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Chapter 241: Black and White

Lin Yuan looked at his current state and involuntarily took a deep gasp. Immediately after, Lin Yuan controlled the four wings that were formed with the Day and Night Spirit Silver feathers.

When the four wings fluttered, Lin Yuan's legs started to float off the ground and into mid-air. Now that he was in mid-air, Lin Yuan attempted to brandish the black-feathered wings.

The Day and Night Spirit Silver didn't have much weight, however, the feathers were abnormally tough. When shot out, they felt just like black thunderbolts that could devour light.

The black feathers were shot at Lin Yuan's designated target. The Day and Night Spirit Silver feathers fell into the Source Sand's yellow sand. They instantly vanished and fused into the yellow sand.

Subsequently, the feathers that fused into the yellow sand were reproduced, forming a perfect cycle.

After experimenting with the Day and Night Spirit Silver feathers' attack speed, Lin Yuan took a piece of very durable ferromanganese out of the Gold fey storage box. He then threw it far away with strength.

Five black feathers turned into thunderbolts that directly penetrated the ferromanganese, leaving behind five indistinct marks.

Lin Yuan nodded silently. The black feathers formed by the Day and Night Spirit Silver might not be able to break Platinum feys' defense. However, Gold defense-type feys wouldn't be able to withstand it. This was the damage that the black feathers could deal.

The Source Sand's second exclusive skill, Metal Consume Manifestation, didn't really use up spiritual power. At the same time, the first exclusive skill, Sand Control, further reduced the low spiritual power consumption.

It meant to say that if Lin Yuan didn't pour spirit qi into these black wings formed by the Day and Night Spirit Silver to negate damage, the spiritual power consumption was nearly negligible.

When Lin Yuan chose to use the Day and Night Spirit Silver to form the black wings, one of the factors was because he wanted to increase his defensive capability. On the other hand, due to the Day and Night Spirit Silver being a light metal, the air currents produced when the wings fluttered were enough for Lin Yuan to take flight.

As a spirit qi professional, only those at the S-rank would be able to stand in mid-air and travel across the sky. However, Lin Yuan was still a C-rank spirit qi professional but already possessed the ability to fly.

Being able to fly in combat would allow Lin Yuan to be more agile. He could even fly into the air to avoid attacks from the ground. Such agility was actually more effective than enhancing the defensive capability.

Immediately after, Lin Yuan attempted to inject spiritual power into the black wings. The moment spiritual power was poured into the wings, they turned white and looked as though they were glistening with white light.

The pitch-black wings earlier gave off a mysterious and dark feeling. Now that the wings were white, they gave off an unspeakable brightness and determination.

The contrast of the transformation made Lin Yuan feel as though his own aura had extreme changes too.

Lin Yuan commanded the pure white wings to extend forward and fold up with a thought, completely protecting Lin Yuan as they formed the firmest defense.

Lin Yuan's wings were formed by feathers that were made of the Day and Night Spirit Silver. When Lin Yuan's spiritual power was injected into the wings, the Day and Night Spirit Silver had a split moment of change in metallic attributes.

The moment the Day and Night Spirit Silver contacted with spiritual power, it allowed the four wings to have extreme ductility. The wings extended and folded up, forming a cross to protect Lin Yuan within.

This was Lin Yuan's most powerful defense now.

However, the wings made with the feather formation weren't good enough. The current wings and feathers were still a rough model.

If Lin Yuan wished to enhance the wings' strength, he would need to carve a pattern on each feather. This would give them shock absorption and make the edges sharper as well. Afterward, the Source Sand would need to go into hibernation for a period just like before. It would then memorize the metallic attributes specified by Lin Yuan and input them into the Metal Consume Manifestation.

Lin Yuan looked at the Source Sand's exclusive skill and felt that it was definitely the best choice to obtain this amber button-like source-type lifeform.

[Fey Name]: Source Sand (Amber Button)

[Fey Species]: Elemental/Sand

[Fey Grade]: Gold (1/10)

[Fey Type]: Source

[Fey Quality]: Fantasy (1/5)

Exclusive Skill:

[Sand Control]: Increase the contractor's control toward the Source Sand and also reduce the spiritual power consumption when controlling the Source Sand.

[Metal Consume Manifestation]: Consume a type of metal into the Source Sand and allow the Source Sand to possess characteristics of the metal that was consumed. At the same time, the Source Sand can rapidly condense the metal within the gravel, forming a specified form. (Ferromanganese/Chain Blade) (Day and Night Spirit Silver/Feathers).

[Gravel Spirit Acceptance]: The Source Sand can consume a type of fey or dimensional lifeform. The consumption will be determined by the lifeform's energy and also genetic model complexity. (Class 4 Alien Insect, Heart-Penetrating Ironline, strength is equivalent to Platinum III/Flawless feys).

The Source Sand might not have any abilities, but under Lin Yuan's nurture, its combat capability was already comparable with other feys and source-type lifeforms. It might even be superior.

When Lin Yuan exited the Spirit Lock spatial zone, he stretched his body.

For the next period of time, Lin Yuan didn't need to enhance his feys' grades. He had other things to focus on, and when everything was done, he could venture out for training. He planned to return on the eve of the Radiance Hundred Sequence's selections.

Lin Yuan had quickly upgraded the Source Sand to Gold/Fantasy and enhanced the exclusive skill mainly because of the buyer on the Star Web—Listen.

Although it was a trade between Lin Yuan and Listen, the latter didn't have to deliver the Day and Night Spirit Silver and two source-type items to Lin Yuan in advance.

Therefore, Lin Yuan noted down this favor.

Lin Yuan logged onto the Star Web and was preparing to ask Listen if there were any requirements for the power offense-type/canidae species fey. In any case, Lin Yuan would need about an hour to enhance any species of fey to Bronze/Epic within the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

Since Listen had given him convenience, then Lin Yuan thought he could also return the convenience to Listen.

If Listen wanted to trade for a Bronze/Epic fey, then it should be for someone who had just comprehended a Willpower Rune.

Therefore, Lin Yuan was offering to Listen a chance to have a compatible Bronze/Epic fey with the Willpower Rune.

Listen had specified the Bronze/Epic fey to be power offense-type/canidae species, but the canidae species was a huge category, which included dogs, wolves, foxes, jackals, and so on.

If Lin Yuan were to randomly pick a canidae species, the selection range would truly be vast.

As Lin Yuan was preparing to send a message to Listen, he realized that Listen had left two messages for him after he had logged off the Star Web previously

Chapter 242: Really Fastidious

Lin Yuan raised his brows when he saw the two messages Listen had sent.

Listen: "Master, if you have any Bronze/Epic feys in the future, can you give me a chance to trade first? I will not let you lose out."

Listen: "Master, I've sent another one square meter of Day and Night Spirit Silver to your previous address. Hehe."

Lin Yuan suddenly felt that Listen should stop solicitously currying favor with him. Or were all Creation Masters treated like that?

This was Lin Yuan's first time receiving bribes from others. However, this one cubic meter of Day and Night Spirit Silver was more of an ingratiation than a bribe.

Lin Yuan replied Listen.

Deep Mountain Elder Lin: "There are a total of 13 genera and 36 species of power offense-type canine feys, including dogs, wolves, dholes, foxes, and many more. The range is vast."

After sending a reply to Listen, Lin Yuan saw that he was currently online and wanted to wait for his reply. In less than three seconds after he sent that, Listen replied.

Listen: "Wow, expert! You mean I can choose the species of the canine fey?"

Deep Mountain Elder Lin: "Yes."

Since Listen had accommodated him, he accommodated him as well. This had nothing to do with the one cubic meter of Day and Night Spirit Silver that Listen had sent over.

However, Lin Yuan would not refuse the Day and Night Spirit Silver. The price of one cubic meter of Day and Night Spirit Silver was at most 5,000,000 Radiance dollars.

But if the chance that Lin Yuan had given to Listen was to be calculated inside, the value was akin to priceless.

After Lin Yuan had replied with a 'Yes', he watched Listen send over dozens of Storm Praise. He could not help but be skeptical whether this Listen buyer secretly drank one kilogram of honey.

In the end, Listen chose an unorthodox fox fey that focused on mental attacks. Such a fox fey was not rare, but it had many directions it could evolve toward.

When such a fox fey evolved into Bronze, it did not necessarily evolve toward a particular direction. But no matter how it evolved, it could always reach Listen's proposed requirements.

At the same time, Lin Yuan could not help but think that if he had not accommodated Listen, it would be practically impossible for Listen to find such a Bronze/Epic fox fey to match a Willpower Rune.

After Listen finalized his species of the fey, Lin Yuan bought an Elite Illusory Fox from the Rare Lifeform Pavilion.

The Illusory Foxes were Elite feys from a young age. None of them were Normal.

After getting the Elite Illusory Fox, Lin Yuan evolved it in the Spirit Lock spatial zone. When it evolved into Bronze/Epic, its name had changed to Pain Illusory Fox under True Data.

The Illusory Fox's ability laid in the domination of the five senses, while the Pain Illusory Fox evolved toward pain domination.

