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Chapter 271: Epiphany! Twin Red Pagoda's Salvation!

There was nothing else in this golden metal disc except for this small tree. It was about half a meter tall and looked very elegant yet strange.

Its leaves were a pure golden color that was unlike as tacky as the color of metal. Instead, it was like the color emitted by the most dazzling sun in the afternoon.

Its trunk and branches were very plain brown, but this brown trunk had a strange pattern that Lin Yuan found familiar at a glance.

He immediately recalled the phoenix plumes that Hu Quan had carved on the platane wood shelf in his Spirit Lock spatial zone.

Lin Yuan felt that the trunk's and branches' pattern was like the phoenix feathers Hu Quan had carved on the platane wood.

However, the texture on the platane wood in the Spirit Lock spatial zone was carved by hands, while the one on the trunk and branches on this elegant yet strange small tree were naturally grown.

The golden leaves on the branches of this small tree were in the shape of five claws. In Lin Yuan's opinion, they seemed to be like the claws of avian feys but not as sharp as theirs.

This half-meter-tall small tree grew toward the south, and its branches and leaves ringed together like a golden bird's nest.

The more Lin Yuan looked at it, the more he felt that the branches and leaves of the half-meter-tall small tree were growing in the shape of a bird's nest.

There seemed to be a thin fur layer on the leaves that emitted a soft glow with a sense of holy beauty. The pattern on the trunk that was like phoenix plumes was absorbing the huge amount of spirit qi from the roots of the Twin Red Pagoda's main flower. It was flowing with a dazzling golden glow, looking divine and extraordinary.

Lin Yuan did not know what kind of fey this elegant and strange small tree was and its uses, but he would be able to know once he summoned Morbius and used True Data on it.

However, Lin Yuan did not want to summon this small tree out of the golden disc. If he risked summoning it, this small golden tree would not be able to absorb spiritual power from the roots of the Twin Red Pagoda's main flower. It would likely experience unpredictable changes with the flame energy in this flame vortex.

The Twin Red Pagoda's support flower had produced the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire at that moment.

As long as the small golden tree's spirit qi absorption from the roots of the Twin Red Pagoda's main flower was cut off, the Twin Red Pagoda's support flower would instantly wither upon sensing the matured Lifeform Sacrificial Fire.

If the support flower withered, this Twin Red Pagoda would only be left with an almost withered main flower and a matured Lifeform Sacrificial Fire.

The Lifeform Sacrificial Fire was ranked seventh among the world of fire-element spiritual materials because of its original characteristics.

With the injection of a large amount of fire elements from the red vortex, the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire that contained the vitality would likely be changed and metamorphosed into a brand new flame.

However, no matter how powerful this metamorphosed flame was, it would no longer be the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire.

Just like the Elemental Shellfish, although it was powerful when it reached Bronze, it lost its original function.

Therefore, Lin Yuan could only make a risky move and see whether he could save the Twin Red Pagoda's main flower so that it could absorb the huge amount of fire-element energy from the red vortex.

He now had some doubts that the Twin Red Pagoda was twins at first. The Red Pagoda that produced the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire in this small strange golden tree had used all its strength to produce a support bud to find a way out for the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire that it had produced with all its might. Such an evolution in the crisis made the normal Red Pagoda mutate into a Twin Red Pagoda.

The Twin Red Pagoda's main flower had not produced a mature Lifeform Sacrificial Fire yet. Thus, only the Twin Red Pagoda's support flower would dissipate. What Lin Yuan had to do was to let the main flower absorb this fire-element energy from the red flame.

This would ensure that the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire would not mutate under this fire element and allow the Twin Red Pagoda's main flower to bloom again and produce a new Lifeform Sacrificial Fire.

Lin Yuan summoned Morbius in his heart.

"Morbius, what are the chances of using the Pure Land of Bliss to heal this Twin Red Pagoda's main flower?"

Morbius' voice rang in his mind.

"Yuan, regarding the state of this Twin Red Pagoda, as long as you are willing to use a spirit qi crystal, the large amount of pure spirit qi in it can revive its main flower."

Upon hearing that, Lin Yuan did not hesitate to take a spirit qi crystal out of the Spirit Lock spatial zone. If this Twin Red Pagoda's main flower was revived, as long as it could produce another Lifeform Sacrificial Fire, he would be willing to use ten spirit qi crystals, let alone one.

Morbius' Spirit Qi Condensation only took around seven days to condense one spirit qi crystal in the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

This was only the effect of Morbius' ability at Bronze/Legend. If it were to reach Silver, then its Spirit Qi Condensation would become even stronger, and there would be more spirit qi in the condensed spirit qi crystal.

