

Merchant 21

Chapter 21: Evolving Back to Ancestry Line

The Sharp Rock Bull was trembling as it endured, but even it couldn't withstand such immense pain.

Lin Yuan felt a considerable pushing force against the hand that was touching the broken horn. Lin Yuan swayed a little, and the pair of horns on the Sharp Rock Bull fell off. Immediately after, a new pair of horns grew out on its head.

Lin Yuan placed his hand back on the little horns before channeling his spirit qi at full force.

When the sky was starting to turn dark, the Sharp Rock Bull's horns recovered, and they only stopped growing when they reached over one foot in length.

It took nearly seven hours, but Lin Yuan finally healed the severely injured Sharp Rock Bull. Suppose the severely injured Sharp Rock Bull was worth 200,000 Federation dollars. In that case, the current healthy Elite/Epic Sharp Rock Bull could be easily sold on the Star Web for 1,5 Radiance dollars, or 1,500,000 Federation dollars.

This was also why Creation Masters were so respected.

Lin Yuan was still channeling spirit qi into the Sharp Rock Bull as he could feel an obstacle in the dark. As long as he continued channeling his spirit qi, he would be able to smash the obstacle. This Sharp Rock Bull would then undergo a qualitative change.

Lin Yuan was ecstatic as this should be the obstacle blocking Elite feys from becoming Bronze ones.

Lin Yuan increased his spirit qi's release speed to smash the obstacle with full strength. Finally, half an hour later, the obstacle was pulverized to dust.

At that moment, Lin Yuan saw the Sharp Rock Bull, which was originally lying down, suddenly stand upright. Its body was emitting creaking and cracking sounds as its bones were shifting. In less than two minutes, the Sharp Rock Bull's appearance changed drastically.

Had it not been for Lin Yuan witnessing it, he probably wouldn't recognize the fey in front of him as the Sharp Rock Bull of just a few moments ago.

Lin Yuan activated True Data to check on the Sharp Rock Bull's situation. No, it shouldn't be called a Sharp Rock Bull anymore. It should be called Sharp Iron Horn Bull.

The Sharp Rock Bull, which was originally two meters in length, had already transformed into a Sharp Iron Horn Bull that was nearly three meters in length. The Sharp Iron Horn Bull's greatest change wasn't in its size, but the horns on its head.

The Sharp Rock Bull actually had a small horn on its nose, but it was only 2,5cm in size. Therefore, it had been useless.

However, the Sharp Iron Horn Bull's nose horn was now one meter long. It no longer had its smooth curves, and it was razor-sharp with multiple angles. Each of the angles was sharp like a blade.

The two horns on the head, which were originally around 30cm in length, were now one meter long too.

The horns weren't straight and were more like a bull's horns, curved and meant for charging. They were heavy and filled with power, as though they were made to penetrate the enemy.

Lin Yuan was certain that this Sharp Rock Bull's evolution into the Sharp Iron Horn Bull was in the ancestry line's direction, enhancing its physical capability.

Lin Yuan had actually witnessed the process of an Elite fey evolving into a Bronze one. He had witnessed the metamorphosis of life.

While feeling the metamorphosis of life from where he stood, he felt his spirit getting enlightened. It was a kind of uplifting feeling that could only be felt when creating life.

It was the same as seeking the legendary chapter of the book that contained the meaning of life.

After the Sharp Rock Bull evolved, there were three exclusive skills to choose from due to its Epic quality.

[Scaled Skin]: The skin develops a layer of scaled armor-like skin that has a similar composition to the skin.

[Trudge]: Stamina can be reserved when sprinting.

[Pain Absorption]: When receiving damage, absorb a portion of the damage and turn it into vitality.

After reading through the three exclusive skills, Lin Yuan fell deep in thought.

Among the three skills, two of them were rather good. The Sharp Iron Horn Bull was a defense-type fey, so Trudge was obviously useless.

Scaled Skin was an exclusive skill that allowed the Sharp Iron Horn Bull's current iron-like skin to develop a layer of thicker scaled armor. The scaled armor would also have the same properties of the Sharp Iron Horn Bull's skin, enhancing its defensive capability.

At the same time, when the Sharp Iron Horn Bull was charging, if the scaled armor scraped on the target, its sharp edges would also injure the enemy.

The other exclusive skill, Pain Absorption, was rather interesting. When receiving damage, it allowed a portion of the damage to be absorbed and used to recover.

It was something that an iron fool would wish for, a skill that was even more extreme and complementing.

After a short conflict, Lin Yuan chose Pain Absorption.

Pain Absorption could be effectively used with the skill Sacrifice. The Scaled Skin might produce an additional layer of skin armor, but if the enemy could slice open the Sharp Iron Horn Bull's original skin, then the scaled armor would naturally be sliced open too. Hence, after a quick comparison, Pain Absorption was definitely superior.

When Lin Yuan chose the exclusive skill, Pain Absorption, the Sharp Iron Horn Bull's evolution was finally completed. The normal-grade and elite-grade learned skills would also undergo slight changes.

[Fey Name]: Sharp Iron Horn Bull

[Fey Species]: Horned species/Bull species

[Fey Grade]: Bronze (1/10)

[Fey Type]: Metal

[Fey Quality]: Normal

Abilities:

[Rock Horn]: Apply a layer of metal on the horns and enhance the nose horn's metallic properties. Disregard injuries and smash into the enemy with full strength.

[Sacrifice]: When the contractor is injured, automatically split the damage with the contractor.

Exclusive Skill:

[Pain Absorption]: When receiving damage, absorb a portion of the damage and turn it into vitality.

Lin Yuan couldn't be more satisfied with the Sharp Iron Horn Bull before him. However, the more Lin Yuan observed the Sharp Iron Horn Bull, the more he felt it was like a power offense-type fey that had a defensive layer of skin.

Be it the abilities or the exclusive skill, they were all very good combinations for the Sharp Iron Horn Bull. For it to be Chu Ci's first fey, it was simply as fitting as it could be.

But for a girl to contract a Sharp Iron Horn Bull, it was rather strange, just like the Beauty and the Beast.

However, this Sharp Iron Horn Bull was already the best defense-type fey that Lin Yuan could obtain with his current abilities.

After evolving the Sharp Iron Horn Bull, Lin Yuan felt that the increase of spiritual power in his body was the same as evolving 30 pots of Elite Usneas.

Lin Yuan concluded that evolving high-grade feys would allow his spiritual power to increase more. It was fortunate that the Sharp Rock Bull was an Elite X fey. Otherwise, it would have been impossible for Lin Yuan to evolve it to bronze-grade in such a short period.

When looking at the dark blue and hazy sky, Lin Yuan immediately arranged for Bronze air transportation with his mobile phone. While waiting for the avian fey to arrive, Lin Yuan prepared dinner for Genius and Chimey. At the same time, he also fed the Sharp Iron Horn Bull with some Usnea vines.

He then stored the Bronze Sharp Iron Horn Bull in the bronze-grade spirit storage box. Soon enough, a Bronze avian fey arrived at the alley.

Lin Yuan grabbed onto the spirit storage box and bade farewell to Genius and Chimey, which had been chirping non-stop after waking up. He then boarded on the avian fey.

While riding the Bronze Black-Winged Windfalcon in the night, he flew toward Chu Ci's school.

Chapter 22: Moon Empress

"Three portions of Hyssop Sprouts, one portion of Deep Sea Ebony, and one portion of Platinum Beast's essence blood."

A woman dressed in moonlight-colored long robes swayed a crystal bottle in her hand while giving instructions with her pleasant voice.

An emerald-colored bird with four feathers, which were like vines and leaves, was flying around. It was using its beak to accurately take the portions and put them in the crystal bottle.

Not far away from the woman in the moonlight robes were a man and a woman. The man had a dignified look, while the woman looked heroic.

The two of them were using their spirit qi to conceal their presence as they were afraid they might disturb the woman that was adjusting the medicine concoction.

Their bodies' spirit qi was emitting a vague, mysterious, and runic aura. It indicated that the two of them were king-class experts that had comprehended the Willpower Runes from a certain mountain, river, ocean, or sky.

However, the two king-class experts were looking at this woman with extreme respect.

The woman in the moonlight robes was using her spirit qi to vibrate the concoction. The medicinal smell was flowing out of the bottle, and the refreshing plant fragrance was like the smell of grass being split open after a rain. It truly gladdened the heart.

When the concoction was mixed with the three portions of Hyssop Sprouts that the Vine Bird brought, it emitted a fragrance as though a giant tree instantly grew out from the place where the grass had been sliced open.

The giant tree started to get surrounded by greenery, forming a primitive forest.

