoil this beautiful scene.

Many people flooded into Chen Hongfeng's live-streaming room, including Star Web's special columnist, Tian Ningning. She had heard that Black was in the promotion duels, and his opponent was live streaming. She had put down everything at hand and entered Chen Hongfeng's live-streaming room. When she saw Black and Chen Hongfeng's duel, her decision became firmer.

Rather than saying Tian Ningning was gambling on whether Black would always be popular and newsworthy, as Star Web's special columnist, she was a literatus. A literatus would always have a faint pride, which made Tian Ningning only want to write an article she was interested in and interview people she wanted to.

This was in response to the saying, "One would rather die on the branch than to be blown away by the northern wind". Otherwise, Tian Ningning would not have refused to become the exclusive reporter of the Radiance Hundred Sequence's eliminated Sequence member.

There were a hundred of the Radiance Federation people in the Radiance Hundred Sequence. Every year, ten new candidates would be added to the Radiance Hundred Sequence. At the same time, ten Sequence members would also be eliminated.

However, although these eliminated members seemed to have stepped down from the divine altar, their fame was not inferior to those newly selected Radiance Hundred Sequence members.

Black's appearance had made Tian Ningning feel like picking up her pen and constantly writing articles about this youth's achievements and exciting battles on Star Web.

Even though Black had always worn a silver mask without showing his face, Tian Ningning was willing to believe that he was a youth. This was because, despite his silver mask, Black appeared to be unusually calm, but there was always a hint of youthful aura. This youth made her feel that when she looked at his eyes through his silver mask, it was as though the sun was hidden in his eyes. It was as if Black could blossom at any time and break through the clouds, allowing the sun in his eye to rise in the east.

This time, Tian Ningning paid a huge price at the Extreme Guild Club to meet Zhang Xiaobai, Xin Ying, and the others.

Now that it was the preparation stage for the S Tournament, the Extreme Guild Club was pressured, as they were a B-level guild club. It was either they took a step forward and reached the top 16 to advance to an A-level guild club, or they remained as a B-level guild club.

The S Tournament was the biggest team competition for the younger generation. Everyone would want to go forward. Moreover, the strength of the Extreme Guild Club's main team's captain, the Radiance Hundred Sequence #18 White Devil, had also improved considerably in the past six months. This gave the B-level Extreme Guild Club a good chance to become an A-level guild club this year. Therefore, as the reserve team members for the S Tournament, Xin Ying and Zhang Xiaobai naturally had to step up with their training as well.

Tian Ningning, a Star Web special columnist, also had her own connections. She had used many favors to get inside the Extreme Guild Club and find Xin Ying and Zhang Xiaobai. In fact, she had spent so much effort just to take a chance.

However, she was excited that her efforts were not in vain. Since Black had promised, he would find her on Star Web afterward. Although she was not sure if she could become Black's exclusive reporter, she could at least talk with him and have a chance to strive for it.

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In the Dragon Gate Guild Club's conference room, Long Tao was watching Black and Chen Hongfeng's duel. When he saw the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard, which had unleashed its exclusive skill, the Blood Burning Strike, he said, "This Black really doesn't seem like a healing-type spirit qi professional."

Upon hearing Long Tao's words, Fang Duoduo responded right away, "This sea of flowers spawned by this strange plant looks gorgeous, but it's not really strong."

Long Tao glanced at Fang Duoduo and shook his head. "It's very strong, but if this is all that Black has, then he's still not up to the standard of a Sequence member."

Fang Duoduo did not understand why Long Tao would say that. Long Tao had always been haughty and arrogant. How would he speak so highly of someone else?

At that moment, Long Tao explained, "Even though I don't know whether this strange plant is a plant fey or source-type lifeform, it should be at Epic."

Upon hearing that, Fang Duoduo could not help but ask, "Bronze/Epic?"

Long Tao nodded and added, "Do you know why that mutated Blue Flash Butterfly could finish off Xiao Feng's Gold Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard with its Bronze strength?"

Fang Duoduo stroked his chin and pondered for a moment before replying, "Besides restraining it, this Blue Flash Purple Butterfly is actually at high quality?"

Long Tao said faintly, "Based on the live-streaming, I can't figure out this Blue Flash Purple Butterfly's specific quality, but it's at least Epic."

Fang Duoduo was immediately shocked to hear that. Long Tao had always been watertight. If he was sure that it was an Epic, he would not have said that it was at least Epic. But did a Bronze/Legend fey really exist?

Just as he thought this, Fang Duoduo suddenly recalled the young girl who had a Bronze Fantasy Breed fey in Redbud City, as mentioned on the news. He could not help but sigh. He should not compare himself to someone higher!

After all, he was a Radiance Hundred Sequence member and the Radiance Federation's heavenly prodigy. How come his talents seemed to have suddenly become so ordinary?

However, he did not want to believe that this Blue Flash Purple Butterfly was a Bronze/Legend fey. It was simply too astounding.

Although Long Tao was a Class 3 Creation Master, he was watching the live streaming on Star Web without actually touching the fey, so it was hard to accurately judge the fey's quality.

When Long Tao saw that Fang Duoduo stopped talking, he explained again, "See that bee that just wounded the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard? Its Silver ability, Oily Mucus, allowed it to effectively resist physical damage, but it still didn't block this Gold I bee's attack."

Long Tao paused for a moment before adding, "The Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard is already a Gold VI/Flawless fey. A Gold I fey that can cause such serious damage to it can only be a Legend fey. As for that little blue bird that had never made a move, I can't determine its quality, but it wouldn't be very low."

Long Tao's words made Fang Duoduo blurt out, "F*ck! Black is a Radiance dollars warrior!"

Chapter 202: Blasted Shoulder

From Long Tao's analysis, Fang Duoduo seemed to understand something. Since Black's feys did not have high grades, their qualities were terrifyingly high, which meant that he was part of the younger generation. If not, his feys' grades would not have been so low.

But in Fang Duoduo's heart, he could not help but be very puzzled. Based on Long Tao's analysis, Black had at least two Bronze/Epic feys. Since Black could command Gold feys, that implied that he was at least a C-rank spirit qi professional.

However, he only had two Bronze high-quality feys but did not evolve them. Was he waiting for a Willpower Rune?

Wasn't Black greedy by waiting for two feys to evolve into Legend and two Willpower Runes at one go?

"Boss, what do you think about pulling Black into our team?"

Upon hearing that, Long Tao looked at Fang Duoduo as if he was a fool and answered, "We have four power offense-type spirit qi professionals in our team and lack a healing-type one. Black has never shown his healing ability so far. You want him in our team and let us five be rash?"

Fang Duoduo scratched his head. Based on Black's current strength, he was actually still lacking to join the Dragon Gate Guild Club's main team. However, he was more than enough to join the reserve team.

The only thing was that Black's combat style and contracted feys was somewhat incompatible with the Dragon Gate Guild Club. Most of its members had water-type feys to match Long Tao's Sea King Chalk Mosasaurus.

Therefore, if Black entered the Dragon Gate Guild Club's main team, he would not provide substantial help for the team. But supposedly, Black had a Silver/Fantasy Breed healing-type fey that could even grow broken limbs back. However, Fang Duoduo did not dare to tell Long Tao about this now.

After all, Fang Duoduo had not personally seen Black use that ability. He would not listen to what people said until he saw it for himself. If he rashly said it and it turned out to be false, he would also have said it in vain and make himself look like a joke.

"Boss, Chen Hongfeng should be winning this duel. Even though the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard is severely injured, its Blood Burning Strike can kill Black instantly."

Before Fang Duoduo could finish his words, the scene from Chen Hongfeng's live-streaming room seemed like a slap on the face. It was as if it fiercely slapped Fang Duoduo's face, causing him unable to say anything anymore.

After receiving Chen Hongfeng's order, it did not care about its badly injured body. Thanks to its Blood Burning Strike, its heart was like beating a drum, creating intense 'boom, boom, boom' sounds. Red Thorn's child ramets, which were near it, could not balance.