When the Pain Illusory Fox released its ability to a target, it could let the target enter a state of pain, and such pain would work on the body and mind depending on the ability. It was an extremely powerful attacking means.

When this Bronze/Epic Pain Illusory Fox reached Bronze, Lin Yuan chose Mind Vulnerability among the three exclusive skills. This exclusive skill could allow it to use Deepened Pain on the target's mind when releasing abilities. It was an exclusive skill that greatly enhanced the Pain Illusory Fox's attacking abilities.

Mind Vulnerability was also the best choice among the three exclusive skills.

Lin Yuan had always maintained his initial intentions, so he let the Illusory Fox reach Elite/Epic before reaching Bronze.

When raising the Illusory Fox to Epic at Elite, there would be more choices in its exclusive skills.

Although nobody knew about Lin Yuan's hard work, he at least had a clear conscience.

Since he had posted that people could choose their own species of Bronze/Epic feys in exchange for an item in his Purchase With No Loss Fey Store, he also had no intention for his store to keep a low profile. If he were going to keep a high profile, he had to do it until the end.

Lin Yuan mailed this Bronze/Epic Pain Illusory Fox to Listen. After Listen received it, the news in Lin Yuan's store about exchanging any Bronze/Epic feys for an item was confirmed to be completed by the Star Web.

Previously, many experts had not gotten the chance to trade with Lin Yuan, so they were in a wait-and-see state. Now that they had seen Lin Yuan's small store had made a deal so quickly, they could not help but be secretly shocked at the store's capability.

These experts and affluent families' members hurriedly paid attention to Lin Yuan's Purchase With No Loss store.

Suppose a group of ordinary merchants was waiting for Silver Usneas and Elite Spirit-Siphon Goldfish before. In that case, many affluent family members and king-class and above experts were doing so now.

Many people even started to make discreet inquiries about his store. But no matter how they did so, they could only know that the owner was a youth.

When Lin Yuan had become the Moon Empress' disciple, she had sealed all other news, so nobody could check them.

Lin Yuan did not expect after Listen received his Bronze/Epic Pain Illusory Fox, he would mail himself another source-type item. Although the source-type item was still very unorthodox, it showed Listen's attitude to some extent.

Despite Listen currying favor with him, an insincere person would not do such things.

In a way, the price for Listen buying this Bronze/Epic Pain Illusory Fox was higher than the Lightning Sparrow King's king-class expert squad buying that Bronze/Epic Flame Veined Dragonfly.

The price he had paid for was akin to an additional two cubic meters of Gold Day and Night Spirit Silver, which was the price of 10,000,000 Radiance dollars.

Lin Yuan had a relatively deeper impression on this Listen buyer, who had a sweet tongue. If Lin Yuan needed other spiritual ingredients that he could not buy, he might as well have a trade with Listen.

Lin Yuan was about to go to bed when he suddenly received Zhang Xiaobai's call.

He picked up the phone and heard Zhang Xiaobai ask excitedly, "Lin Yuan, have you ever had this kind of dream?"

Lin Yuan had long gotten used to Zhang Xiaobai's way of speaking and asked, "What kind of dream?"

"In my dream, I felt I was sleeping. I pinched myself hard and felt a lot of pain. Then, I woke up, so I got up to go to the toilet, only to feel like falling into the river from a boat. After that, I really woke up."

Lin Yuan almost choked on his own saliva. Zhang Xiaobai had called him in the middle of the night just to tell him this? How could Zhang Xiaobai say such things as an adult!

At that moment, Zhang Xiaobai suddenly laughed, causing Lin Yuan to be at a loss.

Suddenly, Lin Yuan heard Zhang Xiaobai's cry of pain with an 'Ouch' and him begging for mercy. However, Zhang Xiaobai's cry of pain did not end.

Lin Yuan could imagine how Xin Ying used the Grasp of the Undying and Lethal Tempo to use Darkness Harvest on Zhang Xiaobai.

Xin Ying then picked up Zhang Xiaobai's call. "Lin Yuan, ignore him. He watched Star Web's live-streaming room in the middle of the night and became like this. This is the 17th call he has made."

Lin Yuan only felt a leap of apocalypse.

Lin Yuan and Xin Ying chatted for a couple of minutes and were prepared to hang up.

At that moment, Xin Ying suddenly asked, "Lin Yuan, have you really decided to use this identity of Black to compete in the Radiance Hundred this year?"

Upon hearing that, he spread a smile on his face and revealed his white teeth. He replied firmly, "That's right. I'll go to Star Web in a moment and sign up with my exclusive achievements from Star Tower to take part in the Radiance Hundred Sequence competition this year."

Chapter 243: Radiance Sacred Hall

After hanging up the phone, Lin Yuan went downstairs. It was already late at night, but a cold rain had fallen in the Royal Capital, causing the weather to become colder right away.

There was not much rain in the Royal Capital, not even a few times a year, unlike the Redbud City's Xia Region, where it was rainy all year round without seeing the sun for a few days.

Lin Yuan looked at the downpour and could not help but sang softly,

In the pounding downpour outside the window, a fluttering song tempts me to listen.

The Xiaozhong Sword's reflection on the water surface is a verse of hate in love.

While Lin Yuan was singing, he did not notice Chimey, which was flying around his shoulders previously, suddenly stopped doing so. Instead, it carefully listened to what he was singing, looking very serious as if it was memorizing it.

As Lin Yuan looked at the downpour outside the window, he could not help but think that it would no longer just be rain the next time. It would be the first snow of this year.

Once the snow fell, it would not be a month before the most lively Tournament Season of the Radiance Federation began. The Guild Alliance's S Tournament would begin in early January until nearly April. Once that was over, it would be time for Lin Yuan to take part in the Radiance Hundred Sequence competition.

Liu Jie came out of his room and saw Liu Jie and Wen Yu studying the red sandalwood longevity fish tank, with Bronze I/Flawless Spirit-Containing Hibiscuses grown on top of it.

At that moment, 99 Bronze I/Flawless Glow-Winged Butterflies landed on the Spirit-Containing Hibiscuses. There were also 99 Bronze I/Flawless Five Fortune Ranchus, which formed a hydrangea, swimming around three Bronze I/Flawless Dragon-Phoenix Landscape Carps.

What a divine scene.

The mansion needed to be lit up in the past, but now, these Five Fortune Ranchus were releasing a large amount of spirit qi. The splendor of purple clouds constantly rose from the fish tank.

In addition, the furniture made from jade-textured wood also emitted lustrous light under this rich spirit qi environment, giving off a kind of feeling that made people's body and mind feel placid as if in this warm glow—all the fatigue could be rapidly soothed.

When Lin Yuan came down, Wen Yu said to him with an excited look, "Young Master, the man-made scenery from the combination of these feys and the fish tank carved with jade-textured red sandalwood is comparable to Class 5 Spirit Craftsmen's famous works."

Upon hearing that, Lin Yuan smiled faintly.

A man-made scenery was nothing more than reenacting the scenery in one's heart into reality. Each man-made scenery was generally the most beautiful scenery in their hearts.

No matter how exquisite the furniture Class 5 Spirit Craftsmen made was, in Lin Yuan's heart, it was ultimately not as good as the auspicious scenery that he had formed with a perfect match of spiritual materials and feys.

When Liu Jie heard Wen Yu's words, his brows jumped. He had seen the world, but he was still shocked for a long time upon seeing this red sandalwood longevity fish tank. It was not because the scenery was too beautiful, but more because of the fish tank's luxuriousness.

These jade-textured red sandalwoods were amazing, but they seemed pale in comparison with the paired feys. The more Liu Jie looked at these paired feys, the more he was shocked.

Nearly 300 Bronze/Flawless feys of expensive species were paired with three Bronze/Epic koi that were superior auspicious feys.

At a glance, one could sense the potent strength underlying in such a pairing.

But Liu Jie noticed Wen Yu was looking at this scenery, just in awe of the scenery's beauty. She was not at all surprised at the luxuriousness of this scenery, which was enough to prove that she had seen many such things before.

However, Liu Jie was shocked, and nothing else. These discoveries in turn added to the pressure in his heart, making him want to become stronger more, as he did not want to be a retainer knight incapable of protecting his master.

Liu Jie rolled up his sleeves and walked toward the kitchen. "Lin Yuan, Wen Yu, I've already wrapped the small wontons. I just need to cook it. You two sit on the table first and wait a while for me."

Liu Jie would go out for training tomorrow morning, so this night's supper would be the last reunion meal that the three of them would have before the Radiance Hundred Sequence selection.

Soon after Liu Jie left, Lin Yuan also planned to leave for training in these two days.

After eating, Lin Yuan leaned back in his chair and let out a breath of satisfaction.

The bowl of small wontons made by Liu Jie was extremely light but with a bit of spicy white pepper. When it was eaten hot, the hot and spicy feeling was unspeakably pleasant on this rainy night.

After this meal, Lin Yuan logged onto Star Web with his Creation Master identity and put the large batch of Silver Usneas and Elite Spirit-Siphon Goldfish from the Spirit Lock spatial zone into his Purchase With No Loss store.