As the woman in the moonlight robes poured the dark red Platinum Beast's blood inside, the fragrance suddenly exploded with intense and horrifying prowess. It felt just like ferocious beasts prowling in the depths of the primitive forest and waiting to strike at the prey.

The two king-class experts' foreheads were covered with perspiration as they felt rather nervous due to the prowling beasts' threatening presence.

The woman in the moonlight robes constantly injected her spiritual power into the crystal bottle. The spirit qi had stirred and fused the emerald-colored concoction and the dark red beast blood into an amber color, which was sparkling and limpid.

After stirring for around ten minutes, the woman stopped.

She picked up the Deep Sea Ebony and smelled it as though she was trying to determine the Deep Sea Ebony's age. Subsequently, she used her spiritual power to crush the Deep Sea Ebony into dust and poured it into the amber fluid.

As soon as the Deep Sea Ebony was mixed into the amber fluid, it turned dark green.

The primitive forest that was originally prowling with beasts suddenly acted out a part of history that was over 2,000,000 years ago, as there was heavy rain that would only appear during the Carnian period.

The primitive forest was instantly flooded and turned into a deep sea. The beasts in the forest that were waiting to strike had all turned into swelling corpses.

The two king-class experts first felt their legs getting tangled by layers of water plants before their necks were also tangled. It felt like they were going to be sealed in this dark green, deep sea for eternity.

At that moment, the woman in the moonlight robes started to stir the fluid with her spirit qi. Every time she moved, it would be like a reincarnation cycle.

Those beasts in the sea that were already dead had suddenly revived, while those tangling water plants had also released their grip, turning back into the plants that lived between the reef.

Light and darkness, new life and decay... Whenever the woman moved her hands, the two polar opposites would switch.

Finally, the dark green medicinal fluid was stirred by the spiritual power and turned into an emerald green color with a sparkling luster.

At the instant the fluid turned sparkling, the suffocating deep sea, the water plants, and the beasts vanished.

There was only the sound and serenity of 'the falling sunset when a solitary duck was flying when the limpid autumn waters were the same color as the sky'.

At that moment, the two king-class experts took a deep breath and withdrew the spirit qi protecting their bodies.

The dignified man quickly went over and asked, "Moon Empress, thank you for the hard work! I wonder if... this concoction is completed?"

The woman in the moonlight robes lifted her head and emitted an aura that was like the moon's splendor.

"Summon your fey, Si Kong."

The dignified middle-aged man responded by immediately summoning his fey, which was a giant tiger beast.

The woman in the moonlight robes shook her wrist, and the emerald fluid turned into a streak of fragrance. It entered the giant tiger's body through the nostrils.

Subsequently, the giant tiger fey's body started cracking as though it was experiencing a new life.

The woman in the moonlight robes nodded and said, "Its quality has evolved from Epic to Legend. As long as you fuse the Willpower Runes that you comprehended with the fey, it can evolve into the Fantasy Breed."

Si Kong was overjoyed by the statement and quickly bowed. "Moon Empress, if you need my assistance in the future, just inform me! I will not cower and risk my life to complete your request!"

The woman in the moonlight robes shook her hand and said, "You don't have to risk your life. You already helped This Empress to find a pair of dragon beast eyes. Consider this your reward."

After hearing the Moon Empress' reply, the dignified man quickly cupped his fist again and said, "Si Kong is willing to serve the Moon Empress with loyalty."

At that moment, the giant tiger fey completed its evolution and quietly awakened. When it felt its changes, it let out an invigorated growl. All of a sudden, its voice was stuck in the throat. The tiger beast then lay down sullenly.

A small rabbit on the table pulled a finger-sized carrot out of a jade flower pot. Some red crystal-like sand was also pulled out.

The small rabbit looked at the sand with dislike before kicking the sand off the table and leisurely nibbling the carrot.

The Green Vine Bird that was preparing the ingredients earlier habitually and quickly picked up the red crystal sand grains on the ground and placed them back into the jade flower pot.

The giant tiger fey had stopped growling because the little rabbit had taken a casual glance at it when it had been pulling the carrot.

The Moon Empress carried the little rabbit and said to Si Kong, "The Creation Master exams have always been conducted rank by rank since it started. After each successful attempt at the promotion exams, Creation Masters will need to wait for three years before participating in the promotion exams. How can we pick out any Creation Masters with true talents like this? Si Kong, inform the Creation Master Association that if anyone passes the Creation Master exam within two hours, they can choose to bypass the three lifestyle occupations' promotion exams and immediately attempt for the Rank 2 Creation Master exam."

Si Kong memorized the Moon Empress' instructions before asking, "Moon Empress, what about the promotion exam for Rank 3 Creation Master? Can they also choose to directly promote after passing the Rank 2 exam?"

"It is only allowed for promotion from Rank 1 to Rank 2."

The Moon Empress picked up the crystal bottle again after speaking in preparation to concoct another medicinal fluid. She was hinting for them to leave.

Si Kong stored the fey, whose quality had just evolved to Legend, before bowing and quickly attending to the task requested by the Moon Empress.

At that moment, the female king-class expert that was emitting a heroic aura finally spoke. “Moon Empress, do you feel that there haven’t been enough outstanding young individuals among the federation’s Creation Masters during the past few years? Therefore, you wish to make a change?”

The Moon Empress shook her head and said, “This is merely This Empress’ personal matter. The Bamboo Monarch and the Chef Supreme have already taken in disciples. This Empress must not fall behind those two old things.”

The heroic lady was shocked by the reply. The Moon Empress is actually planning to accept a disciple. This is shocking news!

As one of the Radiance Federation’s three Rank 5 Creation Masters, becoming the Moon Empress’ disciple was the same as ascending to heaven.

However, it was unknown which city the Moon Empress’ disciple would be from. If that disciple came from Redbud City, as the Redbud City governor, she would definitely receive plenty of rewards from the Moon Empress.

“Ling Xiao, do you know that the Xia Region under your Redbud City has a new Class-1 dimensional rift?”

The heroic lady immediately replied, “Ling Xiao has already received the Redbud Guards’ report. Does Moon Empress have any instructions?”

The heroic lady felt a little suspicious. Why would an influential person like the Moon Empress mention a mere Class-1 dimensional rift?

“This Empress heard that the dimensional rifts have been unstable lately. It is probably due to the arrival of the dimensional wave. During each dimensional wave, the dimensional rifts with alien insects are always the most dangerous. Your Redbud City has the most Insect Dimensional Rifts. Send more guards to the Insect Dimensional Rifts’ entrances to prevent them from threatening the lives of the nearby citizens during the dimensional wave.”

After receiving the Moon Empress’ instructions, Ling Xiao quickly replied, “Moon Empress, you don’t have to worry. As Redbud City’s governor, as long as Ling Xiao is around, Ling Xiao shall be Redbud City’s pillar.”

The Moon Empress nodded and said to Ling Xiao, “Si Kong’s task might need a period of time before it takes effect. Why don’t you return to Redbud City and apply the new rules of the Creation Master exam for Redbud City’s Creation Master Association first?”

“Ling Xiao acknowledges the order!”

After speaking, Ling Xiao felt rather astonished in her heart. The Moon Empress had emphasized on the Creation Master exam’s problem twice. It seemed like the Moon Empress was really determined to accept a disciple.

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At that moment, Lin Yuan was still riding on the Black-Winged Windfalcon and looking down at the mountains and the vast land.

Chapter 23: Willpower Runes

The Black-Winged Windfalcon wasn't considered fast among the Bronze avian feys. However, it had a very flat back, and the feathers on its back were very thick.

Therefore, the Black-Winged Windfalcon was rather popular among the Bronze avian feys.

This trip's travel fee was nearly half of the store's normal revenue, 2,000 Federation dollars. If Lin Yuan weren't in a hurry, he wouldn't be willing to spend like this.

"Young lad, if you are used to the feeling of flying in the sky, I will let the Black-Winged Windfalcon fly a little higher. When at the altitude of the clouds, the air current is relatively calm, and the speed can be faster."

The Black-Winged Windfalcon's pilot knew that Lin Yuan was riding an avian fey for the first time and was nice enough not to let the Black-Winged Windfalcon travel in the high altitudes immediately.

The air in the high altitudes was thinner. Thus, those who had never ridden on avian feys before might suffer a temporary lack of oxygen due to the sudden change of altitude and faint.

Lin Yuan nodded and said, "Alright then! I am ready!"

Lin Yuan's expression turned pale as he spoke. When looking at the ground, which was dozens of meters away, and the blurry figures of people in the street at night, Lin Yuan felt a little acrophobic. Fortunately, the acrophobic feeling wasn't too intense, and he was able to endure it.

The pilot gave the command for the Black-Winged Windfalcon to ascend toward the clouds. When ascending, the Black-Winged Windfalcon erected the feathers on its back to help Lin Yuan block off the oncoming air currents.