All the energy in the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard gathered in its heart as its heart pumped blood like a thundering drum. It opened its mouth and spewed out a dark-red-and-purple energy beam wrapped in the energy of its entire body toward Lin Yuan.

Although Lin Yuan had been on guard against it using the Blood Burning Strike, he did not expect it to ignore its badly injured body and unleash the ability, even when the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee had caused such injuries to it.

The timing of all this was entirely due to Chen Hongfeng's sense of combat cultivated in the tens of thousands of Star Tower duels.

It could even be said that when the Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard had been crippled, he had decided to kill Black to obtain victory. This dark-red-and-purple energy beam approached Lin Yuan so fast that he could not react to it.

At that moment, Chimey released Scattered Light toward the energy beam. When Chimey's small body that was wrapped in Scattered Light crashed into the energy beam, the energy beam annihilated it.

However, this dark-red-and-purple energy beam became weaker due to Chimey's protection. When Lin Yuan saw Chimey disappear due to the energy beam, his eyes instantly became bloody red.

When Chimey had rushed forward to block the attack, Red Thorn had waved its vines to wrap Lin Yuan. At the same time, its huge spherical Mouth of Relinquish was in front of Lin Yuan.

Nonetheless, the weakened energy beam still penetrated the Mouth of Relinquish and shot straight into Lin Yuan's position, who was guarded by vines.

Upon seeing this, Chen Hongfeng exhaled gently.

The Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard entered a state of near-death due to the Blood Burning Strike and fell to the ground.

But then Chen Hongfeng's pupils contracted because he did not win the Star Web duel. This also meant that Black did not die.

Through the huge hole that was blown in the Mouth of Relinquish, Chen Hongfeng could see the vines behind constantly twisting and turning. Eventually, the sharp vines spread out as Black covered the left side of his shoulder.

Although his arm did not blast into pieces under the energy beam's attack, his shoulder had been blasted into a ten-centimeter hole that was constantly oozing with fresh blood. At that moment, Lin Yuan's face behind the silver mask turned pale, and his eyes turned terrifyingly red. Everything had happened so quickly that Chen Hongfeng's decisiveness made Lin Yuan unable to react.

Without Chimey, Lin Yuan would have lost this Star Tower promotion duel. It must be said that these nearly 100 tower climbing duels had given Chimey a powerful sense of combat.

At that time, if it had used Radiant Body, it would need to absorb enough sunlight, and during that period, the energy beam would have blasted Lin Yuan with nothing left.

Therefore, Chimey had relied on its instinctive reaction and crashed into the dark-red-and-purple energy beam. It had used its body to exchange for the hope of possible survival for Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan had never experienced being blown to death in his precious Star Tower duels, even though Chimey and Red Thorn had been injured.

Chimey's death had made Lin Yuan's heart feel as if a sharp knife had stirred it. This was the Star Tower. Even if Chimey had been killed, it would not be affected in the slightest.

However, this made him think that what if this was outside? What should he do if he encountered such a situation?

Even though he had a Path Protector, the Mother of Bloodbath, and such a thing would not happen outside, Lin Yuan felt an invisible sense of oppression that came from his own strength.

Although he had lived two lives, his streak of victories in the Star Tower duel let him inevitably feel that his strength had greatly improved, and he was no longer a weakling. But in today's duel, he learned that there was a lot he had to improve on.

Based on the fact that Chimey had subconsciously rushed toward the dark-red-and-purple energy beam and that Red Thorn had used its Mouth of Relinquish and vines to protect him, an unprecedented sense of responsibility crept up in his heart.

His feys' trust and reliance on him, as well as instant reaction, gave him the reason to become stronger and protect his feys.

The Mouth of Relinquish was Red Thorn's core. When its Mouth of Relinquish had been blasted into a large bucket-like hole, it made it really hard for Red Thorn to hang on.

Chapter 203: Victory, Victory, Victory

Red Thorn was connected to his bloodline, so Lin Yuan could sense its vitality rapidly diminishing. At that moment, he gave it a final order. He told it to use its vines with thorns to stir and cut off the flesh on his shoulder's wound.

The Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard contained a kind of mucus that made it impossible to stop bleeding. This mucus effect was also found in the Blood Burning Strike.

Lin Yuan could sense the blood in his body, making his body colder and colder and his consciousness less clear.

After receiving Lin Yuan's order, Red Thorn had an instinctive rejection. Its reliance on him made it unwilling to hurt him, but its loyalty also made it faithfully follow his order.

Red Thorn's vines with thorns stirred Lin Yuan's wound on his shoulder, cutting off that piece of flesh stuck by the dark-red-and-purple energy beam. This intense pain made Lin Yuan's mind unusually clear, and fine cold sweat emerged out of his pores.

After Red Thorn followed Lin Yuan's last order, it completely exhausted its vitality. Just as it died, the large sea of beautiful flowers instantly withered.

The Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard's body, which had been torn into pieces, revealed itself in the withered sea of flowers. Just now, as the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee had attacked the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard, Red Thorn's Elite ramets' vines also reached into the swamp, driving the Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard out of it and tore it into scraps in the sea of flowers.

When Lin Yuan had told Red Thorn to clean up his flesh that had been stained by the energy beam with its vines, it had shocked many viewers in Chen Hongfeng's live-streaming room.

As the sea of flowers withered instantly, the figure with the silver mask covered his wound and emerged from it. That moment seemed like an eternity.

Chen Hongfeng looked at Lin Yuan and felt his throat dry before he said seriously, "Black, with such serious injuries, you've lost. Even if you didn't die earlier, you'll die within a minute given your blood loss. When your Gold bee attacked my Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard just now, it exhausted all of its energy. Although my fey is in a near-death state, it's still not dead, after all."

Lin Yuan had let the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee attack the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard, wanting the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee to take the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard by surprise and seriously injure or kill it. Therefore, he had not allowed the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee to be stingy with its strength. When it had used Wing Stealth to avoid the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard's tail attack, it had lost all of its strength.

At that moment, Chen Hongfeng heard a clear and cold voice.

“You forget that I’m a healing-type spirit qi professional!”

Lin Yuan waved his hand and summoned his Silver/Fantasy I Jasmine Lily. He was somewhat glad that these 100 tower climbing duels had considerably improved his combat instincts.

The subconscious act of using Spirit Injection on himself at that time had become the key to turning the tables around.

The Jasmine Lily emitted emerald-green spots of light that entered Lin Yuan’s wound. Under the viewers’ eyes in Chen Hongfeng’s live-streaming room, Lin Yuan’s shoulder, which had been blown open ten centimeters in diameter, was actually being repaired little by little thanks to the emerald-green spots of light.

Through his torn clothes on his shoulder, one could see his intact, healthy honey-colored skin. Lin Yuan’s injury was finally recovered when he exhausted the last trace of spiritual power in his body.

The Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard, which was in a near-death state, let out a mournful and sorrowful cry as though something was torturing it.

Not long after, a thumb-sized bee similar to the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee emerged out of its body. Unlike the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee, this bee did not have two abdominal stingers, but only one. The bee that flew out of the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard was at a standard of Silver V/Elite.

It was reasonable to say that Lin Yuan could win this duel if it killed Chen Hongfeng or the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard that only had its last breath. However, it did neither of them.

Instead, it flew to the side of Acid Corrosion Queen Bee, which had no energy left at all, and put its soft abdomen near its mouth. The Acid Corrosion Queen Bee masticated the Parasitic Pupa that had just hatched in the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard’s body.

The Acid Corrosion Queen Bee had completely emptied the energy in its body and should return to its hive in the Mouth of Relinquish to devour the Acid-Swallowing Larvae to quickly recover its energy.

However, the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard’s Blood Burning Strike had been too sudden and pierced through Red Thorn’s Mouth of Relinquish. The Acid Corrosion Queen Bee lost its Acid-Swallowing Larvae in its hive and could no longer continue.