Despite doing so, he set up the store's AI robot. It would update the new stock every week, but this time, the new stock was increased.

Lin Yuan glanced at the store's fan club and found that several new people had entered. Most of these newcomers were winners based on speed and luck among the buyers waiting to snatch the goods.

However, one of the newcomers surprised him. This person was Listen.

Listen had gotten the chance to enter the fan club after having the exchange deal with his store, unlike other buyers who were waiting to grab his goods. His chance of entering the fan club was like the way of how the braised egg head had done so.

The transaction between Lin Yuan and Listen took only over three hours, so Listen had taken that amount of time to enter the fan club. But in these three hours, Listen had actually taken over his store's fan club's speaking rights.

Previously, the topics in the fan club centered around Zhou Jiabin and the braised egg head. But after Listen had entered, in just a few hours, the topics shifted to him instead.

This puzzled Lin Yuan. Listen had a different identity from most of the people in his store's fan club. Most of them had joined to wait for the Silver Usneas and Elite Spirit-Siphon Goldfish more easily. Such a deal would be around a few tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands of Radiance dollars.

However, Listen had clearly entered the fan club, hoping to get another chance to trade for the Bronze/Epic feys. Thus, his transaction would often reach tens of millions and above.

Of course, Lin Yuan would refuse such a transaction with such an amount, as the significance of source-type items was much greater than their value.

Lin Yuan thought that after Listen came in, he would call himself 'boss' and take over the speaking rights. But when Lin Yuan looked through, he could not help but be surprised.

After Listen entered the fan club, he did not have any special actions. Just by his way of speaking, he easily obtained a good impression from the vast majority of the people.

This was a terrifying ability. This ability did not stem from talent and strength but a very high emotional intelligence. But Lin Yuan did not pay too much attention to him. He logged onto Star Web as Black.

This time, he did not go to the Rare Lifeform Pavilion to purchase feys and spiritual ingredients as usual or climb the Star Tower. Instead, he went to that sacred official organization on Star Tower, the Radiance Sacred Hall.

The Radiance Sacred Hall handled the Radiance Hundred Sequence's qualification verification, selection, and the members' ranking.

Lin Yuan went there because he wanted to use his Star Web achievement to get a chance to enter the Radiance Hundred Sequence competition.

Of course, not everyone who wanted to go to the Radiance Sacred Hall could do so.

To enter the Radiance Sacred Hall, he had to authenticate his identity before he could get the chance to apply to the Star Web's official to enter the Radiance Sacred Hall.

Of course, such an opportunity was limited to the Star Web's Radiance Sacred Hall. For the Radiance Sacred Hall, in reality, only real members of the Radiance Hundred Sequence were eligible to step inside.

Since Lin Yuan had previously reached the 100th floor and won two Celestial Stairway promotion duels with a 102 winning streak before reaching the Celestial Stairway, he had already obtained a Celestial Stairway's exclusive achievement.

Although the Celestial Stairway's achievement altar still did not have Black's virtual image, the Star Web's officials had contacted Lin Yuan a few times, seeking his wishes to design Black's virtual image.

As early as when the Star Web had notified Lin Yuan of the Celestial Stairway's exclusive achievements, the Radiance Federation's officials had verified Black's Celestial Stairway's exclusive achievements.

Before Black's virtual image appeared on the Celestial Stairway's achievement altar, the Star Web's officials would not announce it publicly.

Therefore, the Star Web's officials immediately gave Lin Yuan the qualification to enter the Radiance Sacred Hall.

After entering the place, whether or not Lin Yuan could complete the Radiance Sacred Hall's verification, become a seeded participant, enter the Radiance Hundred Sequence selection, or get the qualification to compete for the ten spots in the Radiance Hundred Sequence every year, it would depend on whether he could reach the Radiance Hundred Sequence's selection conditions in other aspects besides his strength.

At the same time, the Radiance Hundred Sequence would also check Lin Yuan's resume. This aspect was actually the assessment of his character.

Each Radiance Hundred Sequence member was the backbone of the Radiance Federation and represented its younger generation. Therefore, the requirements for one's character were even more stringent than other aspects.

When Lin Yuan just arrived at Star Web's Radiance Sacred Hall, he was immediately stunned by the Radiance Sacred Hall's grandness.

Chapter 244: The Future Will Be Written by You

The Radiance Sacred Hall was very wide, and very few people could apply on Star Web and get approved to go there.

It was now late at night, so it was silent inside the Radiance Sacred Hall.

Lin Yuan found out that he was the only one outside the Radiance Sacred Hall at the moment. Since he had obtained the qualification to enter the Radiance Sacred Hall, he could walk around as he wished inside.

He did not rush to apply for the qualification to compete in the Radiance Hundred Sequence competition but chose to walk around outside the Radiance Sacred Hall. As he walked, he looked carefully at the simple yet magnificent scenery outside the Radiance Sacred Hall.

There were rows and rows of statues outside the Radiance Sacred Hall that seemed to belong to the past Radiance Hundred Sequence members.

There were three kinds of carved statues. The first type was a golden statue, where there was a huge golden stone slab behind it, with great achievements and merits written on it.

Only the Sequence members who had been honored in the Radiance Hundred Sequence for a decade and had retired gloriously were eligible for this gold statue.

The second kind was a silver statue, which referred to the Radiance Hundred Sequence members during their tenure.

The third kind was a bronze statue that represented the members who had been successfully selected to the Radiance Hundred Sequence but had been eliminated outside the Sequence.

The gold, silver, and bronze statues stood quietly in rows and columns.

Lin Yuan knew that behind each of these statues was a true pride of the Radiance Federation.

Regardless of the color, the statues represented those who had entered the Radiance Hundred Sequence but had been eliminated. They were all the Radiance Federation's proudest backbone.

After walking through the rows of statues, he saw a gallery of five kilometers. The painted walls were ordinary limestone slabs that were carved with exquisite murals.

Lin Yuan looked over at each of them. An inexplicable feeling of shock would emerge in his heart with every step he took in the gallery. This was because the five-kilometer gallery's murals depicted all the big events that the Radiance Federation had experienced in the past 100 years ever since the Spirit Qi Awakening.

This gallery was akin to a solemn chronicle, and behind this chronicle was the reason that humans could be called the wisest among all creatures.

This was because humans had something that could transcend all other living beings—civilization.

Lin Yuan did not know how long he had walked, but he walked through the five-kilometer gallery step by step. After seeing this gallery, he felt he suddenly had a deeper interpretation of radiance.

He looked at the seven big characters written on the blank part on the last panel of the gallery and suddenly smiled silently. The seven words were 'The Future Will Be Written by You'.

This was perhaps the Radiance Federation's expectation of the younger generation. This expectation was the cornerstone to constantly make the Radiance Federation better.

Lin Yuan walked into the Radiance Sacred Hall with firm steps. At this moment, his state of mind had changed a little compared to when he had first stepped in.

When he entered the Radiance Sacred Hall, Lin Yuan approached the staff and explained the purpose of his visit. Soon, the staff took him to an office inside the Radiance Sacred Hall.

Lin Yuan pushed open the door, only to see a middle-aged man holding a book about spiritual ingredients and looking at it with great interest.

Upon seeing Lin Yuan enter, he waved his hand, gesturing for Lin Yuan to sit down, and then said, "Black, when you got the qualification to enter the Radiance Sacred Hall, you had been considered having passed the Radiance Hundred Sequence selection's qualifications in terms of strength.

"In terms of character, there is no need for auditing due to your deeds in guarding Millstone Town.

"However, I will need to review your age and other information again. You can just show your Star Web identity card."

The middle-aged man looked at Lin Yuan with appreciation and a hint of inquiry.

What he appreciated was naturally Lin Yuan's strength to obtain the Celestial Stairway's exclusive title, as well as his bravery in guarding Millstone Town against the insect tide invasion.

He was also inquisitive about Lin Yuan's identity because when the middle-aged man had let Lin Yuan come to the Radiance Sacred Hall, he had checked Black's Star Web identity card.

The protection of personal privacy on Star Web was extremely heavy, but this protection of privacy was not included in the Radiance Hundred Sequence's qualification test.

When the middle-aged man had checked Black's identity card, he had found that it was kept secret from him.

In other words, even such a big event as the Radiance Hundred Sequence test was not enough to qualify to view Black's information.

The middle-aged man had faced such a situation before, and it proved that behind Black was one of the few strongest experts in the Radiance Federation.

Nevertheless, this was another matter.

If Lin Yuan wanted to qualify for the Radiance Hundred Sequence test, he had to verify his age.

Lin Yuan was not coy at all and just showed Black's personal data. However, he only showed his basic details and not his contracted feys' details.

Lin Yuan knew that his contracted feys' qualities were simply too astounding. On the other hand, it was because only his age needed to be assessed for the Radiance Hundred Sequence's qualification selection.

Thus, there was no need for Lin Yuan to reveal his feys' information.

Lin Yuan was not a person who loved to show off. On the contrary, he was an extremely introverted person.

Only something that he could grasp with no one knowing was called a trump card. Such a trump card was the key to turning an evenly matched battle around.