It had been more than a month since Lin Yuan had enhanced his source-type Source Sand from Bronze X/Fantasy I to Gold I/Fantasy I.

That small limestone bowl in the Spirit Lock spatial zone now had six spirit qi crystals. Lin Yuan naturally would not let go of such a good thing of using a spirit qi crystal that condensed in seven days in exchange for the Red Pagoda. As long as he nurtured the Red Pagoda, it was akin to having a Lifeform Sacrificial Fire.

Lin Yuan took out that spirit qi crystal and placed it on the Twin Red Pagoda's main flower. The moment he crushed the sparkling spirit qi crystal with the force of his fingers, he broke the connection between the golden disc and the root of the Twin Red Pagoda's main flower.

At that moment, the Twin Red Pagoda's support flower instantly withered, and a dark-green flame that was like a burning emerald appeared on where the support flower was before.

Lin Yuan reached out and held this emerald Lifeform Sacrificial Fire. It gave him the feeling as though it was warm water containing a huge amount of vitality that was not hot at all. It felt warm in his palms.

Although the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire was a kind of very strange flame, it did not have the characteristics of a burning flame but contained a strong vitality, which terrified Lin Yuan. It was worthy of being able to replace the tree core of plant feys and allow them to regain life again.

As Lin Yuan looked at the emerald Lifeform Sacrificial Fire, he suddenly entered a wonderful state of epiphany. He was no stranger to it at all.

Chapter 272: The Bottomline of Chimey's Mutation Again (1/3)

Long ago, Lin Yuan had experienced the Mother of Bloodbath promote from Myth I to Myth II. After it had gained a new lease of life after the destruction, he had a vague feeling of epiphany. Although he could feel this epiphany feeling, he did not understand it.

Lin Yuan had been present as the Diamond X/Legend Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia was comprehending a Willpower Rune to reach Suzerain at the Radiant Moon Palace's entrance. In order to accumulate energy, it had withered the flowers and green leaves, only to wait for the next bloom.

Such a scene had let Lin Yuan have a better understanding of that vague feeling that he could not understand earlier.

It now seemed that the Twin Red Pagoda's support flower had spent its life nurturing a fire. Although the support flower had withered, it had gained a new lease of life through the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire.

Lin Yuan only felt that a Willpower Rune containing the willpower of nurturing a new lease of life in destruction suddenly appeared in his spiritual spatial zone.

He was now only left with two Willpower Runes in his spiritual spatial zone. During the extreme massacre under the dimensional rift outside the Redbud City's Xia Region and the other during the new lease of life after the destruction, he had comprehended one of them.

Although this Willpower Rune contained a kind of endless vitality, it was different from the Willpower Rune that Lin Yuan had obtained by watching the revival of the plants on the green hill and had fused with the Jasmine Lily.

This Willpower Rune was very special. Such destruction referred to stimulating one's potential after being badly wounded and welcoming a new life.

The Willpower Rune he had obtained from the revival of the plants on the green hill was suitable for healing-type feys. However, this new Willpower Rune that he had comprehended was suitable for combat-class feys.

There was the feeling of 'cleaning up the old mountains and rivers' and starting the battle again.

Somehow, Lin Yuan felt that this newly acquired Willpower Rune was more suitable for Red Thorn than the Willpower Rune he had acquired under extreme massacre. His epiphany was completed in just a moment.

He had now comprehended six Willpower Runes. He had given one to the Jasmine Lily and Chimey respectively to allow them to become Fantasy Breeds, and another two to the contracted source-type Source Sand.

The remaining two Willpower Runes were unsuitable for the Spirit-Gather Goldfish, Blue Flash Purple Butterfly, and Genius. Instead, they were suitable for Red Thorn. He had to choose exactly which Willpower Rune to use when Red Thorn became a Fantasy Breed.

Just as Lin Yuan crushed the spirit qi crystal that he had placed on the Twin Red Pagoda's main flower, the main flower greedily absorbed the extremely pure and majestic spirit qi from the broken spirit qi crystal.

The main flower's burning red flame and the trace of greenish intent in it that was thinner than a hair slowly grew under the injection of this pure spirit qi.

At that moment, the fire-elemental energy in the crimson vortex in the sky was also pressed down.

Lin Yuan let the Twin Red Pagoda's remaining main flower welcome this crimson flame vortex's fire-elemental energy. He watched it grow a little bit under the nourishment of such majestic fire-elemental energy and even faintly sprouted a few red shoots.

The greenish intent in the Twin Red Pagoda's main flower's faint red flame constantly jumped as though an old man who was on the brink of death had the vitality of youth.