But the Parasitic Pupa had hatched into a bee and once again let the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee recover a little of the energy in its body.

Lin Yuan did not stop its actions because such cruel, greedy, selfish, and tyrannical behavior was exactly its instinct engraved in its genes.

Lin Yuan had a bloodline connection with Red Thorn, and it had absorbed his blood to grow. To put it bluntly, it carried his smell. Thus, when Red Thorn died, the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee treated Lin Yuan as Red Thorn.

He could sense the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee's despair and sadness at the moment of Red Thorn's death. The degree of the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee's cruelty to its offspring was how deep its love for Red Thorn was. He did not refuse the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee's request to avenge Red Thorn personally.

The Acid Corrosion Queen Bee flapped its wings and killed Chen Hongfeng, who was in a state of shock, with a single blow of its stinger. Then, it used its exclusive skill, Two-Strike Kill, on the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard, which only had its last breath left.

This time, the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee attacked its head and corroded it.

At that moment, Lin Yuan won the most miserable battle he had fought so far. He had not been so miserable, even at Millstone Town.

As the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee flapped its wings, it landed on Lin Yuan's shoulder.

Everyone was so shocked by the duel before their eyes, unable to utter a word as they looked at the figure with a silver mask. They only felt an urge to shout in their hearts!

Was this duel really the level of a promotion duel?

Even the Celestial Stairway's 5 Star duels were not as exciting as this duel in front of them!

Furthermore, this duel had really proved the rumor that Black had a Silver/Fantasy Breed healing-type fey. Although they did not witness severed limbs being grown back today, the fact that the wound on his shoulder had completely healed was not less shocking.

The live-streaming room was quiet for some time when someone commented, 'Black, so awesome!'. Then, the same comments flooded the screen of the live-streaming room into a snow-white color. These countless comments seemed like witnessing the tragic duel that had just taken place. It was also like celebrating Black's victory.

In short, 'Black, so awesome!'.

Chapter 204: Two Frauds

In the past few months, ever since Black had appeared, his achievements and talents had been discussed and admired, and his age had also been the focus of discussion. Black had always worn a mask and never showed his true appearance. Everything was well hidden, making people could not help but want to delve into it. Although he had a kind of faint youthful aura, he could not be determined as the Radiance Federation's younger generation.

Today, however, in Chen Hongfeng's live-streaming room, countless viewers looked at the hole in Black's shoulder. They saw his healthy honey-colored skin and heard his clear and cold voice. Although this could not prove his age, it could prove that he was indeed a youth.

The viewers in Chen Hongfeng's live-streaming room had been cheering Black's name. They had witnessed the resolute youth who was still standing tall after an arduous battle. His aura was like a poplar. They saw his firm gaze through his silver mask.

Other comments finally took over the ‘Black, so awesome!’ comments in Chen Hongfeng’s live-streaming room.

Water Drips Through the Stone: “Black, I’m going to be your fan from today onward.”

Coffee Geek: “I can’t handle this anymore. The warm-blooded soul inside my body is raging. I also want to climb the tower. Today, I have to climb from the 50th floor to the 60th floor.”

Wind and Rain Parting Sorrow: “Chen Hongfeng did not lose unfairly. If he hadn’t been decisive and let the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard use the Blood Burning Strike, he would have lost even more badly.”

A Small Goal in Five Years: “My wife cut a Silver watermelon for me. I wanted to eat it as I watched the duel, but I only ended up taking a bite and could not take the second bite. It was simply too exciting.”

Fluffy Little Hamster: “Ahhh! Is there anyone who finds the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly really beautiful?”

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In the Dragon Gate Guild Club’s conference room, Long Tao looked at Black, who was standing there outstandingly, and said seriously, “Fang Duoduo, do you have anything to say about this duel?”

Fang Duoduo subconsciously replied, “Boss, Black really has a Fantasy Breed fey! It allowed his wounded shoulder to completely recover. This is too shocking.”

Long Tao frowned as if thinking about something. “I’m not talking about his healing-type fey. Do you think there’s anything wrong in the duel just now?”

Fang Duoduo recalled the live-streaming scene he had seen just now, and his pupils suddenly contracted before he answered, “Boss, where did the spiritual power come from when Black used the healing-type fey to recover his injuries?”

Long Tao frowned even more.

“Based on this duel alone, Hongfeng’s and Black’s strength is comparable. Besides planning, a duel with two people of comparable strength also depends on the control of their own spiritual power.

“The strange plant’s large sea of flowers and the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly’s constant release of Silence Scale Powder consume Black’s spiritual power.

“When that bee fey inflicted a huge burst of damage, not a trace of Black’s spiritual power was left.

“Because Black had commanded the bee fey to use a fatal move against the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard, with a goal to nullify it, reserving spiritual power is unwise. This is the first point.

“Secondly, if Black still had spiritual power, when the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard used the Blood Burning Strike, that strange plant beside him could spawn child ramets to block the energy beam. However, Black did not do so.”

Long Tao carefully analyzed while speaking. This was actually what he could not understand about the duel.

There were many reactions in a duel between two spirit qi professionals that relied on instinctive subconscious actions. It was like how people would instinctively avoid danger. When encountering bright light, one would blink instinctively, and when one's hand was burned, they would retract it instinctively. Long Tao did not think anyone could change their instincts in times of peril.

Therefore, Black must have run out of spiritual power at that time. However, he had summoned a healing-type fey to heal himself, which would have consumed a lot of spiritual power.

Upon hearing Long Tao's analysis, Fang Duoduo subconsciously replied, "Could that Silver Fantasy Breed fey have some special exclusive skill? Or it's a source-type lifeform? The way source-type lifeforms heal is different from ordinary feys?"

Fang Duoduo did not think about it in other ways, let alone thinking that Black had another fey that could restore his spiritual power. Based on the duel alone, Black had revealed his five contracted feys. Such a number of feys was already a significant burden for the younger generation.

As Radiance Hundred Sequence #43, Fang Duoduo only had three contracted feys. He had barely poured in any resources into nurturing one of them.

Even the Radiance Hundred Sequence #3, Long Tao, only had four contracted feys. He had a Platinum X/Fantasy III Sea King Chalk Mosasaurus as his main fey, with two Platinum V/Fantasy I Deep Blue Dragon Jellyfish as his substitutes. He also had a Platinum VI/Epic Reef Sturgeon that could cooperate with the Sea King Chalk Azure Dragon's exclusive skill, Extremity of Sea.

Long Tao had only nurtured four feys, while Black had nurtured one more fey than him. Therefore, Fang Duoduo really could not imagine that Black had a sixth fey.

When Long Tao heard Fang Duoduo's speculation, he shook his head and still felt that something was amiss, so he said to Fang Duoduo, "Go and call Chen Hongfeng out of Star Web and tell him to make a copy of the video of the duel between him and Black. I'll take a closer look. Also, go and get in touch with Black and see if he has any intention of coming to our Dragon Gate Guild Club."

Upon hearing that, Fang Duoduo asked in surprise, "Boss, are you trying to get Black to join our team?"

Long Tao shook his head but nodded again. "Get in touch with him first. You'll handle this matter."

Long Tao spoke very seriously, making Fang Duoduo become serious right away. Fang Duoduo knew that Long Tao had approved of Black through that duel just now and had the intention to let Black join the Dragon Gate Guild Club's main team.

At that moment, Long Tao said, "Give Black a promise that if he can fit into our main team in a month, our main team can sign him."

When Fang Duoduo heard that, he responded immediately, "I'll go on Star Web now and get in touch with Black."

The Dragon Gate Guild Club had been the third-place team last year. It had been placed third among the top 16 A-level guild clubs. If they had a healer in their team for the S Tournament last year, they could have a hope of attaining the championship.

Since the Dragon Gate Guild Club's main team consisted of four members that were all Radiance Hundred Sequence members, it could be said to be an all-star lineup. Thus, in Fang Duoduo's opinion, Black would not refuse it if he was not a fool.