If a person showed all their skills, this was the same as fighting with other people with his cards shown.

Even if the other party was not as strong, they might also come up with a hidden card nobody knew to win by surprise.

After the middle-aged man checked Black's basic information, he could not help but be lost in thoughts. He already knew Black's strength, so there was nothing to be surprised. Nonetheless, Black's age shocked him.

The youngest Radiance Hundred Sequence member seemed to be around 20 years old. The age of 18 should be the age of graduation from the Spirit Qi Intermediate Academy.

Black would take part in the Radiance Hundred Sequence's test at this age, which made the middle-aged man sigh.

"Heroes indeed emerge from youths since ancient times!"

However, after the middle-aged man understood Black's strength, he did not think that Black could enter the Radiance Hundred Sequence this year.

Although Black showed amazing strength, he was still a notch short of the Radiance Hundred Sequence in the middle-aged man's opinion.

However, the middle-aged man was very optimistic about Black's participation in the Radiance Hundred Sequence this year. This was because everyone would like such a youth's motivation and fighting spirit.

The middle-aged man revealed an encouraging smile. "You are qualified for the ten places in the Radiance Hundred Sequence this year. Before the test, the Radiance Sacred Hall will contact you."

Lin Yuan was about to say goodbye when he heard the middle-aged man call out to him. He turned back and heard him say, "Black, good luck on the Sequence selection test!"

Lin Yuan revealed a bright smile behind the mask. "Okay, Uncle. I will work hard."

The middle-aged man was stunned to hear that. After Lin Yuan left, he opened his desk drawer, took out a mirror, carefully examined himself for a minute, and kept repeating, "Why don't you call me Brother? Why do you have to call me Uncle? Am I very old?"

Chapter 245: The First Toolman

When Lin Yuan logged off Star Web, the sky was slightly bright in the real world.

Even though the overnight cold rain had increased the late autumn morning's chilliness, it made the dawn's light more brilliant.

As he looked at the rising sun, he stretched his back and carefully lay on the bed, afraid of waking up Genius and Chimey that were sound asleep.

Genius was actually laying on Lin Yuan's pillow on its back, but Genius and Chimey seemed to have instinctively sensed Lin Yuan's arrival in their dream, so they moved toward him.

This was like a scene that had happened in the Xia Region's fey store six months ago.

Lin Yuan closed his eyes and thought about everything that had happened in the past few months before he gathered his thoughts and did a complete analysis of his gains and losses. He reinforced his previous path and also determined his future path.

When Lin Yuan woke up, it was late in the morning. He opened his eyes and found that Genius and Chimey were looking at him with their big, black eyes.

He reached out and scratched Genius' chin and rubbed Chimey's little head before saying, "Are you two hungry?"

Lin Yuan fed Genius and Chimey the leaves of the Platinum Celery Vine and fruits of the Platinum Cane Luffa.

After washing up, he went downstairs and found Wen Yu entertaining the Class 4 Spirit Craftsman, Hu Quan, in the living room.

Lin Yuan hurried downstairs and said to Hu Quan, "Senior Hu Quan, are you planning to close your store and stay and work in my mansion?"

When Hu Quan saw Lin Yuan, his eyes lit up. "You're finally awake. You were unconscious yesterday, and I waited for you for so long. I came to find you this morning, yet you woke up at noon."

Lin Yuan reached out and scratched the back of his head. He had always been a self-disciplined person. However, he had been busy for the past two days, which caused him to compress his time constantly. This was because he intended to go out to train after taking care of everything.

Since Hu Quan intended to stay at his mansion, it was definitely a piece of good news for Lin Yuan.

Upon seeing that Lin Yuan had not said a word, Hu Quan could not help but feel a little comfortable. He previously only intended to stay in Lin Yuan's mansion, but after going back, he had been in the anxious seat.

This was because after seeing the red sandalwood fish tank, Hu Quan could see that Lin Yuan had an extraordinary foundation.

For a Class 4 Spirit Craftsman, there was nothing more attractive than those rare spiritual materials. Creating with rare spiritual materials was something a Spirit Craftsman wanted. By working for Lin Yuan, Hu Quan could have access to rare spiritual materials every day. If he could also see the red sandalwood longevity fish tank daily, he would be very satisfied.

"I've made you wait for a long time, Senior. May I ask what your conditions to stay and work in my mansion are?"

Upon hearing Lin Yuan say that, Hu Quan was relieved and answered, "For the conditions, if you can give me spiritual materials comparable to this jade-textured red sandalwood for creation every month, I won't take your money.

"If you can't do so, it'll be the market price of a Class 4 Spirit Craftsman,"

Hu Quan said this in a very patronizing way. The purpose of staying in Lin Yuan's mansion was to have another chance to create with a spiritual material like this jade-textured red sandalwood.

If Lin Yuan could not meet his conditions, Hu Quan would naturally not give him a free ride. The market price of a Class 4 Spirit Craftsman was not low.

When Lin Yuan heard Hu Quan's words, he took a huge section of wood out of his Spirit Lock spatial zone without hesitation. This piece of wood gave off a very nice red-gold color and was glossy, with unique grain and a very fragrant wood aroma.

When Hu Quan looked at it, he immediately could not help but want to touch the golden-red piece of wood. It was jade-textured old pearwood.

The old pearwood was a piece of wood that Lin Yuan had stored in the Spirit Lock spatial zone. After that, the old pearwood had completely become jade-textured.

Lin Yuan had prepared this piece of old pearwood to use as a cushion on the huge table in his Spirit Lock spatial zone.

At that time, Lin Yuan had bought four of them. He had taken exactly one of the four out of the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

With a Class 4 Spirit Craftsman, Lin Yuan's completely jade-textured old pearwood could finally be put to use.

"Senior, I have enough rare spiritual materials here. It seems that you're going to work for me in the mansion without being paid."

Hu Quan was not young anymore, so upon seeing the jade-textured old pearwood, nearly half of his life was gone because of happiness. At that moment, he felt he was the happiest Spirit Craftsman in this world.

Given the plethora of rare spiritual materials for him to carve, Hu Quan suddenly felt that he might have a chance to become a Class 5 Spirit Craftsman in the future. If that were to happen, it would really be a happy occasion.

Hu Quan smiled, and it gave Wen Yu a chill. She felt that with some black bean spirit fish on Hu Quan's face, it could be served on the table as a cold dish.

"Lin Yuan, hurry up and speak. What do you want to do with this jade-textured old pearwood? I think carving a picture of 1,000 tigers leaving the mountain or 100 birds on the Chinese parasol tree is a good idea!"

As he looked at Hu Quan's eager look, Lin Yuan took out an inkstone and wrote the words on the jade-textured old pearwood: 'Return from Faraway'

While Hu Quan was dumbfounded, Lin Yuan replied, "Senior, help me carve 'Return from Faraway' on the jade-textured old pearwood. This mansion does not have an inscribed board yet. This can be hung up now."

The words 'Return from Faraway' was something that had come to Lin Yuan's mind when he saw Liu Jie depart for his training journey today. This was considered one of Lin Yuan's wishes.

No matter how far Liu Jie, Wen Yu, or Chu Ci, who had yet to visit the mansion, went, he hoped they could all come back safely.

At the same time, Lin Yuan also hoped that he could still be a youth after going outside for half of his life, with his original intentions and sincerity.

Hu Quan had a complex look as he looked at the words. They're written well, but do you have to be so direct? I know you are the mansion owner, but you don't have to be so high-profile with it!

In Hu Quan's opinion, the words 'Return from Faraway' translated into 'This piece of land belongs to me, Lin Yuan[1].'

Unlike Liu Jie and Wen Yu, Lin Yuan and Hu Quan signed a very comprehensive employment agreement. It was to give Hu Quan a guarantee and was also a protection for Lin Yuan's rare spiritual materials.

From now on, the Class 4 Spirit Craftsman, Hu Quan, would become a mansion member. He was the first toolman.

Lin Yuan would leave the next day for training. Before going out for training, he planned to contact Gao Feng, with whom he had previously agreed to make a deal.

Just as he was about to call Gao Feng, Lin Yuan's cell phone rang. He looked at the caller ID, and his pupils shrank as his heart thumped rapidly.

It was not anyone else who called him, but Auntie Zhang, whom he had always been thinking of yet had not heard from!

Chapter 246: Little Yuan Is Going to Be My Junior Brother?

Lin Yuan had not contacted Su Jin and Dong Hai to ask for news about Auntie Zhang and Uncle Li for some time now.

Ever since his Jasmine Lily had become a Fantasy Breed and obtained the exclusive skill, Severed Limbs Growth, he had always wanted to try to see if it could heal Uncle Li's bone gangrene.

Likewise, Auntie Zhang's Fantasy Breed fey, which normally disguised itself as a Terror Rabbit, had also been in imminent danger.

The Jasmine Lily had accumulated a huge amount of vitality with its exclusive skill, Vitality Imprint. Thus, Lin Yuan was confident in curing Uncle Li's leg injury and Auntie Zhang's Fantasy Breed fey's injury.