The Twin Red Pagoda's main flower would still need some time to completely absorb the fire-elemental energy in the crimson vortex.

At that moment, Lin Yuan composed his mind and checked that golden-disc-shaped spatial equipment. After looking at it, he was quite elated. This spatial equipment could simply save him a great deal of effort in the future.

Lin Yuan had to regularly move the energy ores into the spirit pool to replenish the Spirit Lock spatial zone's spirit qi. Only by injecting spiritual energy into the Radiance Federation's fey storage box could he ensure that the space inside and outside the fey storage box was connected.

Therefore, he had to spend great efforts to replenish the energy ores in the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

However, this golden-disc-shaped spatial equipment was different from the Radiance Federation's fey storage box. It always maintained a constant state of connection between the outside and inside.

Lin Yuan only needed to fill the golden disc with energy ores and place it at the spirit pool's bottom. Before this golden disc's energy ores were consumed, he did not have to move it as before, which would save him great efforts.

The golden disc's energy ores could be used for a good period in the Spirit Lock spatial zone. After all, the size of this golden-disc-like spatial equipment was comparable to the Platinum fey storage box.

He summoned that strange small golden tree from the golden disc with a thought and used Morbius' True Data to check it, which greatly shocked him. After the shock, he revealed a hint of joy.

Upgrading the quality of Fantasy Breed feys had always been hard for Lin Yuan. If it was said that it was as slow as 'an old bull pulling a cart' for him to enhance Fantasy Breed feys' grades, then it would be like 'an old bull pulling a train' to upgrade the Fantasy Breed feys' quality.

When his first fey Jasmine Lily had become a Fantasy Breed, he had tried to enhance it from Fantasy Breed I to Fantasy Breed II. It had taken him nearly one month to enhance it from Bronze X/Fantasy I to Silver I/Fantasy I.

However, after five days of trying to enhance it from Fantasy I to Fantasy II, he had decided to give up. This was because as he had been channeling a large amount of pure spirit qi into the Fantasy Breed Jasmine Lily in the Spirit Lock spatial zone over the five days, he had found that it was not much of a help for it.

It could even be said that in these five days, Lin Yuan could not even feel his Jasmine Lily being enhanced from Fantasy I to Fantasy II.

After asking his master, the Moon Empress, he knew that when feys became Fantasy Breeds, the enhancement from Fantasy I to Fantasy V had not much to do with their potential. When Fantasy Breed feys reached Diamond/Fantasy V, they would have a chance to reach Myth.

Thus, Lin Yuan was also reassured to normally enhance his feys, which had become Fantasy Breeds at Bronze.

It was no longer like how he enhanced feys to Fantasy Breeds, for fear of affecting their potential and causing them to be stuck at Bronze X/Legend.

Chapter 273: Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree (2/3)

It could be said that the biggest problem Lin Yuan had faced before was raising these Fantasy Breed feys from Fantasy I to Fantasy V.

He had asked Morbius about the spirit qi crystals condensed by its Spirit Qi Condensation in the Spirit Lock spatial zone. He would need at least over 100 of them to promote Fantasy Breed feys from Fantasy

I to Fantasy II. Morbicus would need at least more than two years to condense them with its current power.

This period was simply too long for him. Moreover, this was only to promote the Fantasy Breed feys from Fantasy I to Fantasy II.

Therefore, even if Lin Yuan has extremely strong capabilities as a Creation Master and could do things that other Creation Masters could not, he could only promote his Fantasy Breed feys from Fantasy I to Fantasy V by searching for treasures that could help improve the Fantasy Breed feys' quality like other spirit qi professionals.

It had a collective name—Heaven and Earth Feys.

Heaven and Earth Feys were different from ordinary feys. Spirit qi professionals could contract with ordinary feys that had grades, qualities, abilities, and exclusive skills.

These Heaven and Earth Feys were just like the Cinnabar Osmanthus Haworthia Lin Yuan had obtained that could increase spiritual energy and the Red Pagoda that could produce the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire. Spirit qi professionals could not contract such feys.

Although they had grades and qualities, they did not have abilities or exclusive skills. Rather than saying the Heaven and Earth Feys were a kind of fey that could mature, they were a kind of spiritual materials that could grow.

Each kind of Heaven and Earth Fey had its own unique uses. For example, the Cinnabar Osmanthus Haworthia Lin Yuan had obtained earlier could bear fruits that could increase spiritual energy, while the Red Pagoda could produce the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire.

The strange and elegant small tree that Lin Yuan had taken out of the golden disc was a Heaven and Earth Fey. The Cinnabar Osmanthus Haworthia in the Spirit Lock spatial zone was also a relatively common Heaven and Earth Fey.