But when he got on Star Web and was prepared to send a message to Black in the name of the Dragon Gate Guild Club, he felt horrible.

When he saw the Star Web's system notification, he realized that the other party refused to accept any messages. His face seemed like he had eaten 30 bitter gourds.

Why did I have to accept this mission!?

Since Black refused to accept any messages, he did not even give him any chance to have a private chat with him!

Fang Duoduo had countless total possible guesses, such as when Black received the news, he would jump in joy and come to the Dragon Gate Guild Club on the same day to attend the interview. Or maybe, Black would propose some conditions when he received his invitation, and Fang Duoduo had even thought about how to reply to him.

However, Fang Duoduo had never expected this situation before his eyes. This was simply 'dying before gaining victory'! Wasn't that so?

Fang Duoduo suddenly could not help but ridicule, Long Tao is a fraud! No, that's not right! Black is a fraud! No, that's not right either! Both of them are frauds!

Chapter 205: A Chance

After the duel ended, Lin Yuan disappeared from the dueling ground. He did not choose to continue on the second round of the Celestial Stairway promotion duel but just closed his eyes. He recalled what had happened in the duel previously.

This duel, which was evenly matched and even slightly disadvantageous to him, had benefited him a lot. At the same time, he had also discovered his inadequate side in combat.

The biggest benefit from this Celestial Stairway promotion duel was that he learned how important it was for a combat-class spirit qi professional to use and control their spiritual power in a battle.

During every battle in the past, he would subconsciously let Red Thorn spread its sea of flowers, which would undoubtedly consume a lot of spiritual power. But in fact, its sea of flowers did not play that big of a role sometimes.

Take the duel just now as an example.

Lin Yuan felt that if he had not let Red Thorn produce a large sea of flowers, but only a small sea of flowers to cooperate with the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly against the Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard, then he would never have been so passive when he faced the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard's Blood Burning Strike. This duel let him know that he was still far from being a true expert. Nonetheless, it inspired his fighting spirit.

Lin Yuan was a strong-willed person. His previous hardships of surviving alone with Chu Ci had not knocked him down. When facing the pressure of survival, he would overcome it one step at a time.

It was still the same for him now. Except for combat skills, he knew that his top priority was to become a B-rank spirit qi professional if he wanted to improve his strength. This way, his feys' grades could also increase significantly. At that point in time, he would be considered to have had an immense improvement.

When Lin Yuan opened his eyes, there were fewer distractions in his eyes and more purity. The purity contained an unrelenting aura.

He still needed some time to digest the benefit that this promotion duel had brought to him, so he did not go for a second promotion duel. Just as he was about to log off Star Web, Lin Yuan thought of Tian Ningning, whom Xin Ying had mentioned to him.

He had promised in the first place, so he naturally would not renege. Likewise, he would not leave her hanging.

Lin Yuan submitted a friend request to Tian Ningning, but he did not expect her to approve it within a second. After the two had added each other as Star Web friends, Tian Ningning's messages would not be completely blocked out because of his settings.

Tian Ningning: "Hi, Black. I'm Star Web's special columnist, Tian Ningning."

Black: "Hi, I know you. Why did you find me through my friend?"

Tian Ningning looked at Black's reply and gnashed her teeth.

Tian Ningning: "Black, I want to be your exclusive reporter."

Upon seeing that, Lin Yuan could not help but raise his brows. It was indeed the same as what Xin Ying had said.

However, his current self did not want to be involved in such messy matters. He only wanted to improve his strength and sharpen his combat skills.

But likewise, he also knew that if he ascended to the Celestial Stairway, his identity as Black would be exposed to the Star Web netizens at every duel.

Any netizen could pay a certain amount of Federation dollars to watch his duel in the video gallery. Therefore, any spirit qi professional who ascended to the Celestial Stairway was akin to a star.

An exclusive reporter was the equivalent of a special assistant to an individual on Star Web. In the future, the exclusive report would be in charge of any battles or news on Star Web.

Lin Yuan was afraid of trouble, but in fact, having an exclusive reporter could save him a great deal of trouble and bring him some small benefits. However, he did not want to be sloppy about his own exclusive reporter.

Even though Tian Ningning was a special columnist on Star Web, he did not know her personally. There were less than 300 special columnists on Star Web, so it could be said that almost everyone was

considered elites trained by Star Web. However, this only showed Tian Ningning's ability and not her character.

Lin Yuan preferred one's character over ability. Although one's ability was very important, if they had a despicable character, then they could only do endless bad things. He would never hand over his news and combat records to such a person in the future.

A Star Web columnist's character could be largely reflected in their articles. It was not too much to say that their written words were a gem. These words could often completely show a person's character.

If Lin Yuan were to contract an exclusive reporter, he would not look for one who distorted facts or only knew how to sing praises. He felt that whatever people did, the least they could do was to be upright and honest.

When Tian Ningning noticed that Lin Yuan did not reply for a while, she sent another message.

Tian Ningning: "I've just watched your Celestial Stairway promotion duel. It was great. I wonder if I can get your permission to write a combat record of your duel today?"

She directly recommended herself, as she knew that if she did not fight for it, it might slip away from her hands even if there was an opportunity.

It was just like the conversation with Black on Star Web. Wasn't it also because she had gone to the Extreme Guild Club and fought for it?

When Lin Yuan saw another Star Web message from Tian Ningning, he really did not expect this Star Web reporter to be so persistent. However, he naturally would not refuse her request.

Black: "You can. After you finish writing, send it to me so that I can have a look. If I think it's fine, then we can sign a contract."

Tian Ningning actually had not expected much, but when she saw his reply, she immediately clenched her fist in excitement. In her opinion, she had fought for an opportunity that she would not have gotten otherwise.

When she saw Black's reply, she suddenly felt that he might not be as cold as he appeared to be on the dueling ground. On the contrary, she felt that Black, who had given her a chance, was somewhat cute.

However, as a Star Web columnist, she knew that whether this would work would depend on how she wrote this article. This made her feel worried. When she wanted to ask him about what requests he had for the combat record, she then realized that he had logged off Star Web.

She closed her eyes and thought about Black in her impression. What appeared in her mind was a hero who had guarded a town against the dimensional rift. It was a youth who had not given up in a desperate situation and turned the tide of the battle.

Tian Ningning suddenly opened her eyes, and there was something special in her eyes. Apparently, she had made a decision.

She asked herself, didn't she want to become Black's exclusive reporter because of this silver-masked youth's majestic positive energy?

Thus, she decided to use the fairest and most realistic writing to reconstruct this duel. Regardless of what kind of outcome she would get with this combat record, at least she had given herself a chance, as well as the heroic youth named 'Black'.

But she did not know that she was in the mood to write at a tremendous speed when she thought of that heroic youth.

Actually, it was a hidden radiance in an ordinary person's heart. When one's heart was radiant and grew toward the light, the heart would be where the light was.

Chapter 206: Flame Veined Dragonfly

For the past two days, Lin Yuan had been enhancing pots of Silver/Elite Usneas. He put all of them in his store. The AI robots that were still working in the store would automatically put up ten pots of Silver Usneas for sale every once in a while.

As for the goods supplied to Zhou Jiaxin's store, he had sent them over through Ostrich Logistics recently. At the same time, he had also purchased many low-grade energy ores from her store.

These two days were very fulfilling for Lin Yuan, as he had completely absorbed and mastered the benefits from the previous Celestial Stairway promotion duel during these two days.

Since he was going to attend the private auction tomorrow, he did not go for the second promotion duel. Instead, he took out the very promising Normal Mist Flame Dragonfly he had collected in the wild previously. Due to their high aptitude and rarity, they rarely circulated in the market.

Most of the adventurers who captured Mist Flame Dragonflies would either put them up for auction on Star Web's Rare Lifeform Pavilion or find a rich buyer who needed them. Usually, when such a rich buyer wanted to buy a fey that they needed urgently, they would post on Star Web about buying a specific fey.