The Jasmine Lily's healing ability might not be able to completely remove the toxins in Uncle Li's infected leg, but there were other ways to do so.

Uncle Li's bone gangrene and its toxins had been firmly locked in his left leg.

In fact, as long as his left leg was amputated, using the Jasmine Lily's Severed Limbs Growth would be enough to let Uncle Li recover as before.

However, no matter how Lin Yuan tried to contact Uncle Li and Auntie Zhang, there had not been the slightest news.

Every time he contacted Su Jin and Dong Hai, their answers would make Lin Yuan feel they seemed to know something but were deliberately hiding it from him.

This made Lin Yuan very worried about Auntie Zhang and Uncle Li's health condition.

But now, he suddenly felt his nose tingle because of Auntie Zhang's call.

Lin Yuan had big dreams, but his world had always been small. After living two lives, he could see through many things.

Like and dislike.

Hatred and non-hatred.

Agreeing and disagreeing.

Close and distant.

Lin Yuan had always treated everything around him this way, upholding responsibility and having passion for life. His world had been so small that there were only three people—Chu Ci, Auntie Zhang, and Uncle Li.

Ever since he had recovered, he had slowly gotten to know many people. He could count them with his fingers—Chu Ci, Auntie Zhang, Uncle Li, the Moon Empress, Cold Moon, Mystic Moon, the Mother of Bloodbath, Liu Jie, Wen Yu, Zhang Xiaobai, Xin Ying, Tan Ran, and Lu Pinru.

Now that he received Auntie Zhang's call, Lin Yuan's heart that was in suspense was partly relieved. At least, he knew that Auntie Zhang, who was calling him, was in good health.

Lin Yuan picked up the phone, and before he could speak, he heard Auntie Zhang's forthright and enthusiastic voice with a strong hint of concern. "Little Yuan, I heard from Su Jin and Dong Hai that you followed the Redbud City Lordress Ling Xiao to the Royal Capital and that your health problems are gone?"

Upon hearing Auntie Zhang's familiar voice and tone, as well as her strong concern, Lin Yuan revealed a smile. "Auntie Zhang, everything is fine. I've recovered, and I've also become a Creation Master."

When Lin Yuan heard Auntie Zhang say that he had gone to the Royal Capital with Ling Xiao, he knew that she should have found out from Su Jin and Dong Hai.

Auntie Zhang was like his elder, so he did not have to hide anything from her. Even if she did not ask, he would also tell her about him being a Creation Master.

Lin Yuan could sense Auntie Zhang's concern, so he told her he was a Creation Master to reassure her and so that she would not be concerned about him anymore.

"Little Yuan, it's good to know that your body has recovered."

Auntie Zhang would always express her emotions clearly in her tone. At that moment, her words carried indescribable happiness, and her joy was almost going to transmit across the phone.

Lin Yuan could not help but feel touched. At any time, Auntie Zhang's greatest concern was indeed his own health.

Compared to his health, his achievements in her eyes were no longer important. However, Lin Yuan still asked what he wanted to know the most.

"Auntie Zhang, how are your and Uncle Li's health? Has his leg been treated?"

"Little Yuan, his leg is fine. Don't you know about my health? It has always been awesome."

Upon hearing Auntie Zhang's words, Lin Yuan knew she was afraid that he would worry, so she still did not tell him the truth. But at least, Auntie Zhang's and Uncle Li's health was no longer a problem and was a lot better than when they had left the Xia Region.

For a moment, Lin Yuan was at a loss about how he should tell Auntie Zhang and Uncle Li about his desire to treat them. At that moment, he heard a peal of very familiar laughter from Auntie Zhang's side.

"Yingying, can you hurry up and talk to Little Yuan? Can't you see I'm waiting in line here?"

Then, he heard a not-so-subtle noise from the phone. Uncle Li had clearly snatched the phone from Auntie Zhang.

“Little Yuan, what do you want to eat? I’ll cook it for you!”

Uncle Li would always ask him what he wanted to eat the most. Lin Yuan replied without a second thought, “I love the meat that you cook.”

“Haha, I know that you love meat. Do you think the four-joy meatballs are tastier with pork or fish meat?”

Lin Yuan answered, “It’s pork, of course!”

Lin Yuan could feel that after he said ‘it’s pork’, Uncle Li froze for a few seconds and suddenly asked very seriously, “Little Yuan, didn’t you always prefer fish meat to pork?”

Lin Yuan was not used to hearing Uncle Li’s solemn tone. Uncle Li would usually speak cynically with him. Lin Yuan had never felt that Uncle Li would be so serious about one matter.

Since Uncle Li had asked, he pondered for a while and said, “I do love fish meat more, but I like fried fish and squirreelfish. For four-joy meatballs, I think that pork is tastier.”

Lin Yuan felt a sudden silence from the other end of the phone. He thought for a while and said, “Food has no definite taste, and those that suit one’s taste are precious. Using the same ingredients to make different dishes will produce different flavors, so the two dishes taste more like different dishes instead. Uncle Li, I’m in the Royal Capital now. Why don’t you and Auntie Zhang come here and settle down with me?”

Lin Yuan thought that after Uncle Li and Auntie Zhang came over, he would propose to them about their treatment.

Suddenly, he heard Uncle Li’s cheerful peal of laughter. It seemed like something he had suppressed in his heart for years had been relieved.

“Food has no definite taste, and those that suit one’s taste are precious. Little Yuan, how good would it be if I asked you whether fish meat or pork was tastier for the four-joy meatballs earlier. Auntie Zhang and I will be busy this year. When we’re done, I’ll go to the Royal Capital to cook for you.”

After hanging up the phone, Lin Yuan could not help but touch the back of his head. He did not understand what Uncle Li had figured out. Why was he so happy? He even asked him what he wanted to eat. Why did he have to be busy for a year in a flash?

However, Lin Yuan thought little of these. Now that he knew that Auntie Zhang and Uncle Li were doing fine, he was completely at ease.

Auntie Zhang noticed Uncle Li’s expression and suddenly froze for a moment. Then, a clear smile crept on her face.

“It’s almost 20 years. You’ve figured it out?”

Upon hearing that, Uncle Li looked at Auntie Zhang and answered, "I've figured it out. Let's go back. I don't know if that old thing will beat me to death after I go back."

Upon hearing that, Auntie Zhang whacked Uncle Li's back and said, "What old thing? I forbid you to call my father like that!"

Uncle Li smiled awkwardly and replied, "If Master hits me, you have to help me stop him, Yingying. Otherwise, if he doesn't hold back and hits me to death, you'll have nowhere to cry."

As Auntie Zhang looked at Uncle Li, a foot flew up.

"Li Changlin, when I left with you back then, I broke my father's heart. I won't even be able to protect myself when I go back this time, yet you still want me to plead on your behalf?"

When Uncle Li heard that, he blinked awkwardly and blurted out, "We're really a pair of bitter lovebirds."

Auntie Zhang suddenly smiled brightly.

"You're the one who's having a bitter life. Anyway, I will go back and tell my father you fooled me when I first left with you. Just wait to be beaten by my father and me!"

When Uncle Li heard that, he was dumbfounded. His expression was like a mistreated bun.

Auntie Zhang laughed and said, "Given my understanding of my father, he won't dare to deal with you. If he does so, and you leave for another 20 years, he won't be able to take it."

Auntie Zhang's words made Uncle Li feel awkward, and she snorted.

"Little Yuan is now a Creation Master. When I go back, I'll ask my father to take him as his disciple!"

Uncle Li widened his eyes.

"F*ck! What a difference in seniority! Little Yuan is going to be my junior brother!?"

Chapter 247: Island Whale

When Lin Yuan answered the call, Wen Yu had been paying attention to his expression. Upon seeing him hang up the phone, she brought over a cup of freshly brewed spirit tea and said, "Young Master, I feel that you're much happier after the call."

Lin Yuan laughed heartily and replied, "I'm finally relieved about the thing I've been worried about."

Besides improving his strength, the most important thing on his mind was Auntie Zhang and Uncle Li. As for Chu Ci, Cold Moon had arrived in Redbud City, so he was not worried about her.

During this period, Lin Yuan could feel how hard Chu Ci had been learning and practicing when he called her over the phone. Besides being proud, he was also a little heartbroken.

But more than anything else, he blamed himself, feeling as if he had raised a wonderful sister into the wrong path.

Although Lin Yuan never paid attention to his news on Star Web, he was very attentive to Chu Ci's news.

Not long ago, Chu Ci had started the Star Tower duels. Her terrifying talent and her Bronze/Fantasy Breed Obsidian Iron Wild Bull naturally attracted many people's attention. Some of Star Web's columnists were even writing articles about her.

Everything else was fine, but Chu Ci surprisingly had a very powerful and overbearing title on Star Web—Iron Bull Knight.

This title was not bad on a guy, but she was a young girl. Such a name was really a little too much.

Some time ago, when Chu Ci had called Lin Yuan, she had talked about her desire to start an extracurricular hobby. Lin Yuan was naturally in favor of it, as it was a pretty good thing.