Soon enough, the Black-Winged Windfalcon reached the level of the clouds and stabilized its flight.

The air above the clouds was indeed thinner, but it wasn't scorching hot. When Lin Yuan inhaled the refreshing cold wind, he felt a sense of urgency due to the lack of oxygen that made his lungs tingle.

Lin Yuan circulated his spirit qi, and the sense of urgency quickly vanished. He looked around the surroundings and noticed bundles of clouds nearby that felt like they could be touched.

Lin Yuan reached out. It was unknown whether it was due to grabbing the clouds or feeling unsatisfied in the clouds, but Lin Yuan actually looked down and was surprised.

When riding in the clouds, the acrophobic feeling vanished and was replaced by extreme spaciousness and clarity.

The rivers looked like jade belts, while the mountains were vast and towering. At the places where the mountains intersected, they looked just like the land's spine. They had been like this since the beginning of time and were like the land's eternal veins and arteries.

At that moment, Lin Yuan could see a damaged mountain range from afar. A few months back, two Gold beasts had caused this scale of destruction.

The flames from the Gold fire-type fey had incinerated the plants on the mountain. After being scorched by the flames, this should be a barren mountain. However, after months of rain, there was now a thin layer of greenery.

Lin Yuan suddenly felt a surge of enlightenment in his heart.

Below the green mountain is Mother Earth...

Mother Earth bestowed vitality to the green mountain, while the green mountain returned the favor by providing lustrous greenery...

The green mountain is the manifestation of Mother Earth's vitality, and it's a type of vitality that even surging flames couldn't eliminate...

Lin Yuan looked down at the green mountain and felt it was particularly clear in his eyes. It felt as though the green mountain's willpower was like the chilling cold air in the high altitudes and was easily absorbed into Lin Yuan's lungs.

In the depths of Lin Yuan's mind, there was a sudden surge in spiritual energy, and a verdant mountain was erected in the spiritual world.

When Lin Yuan's weak spiritual energy was fused into the mountain, the mountain instantly transformed into a green rune. The rune was filled with the veins of mountains and immense vitality.

As the rune danced around Lin Yuan's spiritual energy, it felt as though it was nourishing Lin Yuan's spiritual energy. Lin Yuan felt his mind in a state of clarity.

When looking back at the green mountain range, it was another scenery. Due to this clear and sudden understanding of the mountains, Lin Yuan nearly bit off his tongue.

This, this, this... I just comprehended a kind of mountain willpower. Furthermore, the mountain willpower already formed a rune!

If some of the experts learned of Lin Yuan's situation, they would probably be seething with anger. In order to produce a Fantasy Breed, a Bronze fey's quality would need to have reached Legend.

Afterward, the contractor would need to comprehend a Willpower Rune and fuse it with the Bronze/Legend fey. From there, the fey would comprehend the spiritual willpower, and a transformation would happen, turning the fey into a Fantasy Breed.

Although a legend-quality fey was extremely hard to find, with the aid of a Creation Master and dedication in nurturing, there was a possibility.

However, a Willpower Rune from the mountains, rivers, oceans, and skies could only be observed and comprehended by the spirit qi professionals.

Plenty of spirit qi professionals were stuck without the Willpower Runes. Even if they possessed legend-quality feys, they wouldn't be able to evolve them into the Fantasy Breed.

This was the first time Lin Yuan was riding an avian fey and looking down at the mountains and vast land. Yet he actually comprehended a type of Willpower Rune from the mountains. Lin Yuan was truly amazed.

When a person was unlucky, they might have stuffed teeth when drinking cool water. Or when they poured a glass of water, the pot might break off from the handle and smash on their feet.

But when a person was lucky, they would be able to get the grand prize by opening a single bottle.

Ever since I started feeling the spirit qi's presence, my great luck has been constantly around.

Evolving feys' quality to Legend is just a matter of time for me. Now that I comprehended a Willpower Rune, I will be able to obtain a Fantasy Breed.

However, the Willpower Rune's attribute must be complementing the fey in order for it to be effective.

If one comprehended a Willpower Rune from the land, they could still use it on an aquatic fey to evolve it into a Fantasy Breed.

When evolving into the Fantasy Breed, the second exclusive skill would be related to the land due to the Willpower Rune's attribute. It would be useless for the fey. It wouldn't just be wasting a Willpower Rune, but it would also be wasting the legend-quality fey's talent.

Therefore, Lin Yuan would need to consider the first fey that he was going to use Morbius' Spirit Lock skill on, as he would need to complement it with the Willpower Rune comprehended from the mountain.

Time passed quickly, and just as Lin Yuan returned to his senses from his spiritual world, the Black-Winged Windfalcon was already preparing to land in the light-illuminated city.

The city that they were landing at was none other than Redbud City's main city.

The Black-Winged Windfalcon was going to land directly at the entrance of the Redbud Intermediate Spirit Qi Academy.

Lin Yuan carried the spirit storage box containing the Sharp Iron Horn Bull and alighted the Black-Winged Windfalcon. He then immediately made a call to Chu Ci.

Lin Yuan had a very special aura, just like the grass after the rain, which was particularly clean.

Now that Lin Yuan's body had recovered, his originally good looks were no longer as pale. He was rosy and filled with energy. As such, many of the female students that were returning to the academy after their meals and walks were looking at Lin Yuan.

At that moment, Lin Yuan's phone call connected.

When Lin Yuan made the call, he was rather angry when thinking of how Chu Ci had wanted to contract a Gray Beetle without telling him.

However, when he heard Chu Ci immediately apologizing and talking hesitantly, Lin Yuan's anger was immediately dismissed.

His mouth revealed a happy, helpless, and also pampering smile. "Where are you now? I am at your academy's entrance."

While he was speaking, Lin Yuan heard a familiar voice from the other end of the phone. The voice belonged to the irascible Teacher Bao.

"Chu Ci, your teacher is only so capable. Just take this Elite Yellow-Spotted Hound. Otherwise, if you don't have a fey when you register tomorrow, you will immediately fail in your live combat class."

Chapter 24: Change

When Lin Yuan heard Teacher Bao's voice on the phone, he was rather doubtful at first, but he immediately understood and felt very grateful.

Teacher Bao might not have a good temper, but he was a great teacher and contributed to his students.

When Teacher Bao learned that Chu Ci was talking with Lin Yuan, he immediately snatched her phone and yelled out, "Didn't I tell you the situation yesterday? Why are you only here now? Are you not concerned about Chu Ci's academics?!"

Teacher Bao suddenly recalled something, causing his words to get stuck in his throat. He had read her file and knew about her family situation. How could he blame a boy for doing his best to support his young sister to school? How could he blame the boy for not being capable enough to bring a good fey for his younger sister?

When Lin Yuan heard the irascible Teacher Bao's voice, he quickly said, "Teacher Bao, thank you for your kindness toward Chu Ci. I have prepared a fey for Chu Ci. I am at the academy's entrance now. But I am not a student and cannot enter the premises. Could you ask Chu Ci to meet me at the entrance?"

After Lin Yuan finished talking, Teacher Bao immediately responded, "Wait at the entrance for a moment. I will bring Chu Ci to pick you up. By then, you need to help me persuade Chu Ci."

Before handing the mobile phone back to Chu Ci, Teacher Bao had already ended the phone call. He was truly a resolute and straightforward teacher.

However, Lin Yuan felt it was rather strange.

Why did Teacher Bao's attitude toward me suddenly turn better?

Lin Yuan didn't know that Teacher Bao's change in attitude was due to his understanding of their family situation. If Lin Yuan knew of this, he would probably let out an awkward smile.

When other children had been enjoying their innocent childhood in the embrace of their parents, he had had no choice but to be independent and care for his younger sister.

They had suffered in the cold, they had been starved, they had been seriously ill, but they had still survived stubbornly until now. They had never taken advantage of others, nor had they ever accepted

charity from others. They might be poor, but they had self-respect, self-love, and never stopped improving themselves.

Lin Yuan had never been self-abased about his situation, nor he ever felt that Chu Ci had to be self-abased either. They had always been righteous and honest. They had never done anything that they should be ashamed of, even though their path had been difficult.

Lin Yuan waited by the entrance. When the female students noticed that he wasn't going to leave for the moment, they gathered their courage, approached Lin Yuan quietly, and asked for Lin Yuan's Star Web account.

Lin Yuan felt rather exhausted when dealing with them. Fortunately, after rejecting a few of them, no one else asked for his Star Web account. Well, some of them kept looking at him constantly.

Lin Yuan heaved a sigh of relief because of this.

After a short moment, a beautiful figure rushed toward the Redbud Spirit Qi Intermediate Academy entrance. The beautiful figure originally wanted to jump into Lin Yuan's embrace, but she seemingly recalled something and timidly stood in front of him when she got closer.