Most of them who posted did so to obtain a particular exclusive skill when the fey reached Bronze. This was a matter of luck. A buyer who was willing to obtain a particular exclusive skill would certainly not be short of money.

Therefore, they could even sell the Mist Flame Dragonflies at a higher price than the Rare Lifeform Pavilion's auction if they found such a buyer.

At that moment, Lin Yuan was about to enhance this Mist Flame Dragonfly. However, he would not do so like ordinary Creation Masters.

The Mist Flame Dragonflies had the bloodline of ancient Silurian Huge Veined Dragonflies in their bodies. They were a kind of feys with high compatibility for spirit qi.

Since the Mist Flame Dragonflies had the Huge Veined Dragonflies' bloodline, they naturally inherited their characteristics.

The highly pure spirit qi could optimize the Mist Flame Dragonflies' bodies' genetic model, allowing them to evolve into more superior lifeforms.

The Huge Veined Dragonflies were the strongest overlord in the Silurian period, the era of the dystopian planet.

With an insect body, they ruled the sky and land and were the most powerful predatory lifeforms of that era, standing at the top of the food chain at that time.

When Lin Yuan summoned the Mist Flame Dragonfly, it immediately stopped on his fingertips. Obviously, it still had a deep impression of him even after such a long time. It knew that he could release highly-concentrated spirit qi with his hands.

As Lin Yuan looked at the Mist Flame Dragonfly carefully pleasing him and had an impatient look on his fingertip, he smiled brightly and revealed his white teeth.

Lin Yuan channeled his body's spiritual power, and a large amount of highly pure spirit qi entered the Mist Flame Dragonfly's body, allowing it to constantly undergo metamorphosis.

For feys compatible with high-concentrated spirit qi, their growth and development would be limited if they had an insufficient concentration of spirit qi, which was the case for the Mist Flame Dragonfly.

Ordinary Mist Flame Dragonflies would evolve without changing their form. Due to the insufficient concentration of spirit qi, they could not optimize their gene optimization for mutation when evolving.

However, thanks to Lin Yuan channeling high-concentrated spirit qi, it was going through the process of continuous molting and wrinkling and unfolding of its wings. In a short while, its red body and light-green wings had already undergone a huge change.

At that moment, when Lin Yuan checked it with the True Data, he found out that it was no longer called a Mist Flame Dragonfly, but a Flame Veined Dragonfly.

Its body had become nearly two meters long, fully awakened with the bloodline of the Huge Veined Dragonfly.

The Flame Veined Dragonfly's entire body had become fiery red, and even its wings had turned red, except that its body was full of blue veins that made its body look usually slender and elegant.

Although it looked a little thin, Lin Yuan knew that it was an absolute spell expert. Its exclusive skill, Fierce Fire, when it had been promoted to Bronze, was very simple and brutal. It increased the power of a flame.

Originally, the Mist Flame Dragonfly's wings were blue, and when it spewed out fire, the storm incited by its wings could increase the coverage and intensity of the fire. And those blue veins on its body were the power of the wind element.

However, this Flame Veined Dragonfly had changed, aiding fire with wind from outside to circulate inside its body. Due to its ability to aid fire with wind and the Fierce Fire, it had become the simplest and most brutal spell-type unit.

Although it had become two meters in size, it still rested by Lin Yuan's side obediently, its eyes full of gratitude toward him. He nodded in satisfaction as he looked at the Flame Veined Dragonfly.

So far, he had enhanced a total of six Bronze/Epic feys. He planned to keep the three Bronze X/Epic Dragon-Phoenix Landscape Carps and the Bronze X/Epic White Jade Snow Orchid for himself, leaving only two Bronze X/Epic feys to offer.

These two Bronze X/Epic feys were the Green Bamboo Snake and the Flame Veined Dragonfly. The Bronze X/Epic Green Bamboo Snake attacked like a poisonous assassin, while the Bronze X/Epic Flame Veined Dragonfly was like a berserk mage.

Lin Yuan had gathered these feys from the Endless Forest, and it could be said that he had single-handedly changed the path of their lives. He had enhanced the Green Bamboo Snake and the Flame Veined Dragonfly into Bronze X/Epic, which was akin to a gift to them.

Since he would not contract these two feys, and the people around him were not compatible with them, he would eventually sell them.

However, as a Creation Master who had created the miracles of life for them, he would find good owners for them when he traded them.

Time flew by, and in this day or so, Wen Yu was practicing her Creation Master skills besides taking care of the manor, while Liu Jie was also training in the manor's new training room.

A genius certainly had extraordinary talents, but if they wanted to reach a certain height, they would not require less effort than a mediocre person who wanted to change their fate against the odds.

After enhancing a pot of Silver Usnea, Lin Yuan stopped what he was doing. This was because he, Liu Jie, and Wen Yu were going to attend that private auction held by the king-class experts' squad.

Lin Yuan was not very interested in other things of this private auction, except for the three source-type items. Somehow, an intuition emerged in his head that made him feel he would definitely gain something going to this private auction.

Chapter 207: A Dazzling Youth

The Royal Capital had gradually turned cold in late autumn. When the wind blew at night, it seemed to be able to blow through the clothes, causing people to shiver. But the late autumn wind blowing on the body was not as cold as the winter wind, like small knives cutting one's flesh.

At present, the late autumn wind was the coolest. As the sun set, the faint stars in the sky made one's heart feel clear.

Lin Yuan stopped what he was doing and was about to leave the room when he heard a knock on the door. He opened the door and saw Wen Yu walk in with black clothes in her hand.

"Young Master, see if these are suitable for tonight?"

Lin Yuan took the clothes and had a closer look at them. The top was a black court coat made of cotton linen and silk, with a narrow lapel design and inlaid with some black jade decoration. It appeared simple with a kind of rustic magnificence.

Even though the cotton linen and silk were black, the silk was brighter, while the cotton-linen was darker. The two black colors surprisingly produced a color-clashing style.

This made the design of the court coat look ordinary yet extraordinary and complicated yet simple. The contradictory beauty obviously made this coat unique.

The long, black pants combined classical elegance and sporty toughness perfectly and were made up of black camel velvet and silk. The camel velvet was brighter than the silk, and the design of such material gave the simple black long pants a different kind of vitality.

It did not make the black court coat stand out the most, and the pants were brighter than the palace coat, making the overall design balanced.

Lin Yuan could not help but raise his brows. These spirit qi clothes were obviously made of expensive materials. The top lapel had very inconspicuous, dark feather embroidery on both sides. The threads of this feather embroidery were silk threads spat out from the spinneret of a Platinum Dark Death Creepy Spider.

The silk threads spat out from its spinneret were extremely rare, and the Dark Death Creepy Spider was also very rare, not to mention that it was a spider fey that only spat out silk when it molted.

Excluding the price, his outfit looked very low-key. It was entirely black, with almost no other colors. However, if one looked at it carefully, they would be immediately surprised to find that there was a kind of low-key nobility hidden in the set of clothes.

“Wen Yu, where did you get this set of clothes from?”

Lin Yuan had also bought some clothes for daily wear during this time. Despite not being short of money, he would still choose some simple, sturdy, and durable clothes.

From the age of eight, he had been living a hard life, so Lin Yuan would not develop an extravagant behavior even after being rich.

The clothes that he had bought and Liu Jie’s and Wen Yu’s clothes were placed in their own special cloakrooms.

Although Lin Yuan did not remember what clothes he had bought, he obviously had not bought this set of clothes.

When Wen Yu handed the clothes to him, she kept checking his expression. Upon seeing that Lin Yuan was very satisfied with this set of clothes, she immediately smiled and replied, “Young Master, I made the clothes while I was supervising the construction work during those two months.”

Her words shocked Lin Yuan. He had only known that she was a Creation Master with a talent for internal affairs, but he did not expect her to be a Weaver as well.

Weavers and Spirit Craftsmen belonged to the lifestyle-class spirit qi professionals. The Weaver Association was also an extremely rich association among the lifestyle-class spirit qi occupation guilds in the Radiance Federation.