However, when he learned she wanted to learn boxing, he felt as if he was simply going to split open.

After Lin Yuan had used all his strength to persuade her, she finally changed her mind from learning boxing to learning fencing.

Lin Yuan just wanted to put his hand on his forehead. Had he raised his sister on the wrong path, or was she like that in the first place and that he could not pull her back?

If Lin Yuan were given a chance now, he would never have let Chu Ci contract an Obsidian Iron Wild Bull. However, he was more at ease at her learning fencing. Any aspect of learning fencing would be much better than Zhang Xiaobai learning weird facial expressions.

Lin Yuan could not help but sigh. Next year, he could consider letting Chu Ci contract her third fey. Although he had a certain idea of her third fey, he did not have a clear choice yet, but he probably would have to add a new criterion.

Besides being powerful, her third fey needed to have good visuals as well. If the Obsidian Iron Wild Bull's savagery was 10,000 points, then Chu Ci's third contracted fey had to reduce that to zero points.

Lin Yuan dialed Gao Feng's number, and Gao Feng only picked up only after the ringing was about to end.

Lin Yuan only heard Gao Feng's hoarse voice on the other side, as if he had just woken up and was confused. However, his tone seemed bad.

"Who is it? I'm sleeping. I'll call you later when I wake up."

Lin Yuan raised his brows and felt that Gao Feng really got up on the wrong side of the bed.

"You don't want the Bronze/Epic support-type plant fey anymore?"

Just as Lin Yuan said that, he held the phone ten centimeters away from his ears, as he heard Gao Feng shout at the other end, "Brother! Finally! I waited for your call! Ahhh!"

Lin Yuan felt that this Gao Feng also had the talent of changing faces like in Sichuan opera.

"You said before that you want a support-type plant fey with a stronger attack. Do you have any specific one in mind?"

Gao Feng was no longer sleepy. In fact, when he heard Lin Yuan mention the Bronze/Epic fey, Gao Feng had been completely refreshed.

Upon hearing him say that, Gao Feng's heart thumped wildly, and his eyes shrank. As a core member of the richest Gao family in Wind Mist City, one of the 32 major cities in the Radiance Federation, Gao Feng simply did not have good listening and voice differentiation skills.

Lin Yuan's question was akin to showing that he could choose any support-type plant fey with offensive capabilities. The meaning of his words was self-evident. Only people who had at least a Class 4 Creation Master behind them could have the courage to say such words.

It was difficult for Class 4 Creation Masters to nurture a Bronze/Epic fey, but the words that had come out of Lin Yuan's mouth were as simple as casually asking if he had eaten.

Even with Wind Mist City's Gao family's wealth, he did not have the confidence to say such words.

All the cells in Gao Feng's body were telling him that it was time to cozy up to someone powerful.

However, he was somewhat embarrassed and stammered, "Brother, can I change from a support-type plant fey with offensive abilities to support abilities? That kind that can help humans to recover spiritual power?"

Gao Feng spoke carefully, obviously afraid that Lin Yuan would have any opinions of his change of mind.

When trading Bronze/Epic feys, suddenly changing one's mind on the species without permission after the agreement was a thing that did not score well.

Lin Yuan was surprised. What had Gao Feng experienced in the past few days?

What had made him change his focus on a fey with attacking abilities to one with supporting abilities?

The change was simply too big!

Lin Yuan's fey compatibility had always been inclined toward healing and support-type feys, which had little means of attacking. However, he had always been biased towards attack in his choice of enhancing his feys.

Meanwhile, his control, defense, and healing developed in an all-rounded manner, and he did not let himself show any shortcomings.

In just a few days, Gao Feng's change of mind was simply faster than an old lady spraining her back!

However, Lin Yuan did not have any opinions on his change of choice and replied, "Then do you have any more favorable choices among the support-type plant feys that can recover spiritual power?"

Gao Feng's eyes lit up as Lin Yuan's words were akin to giving him hope.

"Brother, do you have a Bronze/Epic Spirit Spring Lily?"

Upon hearing 'Spirit Spring Lily', Lin Yuan answered, "A Bronze/Epic Spirit Spring Lily is not cheap. The price of Bronze/Normal ones is usually comparable to Gold feys. Also, Spirit Spring Lilies require

extremely high purity of spirit qi when evolving, which even poses some difficulty to pinnacle Class 4 Creation Masters. There's a possibility of failure, so you should understand the price."

Gao Feng chuckled and replied, "Brother, don't worry. I, Gao Feng, have never been short of money. But can I have three Bronze/Epic Spirit Spring Lilies?"

Upon hearing that, Lin Yuan smacked his lips.

Young man, look at the way you speak!

Three Bronze/Epic Spirit Spring Lilies were much rarer than three Bronze/Epic Flame Veined Dragonflies that had awakened with the Silurian overload's bloodline and had been traded with the Lightning Sparrow King before. Thus, they were naturally more expensive.

Lin Yuan was thinking of exchanging for at least ten source-type items, in which there must also be two source-type items that were in high demand with relatively easy contract conditions before he would choose to exchange with Gao Feng.

When Gao Feng noticed Lin Yuan not speaking for a long time, he cautiously asked, "Then, may I exchange with an Island Whale?"

Upon hearing 'Island Whale', Lin Yuan said firmly, "Yes!"

Lin Yuan had never imagined that someone would be willing to exchange with an Island Whale, even if it was for three Bronze/Epic Spirit Spring Lilies.

The Island Whale's value was in a sense no less than a Bronze/Legend fey that had yet to appear on the market.

Chapter 248: Uttermost Flaunting

The Island Whale's value did not lie in how powerful it was but in its strategic significance.

Ever since the Spirit Qi Awakening, the ocean had become a forbidden ground for humans. Likewise, the skies above the ocean had also become just as dangerous as the deep sea.

After reaching Platinum, many of the feys living in the ocean had the means to attack the skies above the ocean. Some fish feys relied on shooting high-pressure water jets and even creating a hundred meters of huge waves, while some marine feys could even briefly jump toward the sky and launch attacks.

This was why only a few experts among humans had been able to venture into the ocean.

The world's territory was large, and there were many federations. However, the ocean separated these federations, so there were few opportunities to interact regularly.

Such a magical creature like the Island Whale had become a way for humans to wade into the ocean, and this was absolutely safe at that time.

The Island Whale was a very magical being. It could not be considered a living being, as it was not born from a pregnant mother but a large whale colony deep under the ocean.

The phenomenon of it sinking to the bottom of the ocean after its death was known as whale fall. A whale's carcass could support a submarine ecosystem for nearly 1,000 years. Only where thousands of magnificent cetaceans died together could be called a large whale fall.

A whale fall was the last form of gentleness the magnificent giants of this world gave to the ocean.

When one whale falls, myriad creatures are born.

When myriad whales fall, and the Island Whale is born.

Deep under the sea, after a whale's carcass experienced nearly 10,000 years, the deep-sea creatures would completely decompose it. Then, the large whale would leave a few sparkling jewel-like eggs in the deep sea, and in this egg was the Island Whale.

This showed that a rare fey like the Island Whale was an important strategic resource.

Due to this miracle of life, all the creatures in the ocean would not attack the Island Whale.

The unborn Island Whale slept in the jewel-like egg that appeared after the whale fall. Only after absorbing enough spirit qi would it automatically hatch.

Before reaching Diamond and becoming a Fantasy Breed, the Island Whale was just a dozen meters long, incomparable to ordinary cetacean feys.

When the pinnacle Diamond Island Whale became a Fantasy Breed and advanced to Suzerain, it would be so large that it looked like an island sheltered by the ocean on the raging sea. The stronger the Island Whale was after reaching Suzerain, the larger the area of the island became.

It could be said that the Island Whale was the only option for humans to venture into the ocean. Feys like the Island Whale could not be treated as feys, as each Suzerain Island Whale was a powerful foundation in the world that could deter other large forces.

Lin Yuan did not expect that Gao Feng would exchange an Island Whale for three Epic Spirit Spring Lilies. Although the three Spirit Spring Lilies' value was comparable to an Island Whale, it was incomparable in meaning.

This was because other Bronze/Epic feys could replace the three Bronze/Epic Spirit Spring Lilies. However, venturing into the sea without an Island Whale was impossible.

Lin Yuan did not know whether to say he was lucky or Gao Feng was squandering his family fortune.

When Gao Feng heard Lin Yuan agree so quickly, he was elated but hurriedly said, "Brother, even though I'm exchanging an Island Whale that is still in the jewel-like egg without wisdom, it may be a bit special."

Upon hearing that, Lin Yuan became solemn. "How special?"

Gao Feng replied with a bitter smile, "Brother, I can't explain how special it is. When we trade, I'll bring it over to you for you to see. You can then decide to exchange or not. If you don't want the Island Whale, I'll exchange with source-type items or precious spiritual materials. I certainly won't let you be on the losing end."

When Gao Feng said this, he had started thinking about how many source-type items he should prepare to bring over first. He was also trying to be prepared beforehand.

This unborn Island Whale was simply too special, so special that the Gao family had absolutely no way to hatch it.