She then spoke in a pitiful tone. "Big Brother, I was wrong! I shouldn't have attempted to form a contract with the Gray Beetle."

Lin Yuan couldn't help but ridicule inside his heart. If this lass didn't make a mistake, how could she possibly call me Big Brother? Normally, she would definitely be calling Lin Yuan every time.

"Do you think I am just angry about this!? This decision impacts your future! Not only did you not discuss with me about your first fey, but you weren't even planning to tell me about forming a contract!?"

Lin Yuan was very stern when speaking. However, he noticed that Chu Ci's eyes were turning red, so he softened his tone.

At that moment, Teacher Bao's voice echoed. "Chu Ci, why were you running so fast? Why didn't you wait for your teacher! Your teacher isn't some combat-class professional."

Teacher Bao was a Spiritual Ingredient Analyst and was the one that taught the Spiritual Ingredient class. He had been chasing after Chu Ci, so he was rather exhausted.

Lin Yuan quickly took a step forward and greeted Teacher Bao.

Teacher Bao took a glance at Lin Yuan and immediately regretted how severe his tone was when talking on the phone. Upon looking at Lin Yuan's clean and tidy clothes, which had already faded due to overwashing, he could tell that this youth had been very thrifty in his lifestyle.

"You are Chu Ci's elder brother, right? How are you? I've been a homeroom teacher for many years, but Chu Ci is the most talented student I've ever taught. She is very diligent and takes her studies seriously.

“As such, the matter of picking her first fey must not be neglected. It is best if her first fey is an Elite one. If it is a Normal fey, the time required for it to become Elite will certainly waste Chu Ci’s potential.”

Teacher Bao’s tone was not as domineering after meeting Lin Yuan. He was carefully explaining Chu Ci’s situation and also emphasizing on the importance of the first fey.

Evidently, Teacher Bao had a plan. If Lin Yuan had brought a Normal fey for Chu Ci, Teacher Bao would give Chu Ci the Yellow-Spotted Hound he had purchased with his own money.

The Yellow-Spotted Hound might not be considered outstanding among the Elite defense-type feys, but it wouldn’t waste too much of Chu Ci’s talent.

Lin Yuan seldom visited Chu Ci’s school, and this was the first time he heard a teacher praising his sister before him. Lin Yuan felt involuntarily proud of his younger sister.

Chu Ci was secretly tugging at the corner of Lin Yuan’s clothes and blinking her eyes at him.

She was well-aware of their financial situation. Although Lin Yuan might have brought a Normal fey, she didn’t wish to accept Teacher Bao’s Elite fey.

Given Lin Yuan’s temperament, Chu Ci knew that if she accepted Teacher Bao’s Yellow-Spotted, her brother would surely use the shortest period of time to gather the money required to buy an Elite Yellow-Spotted Hound and repay Teacher Bao.

Chu Ci hadn’t informed Lin Yuan about her decision to contract a Gray Beetle because she hadn’t wanted Lin Yuan to suffer. It was the same right now.

Lin Yuan lifted the spirit storage box and placed it in front of Teacher Bao.

“Teacher Bao, I am grateful for your help. I have brought a rather good fey to Chu Ci. I wonder if there is a suitable place for Chu Ci to form the contract with this fey?”

After listening to Lin Yuan’s response, Teacher Bao immediately wanted to ask what that fey’s grade was.

However, when he recalled they were still before the academy’s entrance, he said, “It just so happens that the deadline for students to report their first fey ends tonight. Go to my office then! Once Chu Ci is done with the contract, I will report it for her.”

Lin Yuan looked at Chu Ci and placed the spirit storage box in her hands. “The fey you will form a contract with is in here. Hold the box first and get close to it.”

Soon, the massive spirit storage box was gently hovering over Chu Ci’s hand. The spirit storage box might not have any weight, but Chu Ci felt that it was heavy and crucial when holding it.

At the same time, Teacher Bao’s eyes were also looking closely at the spirit storage box.

Chapter 25: Qualification for Radiance Hundred

The more Teacher Bao observed the spirit storage box, the more increasingly strange it felt. All of a sudden, his irises contracted as he recognized the marking at the side of the spirit storage box.

It's a bronze-grade spirit storage box!

Originally, Teacher Bao had wanted to mention the Yellow-Spotted Hound, but he held back. Although he didn't know if this spirit storage box contained a Bronze fey, he believed it was definitely better than the Yellow-Spotted Hound.

After all, the amount needed to purchase a single Ostrich Logistics bronze-grade spirit storage box was enough to buy three Yellow-Spotted Hounds.

As they walked inside the campus, Lin Yuan suddenly felt relaxed after seeing all the young and vibrant smiling faces. At the same time, Lin Yuan felt very glad that he had chosen to support Chu Ci to attend school instead of managing the fey store with him.

Once they entered Teacher Bao's office, Lin Yuan saw a cage that contained a healthy Yellow-Spotted Hound. Evidently, Teacher Bao was planning to give it to Chu Ci.

Lin Yuan didn't know how to thank Teacher Bao. Although he might have enough money in his Star Web account to purchase dozens of Yellow-Spotted Hounds, kindness couldn't be measured by money, especially the kind that didn't seek repayment.

Teacher Bao sat in the office chair and said to Lin Yuan, "I didn't expect you to actually prepare such a good fey after telling you to do so."

Teacher Bao looked at Lin Yuan and lamented. If this bronze-grade spirit storage box really contains a Bronze fey, even if it is a regular Bronze defense-type fey, it isn't something that I can obtain.

I wonder how a youth like him was able to obtain something this great...

Teacher Bao found the thought of Chu Ci wasting her talent unbearable previously, but he was feeling heartbroken for Lin Yuan now.

Teacher Bao's words left Chu Ci rather confused. She, who had been holding this spirit storage box, didn't know what was inside, so how could Teacher Bao know?

Lin Yuan noticed Chu Ci's confused expression and said, "Chu Ci, bring out your first fey and form a contract."

Chu Ci dismissed her doubts and placed her hand on the spirit storage box's lock. After injecting her spirit qi and opening the spirit storage box, a majestic ink-colored iron bull appeared. Its head was equipped with abnormally sharp horns.

Chu Ci involuntarily let out a gasp.

Teacher Bao also dropped the pen he was holding and exclaimed, "It is actually a Bronze Sharp Iron Horn Bull! Furthermore, this Sharp Iron Horn Bull's appearance seems to be distinctively in the ancestry line.

"The nose horn at the front is actually so long! The quality of this Sharp Iron Horn Bull is definitely top-notch among the Bronze defense-type feys.

“Take a look at the nose horn. It is a great ingredient that can be used to promote a fey’s quality. Just this horn alone is worth 700,000 Federation dollars.”

Once Teacher Bao stopped talking, the Sharp Iron Horn Bull let out a moo and knocked its hind hooves against the ground.

Lin Yuan looked at Teacher Bao with an incredulous expression. A Bronze fey’s spirituality allowed it to sense what the humans surrounding it were thinking. Teacher Bao’s reaction after seeing the Sharp Iron Horn Bull was to put a price on its nose horn. It truly agitated the bull.

Teacher Bao picked up the dropped pen and laughed in embarrassment. “It’s my old habit. It is a Spiritual Ingredient Analyst’s occupational habit. Haha.”

Chu Ci was staring blankly at the Sharp Iron Horn Bull, while tears were flowing her cheeks.

Lin Yuan stepped forward to wipe off Chu Ci’s tears and asked, “What are you crying for?”

Lin Yuan was a rather reserved person and didn’t know how to express his emotions or console others.

Chu Ci looked at Lin Yuan and asked, “Lin Yuan! Did you sell our store!?”

Chu Ci might not know this Sharp Iron Horn Bull’s value, but based on Teacher Bao’s reaction and the fey’s appearance, she could tell it was not cheap.

Teacher Bao left his office and closed the door for Lin Yuan and Chu Ci.

Lin Yuan rubbed Chu Ci’s head and said, “Hurry up and form a contract with it. Teacher Bao still has to report it later. Do not increase Teacher Bao’s workload. When we go out for dinner later, we will talk more.”

Lin Yuan circulated his spirit qi while talking.

Chu Ci exclaimed in joy, “Lin Yuan, you can feel spirit qi! Then your body...”

Lin Yuan put on a warm smile. “I am fine now.”

Chu Ci’s tears were quietly flowing down earlier, but now, she couldn’t help it and started to wail. She was crying and laughing at the same time.

Upon seeing the panicked Lin Yuan, Chu Ci said, “Let me cry for a moment. These are tears of joy.”