Humans were always improving, especially in aesthetics. Weavers could use spiritual materials to make spirit qi clothes. Although these high-grade spirit qi clothes could not play much of a defensive role, they allowed one not to worry that these clothes would be easily damaged in a battle.

“Wen Yu, you should be a high-class Weaver!”

Upon hearing that, Wen Yu smiled and answered, “Young Master, I have not passed the test of a Weaver, but if I do, I should at least be a Class 3 Weaver.”

Even though Weavers were not as rare and honored as Creation Masters, Class 3 Weavers were very rare. The fact that Wen Yu could become a Class 3 Weaver alone was enough to prove how talented she was.

Although she knew she had the talent of a Weaver, she had focused her mind on improving as a Creation Master. However, ever since she had saved her sisters, who were also spirit attendants and damaged her roots—due to the ostracism and being unable to improve her strength because of her damaged roots—she had trodden on a Weaver’s path during that period.

As a result, she had gotten very interested in the process of how Weavers made clothing. This interest was also considered a kind of outlet and solace. Then, she suddenly had an epiphany.

Being a Weaver was a very wonderful thing. A Weaver’s values, character, condition, habits, and even will when designing clothes would affect the final outcome of how a piece of clothing would look like.

Weavers making clothes and Creation Masters creating feys had to do with creation.

In Wen Yu’s opinion, although both occupations created things differently, there was a little bit of common ground.

This comprehension had allowed her to have a significant improvement on the progress as a Creation Master. Suppose she had not met Lin Yuan or had that drop of Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia nectar. In that case, she could only be conceited and indulge in self-admiration for a lifetime after being eliminated from the spirit attendants—whether she was a Creation Master or Weaver.

However, it was Lin Yuan who had brought light and hope to her. Therefore, while she had been supervising the construction work, no matter how tired she had been, she would still spend a lot of time creating this set of spirit qi clothes.

Even though it was hard to carefully design exquisite spirit qi clothes, Wen Yu had also completed this set of clothes the previous day.

As Lin Yuan looked at the clothes in his hand, he thanked her. In his mind, after he had become the Moon Empress’s disciple, and Wen Yu had become his assistant, not everything she did was necessary. He was well aware of what she had done.

Upon hearing Lin Yuan thank her, Wen Yu quickly answered, “Young Master, you should change first. Big Brother Liu has finished cooking. I’ll go down and help him. After eating, we should be on our way to the auction.”

Then she left Lin Yuan’s room. Wen Yu could feel a kind of respect from Lin Yuan when he had thanked her. This respect referred to the fact that he had always put himself on an equal footing rather than treating her as a servant. Such respect made her eyes tingle.

Wen Yu did not understand why Lin Yuan, an 18-year-old youth, could give people strength with his actions and words.

After Lin Yuan changed his clothes and looked in the mirror, he felt that the youth with black hair, black eyes, and clad in a full body of black clothes looked dazzling.

Chapter 208: Evil Zhao Xiaochun

After looking in the mirror, Lin Yuan scratched the back of his head and could not help but think, I’m not a narcissist.

Then, he turned around and left the room. When he just walked down the stairs, Wen Yu and Liu Jie, who were downstairs, were dumbfounded.

Lin Yuan usually never dressed himself up. Although he also did not dress himself up today, with a change of clothes and his unique kind of cheerfulness, it surprisingly gave off a kind of indescribably handsomeness and friendliness.

‘A beauty in the high places is like a jade, while a handsome young man is unmatched’ could be used to describe him.

Liu Jie said in admiration, “Lin Yuan, if you take a photo wearing this and post it on Star Web, you’ll have a lot of fans based on your visuals alone!”

Wen Yu rolled her eyes at him and said, “Does Lin Yuan need to rely on visuals?”

In her opinion, Lin Yuan was very handsome and outstanding. Compared to his other aspects, his aura and appearance were unworthy to be mentioned.

Lin Yuan responded somewhat helplessly, “You two are something. When did the two of you form a praising team and comprehended the ability, Storm Praise?”

After the meal, Wen Yu summoned her contracted flying fey, the Sunlight Egret, in the courtyard. Lin Yuan, Liu Jie, and Wen Yu sat on the Sunlight Egret and headed toward the Royal Capital’s Rare Lifeform Pavilion.

As Liu Jie sat on it, he suddenly had a feeling of being a beautiful rich woman going for a spin with two handsome young men.

He felt that his thoughts were a bit dangerous, so he immediately shook his head, shaking these thoughts out of his head, and returned to his honest face.

The Royal Capital's Rare Lifeform Pavilion had always been very lively, and so was it today. However, it was different today, as more people were coming and going on the flying feys than before.

When they arrived at the Rare Lifeform Pavilion, they verified their identities. Lin Yuan, Liu Jie, and Wen Yu walked to the Rare Lifeform Pavilion's third floor.

When Liu Jie reached the third floor, he felt nature calling and quickly went to the washroom. Lin Yuan and Wen Yu stood in place and waited for him to return.

The entire Rare Lifeform Pavilion's third floor had been booked tonight.

At that moment, as soon as he entered the third floor, Lin Yuan realized that it was set up like a banquet. There were a lot of refreshments and delicacies made from spiritual ingredients on the table. Most of the drinks were also brewed from various spiritual ingredients and were expensive.

There were still about 40 minutes before the auction started. Many people who had come to the auction were either seated on the VIP chairs waiting for the auction to start, or chatting, which seemed very harmonious.

However, Lin Yuan found a man and a woman looking a bit strange at the entrance's desert area. They were less than five meters away from him. Because the man and woman were facing the VIP area, their backs were facing him.

The man had a bowl-cut and was standing there as if he had nothing left to live for. The woman, who looked sweet and lovely, was eating large mouthfuls of dessert from the table. She could eat a half-fist-sized of pastry in one bite and was eating very quickly. However, she looked unusually elegant while eating the pastry.

At that moment, the bowl-cut fellow said helplessly, "Zhao Xiaochun, can you stop eating? Didn't you have the entire table of dishes when you were in the training room just now?"

The woman, who was eating, mumbled, "Fang Duoduo, what's wrong with me eating? It's not like I ate yours!"

Fang Duoduo looked helpless. How was she eating just a little?

"Zhao Xiaochun, can you change to a different table? The dessert on this table is almost gone."

Zhao Xiaochun raised her head and stared at him. "Stop worrying about me! Otherwise, I'll tell Long Tao that you slacked off in the training room! See if Boss Long Tao will give you additional training!"

Upon hearing Zhao Xiaochun's threat, Fang Duoduo replied in an unperturbed manner, "Boss has been trying to find a way to contact Black since yesterday when he found out Black refused to accept any messages. So how can he have time to give me extra training?"

Fang Duoduo's words almost choked Zhao Xiaochun to death.

Lin Yuan did not expect the man and woman standing near him would mention himself, and it also seemed as if they had to find him for some matters.

After some time, Zhao Xiaochun finally returned to her normal state. “Fang Duoduo, you were the one who agreed to contact Black. If you could do so, would Boss still need to fret?”

Fang Duoduo looked aggrieved, feeling that he was simply being wronged. What could he do if Black refused to receive anyone’s message?

“Zhao Xiaochun, you’re a Radiance Hundred Sequence member. If you really finish the food on the table, your image of a food-hating lady on Star Web will be destroyed! If you speak nicely, I still can promise not to post any photos I take.”

Zhao Xiaochun looked at Fang Duoduo taking photos of her and was so angry that she immediately placed her hands on her waist. Because she had so much food in her mouth, she only managed to swallow it all after a minute and said indifferently, “Go ahead if you want to! If you really do, I’ll tell Feng Lei about you deceiving him!”

Fang Duoduo was at a loss due to her words. Feng Lei was the most inflexible person on the team and was easily fooled. He loved to take everything seriously. What could he lie to Feng Lei about? Feng Lei was a good comrade of his.

Although Fang Duoduo was at a loss, he still responded, “Zhao Xiaochun, I’ll post it now!”