The Gao family had a Class 4 Creation Master. However, not long after this Creation Master had reached Class 4, it was still very hard for him to enhance Bronze/Epic feys.

This Class 4 Creation Master still had foresight. Because of his determination, the Island Whale in the jewel-like egg had started to mutate. Since the Island Whale was rare, he could only figure that it had mutated.

There was not the slightest research on what mutation had occurred in the Island Whale, which was also why Gao Feng could exchange it.

Otherwise, even if Gao Feng was the only direct descendant of the Gao family, he was definitely not qualified to exchange such a fey that symbolized foundation.

Lin Yuan cared little about it. When Gao Feng took out the Island Whale, and Lin Yuan used True Data on it, he would know where the mutation was and whether it was worth the exchange.

Lin Yuan was meeting Gao Feng at 3 p.m., which was a few hours away. He started to buy Spirit Spring Lilies from the Star Web's Rare Lifeform Pavilion and enhanced them.

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At the Leaning Moon Mountain's Radiant Moon Palace's inner palace, as Mystic Moon looked at the proud yet somewhat worried Moon Empress, he could not help but say, "Moon Empress, it's a good thing that Young Lord did not come to ask for your help to write a recommendation letter. Instead, he used his Celestial Stairway's title to obtain the qualification to compete for the Radiance Hundred Sequence. You should be happy."

The Moon Empress glanced at him despondently and replied, "My disciple is naturally outstanding, but he's too independent. As his master, I always feel that I have not helped him on his path of growing."

Mystic Moon wanted to say something but did not do so. Instead, he kept it in his heart.

A true pride was never a flower in the greenhouse, but a person who faced hardships and created their own path using their own strength.

If Lin Yuan needed the Moon Empress' help for everything, it proved that she had made an error of judgment when choosing her disciple.

Thereafter, the Moon Empress only felt that the spirit tea no longer tasted fragrant and could not help but think of what Chef Supreme had said when she talked about her disciple with him. "I'm envious that you have accepted a good disciple. You can be so worry-free."

At the thought of this sentence, she stood up and asked Mystic Moon, “Chef Supreme is envious that I have it easy. Is he mocking me for not becoming a good master?”

Mystic Moon broke out in a cold sweat and cautiously answered, “I’m sure Chef Supreme did not mean that.”

He actually could not help but ridicule, I think Chef Supreme really envies Moon Empress.

The three disciples that Chef Supreme, a Class 5 Creation Master who had been famous all his life, had accepted were really worrisome.

It was said that the first disciple was not good at combat but was talented as a Creation Master. However, the path he took conflicted with what Chef Supreme had taught in the aspect of a Creation Master.

As a result, he insisted on his own path and left Chef Supreme to prove that his path was right. He had also left with Chef Supreme’s only biological daughter.

His second disciple was also an oddball. As he became a Creation Master, for some reason, he went out to sea to do business and opened a Spirit Food Pavilion with his master’s name, causing the entire Radiance Federation to think that Chef Supreme had opened it.

The third disciple was a recent disciple who was very outstanding in being both a Creation Master and spirit qi professional. However, he always loved to go into all kinds of dangerous places.

It was said that since his disciple went to dangerous places every now and then, Chef Supreme had heart palpitations.

Chef Supreme had assigned a Path Protector for his disciple, and it unexpectedly had a mental illness because of him.

Chef Supreme was already in such a miserable state teaching his disciples, so how could he still have the heart to mock others?

Wasn’t this akin to comparing whether potatoes or sweet potatoes were sweeter?

At that moment, Mystic Moon heard the Moon Empress snort. “That’s not right. Chef Supreme is certainly mocking me. I’ll definitely teach him a lesson when I see him the next time!”

Mystic Moon did not dare to say anything and just silently mourned three seconds for Chef Supreme.

Mystic Moon was not sure if Chef Supreme had meant to mock, but if the Moon Empress was going to settle scores with Chef Supreme, every word that she said about her disciple would absolutely seem like uttermost flaunting to him.

Chapter 249: Mutation, Yellow Spring Lily

Lin Yuan had already made plans to go out for training early tomorrow morning, so he agreed to meet Gao Feng at 3 p.m.

After completing the deal with Gao Feng, Lin Yuan had to go see his master, the Moon Empress, at the Radiant Moon Palace at night to have a final question-and-answer practice before going out for training.

Since there were only less than four hours left, Lin Yuan immediately logged onto Star Web and went to the Rare Lifeform Pavilion to purchase the Spirit Spring Lilies that Gao Feng had chosen.

For the support-type plant fey, Spirit Spring Lily, although it was relatively rare and expensive, it was not too hard to buy it in the Rare Lifeform Pavilion. That was because it was a kind of purely support-type fey without a high demand in the market.

The Spirit Spring Lily did not have offensive capabilities or control capabilities. Rather, it was a support-type plant fey that could inject a large amount of spirit qi into other feys' bodies to increase the strength of their abilities.

While the high-grade Spirit Spring Lily activated its ability, the spirit qi that gushed out of its bud was like a spouting spirit spring.

Although the Spirit Spring Lily's support ability was very powerful, its spirit qi professional was in an awkward situation, as the spirit qi professional could only rely on their teammates, no matter what.

If it were to be said that it was just like Poison Beauty's situation—where her contracted feys were extremely suitable for Star Tower duels and not a team of spirit qi professionals—then this contracted Spirit Spring Lily's spirit qi professional would only be suitable to join a team and not the Star Tower duel.

However, after a support-type spirit qi professional contracted a Spirit Spring Lily, they could be comparable to a healing-type spirit qi professional in a team.

This kind of spirit qi professional was even more powerful than a healing-type spirit qi professional in certain teams. However, the premise was that one needed to have a stable and reliable team of spirit qi professionals.

Lin Yuan somewhat did not understand. Gao Feng had contracted a Breeze Hibiscus, which was a kind of support-type plant fey that condensed spirit qi.

These three Spirit Spring Lilies were clearly in line with Gao Feng's fey compatibility, and he was obviously going to contract them.

Lin Yuan could not help but reveal a puzzled expression. Was Gao Feng trying to make himself into a battlefield spirit qi launching silo?

The higher the grade of a fey like the Spirit Spring Lily, the more obvious its role would be in a team. This meant that the Spirit Spring Lily was a kind of fey that had extremely high requirements for resources.

Since the Gao family was the richest family in Wind Mist City, Gao Feng naturally had the means to provide for three Spirit Spring Lilies. It was just that such a way of pairing feys was a bit too extreme.

Lin Yuan was the kind of person who did not like to have his fate in the hands of others, but Gao Feng's choice of contracted feys was akin to handing his fate into the hands of his teammates.

Lin Yuan bought three Spirit Spring Lilies from the Star Web's Rare Lifeform Pavilion and soon received them through Ostrich Logistics.

An accident occurred when he enhanced these three feys. One of the Spirit Spring Lily underwent a mutation when it got promoted to Bronze and turned into a Yellow Spring Lily.

This surprised Lin Yuan, as the probability of a Spirit Spring Lily mutating into a Yellow Spring Lily was simply too low.

Although it did not exist only in legends like the Blue Flash Butterfly mutating into the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly, it was not much different from the probability of winning 5,000,000 dollars with a lottery ticket.

If this Yellow Spring Lily did not consume too much spiritual energy for the contract, Lin Yuan would have wanted to keep it.

At present, Lin Yuan could only use a trace of spiritual energy from his mind, which could only contract a Normal/Normal fey.

Even if Lin Yuan's spiritual energy increased a little after eating the Cinnabar Osmanthus Hawthornia fruits, he would rather contract more Normal/Normal feys and slowly nurture them with that spiritual energy.

He would not be willing to contract a Bronze Yellow Spring Lily and waste so much of his spiritual energy.

Because the Spirit-Gather Goldfish and the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly were stuck at Bronze X/Legend and lacked a suitable Willpower Rune to advance to a Fantasy Breed, Morbius could not be promoted to Silver due to their grades.

As a result, Morbius' Spirit Lock spatial zone had been unable to unlock the fourth Spirit Lock position. Even if Morbius was promoted to Silver, Lin Yuan would not let it use Spirit Lock on the Yellow Spring Lily.

This was because the Yellow Spring Lily's ability was not suitable for Morbius' Spirit Lock.

The Yellow Spring Lily could sacrifice itself in a battle to restore a wounded fey to its full strength and would then enter a withered state and take a long time to recover. The target fey's grade must be lower than that of the Yellow Spring Lily.

Therefore, Morbius' Spirit Lock clashed with the Yellow Spring Lily's sacrificial ability.

The people around Lin Yuan were not suitable to contract this Yellow Spring Lily either, so he wanted to ask Gao Feng's opinion about this Yellow Spring Lily.

Gao Feng should be very interested in contracting this Yellow Spring Lily.

A Yellow Spring Lily could play a support role and raise a support-type spirit qi professional's strategic position in the team above the main output members. This was because the Yellow Spring Lily's ability could greatly increase the mistake tolerance in a team.