At that moment, Lin Yuan's Cinnabar Osmanthus Haworthia was already Gold VIII/Flawless. When it reached Platinum, it would mature and could bear fruits to restore spiritual energy.

After a Heaven and Earth Fey like the Cinnabar Osmanthus Haworthia bore fruits that could restore spiritual energy, its grade could never be raised again.

The Platinum Cinnabar Osmanthus Haworthia was akin to entering the maturity stage, and its accumulated energy would be contributed to the condensed fruit.

Of course, when it reached the maturity stage, its quality could be raised. The quality of Heaven and Earth Feys could be upgraded to Legend at most. The higher the quality of the Cinnabar Osmanthus Haworthia was, the better its fruits' ability to restore spiritual energy.

Thanks to True Data, this Twin Red Pagoda had reached Platinum/Epic. Only when the Heaven and Earth Fey, Red Pagoda, reached Platinum would it have been considered reaching the maturity stage. At that time, it could then produce the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire.

However, the energy contained in its main flower had been absorbed by this strange and elegant small tree, so the main flower entered a dormant state. Although its grade and quality remained, it had also

hurt its roots. If it wanted to restore its roots and condense the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire, it would need to have some warm nourishment.

Fortunately, the Twin Red Pagoda's main flower that had absorbed a large amount of pure spirit qi from Lin Yuan's spirit qi crystal had awakened from dormancy.

Given the huge amount of pure fire-elemental energy in this flame vortex, after the Platinum Twin Red Pagoda's matured main flower absorbed this large amount of fire-elemental energy, it should be able to recover some of its damaged roots.

Then, the Red Pagoda's red dragon-tooth-shaped flower would once again bloom on the withered main flower and produce the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire.

Although Lin Yuan had never heard of this strange and elegant small golden tree before, thanks to True Data, its detailed information solved the huge problem he faced before.

This strange and elegant small golden tree was called the Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree. Under the True Data, it was shown to have reached Gold I/Legend.

Lin Yuan did not expect to see a Heaven and Earth Fey reach Legend before maturing.

Upgrading a Heaven and Earth Fey's quality was not as easy as ordinary feys. It had to consume several times more resources than ordinary feys.

The Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree had reached the limit of a Heaven and Earth Fey, but it was now only at Gold and had yet to reach Platinum. It would still need a short time to mature.

With the information obtained from Morbius' True Data, Lin Yuan knew that this Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree needed to absorb a large amount of pure spiritual power and regularly devour the strange flame for its survival and evolution.

As long as a large amount of pure spirit qi and the strange flame were enough, its grade could slowly increase.

A Heaven and Earth Fey like the Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree could not reach Legend when it was still in its wild state and had yet to mature.

If a Heaven and Earth Fey wanted to reach Legend, it had to accumulate for a very long time after it reached a matured state at Platinum to be able to do so.

In other words, this Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree previously had an owner who had used an unknown amount of resources to allow it to reach Legend at Gold. That person had probably prepared the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire produced from this Red Pagoda for the Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree as well. The vitality in the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire could even be used as a plant core and give plants a second life.

One could imagine how precious such a strange flame like the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire was to plants.

The Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree's owner had clearly intended to use the Red Pagoda to nurture the Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree. However, it was simply a waste to do so, in Lin Yuan's opinion.

Its original owner was clearly the owner of this golden-disc-like spatial equipment. No matter what this person was up to regarding the controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift, Lin Yuan had become the owner of this Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree.

Chapter 274: Sequence #6 Thunderstorm Feast (3/3)

A Heaven and Earth Fey like the Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree would not bear fruits that could increase the spiritual energy like the Cinnabar Osmanthus Hawthorn, nor would it produce the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire like the Red Pagoda.

It created nothing, but it could purify avian feys' bloodline and increase their quality. As long as the avian feys perched on the bird's nest made of the Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree branches, the latter would slowly offer its body energy to them. It was very effective in stimulating the avian feys' bloodline.

After Lin Yuan checked the Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree's True Data, he stored it and the golden disc in the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

If his greatest gain was the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire before, he now felt that no matter how many Lifeform Sacrificial Fire there was, it could not be compared to the immature Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree.

Although his contracted fey, Chimey, had become a Twilight Starbird, it had evolved from a Sound Bird.

Even though its grade had constantly risen thanks to Lin Yuan injecting pure spirit qi after it had become a Twilight Starbird, Chimey could only wait for the opportunity to evolve its bloodline.

Fey bloodlines would experience a qualitative change when they reached Bronze. After metamorphosing into a Fantasy Breed, their bloodlines would undergo another qualitative change.