Zhao Xiaochun replied quickly, “Feng Lei’s online girlfriend of two years has never had a voice chat or video chat with him. Every time he wants to do that, she finds all kinds of excuses to refuse him. If you dare to post that photo, I’ll tell Feng Lei that you’re using an alternate account as a woman to fool him!”

“F*ck! Zhao Xiaochun, can you not be so evil? You’re taking advantage of this! When have I ever used an alternate account to pair up with Feng Lei? Feng Lei is inflexible. If he believes your words, my life will be at stake!”

Fang Duoduo recalled Feng Lei always had a worried and bitter face while sighing. Feng Lei always asked himself why his online girlfriend of two years had not done a voice call or video call with him and had also been dragging meeting up with him in real life.

Fang Duoduo seriously contemplated what their child would be called in the future.

Fang Duoduo could not help but shiver several times at the thought. If Zhao Xiaochun went back and spouted nonsense, the inflexible Feng Lei would beat him to death while crying.

Just as Zhao Xiaochun wanted to continue, she heard a soft laugh from behind. She immediately turned her head and noticed a young girl covering her mouth, looking at her apologetically.

However, Zhao Xiaochun did not have time to react. She stared at the young man clad in black with an outstanding aura beside the young girl.

She subconsciously said, “So damn handsome!”

Fang Duoduo could not help but slap the back of his head, while his other hand reached out to tug Zhao Xiaochun’s sleeve before he said softly, “Zhao Xiaochun, wipe away your saliva and get back to your senses!”

Upon hearing that, she subconsciously wiped the corners of her mouth and realized she did not even have any saliva! Instead, there were only some cake crumbs, so she glared at Fang Duoduo.

Chapter 209: Smitten Freak

After glaring at Fang Duoduo, Zhao Xiaochun immediately returned to her lovely and elegant appearance and stepped forward to say, "Handsome, my name is Zhao Qingcheng. My courtesy name is Xiaochun, and my art name is Beauty. My home is in the Royal Capital. I'm a virtuous lady. Can I have your contact number?"

Fang Duoduo immediately took three steps to the side, as if he did not know Zhao Xiaochun. He could not help but ridicule, Zhao Xiaochun will never cure her smitten sickness.

At that moment, he suddenly saw a familiar figure walking to the young man clad in black. Liu Jie walked to Lin Yuan's and Wen Yu's side and said, "Lin Yuan, Wen Yu, I've made you guys wait for a long time."

Fang Duoduo immediately walked forward and gave Liu Jie a strong pat on his shoulder before saying, "Liu Jie, you're finally back!"

Although Liu Jie's return had not yet been announced in the news by the Radiance Federation's officials, the Radiance Hundred Sequence people already knew that he was going to participate in the Radiance Hundred Sequence competition this year.

Two years ago, Liu Jie had been Sequence #39 in the Radiance Hundred Sequence. Even though he had been missing for two years and his current strength was unknown, regardless of whether his strength had not improved at all, he had no problem being ranked at Radiance Hundred Sequence #70 to #80.

The fact that Liu Jie had come back to participate in the Radiance Hundred Sequence competition proved that his source-type lifeform, Insect Queen, had fully recovered.

Fang Duoduo and Liu Jie had met each other more than once both in the Radiance Hundred Sequence competition and the Star Web Celestial Stairway duels.

Fang Duoduo had always kept in mind about Liu Jie's terrifying strength. None of the Radiance Hundred Sequence people knew why Liu Jie had left the Radiance Hundred Sequence back then. Therefore, besides acknowledging Liu Jie's strength, Fang Duoduo also respected him.

Liu Jie nodded and greeted Fang Duoduo before he said to Zhao Xiaochun, who was smitten with him, "Hey, Zhao Xiaochun. How come you're still a smitten freak after two years?"

Compared to Fang Duoduo, Liu Jie was clearly a little more familiar with Zhao Xiaochun. He had teamed up with her for missions in the past.

Upon hearing Liu Jie call her a smitten freak, Zhao Xiaochun seethed with anger. "Liu Jie! I actually wanted to invite you for a meal, yet you actually called me a smitten freak! In that case, you'll have to treat me to a meal instead!"

As Zhao Xiaochun said that, Lin Yuan saw a glimmer of anticipation in her eyes when she mentioned having a meal.

Liu Jie hurriedly waved his hand. "I'm afraid the restaurant owner would kick me out if I brought you for a meal. None of the restaurants in the Royal Capital dare hold any eating competitions because of you. Are you not aware of that?"

Upon hearing that, Zhao Xiaochun stole a glance at Lin Yuan, wishing she could immediately rush up to Liu Jie and cover his mouth.

She could not wait to have a huge duel with Liu Jie and Fang Duoduo on Star Web and somewhat doubted whether she could still set up the image of a virtuous lady in front of the handsome guy.

Fang Duoduo's attention was focused on the Class 2 Creation Master retainer knight crest on Liu Jie's chest. Ever since Liu Jie had walked over, Fang Duoduo had noticed that when Liu Jie stopped by the young man in black, he had deliberately lagged by half a shoulder.

At first, Fang Duoduo thought nothing of it, but when he saw Liu Jie's Class 2 Creation Master retainer crest and recalled Liu Jie's previous behavior, he immediately determined that the young man in black before him was the Creation Master that Liu Jie had sworn to.

Otherwise, given Liu Jie's character and status, he would not have deliberately lagged behind the young man in black by half a shoulder.

Fang Duoduo did not understand why Liu Jie would choose to become the retainer of a Class 2 Creation Master. However, he knew that if this young man in front of him had become a Class 2 Creation Master at this age, he was really remarkable.

As a member of the Dragon Gate Guild Club's main team, and being a Radiance Hundred Sequence member with Long Tao, Fang Duoduo could be said to be very familiar with Long Tao.

This young man in black before him looked like he was only 17 to 18 years old. At 18 years old, Long Tao was just merely a Class 1 Creation Master, and only when he was almost 20 years old did he become a Class 2 Creation Master.

Fang Duoduo took a step forward, walked up to Lin Yuan, and extended his hand before saying, "Hello, let's get to know each other. My name is Fang Duoduo. I'm 24 years old this year. I like to eat meat and don't like to go out with Zhao Xiaochun."

When Lin Yuan saw Fang Duoduo greet him first, he extended his hand and shook his hands before replying, "My name is Lin Yuan. I'm 18 years old this year. I like to eat meat too."

Fang Duoduo's eyes lit up. "You love to eat meat too! You sure have good taste!"

When Zhao Xiaochun saw Fang Duoduo shaking hands with Lin Yuan, she extended her hand right away as well. "My name is Zhao Qingcheng. My courtesy name is Xiaochun, and my art name is Beauty. I'm 21 years old this year. I love to read and don't like to eat anything! Because I hate food."

Lin Yuan's brows jumped as he looked at the table with only one piece of cake left. He could not help but want to say, If she's like this when she hates food, what about when she doesn't hate food?

Fang Duoduo simply could not stand it anymore and immediately pulled Zhao Xiaochun before saying, "I'll take her inside first and wait for the auction. It's nice to meet you, Lin Yuan." Then he dragged her toward the VIP seat of the auction.

Liu Jie also had a helpless look on his face. "Zhao Xiaochun has always been this nonsensical."

He then said very seriously, "However, Zhao Xiaochun is very strong. When I left the Radiance Hundred Sequence two years ago, she was Radiance Hundred Sequence #36, ranked three places in front of me. Last year, she reached #21. I took a careful look at the duels of this year's Sequence members two days ago. She's likely to be ranked in the top 15! She's considered a formidable newcomer."

Lin Yuan was a little surprised that this girl—who had said she hated food yet was clearly a glutton—was so talented and among the top in the Radiance Hundred Sequence, where there were many geniuses. One should never judge a book by its cover.

Lin Yuan had merely come to participate in the private auction, so he did not expect he would actually get to know two Radiance Hundred Sequence members.