Chu Ci cried for five minutes. During these five minutes, the tears were the saltiest, but Chu Ci was enjoying the happiest five minutes.

After forming the contract with the Sharp Iron Horn Bull, Chu Ci stored it inside her spiritual storage box.

When Teacher Bao noticed that the commotion was over, he opened the door and just happened to see the scene of Chu Ci forming the contract.

He said in an emotional tone, “Chu Ci’s talent is already top-notch. Now that she is starting with a superior Bronze Sharp Iron Horn Bull, Chu Ci might have the chance to participate in the Redbud Hundred’s selection during the year-end.”

When Teacher Bao mentioned the Redbud Hundred, Lin Yuan couldn’t help but ask, “Aren’t only third-year students eligible to participate in the Redbud Hundred? Chu Ci is only a first-year!”

Teacher Bao looked at Chu Ci with limitless expectations and said, “The Redbud Hundred’s selection involves picking out 100 young individuals from Redbud City and giving them the qualification to participate in the Radiance Hundred.

“In order to qualify for 80 of those spots, one has to go through actual combat. As for the remaining 20 spots, they are for seeded participants. As for the criteria, it’s their potential and talents.

“Chu Ci is entirely capable of striving for those 20 spots. If Chu Ci succeeds, she will obtain the education resources Redbud City sponsors to our Redbud Intermediate Spirit Qi Academy. She would then be able to develop even better. However, all this is still depending on Chu Ci’s hard work.”

Chu Ci nodded with determination. She was naturally going to do her best and strive for it. Otherwise, she would be letting down Lin Yuan’s contribution.

Lin Yuan didn’t really care about the sponsorship of resources. With him around, every time Chu Ci returned home during the holidays, he would be able to improve her contracted fey.

Furthermore, he would nurture all of Chu Ci’s future contracted feys, so she wouldn’t need to rely on others for resources.

Lin Yuan was more concerned about the academy’s atmosphere and environment. To be competing against similar-aged individuals in this place was actually a type of growth.

Such growth might be displayed with one’s strength, but it was more a growth in spirit.

Lin Yuan wanted to bring Chu Ci out for a meal, so she requested to take a break.

Teacher Bao immediately approved Chu Ci’s request.

Chapter 26: You Shall Be the One

Lin Yuan and Chu Ci left the Redbud Intermediate Spirit Qi Academy, and they spoke about his situation in detail while walking.

“My body is fine now, and the store is also doing well. I am preparing to participate in the Creation Master exam soon.”

Lin Yuan summarized the situation and his plans. He didn’t wish to hide his participation in the Creation Master exam from Chu Ci.

Creation Masters were akin to celebrities of the pre-Spirit Qi Awakening era. They would be introduced on the Star Web, so it was impossible to conceal it. He might as well tell Chu Ci and let her have peace of mind.

Chu Ci looked at Lin Yuan and felt that he had changed significantly. Of course, the changes had to do with his physical appearance, as Lin Yuan's heart was still the same.

Lin Yuan might have said that things were relatively good recently, but Chu Ci knew that he would always mention the good news and not the bad news. Therefore, she was still a little worried.

"Lin Yuan, that Sharp Iron Horn Bull must be very expensive, right?"

Lin Yuan laughed mischievously and took out his Star Web Card while speaking. "I now have the talent of a Creation Master and have earned some money. We have money now! Later on, I will transfer 100,000 Federation dollars to your Star Web Card. If you need any resources in school, just buy them. The Sharp Iron Horn Bull needs a large number of energy ores. We will purchase those strong and tough metals too."

When Lin Yuan was speaking, he was genuinely happy. It wasn't because they were rich now. He could finally provide a great cultivating environment for Chu Ci. The feeling was truly carefree.

Chu Ci nodded obediently and didn't object. From the tender age of six, when Lin Yuan was eight years old, he had been supporting her and their store. They were each other's closest family members in this world.

Chu Ci always had a certain reliance on Lin Yuan, and it was a feeling that originated from their bloodline and kinship.

At that moment, a stall owner in the street called out loudly, "Chinese cornbread! Four for 1 Federation dollar! Come here, come now!"

When Chu Ci heard the stall owner's sales pitch, she laughed and said to her brother, "Lin Yuan, I want to eat Chinese cornbread."

Lin Yuan looked at the stall and said, "Haven't you always wanted to eat hotpot? If you eat Chinese cornbread now, your stomach won't digest fast enough for you to finish your hotpot."

Chu Ci took a look at the cornbread and let out a sweet smile. "I want both cornbread and hotpot!"

Lin Yuan went to purchase cornbread helplessly. Chu Ci looked at his back and felt as though time had suddenly returned to several years ago.

Back then, she had been severely ill, and her condition had been getting worse. Lin Yuan had gone to look for a Healer to treat her, but the treatment had cost too much. As a result, the two of them had to eat cornbread for half a month.

Back then, whenever they ate cornbread, they would feel it was coarse, hard to swallow, and very plain. Now that everything was better, Chu Ci couldn't help but think of their past when seeing the cornbread.

"What are you thinking? Here is your cornbread, but don't eat too much. Otherwise, when we are eating hotpot, you can only watch me eat!"

"Big Brother, I know already!"

Chu Ci chewed on the cornbread. Although its taste was still the same as she remembered, Chu Ci could feel a hint of sweetness. It was unknown if they had added some sugar in the cornbread or if the cornbread actually had a unique taste in her heart.

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After eating the hotpot, Lin Yuan sent Chu Ci back to the academy.

There was always reluctance when parting, but their lives would continue getting better.

Lin Yuan didn't ride on an aviant fey to return home. Instead, he had chosen to ride a Thick-Hoofed Donkey Car. Lin Yuan wasn't trying to save money, but he wished to see the mountain from the ground this time.

At the same time, he was going to make a plan for his future.

Lin Yuan no longer planned to open the fey store at home. It wasn't because he didn't wish to operate it, but he was planning to open a store on the Star Web. If he wanted to sell feys, he could just sell them on the Star Web.

He would arrange for Genius to memorize the primary books related to the Scholar, Fey Observer, and Spiritual Ingredient Analyst occupations after his return. He would then directly participate in the Creation Master exam.

Once he passed the Creation Master exam, he could authenticate himself on the Star Web and receive jobs for custom-made feys.

Spirit qi professionals would ultimately have to strengthen themselves in order to progress. Lin Yuan was also considered a spirit qi professional now. Therefore, after becoming a Creation Master, apart from increasing his spirit qi by evolving feys, he would only accept jobs like custom-made orders.

Under normal circumstances, he would need to continue increasing his fey's grade. Now that he had a Willpower Rune, he wondered if he could increase a Bronze fey's quality to Legend and nurture a Bronze Fantasy Breed.

When a fey transformed into a Fantasy Breed at a lower grade, it meant that the fey had greater potential.

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It was daybreak, and soon the morning sun's redness soaked the entire mountain range. At the same time, the Thick-Hoofed Donkey Car delivered Lin Yuan back to the Xia Region.

Lin Yuan had a breezy journey. He didn't walk back home immediately and instead headed to the fey marketplace to purchase 150 pots of Usneas that weren't even normal-grade. He then asked the stall owner to deliver them to his store.

After making this bulk purchase of Usneas, Lin Yuan didn't plan to purchase any more feys from the marketplace. He was planning to purchase feys from the Star Web. Although the prices of feys were slightly higher on the Star Web due to the transportation fees, it had the advantage of being safe.

Before Lin Yuan became a Creation Master, he didn't wish to expose his fey-evolving ability.

After evolving all these 150 pots of Normal Usneas to Elite, Lin Yuan reckoned that his spirit qi would reach a D-rank spirit qi professional's standard. By then, he would be a true spirit qi professional that had a rank.

Lin Yuan was already at the entrance of his store, but he suddenly had a thought.

Morbius' Spirit Lock exclusive skill is due to my compatibility with healing-type, support-type, and plant-type. Therefore, I can only use the Spirit Lock on those types of feys.

I had already decided to form a contract with a healing-type fey a long time ago. The Spirit Lock exclusive skill only allows the use of the fey's basic ability. It's also the ability that will be obtained by the fey at normal-grade.

There was an awkward matter about healing-type feys' normal-grade ability... Most of them didn't possess healing abilities, just like the Clear Pond Carp that Lin Yuan had encountered previously. It might be a healing-type fey, but its basic ability was to use the fins to deal physical damage. Thus, such feys were unsuitable for Spirit Lock.

As for the basic abilities that could heal, the most clear-cut ability would be Jasmine Lily's Heal.

Lin Yuan immediately decided that the first fey to use Morbius' Spirit Lock on was simply going to be Jasmine Lily.

Therefore, Lin Yuan returned to the fey marketplace, and purposely picked a Normal I/Normal Jasmine Lily.