Chimey had gone through the two stages of Bronze and Fantasy Breed. Although its bloodline might evolve when its grade was raised in the future, the chances for its bloodline's natural evolution were very slim for a Sound Bird like Chimey, which was not even a fey at first.

Lin Yuan had always felt that Chimey's evolution path was inclined toward that of the legendary phoenix. However, it was quite different, as Chimey had never given up its sound-type as a Sound Bird.

Chimey could once again tap into its latent bloodline as a Sound Bird with this Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree.

When Fantasy Breed feys reached Fantasy III, their bloodline would have a chance to metamorphose. If Chimey could reach Fantasy III and the Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree purified its bloodline, it would be time for Chimey to take another qualitative leap that was even greater than when it had become a Fantasy Breed.

At the same time, Lin Yuan no longer needed to worry about Chimey's quality enhancement with this Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree.

As long as it rested on this bird's nest made of the Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree branches, and he constantly fed the Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree with pure spirit qi and the strange flame, the Fantasy Breed Chimey's quality enhancement would no longer be a problem that plagued Lin Yuan.

Given enough time, Chimey naturally would reach Fantasy III or even Fantasy V.

At present, the Twin Red Pagoda's main flower seemed to have completely absorbed the crimson vortex. The red bud that emerged from the Twin Red Pagoda's main flower became unusually plump. The petal growth now seemed to Lin Yuan to be almost the same as that of the support flower.

The flaming green light that was originally thinner than a strand of hair within the red flames ringed by the leaves at the top of the main flower had now turned into vibrant, dancing flames.

Even though this green flame was filled with dexterity, it was not considered strong. The crimson vortex in the sky had now completely disappeared.

Lin Yuan could feel many adventurers were in the one-kilometer radius of quicksand his source-type Source Sand had dug in the mountain valley, thinking of a way to trudge over.

Just as he was about to store the Twin Red Pagoda, which seemed to have recovered, into the Diamond fey storage box, the sand grains at the cave entrance that Lin Yuan had added with the ferromanganese characteristics were suddenly blown away by something.

He only saw a slender, bronze-skinned youth with peach blossom eyes and flat-top hair appear before he whistled and said, "The things here have actually been taken away. What did you store in the fey storage box just now? Finders keepers. Give it to me, and I'll let you go."

Lin Yuan raised his eyebrows. "Are you trying to rob me?"

The young man had a cold face, but he was stunned to hear 'rob' from Lin Yuan.

"The world's treasures are for those who are capable. You have picked up the loot in this valley first, so I can only take them from you if I want them."

Lin Yuan's voice still sounded very flat, but he was ready for a fight.

"So you still want to rob my loot?"

When that young man with peach blossom eyes and a flat-top head heard Lin Yuan say that, he immediately became a little reluctant and replied, "You need strength to be able to keep the loot. This Class 3 abyss dimensional rift is not like outside. One mistake will lead you to doom."

He then channeled his spiritual power, and Lin Yuan saw a 15-meter-long huge crocodile covered in lightning flashes appear in this small cave. It had heavy white armor but did not look clumsy at all. Instead, it looked very agile.

The huge crocodile's eyes showed a thunderclap-like blue-purple color, with a sense of oppression like a primitive beast. It moved its tail suddenly and hit on the cave wall.

After the flame in the huge flame vortex baked the cave wall, it had long been completely stripped of water and cracked.

The 15-meter-long huge white crocodile with lightning flashes constantly hit the cracked cave wall, causing the cave to collapse. The collapsed cave wall turned into fine dust and sand and fell on the land the Source Sand had reformed, which then created dust everywhere. The wind in this abyss dimensional rift that contained an acrid sulfuric smell blew the dust.

At first, Lin Yuan had not recognized who this young man with a pair of peach blossom eyes and the flat-top head was. Nonetheless, when that young man summoned the huge crocodile, Lin Yuan immediately knew of his identity.

Lin Yuan had previously focused on this young man's information when he had checked the strength of the Radiance Hundred Sequence members on Star Web.

Besides the fact that this young man was at the top of the Radiance Hundred Sequence, his talent was too special.

Most thunder-element feys are good at attacking, but the young man in front of me has a defense-type thunder-element fey.

Defense-type thunder-element feys were considered very unorthodox and niche types of feys. They were very rare. A very common defense-type thunder-element Bronze fey had an equivalent price to better species of power offense-type thunder-element Gold feys.

At the same time, the defense-type thunder-element feys' abilities and exclusive skills were mostly unorthodox.