Regarding Fang Duoduo mentioning Black, he had also guessed what was going on. From their conversation, Lin Yuan knew that they were members of the guild club, so these two were looking for him to join their team. However, he had no plans of joining other guild clubs.

Lin Yuan, Liu Jie, and Wen Yu walked to the VIP seats and sat down, ready to participate in the upcoming private auction. When the three of them walked to the VIP seats, they attracted a lot of attention. Of course, most of the focus was on Liu Jie.

Almost everyone present had a certain identity. Such a private auction held by a king-class expert squad had strict entry requirements. There were even quite a few king-class experts sitting in the room among them. The auction had attracted most people to come by releasing news of three source-type items.

Moreover, in order to consolidate resources for this private auction, the king-class expert squad had taken out a lot of treasures that were not quite useful to their members.

Soon, in less than ten minutes, the auction officially started. At that moment, Lin Yuan suddenly heard a familiar voice that he had not heard in a long time in his head.

Chapter 210: Morbius in Complete State

When Lin Yuan heard this voice, he immediately felt elated. It had been over four months since Morbius had gone into a deep slumber to recover. It had not woken up in these four months, so its sudden awakening was really a surprise.

"Morbius, you're finally awake!"

Morbius had woken up from its slumber and immediately talked to Lin Yuan in his spiritual spatial zone.

It had formed a contract with him when he was eight years old without his knowledge.

At that time, in order to protect Lin Yuan's spiritual energy, Morbius had chosen to seal itself, even at the expense of hurting itself. It had gone into slumber to ensure that the then only eight-year-old Lin Yuan's spiritual energy would not collapse.

Lin Yuan had been unaware that he had Morbius before it had first woken up a few months ago. But for Morbius, it had been his fey for a decade. Therefore, its reliance and affection for him had long since entered deep in its body. Such a feeling was not simply a bloodline connection.

When it woke up and heard Lin Yuan's reply right away, Morbius could not help but feel delighted. "Yuan, I've completely restored to my complete form after waking up from my slumber."

Upon hearing its words, he was slightly puzzled. When he went to sense its state, he was immediately surprised to find that it had an extra ability.

Lin Yuan used the True Data to check its current status.

[Fey Name]: Morbius

[Fey Species]: ???

[Fey Grade]: Bronze (10/10)

[Fey Type]: Spatial/Mystery

[Fey Quality]: Legend

Abilities:

[True Data]: All complicated information that is invisible to the eye is turned into data. Information that is turned into data might contain truth that cannot be distinguished on the surface.

[Calm Mind]: Passive ability. Effects of Calm Mind can be improved according to the fey's grade. Calm Mind can stabilize the mind and has a certain probability of resisting negative conditions.

[Spirit Qi Condensation]: Gather the spirit qi in the air and Spirit Lock spatial zone. The gathered spirit qi will form spirit qi crystals that can enhance feys and source-type lifeforms.

Exclusive Skill:

[Spirit Lock]: Morbius' spatial zone can be used to nurture feys. The initial grade of the fey that Morbius' spatial zone can nurture must not be higher than Morbius' grade. Morbius isn't able to increase its grade by itself, so its grade will be increased along with the fey's grade that it nurtures. At the same time, Morbius can obtain the initial ability of the fey that it nurtures. However, Morbius will not obtain abilities when its grade increases. Whenever Morbius increases a grade, it will be able to nurture one more fey. Morbius' method of growth will remain unchanged.

[Pure Land of Bliss]: The Spirit Lock spatial zone will produce soil that is great for recovering near-death fey's injuries. The fey's recovery time will be determined by the grade of Morbius and the dying fey.

[Normal Spirit Lock]:

Jasmine Lily: Silver (1/10), Fantasy I

Ability – [Heal]: Rapidly recovers external injuries and gradually recovers vitality.

Exclusive Skill:

[Recovery Imprint]: Accumulate the healing energy that the Jasmine Lily releases during normal times. The contractor can activate the imprint to release the accumulated healing energy.

[Severed Limbs Growth]: Comprehend the arcana of plant growth. Even if one has severed limbs, the rich vitality can continue to grow slowly.

[Elite Spirit Lock]:

Spirit-Gather Goldfish: Bronze (1/10), Legend

Ability: [Spirit Injection]: Restore a certain amount of spiritual power at once and gradually restore the lost spiritual power.

Exclusive Skill – [Spirit Qi Imprint]: The spirit qi that is constantly released to the environment will be stored within the Spirit Qi Imprint instead. It will be branded on the contractor's body, and the contractor can release spirit qi contained within the Spirit Qi Imprint.

[Bronze Spirit Lock]:

Blue Flash Purple Butterfly: Bronze (1/10), Legend

Ability: [Silence Scale Powder]: Releases special scale powder with a silence effect, causing the target in contact with it to cannot communicate with spiritual power or use abilities.

Exclusive Skill – [Scale Powder Halo]: Its scale powder has a powerful reflective effect. The multi-faceted reflection will cause the target being enveloped by the scale powder to suffer from light pollution and lead to dizziness and even brief blindness.

Thanks to True Data, Lin Yuan found that Morbius' new ability was called Spirit Qi Condensation. However, he did not know why it had a new ability out of nowhere.

Morbius and Lin Yuan were spiritually connected, so when it sensed his doubts, it explained, "Because of the spiritual energy suppression previously, part of my abilities had been sealed. Last time, I woke up with flaws. This time, that seal has been fully removed."

In Lin Yuan's opinion, the Spirit Qi Condensation ability, which had appeared when Morbius had restored to its complete state, was very similar to him using his spiritual power to channel the pure spirit qi of the world into the feys' bodies to evolve them.

However, this ability stored the thin spirit qi in the air and the spirit qi in the Spirit Lock spatial zone to form a spirit qi crystal.

"Morbius, how much spirit qi can the spirit qi crystal produced from Spirit Qi Condensation have?"

Morbius replied, "The spirit qi crystal that has been currently condensed can probably upgrade the Jasmine Lily by a grade."

Lin Yuan's eyes lit up when he heard that. At present, it was very hard for him to raise the Jasmine Lily's strength, as he was stuck at being a C-rank spirit qi professional.

In order to become a B-rank spirit qi professional, even if he constantly enhanced feys daily, he would still take a very long time. During this time, Lin Yuan's strength improvement was limited.

Since he was currently a C-rank spirit qi professional, he would need at least a month or so to enhance the Fantasy I Jasmine Lily from Silver I to Silver II. During this period, he had to do nothing besides having five hours of sleep every day and spending the rest of his time enhancing the Jasmine Lily.

In Lin Yuan's opinion, enhancing a fey through this method was a waste of time, as he could not enhance the Fantasy Breed Jasmine Lily from Silver to Gold even within one year.

Since it was currently hard for him to raise a Fantasy Breed fey's grade, his strength had also been stuck.

Lin Yuan was now a C-rank spirit qi professional. Based on his pinnacle standard, he could have a Gold X/Fantasy I Jasmine Lily, Gold I/Fantasy I Chimey, and Gold X/Legend Acid Corrosion Queen Bee. However, these three feys' strength had yet to reach the maximum of his spirit qi occupations rank.

Given his current strength, although he was stronger than most spirit qi professionals of the younger generation, there was still a huge gap away from the Radiance Hundred Sequence.

If he wanted to rank high in the Radiance Hundred Sequence, he would need to have at least Platinum combat power. His strongest combatant now was only the Gold I/Legend Acid Corrosion Queen Bee.

Even though it was only at Legend and could gain the upper hand when battling with ordinary people on the Star Tower, the quality of the Radiance Hundred Sequence's experts' feys was not low. Many of the members even had a Fantasy Breed fey.

Given Lin Yuan's current Gold combat power, he had no hope of competing in the Radiance Hundred Sequence. Now that Morbius had restored to its complete form, it could somehow perfectly complement his current inability to raise his Fantasy Breed feys' grades with its Spirit Qi Condensation.

He might even be able to compete in the Radiance Hundred Sequence this year with this ability.