He was preparing to use Spirit Lock on this pot of Jasmine Lily after going home.

When Lin Yuan returned home, Genius and Chimey immediately pounced at him. Lin Yuan seldom went outdoors in the past because of his body condition. Hence, it was rare for him to leave Genius and Chimey. Lin Yuan had been out for an entire night, so Genius and Chimey were especially clingy toward him now.

Their reliance and caring feelings made Lin Yuan feel warm.

Chapter 27: Morbius' Evolution

Soon, the stall owner from before carried a cart of Usneas into Lin Yuan's store.

Lin Yuan's store was nearly filled with the 150 pots of Usneas. As such, Lin Yuan immediately evolved one pot of Usnea into normal-grade and subsequently into elite-grade.

He put it high on the rack and said to Chimey, "Chimey, in the future, that pot of Elite Usnea will be your food. When you reach the grade of Elite, I will prepare a Bronze Usnea for you."

Chimey flew happily to its Usnea and started singing a song.

A delicacy like the Elite Usnea was something that Chimey had a chance to eat during the past two days. Of course, Chimey was the most delighted because this pot of Elite Usnea was something that Lin Yuan had specially prepared for it.

Lin Yuan took another bowl and placed some energy biscuits inside. These energy biscuits were meant for omnivorous feys, and they contained low-grade spiritual ingredients that were rich with nutrients. In other words, they weren't cheap.

Naturally, Lin Yuan couldn't afford them in the past, but things were different now. As such, Lin Yuan changed Genius' diet too.

Genius lowered its head and smelled the energy biscuits in the bowl. Its eyes lit up, and it started to chew on the energy biscuits with its small teeth in a very carefree manner.

After preparing the food for Genius and Chimey, Lin Yuan went upstairs to shower. Subsequently, he was preparing to use Spirit Lock on the Jasmine Lily. Afterward, he would also be considered a combat-class spirit qi professional and a rare Healer.

Healers were very respected among the combat-class spirit qi occupations, and it wasn't because they were rare.

Healers might be considered a combat-class occupation, but they were mainly important for their healing abilities and didn't have outstanding combat capabilities.

As a combat-class professional, Healers would also need to form teams with other combat-class professionals. They would need to fight in Star Web Tournaments or receive guild missions. All those places required them to be in danger.

Healers weren't able to protect themselves, so they had to rely on their teammates. The teammates would ensure the safety of healing-type spirit qi professionals, while the latter would nurture the entire team back to health. This was the main reason why Healers were respected.

Of course, Lin Yuan didn't need to worry. His compatibility direction wasn't just to the healing-type but also toward the support-type.

The definition of a support-type was rather vague. When support-type spirit qi professionals contracted some specific support-type feys, they would provide control-type abilities or weaken-type abilities.

These abilities' damage value was already negligible, but everything had its advantages and disadvantages. Support-type spirit qi professionals that specialized in amplifications were more popular among the combat-class spirit qi professionals.

As Morbius' grade increased, Lin Yuan would be able to use Spirit Lock on more feys. Therefore, Lin Yuan would be able to choose the combination of healing and support abilities.

They might be basic abilities, but as the feys evolved, their basic abilities would also be continuously enhanced, strengthening their effects.

When the spirit-locked feys reached bronze-grade and obtained their exclusive skill, it would also enhance the basic abilities. In addition, Lin Yuan didn't think that basic abilities would be inferior.

Since he had the ability to evolve feys, before they reached bronze-grade, they would surely reach epic-quality. He was only able to use the spirit-locked feys' basic abilities, so he didn't need to consider too much about the characteristics. He simply needed to choose based on the advantages of the basic abilities.

Lin Yuan would only need to choose the future spirit-locked feys based on their types to have a better ability combination.

This was something that the other healing-type and support-type spirit qi professionals couldn't compare with him. Lin Yuan believed that he would definitely become an outstanding healing-type and support-type spirit qi professional.

Lin Yuan looked at the frail Normal I/Normal Jasmine Lily in his hand. He gently rubbed the Jasmine Lily's leaf while thinking that this was going to be his first spirit-locked fey.

This is just the beginning.

Lin Yuan used his spiritual energy to communicate with Morbius that was on his right wrist and activated the exclusive skill, Spirit Lock.

Lin Yuan felt his spiritual energy connecting deeply with Morbius, while the latter released spiritual energy toward Lin Yuan's choice and formed the contract with the Jasmine Lily.

Soon, Spirit Lock was completed.

Lin Yuan felt that Morbius' released spiritual energy was the spiritual energy he had used to form Morbius' contract. As for the spiritual energy that he possessed right now, there wasn't any consumption.

This meant that when Morbius used Spirit Lock, Lin Yuan would only need to use the spiritual energy to communicate with Morbius and wouldn't need to use his own spiritual energy.

Lin Yuan always thought that he would need to reserve some spiritual energy to form the contract before using Spirit Lock.

With that step skipped, Lin Yuan felt ecstatic.

This means that I can still form a contract with another fey that only requires a small amount of spiritual energy. It doesn't matter if the fey isn't even normal-grade. After all, I can nurture it like how I nurture Genius and Chimey.

Lin Yuan's mind raced with thoughts again.

I am compatible with healing-type, support-type, and plant-type feys. Jasmine Lily is a healing-type and support-type fey, so I can now nurture another plant-type and combat-type fey. That way, I will be able to protect myself even if I am in the wilderness.

However, all the choices had to go through careful consideration.

After Morbius used Spirit Lock successfully, Morbius' attributes changed.

Lin Yuan immediately channeled spirit qi into the spirit-locked Jasmine Lily.

After over an hour, the Normal I/Normal Jasmine Lily had reached Elite I/Elite.

Presently, the Jasmine Lily's leaves were plump and tender green. The distinct layers of green made a person's mood better just by looking at them.

At that moment, Lin Yuan checked on Morbius' attributes.

[Fey Name]: Morbius

[Fey Species]: ???

[Fey Grade]: Elite (1/10)

[Fey Type]: Spatial/Mystery

[Fey Quality]: Elite

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.

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.

[Normal Spirit Lock]

Jasmine Lily: Elite (1/10), Quality: Elite

Ability: Heal – Recover open wounds.

When the Jasmine Lily evolved in grade, Morbius had also reached Elite I/Elite. In addition, the Elite Morbius' Spirit Lock spatial zone transformed.

Lin Yuan held the Jasmine Lily, entered the Spirit Lock spatial zone, and noticed that the spatial zone, which was originally 40 square meters, had expanded. It was twice the size, at least 80 square meters now.

Chapter 28: Trade Completed

At that moment, Lin Yuan suddenly heard an unfamiliar and cold, but very amiable voice.

“Yuan, I am finally able to communicate with you after I became Elite!”

The voice echoed in Lin Yuan’s mind, and he quickly reacted. This voice came from his first contracted fey, Morbius.

Lin Yuan was overjoyed now that Morbius could converse with him. Feys were always the spirit qi professionals’ closest partners. The previous time Lin Yuan could sense Morbius, the latter was so weak that it could only transmit fuzzy thoughts.

Lin Yuan had been thinking of a method to strengthen Morbius’ consciousness. He never expected that this problem would suddenly be resolved with Morbius’ grade advancement.

“Moby, you were still so weak last time. Have you completely recovered now?”

A cold voice replied, “I can only maintain this state for half an hour a day. Now that I have recovered, I wish to tell you about the function of the Spirit Lock’s spatial zone.”

When Lin Yuan heard that Morbius could only maintain this state for half an hour a day, he was even more determined to quickly evolve the Elite Jasmine Lily to Bronze.

By then, Morbius’ condition would certainly improve.

Humans could feel their fey’s thoughts, and it was the same for the feys. Morbius’ originally cold voice carried tinges of warmth now.

“Yuan, this Spirit Lock spatial zone is like a small-scale dimensional zone. You can modify this spatial zone as you wish and store feys. It is just like a secret base.”

Lin Yuan continued the conversation with Morbius. After Morbius explained the Spirit Lock spatial zone’s function, they started to have a casual conversation.

Morbius had transmigrated to this world along with Lin Yuan. When Lin Yuan had been born, Morbius already existed. They were just like twin brothers.

Lin Yuan and Morbius started to talk about anything they could, and just as they were enjoying the conversation, the time limit ran up. Morbius fell into a state where it could only transmit simple thoughts.

When I evolve over 150 pots of these Usneas into elite-grade, I will become a D-rank spirit qi professional and be able to channel spirit qi faster. By then, I will have the capability to evolve Elite feys into Bronze ones.

Lin Yuan didn’t exit from the Spirit Lock spatial zone, and instead, he placed the Jasmine Lily by the poolside in the spatial zone. Immediately after, he dug out a piece of inferior energy ore from the Jasmine Lily’s pot and threw it into the pool.