However, the young man in front used a defense-type thunder-element fey and walked on a traditional path of a defense-type spirit qi professional. He was the top of the younger generation of defense-type spirit qi professionals in the Radiance Federation.

The young man with peach blossom eyes and a flat-top head was the Radiance Hundred Sequence #6, Shi Xu, also known as 'Thunderstorm Feast'.

Of course, in addition to the title of 'Thunderstorm Feast', he also had a title called 'Working Emperor', but Lin Yuan did not know the meaning of 'Working Emperor'.

Chapter 275: Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile

At that moment, the Class 3 abyss dimensional rift's temperature had slowly risen back up. When that majestic crimson flame vortex disappeared, the controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift had returned to normal from its closed state.

A large amount of fire elements flooded in from the hub that connected the controlled Class 3 dimensional rift connected to the abyssal world and immediately allowed the abyss dimensional rift to return to its original high temperature of nearly 50 degrees.

Its sudden rise back to 50 degrees from 20 degrees was just like a person who had just come out of the ice water being locked in a sauna. These adventurers in this controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift could not catch their breath.

Outside the completely collapsed cave, the wind gradually dispersed the flying dust.

Lin Yuan used True Data to check this 15-meter-long huge crocodile with a pure-white body covered with lightning flashes.

[Fey Name]: Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile

[Fey Species]: Sarcosuchus/Loricata

[Fey Grade]: Platinum (4/10)

[Fey Type]: Thunder

[Fey Quality]: Fantasy I

Abilities:

[Tail Block]: Uses the strong skin armor on its huge tail to resist damage.

[Muscle Thunder Energy]: Rapidly mobilize the energy within its muscles to generate a large amount of thunder energy.

[Rapid Thunder Armor Protection]: Quickly form a layer of armor protection formed by thunder around the target to help resist external damage.

[Thunder Armor Boost]: Increases the hardness of the released Rapid Thunder Armor and ability to resist damage. When the Rapid Thunder Armor cannot resist, it will automatically fill in the Muscle Thunder Energy's thunder energy.

[Hundred Armor Demonstration]: Instantly bursts the thunder energy stored in its body to generate over a hundred Rapid Thunder Armor. At the same time, it can also casually mobilize the thunder energy in the Rapid Thunder Armor for effective defense.

Exclusive Skill:

[Sturdy Thunder Pattern]: The thunder contains a thunder pattern that can increase sturdiness. When the thunder pattern breaks, it will instantly release a large amount of thunder energy.

[Active Thunderclap]: The thunder released is always active. When struck, the thunder will burst outward and counteract the attack and assimilate part of the energy into active thunder energy.

This 15-meter-long huge crocodile covered with lightning flashes on its pure-white body had the same name as Shi Xu's signature fey on Star Web—Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile.

In the past few months that he had the ability of a Creation Master, he had seen some defense-type thunder-element feys, but most of them had a mediocre aptitude.

This Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile should have evolved from a kind of low-grade defense-type thunder-element crocodile fey. However, Lin Yuan did not know which species it had evolved from.

Even if he had Morbius' True Data, he still could not check what kind of low-grade defense-type thunder-element crocodile fey this Platinum IV/Fantasy I Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile had evolved from.

Take Chimey as an example. Even Class 5 Creation Masters like Bamboo Monarch, Chef Supreme, and even Lin Yuan's master, the Moon Empress, had personally checked and analyzed.

However, they could not see that the Silver I/Fantasy I Chimey had evolved from a Sound Bird that was not even considered a fey.

This Platinum IV/Fantasy I Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile had the same evolution as Chimey. Its bloodline had been completely purified.

In Lin Yuan's opinion, Chimey seemed to be evolving toward a phoenix and purifying its bloodline, while the Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile was evolving toward a dragon.

It was not evolving toward prehistoric dragon-species but toward a flood dragon's bloodline, which was on par with the phoenix in ancient texts.

Although this Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile could still be seen as a crocodile at a glance, its body was not as bloated as a normal crocodile.

It was also not crawling on the ground with its four limbs like a normal crocodile. Instead, its forelimbs had become longer, just like lying on the ground.

A fey, especially a rare defense-type thunder-element fey, being able to evolve toward a flood dragon was akin to having unlimited possibilities in terms of aptitude.

However, Lin Yuan had seen Long Tao's Platinum X/Fantasy III's Sea King Chalk Mosasaurus in the Radiant Moon Palace and knew that this Platinum IV/Fantasy I Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile would never be Shi Xu's strongest fey.

Even though it was his signature fey, he could not have been ranked sixth in the Radiance Hundred Sequence based on it alone.

Just as Liu Jie had said, the Radiance Hundred Sequence members were shady. Most of their revealed feys were those they had used when they entered the Radiance Hundred Sequence's selection competition.