Many five-member teams tended to revolve around one or two main feys. The Spirit Spring Lily's role was akin to letting the team's main fey recover to its full strength instantly, no matter how severe its injuries were, as long as it did not die.

A Bronze/Epic Yellow Spring Lily was much higher in value than a Bronze/Epic Spirit Spring Lily. Thus, when trading, Lin Yuan naturally could not calculate the price of a Bronze/Epic Yellow Spring Lily based on the previously agreed price on trading a Bronze/Epic Spirit Spring Lily.

Nonetheless, Gao Feng and the Gao family behind him should be willing to and could pay for this Bronze/Epic Yellow Spring Lily.

At the same time, Lin Yuan was also looking forward to the peculiar Island Whale that Gao Feng would bring later that had yet to hatch from the jewel-like egg.

If a fey like the Island Whale experienced any abnormalities, there would only be one possibility—mutation.

Lin Yuan could not help but look forward to the difference between the mutated Island Whale that Gao Feng had mentioned and a normal one, so much so that Gao Feng was willing to regard such a strategic resource as his trump card to exchange with him.

Given the heritage of an affluent family like the Gao family, he would never easily take out important strategic resources.

Therefore, there must be an immense problem with this mutated Island Whale, so much so that even the Gao family felt that it was useless in its hands.

Not long after Lin Yuan enhanced three Spirit Spring Lilies and obtained two Bronze/Epic Spirit Spring Lilies and one Bronze/Epic Yellow Spring Lily, his cell phone rang. He glanced at it and found that it was Gao Feng.

"Brother, hehe! I'm already at the agreed place. It's a mansion? Brother, you have good taste. I looked at your place from outside, and it's pretty good!"

Upon hearing that, Lin Yuan replied, "Wait for me at the gate. I'll have someone fetch you in."

Lin Yuan went downstairs and asked Wen Yu to bring him in. In Lin Yuan's opinion, his deal with Gao Feng in a moment would be a process of enriching his resources.

He could get the rare spiritual materials or feys that the Star Web's Rare Lifeform Pavilion did not sell through this deal. Soon, Wen Yu brought Gao Feng to the mansion's entrance.

The jade-textured old pearwood inscribed board carved with 'Return from Faraway' was hung under the mansion's eaves and emitted a gold-red luster under the sunlight. The luster seemed to contain a simple wood texture.

Gao Feng had felt the difference of this mansion the moment he entered it.

Since it was late autumn, high-grade feys also changed accordingly because of the change of the season. For example, some tree feys would lose their leaves in late autumn, and flower feys would not bloom in winter but would be dormant.

But all the plants in the mansion seemed unaffected by the season. They were still verdant and lush.

Although the temperature inside and outside the mansion was the same, the plants' growth was just like the peak of summer.

Gao Feng had arrived at the mansion's entrance. Even though he had yet to step into the mansion, he could sense a large amount of spirit qi and a faint jade luster. He was shocked and was familiar with this jade luster alone.

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This jade luster was very lustrous as if it carried a natural elegance. Such a feeling was familiar to Gao Feng, who came from a wealthy family, because he placed a flower carving made of jade-textured willow wood at the head of his bed.

Gao Feng had yet to enter the mansion, but he could sense the glow during the daytime. He knew there was only one possibility. There were many things made of completely jade-textured wood in the mansion.

When he stepped into the mansion, he suddenly felt that he was not as confident as before. As someone from the richest family in Wind Mist City, it was also ranked among the wealthiest in the entire Radiance Federation. He was the only direct descendant of the Gao family, so the pride and vision in him were beyond ordinary people's imagination.

Even though Gao Feng was pleasing Lin Yuan very much, it was also because Lin Yuan had the Bronze/Epic fey that he needed. He would exchange the Gao family's useless mutated Island Whale with Lin Yuan, hoping to show his family's strength and wealth so that Lin Yuan knew the benefits of trading with the Gao family.

As Gao Feng, a direct descendant of the Gao family, now looked at the mansion's furnishings, his pride was gone. He certainly recognized the Glow-Winged Butterflies, Spirit-Containing Hibiscuses, and Five Fortune Ranchus. In Gao Feng's eyes, he converted these Bronze/Flawless feys into Radiance dollars.

A few among them likely had the potential to evolve into Bronze/Epic. It was too extravagant and amazing to raise such feys in the mansion.

Although Gao Feng could not name the three koi, he still had discerning eyes. They were superior auspicious feys, and each of them could be worth dozens of Bronze/Epic feys.

Besides, the completely jade-textured furniture and the red sandalwood fish tank used as a feature wall let Gao Feng clearly realize how deep the mansion owner's foundation was.

The jade-textured wood was not absent in the Gao family, but most of it had been made into ornaments and relief sculptures. Those made into furniture would inevitably be damaged from being knocked against.

In Gao Feng's opinion, casually using the furniture made from jade-textured wood could be considered an act of being prodigal.

The Gao family's main residence was next to the mountains and close to the water, and the decoration inside with a thousand-year heritage seemed to be less luxurious than the decoration and furnishings in this mansion.

Gao Feng withdrew the pride he had for this trade.

If it was to be said that he had only regarded Lin Yuan as a brother on the surface before, he really wanted to be friends with Lin Yuan now.

Gao Feng's mind was very flexible. There was no harm fawning upon this youth before his eyes.

As a son of an affluent family, he had a measure of the strength and status of the people in his friends' circle. In his opinion, only people with similar strength and heritage could become friends who shared resources because the combination of the strong could allow one to become stronger.

If the strong side did not take in the weak side as a subordinate, the weak side would be akin to a burden.

Wen Yu said at that moment, "Young Master, I've brought Gao Feng in. I'm going to help Uncle Hu to see what else needs to be carefully carved and designed in the mansion."

Lin Yuan nodded, and Wen Yu gave a salute and left the mansion. This shocked Gao Feng even more. He could sense Wen Yu's temperament, demeanor, and arrogance.

This kind of arrogance was the kind of pride with courtesy, which would only be nurtured among huge influences.

Gao Feng had always thought that Wen Yu was the mansion's owner, but he now knew that this young girl before his eyes was this youth's servant.

Lin Yuan did not care about Gao Feng's current thoughts and said, "Come, let's sit down and talk."

Then, he poured Gao Feng a cup of spirit tea that had been brewed on the table for a short while. When Gao Feng took a sip and tasted it, he could tell that it should be made from a Platinum tea tree.

However, he did not know what kind of species it was. He had never drunk it before.

There was a hint of clear taste in the spirit tea that would immediately leave a sweet aftertaste. When the spirit tea entered the mouth and went down the throat, it was as if one had a faint, beautiful dream. It was extraordinarily peculiar.

Gao Feng saw the crane shadowed censer and could not help but ask, "Can I see what incense is burning in it?"

Lin Yuan picked up a teacup, drank a mouthful of spirit tea, and replied, "Go ahead."

Since he had seen Lin Yuan's foundation, Gao Feng was not at all surprised at this crane shadowed censer made from jade-textured Dragonblood Golden Silk Bamboo.

The smell from this incense burner was simply too calming, making Gao Feng feel calm when he smelled it.

However, when he opened the lid engraved with the crane shadow and glanced at the incense burning inside and the spiraling smoke rising from the black crystal powder, Gao Feng hurriedly put the crane-shadowed lid back onto the crane shadowed censer.

Gao Feng felt like he was going to split open. At a glance, he recognized that this black crystal powder was the jade-textured agarwood.

A trace of fine powder of such things, which could even be sold for hundreds of thousands of Radiance dollars, was counted as an elegant item. But now, someone had actually smashed one whole piece of it into pieces and burned it in the incense burner. This was simply not taking Radiance dollars seriously. Hundreds of thousands of Radiance dollars were burning in these few minutes.

Was it just to smell the imperceptible calming aroma from the agarwood?

When Lin Yuan saw Gao Feng staring at the crane shadowed censer at a loss, he first took out a Bronze/Epic Spirit Spring Lily and placed it on the table before saying, "These are the Bronze/Epic Spirit Spring Lilies. What's with the peculiar Island Whale that has yet to hatch from the egg?"

Gao Feng saw that in three bloomed buds of the light-pink Bronze/Epic Spirit Spring Lilies, the spirit qi seemed to be flowing like a mountain spring. He was elated.

He then waved his hand and summoned an oval crystal-like egg nearly half a meter tall from the flower-shaped Diamond fey storage box on his wrist.

The eggs of ordinary Island Whales were dark blue with some brown lines, but Lin Yuan found that the egg of the peculiar Island Whale in front of him presented an extremely light blue color with inconspicuous green and white lines.

Lin Yuan could not help but say, "Your Island Whale egg has a much different color than what I know."

His words made Gao Feng a little embarrassed. After knowing Lin Yuan's foundation, Gao Feng decided that he wanted to be friends with him. He replied, "You should know how to nurture the Island Whale. If it wants to hatch from the egg, it needs to devour a large amount of spirit qi and water elements. Isn't there a saying that whales swallow heaven and earth? So the resources spent trying to cultivate a Fantasy Breed Island Whale are even more extravagant than feeding 100 king-class experts."