Lin Yuan realized that the inferior energy ore quickly vanished into the pool, and its spirit qi fused into the pool.

The limpid pool gradually emitted the spirit qi into the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

Originally, the Spirit Lock spatial zone didn't have any spirit qi and wasn't suitable to store fey within. However, if Lin Yuan was able to obtain a huge batch of energy ores and tossed them into the pool, it would only be a matter of time before the spirit qi within the spatial zone would be many times more concentrated as compared to the outside world.

Just by putting the feys into the Spirit Lock spatial zone, the feys would be able to evolve much faster than the outside world.

With concentrated spirit qi, I wonder how fast my spirit qi channeling speed would be as compared to the outside world.

Naturally, everything would need to be supported with a massive amount of Federation dollars because even the lowest grade of energy ores weren't cheap.

Lin Yuan previously felt that he had already earned quite a lot of Federation dollars, but it seemed like he would need much more from the looks of it now. On the path of making money, Lin Yuan still had a long road ahead.

After exiting the Spirit Lock spatial zone, Lin Yuan started to evolve the Usneas.

For the next few days, apart from eating, sleeping, and conversing with Morbius for half an hour a day, Lin Yuan would be evolving the 150 pots of Usneas.

On the seventh day, which was the day agreed upon with Yang Mingkai, Lin Yuan was barely able to evolve 100 pots of Usneas to elite-grade.

At that moment, Lin Yuan felt that the spirit qi storage in his body was going to reach the next rank. After reaching the next rank, Lin Yuan's spirit qi would be able to achieve a breakthrough. It would transform his thin and gaseous spirit qi, into concentrated and misty spirit qi.

By then, he would become a D-rank spirit qi professional.

During the seven days, Yang Mingkai had been handling the matters to set up the fey breeding base. Yang Mingkai had to rent the building for his fey breeding base. After all, he didn't have enough money to build a fey breeding base.

When renting a fey breeding base, all of the facilities would be available for use. Presently, Yang Mingkai was just waiting for Lin Yuan to deliver the 70+ pots of Elite Usneas.

After obtaining the Elite Usneas, Yang Mingkai could start to split and breed them.

Yang Mingkai might have kept Lin Yuan's phone number, but he didn't dare to call and pester him. This was a huge order, so a Creation Master must certainly be behind the scenes.

He had already reached an agreement with Lin Yuan, so if he called him halfway, it would show that he didn't trust Lin Yuan. If the task wasn't completed yet, it would also give Lin Yuan pressure.

Therefore, on the seventh day, Yang Mingkai hesitantly visited Lin Yuan's small store and knocked on the door.

Lin Yuan opened the door and instantly dazzled Yang Mingkai with the rows of Elite Usneas. All of the Elite Usneas were emitting an aura of Federation dollars, and it made Yang Mingkai gulp down his saliva.

"Big Brother Yang, the Elite Usneas are all here. Back then, you said you wanted 76 pots of Usneas. You can just pick 76 pots from the 100 pots here."

When Yang Mingkai entered, he felt that the pots of Usneas were much more than what he had requested. Upon hearing that there were 100 pots, he couldn't hold back and laughed.

"Young Brother, have you found any buyers for your remaining 24 pots?"

Yang Mingkai immediately felt that he had said something wrong. How could there be no buyers for Elite Usneas?

However, Yang Mingkai was really eager to purchase all 100 pots of Usneas. By then, with over 120 pots of Elite Usneas, he could simply nurture more Usneas during the early stages of his breeding base.

There was always a lack of supply for Usneas, and he simply had to accumulate them slowly, allowing the snowball to roll bigger.

Lin Yuan was planning to list the remaining Elite Usneas on the Star Web and set up a fey store after Yang Mingkai took the Usneas that he needed.

Lin Yuan had already applied to open a fey store, and it had been approved yesterday.

However, there were no goods on Lin Yuan's Star Web store now.

Since Yang Mingkai wanted all 100 pots of Elite Usneas, it would save Lin Yuan the trouble of listing them on the Star Web.

"Big Brother Yang, if you want them, I will sell them to you at the price we agreed upon previously."

Yang Mingkai was overjoyed and truly appreciated Lin Yuan.

Yang Mingkai already had a very good impression of Lin Yuan. If Lin Yuan showed some intention of becoming sworn brothers with him, he would immediately pull Lin Yuan and conduct the ceremony to become sworn brothers.

Looking at Yang Mingkai's happy expression, Lin Yuan took another glance at the 100 pots of Elite Usneas and felt that the Creation Master occupation was truly great.

Chapter 29: Breaking Through to Become a D-Rank Spirit Qi Professional

After carefully securing the 100 Usnea pots on his Crowned Fire Salamander, Yang Mingkai left immediately.

In this transaction, Lin Yuan obtained 3.3 Radiance dollars, which was equivalent to 3,300,000 Federation dollars.

The money that Lin Yuan had earned previously made him understand that his ability to evolve feys was a money-making method. The 3.3 Radiance dollars made Lin Yuan realize that money was no longer an obstacle for him.

What I need to do now isn't to think of how to earn more money—it is how to turn this wealth into my strength.

It was fine to evolve low-grade feys, but a huge amount of resources would be required when evolving them to the higher grades.

Take the Spirit Lock spatial zone for example. If Lin Yuan wanted to modify it, he would need countless resources.

Lin Yuan found it necessary to become a hoarder mouse that would accumulate resources frenziedly. He would then be able to experience the joy of a hoarder mouse.

After another two days, when Lin Yuan had evolved 34 pots of Usneas into elite-grade, he suddenly felt the massive amount of gaseous spirit qi in his body being compressed. It was so intensively compressed that it turned into a streak of misty spirit qi.

My streak of mist-like spirit qi is extremely concentrated right now. It feels like it will turn into liquid if it is concentrated any further. If the misty spirit qi can turn into liquid spirit qi, then I will be reaching the entrance of a C-rank spirit qi professional.

Lin Yuan picked up another pot of Elite Usnea. Soon, he realized that after becoming a D-rank spirit qi professional, he didn't even need ten minutes to evolve a Normal Usnea into an Elite one. It cut down the time by at least six times.

At that moment, Lin Yuan heard two gentle sounds from his body. He looked down and noticed the two sounds were actually coming from Genius and Chimey.

During the past few days that he had been evolving the Usneas, Genius and Chimey would always be leaning on him. The Normal Genius and Chimey had actually broken through the limits and became Elite!

Lin Yuan checked on Chimey and Genius' data and was rather surprised after reading their elite-grade abilities.

[Fey Name]: Hundred Questions Beast

[Fey Species]: Cat species/Intelligent Cat species

[Fey Grade]: Elite (1/10)

[Fey Type]: Spiritual

[Fey Quality]: Elite

Abilities:

[Precise Memory]: When memorizing something, every single detail can be memorized with precision.

[Knowledge Analysis]: Can conduct a diverse initial analysis of the memory's knowledge.

Knowledge Analysis allowed Genius' memorized knowledge to go through a systematic integration. Genius could then integrate and analyze it with the existing knowledge. This was an ability that really surprised Lin Yuan.

Even a high-ranked Scholar wouldn't be able to accurately memorize the information on 100 books, let alone conduct overall analysis of the details.

This elite-grade ability could allow Genius to become a Sage, a walking knowledge database, and a Data Analysis Master. Lin Yuan felt that Genius now truly lived up to the name that he had given to it back then.

At that moment, the evolved Genius suddenly said, "Yuan, I can memorize even more things now."

While speaking, Genius was jumping around on Lin Yuan's thighs, happily tilting its little head and asking to be praised.

Lin Yuan rubbed the fur on Genius' head and asked, "Genius, how much can you memorize now?"

Genius' size didn't change after reaching elite-grade, but the silverish gray fur's surface was now thicker and had luster.

Genius tilted its head and quickly replied, "Yuan, my memory was about one energy biscuit previously. Now, it is as many as five energy biscuits!"

After hearing Genius' comparison, Lin Yuan felt a little heartache and rubbed Genius' chin.

Genius immediately started purring with enjoyment.

The best food that this greedy little cat had eaten before was red braised meat. Thus, it would use red braised meat to make comparisons. Now that the energy biscuits had become the best food it had eaten, Genius changed the quantity comparison from red braised meat to energy biscuits.

The increase in Genius' memory had truly shocked Lin Yuan.

In the beginning, Genius had the memory storage of three to five books. After reaching normal-grade, it had gained a memory storage of 100 books. Now that it reached elite-grade, its memory capacity had increased to 500 books.

It wasn't even possible for an ordinary person to read 500 books, let alone memorize all 500 books.