They had hidden their growth of many years after being selected by the Radiance Hundred Sequence, waiting for the right time to display their abilities.

But Lin Yuan had to say that this Platinum IV/Fantasy I Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile was indeed powerful.

Most defense-type thunder-element feys' abilities and exclusive skills were rather strange because an element like thunder was very violent and extremely aggressive. It was unsuitable for defense, unlike the water and earth elements.

The Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile's Normal ability, Tail Block, could be described as a moderate ability that could effectively help it block powerful attacks.

Its remaining abilities, Muscle Thunder Energy, Thunder Armor Boost, and Hundred Armor Demonstration, were actually increasing the defense ability of its Silver ability, Rapid Thunder Armor Protection, allowing it to be more robust and versatile.

The Muscle Thunder Energy could effectively increase the amount of thunder elements that the Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile could control.

A 15-meter-long primitive beast like the Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile contained a lot of energy in its body. Based on Muscle Thunder Energy, it could rapidly transform the energy in its body into a large amount of thunder elements.

The Thunder Armor Boost could maintain the armor's strength formed by the Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile's Rapid Thunder Armor Protection through consuming the thunder-element energy that it could control.

In other words, the armor formed by the Rapid Thunder Armor Protection would not break until there is not a drop of thunder element under its control.

The Hundred Armor Demonstration changed the Rapid Thunder Armor Protection from single-target protection to multi-target protection and could even greatly increase the efficiency of the use of thunder elements.

It could condense the Thunder Armor's thunder elements into one point and use a great density of thunder elements to resist damage.

It could be said that based on the Platinum IV/Fantasy I Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile's abilities, it was enough to be considered a top defense-type fey.

Moreover, its two exclusive skills, Sturdy Thunder Pattern and Active Thunderclap, strengthened the Rapid Thunder Armor's defense ability and greatly increased the Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile's endurance.

The large amount of thunder energy released by the breakage of the thunder pattern formed by its exclusive skill, Sturdy Thunder Pattern, could instantly replenish the Rapid Thunder Armor's consumption.

The Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile's second exclusive skill, Active Thunderclap, was a direct application of the thunder elements' attack characteristics.

The Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile cleverly used the attack characteristics for defense.

It used the collision of the thunder-element energy and the attack energy to offset the pressure that the Rapid Thunder Armor needed to bear in defense.

Regardless of what trump card Shi Xu had been hiding during the years he had been part of the Radiance Hundred Sequence, his signature fey, Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile, alone was enough to make him the top defense-type spirit qi professional among the younger generation of the Radiance Federation.

Chapter 276: The Protection of the Blue Thunder

Although Chu Ci was also a defense-type spirit qi professional, she had a reckless heart. Shi Xu's feys were all thunder-element feys, but he had taken the path that a traditional defense-type spirit qi professional should take.

A defense-type spirit qi professional like Shi Xu was far more popular than a reckless defense-type spirit qi professional like Chu Ci in a team.

Shi Xu stood in place, his peach blossom eyes narrowed under his small flat-top head, and said, "See that? This is strength! Be good and hand over the thing burning with red flames that you put away, and I'll let you go."

Lin Yuan's eyes behind the mask also narrowed as he replied, "What if I don't?"

Shi Xu reached out and scratched his head.

"Judging from the way you dress, you're imitating Black, right? Those who idolize Black should not be a bad person, so I can have mercy on you."

Lin Yuan's eyebrows behind the mask raised, and he answered, "It seems to you that I have to hand it over."

Lin Yuan channeled the spiritual power in his body into the land under his feet through both feet. The quicksand on the land beneath his feet that had stopped instantly churned again. It was no longer just limited to a couple of kilometers around the mountain valley.

Rather, Lin Yuan let the Source Sand stir up the sand grains it had accumulated for a month. The sand grains brought all the adventurers, who wanted to trudge over the sea of sand, back its edge.

At the same time, with Lin Yuan's spiritual power, the color of the sand grains in this one-kilometer radius became darker and darker, changing from brownish-yellow slowly to purplish black.

These purple-black sand grains also carried a layer of black-blue metallic luster that came from the ferromanganese.

Lin Yuan manipulated the Source Sand, and it gathered all the sand grains that it had ground from hard ores in the controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift. These hard sand grains were plated with a thin layer of ferromanganese.

When Shi Xu saw this quicksand suddenly churning, he jumped onto the Platinum IV/Fantasy I Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile's back.

Upon sensing the quicksand from all directions that wanted to drag his fey into the ground, Shi Xu let the Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile surge a large amount of thunder elements around its body to resist the churning quicksand.