Previously when Lin Yuan had asked Genius to study the books, he had needed to make a selection. Currently, he could simply ask Genius to memorize all the primary books on the Scholar, Fey Observer, and Spiritual Ingredient Analyst occupations.

In fact, he could even ask Genius to learn other knowledge in advance.

Lin Yuan had already been overjoyed with the Hundred Questions Beast's evolution to normal-grade. Now that it broke through and became an Elite Hundred Questions Beast, it brought Lin Yuan a pleasant surprise again.

Lin Yuan had to admit that the evolved Hundred Questions Beast was more like a perfect housekeeping beast.

The dazzled Chimey, which had also evolved, woke up.

[Fey Name]: Sound Bird

[Fey Species]: Corvidae species/Kingfisher species

[Fey Grade]: Elite (2/10)

[Fey Type]: Sound/Qi

[Fey Quality]: Elite

Abilities:

[Sound Thrust]: Fire a sharp spike that is formed by sound at a designated target.

[Turbulence]: The flap of the wings emits a consistently fast and random flow of air current.

Just as Chimey was preparing to fly toward Lin Yuan's ear, it extended its wings and noticed its feathers. Chimey immediately chirped with surprise.

Perhaps due to its failure to evolve into a Songstress Bird, Chimey always had a special preference toward the color of blue as all Songstress Birds had blue feathers.

Presently, Chimey's feathers had already transformed from green to blue.

However, Chimey's appearance was completely different from a Songstress Bird.

Firstly, Chimey was still the size of half a palm, and its size didn't transform because of its progress in grade. Instead, it got even more delicate and refined. The blue feathers weren't a deep blue color like the Songstress Birds—it was more like the azure sky blue in the skies of a sunny day.

It was an azure blue that would attract anyone's eyes in a single glance.

The azure blue feathers on Chimey had faint patterns, and their color was slightly lighter. Lin Yuan wasn't able to see anything at first and merely felt that they were like cloud patterns.

One had to look out for markings after a fey's evolution. They wouldn't develop a unique trait for no reason and disappear by the next evolution. Therefore, the specialty and function of the cloud pattern would only be clearer after reaching bronze-grade.

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Chimey was now absurdly exquisite. Its appearance should be in the top ranks even among the Elite avian feys.

Chimey looked at its blue feathers and stared blankly for a long time before it jumped onto Lin Yuan's ear and started singing happily.

Chimey's singing voice had also changed. Chimey's singing voice was at the concert hall's standard in the past. But now, its singing voice was just like the song of the legendary Thorn Birds¹.

Every change of tune was like a praise toward life, the clear humming of a siren, an ode of the sun and moon in the universe.

This was an ability to make use of the singing voice to the extremity.

This was perhaps Chimey's unique talent as a Sound Bird, as it was the only Elite Sound Bird in history.

As compared to the singing, Lin Yuan paid more attention to Chimey's type.

Chimey wasn't just purely sound-type after reaching elite-grade, as it had a dual-type of sound and qi now.

Lin Yuan had been rather worried that Chimey might continue down the sound-type path, and it would only make the path narrower.

Now that it had evolved into the sound and qi types, it would definitely expand the spaciousness of Chimey's future path.

Lin Yuan walked to the entrance and took out the wooden board that was previously used to test Chimey's attack power. He said, "Chimey, use the ability, Turbulence."

When Chimey received Lin Yuan's command, it immediately flapped its wings, and a small surge of energy shot out of its small body. It produced a turbulent flow of air that expanded out of Chimey's body.

Immediately after, Chimey controlled Turbulence and smashed it at the one-centimeter-thick wooden board.

The wooden board let out a 'buzzing' sound as though something sharp was scraping it. The turbulent flow of air was constantly shrinking the size of the wooden board.

When it was finally shrunk by a third of the size, the wooden board's edges were already turned into wooden shavings because of Turbulence.

Chimey's elite-grade attack power was far beyond its normal-grade attack power.

Lin Yuan looked at Chimey with approval and took out a metal board that was used for the racks. He walked into the courtyard and placed the metal board on the ground.

"Chimey, use Turbulence again and attack this metal board."

It was the same as before, but the metal board was only letting out 'clunking' sounds after getting hit by Turbulence. There wasn't any damage.

At that moment, Chimey let out a clear chirp, and a small hole was pierced open in the metal board.

Turbulence then found its target and rushed toward that small hole frenziedly.

The metal board was quickly ripped apart by Turbulence. By the time Turbulence ended, Lin Yuan looked at the destroyed metal board and gave Chimey a thumbs up.

The combination of Sound Thrust and Turbulence was surprisingly good.

Sound Thrust was just like a hidden weapon that could sneak an attack, while Turbulence was mainly for consistent damage and control effects.

When Chimey executed Turbulence, it would first flow around Chimey's body, which also allowed to be used as a method of defense. It could help Chimey to block attacks that it couldn't dodge in time.

After getting praised by Lin Yuan, it flew around the courtyard happily before landing on Genius' head and hopping around. It looked as though it was telling Genius how great it was.

Genius' and Chimey's evolutions had given Lin Yuan more confidence.

All of a sudden, Lin Yuan recalled something and said silently, "Not good!"

For this entire time, he had totally forgotten about the two Web-Spraying Spiders. The two Web-Spraying Spiders should still be alive, right!?

Lin Yuan rushed back into the house, opened up the two elite-grade spirit storage boxes, and found them lying there motionlessly.

Lin Yuan had the thought to heal a dead horse as though it was still a living horse¹. He placed one hand on each of the Web-Spraying Spiders and transferred the spirit qi.

A few minutes later, the two Web-Spraying Spiders moved their legs slightly. Lin Yuan was finally relieved to see that they weren't dead.

However, if he was another moment late, they might have perished.

Lin Yuan wasn't in a hurry to evolve the grade of the two Web-Spraying Spiders. Instead, he cut off a few of the Elite Usneas' vines and fed them to the Web-Spraying Spiders.

The Web-Spraying Spiders were omnivorous. They might not enjoy eating Usnea vines, but the rich nutrients in them were definitely the best for replenishing the Web-Spraying Spiders' stamina.

The two Web-Spraying Spiders ate five Usnea vines before recovering their strength. When they recovered, Lin Yuan started to evolve them from Elite X/Flawless to Bronze/Normal.

Lin Yuan was planning to evolve them to bronze-grade before putting them on the Star Web for sale. He wasn't planning to increase their quality to Epic.

Even if they evolved with epic-quality, they would merely be able to choose a better exclusive skill after reaching bronze-grade. However, the time and cost invested wouldn't be proportionate.

Normally, a Creation Master would only push an Elite fey's quality to Epic when it was a custom order.

After reaching epic-quality, the customer would bring back the fey and gamble on whether any of the three exclusive skills was what they wanted.

Even if an Elite fey's quality was Epic when they reached bronze-grade, there might not be an incredible exclusive skill among the three exclusive skills.

As compared to feys reaching bronze-grade with flawless-quality, the chances were merely three times better.

Two hours later, the two Web-Spraying Spiders let out terrifying roars before evolving to bronze-grade. They took on an entirely different appearance as compared to before.

One of the Web-Spraying Spiders' hind legs grew longer, and its abdomen grew bigger. The two hind legs that grew longer were also known as the weaving legs. This Web-Spraying Spider's evolution direction was toward spirituality variant. Its size didn't become bigger, but the ability to spray and weave webs became better. The exclusive skill was Adhesive Spider Web. It enhanced the spider web's adhesiveness and gave a better control ability.

The other Web-Spraying Spider's size grew by two times, and its originally brownish yellow color had some faint green colors. The evolution direction was obviously toward the ancestry line. This Web-Spraying Spider awakened the exclusive skill, Violent Venom. It gave a strong venom to the body and also the spider webs. It was a rather good exclusive skill, and even though it didn't increase the control power, it increased the poison-type's lethality.

Lin Yuan nodded with satisfaction as these two Web-Spraying Spiders should be able to sell for a good price on the Star Web. The exclusive skills of these two Web-Spraying Spiders might not be top-notch, but they were above average.

Lin Yuan managed to evolve two similar Web-Spraying Spiders to bronze-grade. He finally understood why people would say that the diversification of attributes would increase after reaching bronze-grade.

A different evolution direction and a different exclusive skill would create a significant difference between the same feys.

Such diversifications during evolutions made Lin Yuan feel that the evolution of feys was a cool process. It felt like the creation and innovation of life.

The evolutions of the two Web-Spraying Spiders made Lin Yuan experience and understand the significance of life.

The sunlight from outside the window came inside the small fey store and shone on Lin Yuan's face. It plated Lin Yuan's body with a layer of warm light.

The ray of light on Lin Yuan made the two newly evolved Web-Spraying Spiders feel that it was the dawn.