Lin Yuan found that even if the Gold I/Fantasy I Source Sand had accumulated sand grains for over a month and could resist against Platinum feys, it still could not do anything about this Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile.

This was because the Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile had gone beyond a Platinum fey's strength and reached Diamond combat power.

Shi Xu, who was standing on the Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile's back, said with some surprise, "So it was you who caused the churning quicksand everywhere in the mountain valley! You're currently already much stronger than Black."

Before Shi Xu could finish his words, he saw Lin Yuan wave his hand and summon a fey with a purple halo like a peony while fluttering. He immediately expressed his surprise on his face because this fey was the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly.

Once Lin Yuan summoned this Blue Flash Purple Butterfly, Shi Xu immediately felt awkward. This silver-masked fellow was actually Black.

Upon looking at the endless churning quicksand in front of him, Shi Xu knew that Black had concealed his strength on Star Web.

Black's true strength was far from what he had shown on Star Web.

His feys were very easy to recognize—the Silver/Fantasy Breed avian fey, the strange plant that could spread a sea of flowers, and the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly could represent Black's identity. These feys were unique to Black among the currently known feys.

After Lin Yuan summoned the Bronze X/Legend Blue Flash Purple Butterfly, he immediately let it release a large amount of Silence Scale Powder toward the sand grains that Source Sand had spawned.

Given the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly's Bronze grade, the Silence Scale Powder it released could not break through the Platinum IV/Fantasy I Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile's layer of thunder-element energy that protected its body.

Therefore, Lin Yuan could regard the sand grains spawned by the Source Sand as the carrier for the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly's Silence Scale Powder.

It would allow the Silence Scale Powder that was difficult to attach to the Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile to have the opportunity to do so.

If it were other power offense-type spirit qi professionals with Platinum Fantasy Breed feys, Lin Yuan would not have any chances of winning without the Mother of Bloodbath or the trump card that the Moon Empress had given him.

However, Shi Xu was a defense-type spirit qi professional who went on the path of a traditional defense-type spirit qi professional, so he did not possess any powerful attacking ability.

Thus, Lin Yuan had a chance to fight.

Just at that moment, Shi Xu waved his hand and said, "No more fighting. I, Shi Xu, will not make a move against one of my own."

As Radiance Hundred Sequence #6, Shi Xu was considered being a top high-ranking member of the Radiance Hundred Sequence.

The Radiance Hundred Sequence upheld the glory of the Radiance Federation's younger generation's top experts. Black's battle outside Millstone Town was enough for him to be called a Radiance Federation hero. Thus, Shi Xu would never attack Black because of a treasure.

He might not mind telling other adventurers that the treasure belonged to a capable person. However, the faith in radiance had always let Shi Xu made the choice toward radiance.

In fact, it was also the faith and choice of the Radiance Hundred's younger generation that the Radiance Federation had constantly been becoming stronger and stronger, allowing it to become the top power in this huge world map.

Unity itself shone with radiant light.

At that moment, Lin Yuan suddenly realized the space around him darkened and saw a middle-aged man who was very strange.

This middle-aged man was looking at him angrily, as though he had just finished his homework, but it was torn into pieces.

Lin Yuan, who was wearing Genius' mask, could vaguely sense that this middle-aged man was shaking with anger. As he looked at that middle-aged man, he immediately became wary.

Even though Lin Yuan had no impression of that middle-aged man's appearance, his figure completely overlapped with the middle-aged man who had been sizing him up at the controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift's entrance.

Suddenly, Lin Yuan felt a violent energy fluctuation. It was now too late for him to condense the four wings on his back. He only had time to condense half a wing in front of his body with the feathers transformed by the Gold Day and Night Spirit Silver and injected the spiritual power into this half wing.

The sudden appearance of the violent energy fluctuation made him feel a deadly threat. Just when he was ready to crush the red crystal spider in his hand, which the Mother of Bloodbath had given him, a layer of blue thunder armor shielded him.

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This thunder armor had that unique pattern of the crocodile skin armor. Shi Xu seemed to have summoned another fey.

The oppressive thunder energy condensed into a piece of an exquisite leaf as though it was carved by thunder outside the Rapid Thunder Armor.

Lin Yuan only saw a black energy beam clash onto this piece of leaf. The thunder energy on the surface of this leaf flickered violently. When the leaf was about to disappear, that black energy beam vanished as well.

At that moment, Lin Yuan shot a sharp look at the middle-aged man who was stepping on the quicksand.

Even if Lin Yuan condensed the wing shield made of half a wing, channeled a large amount of energy, and perfectly displayed the Day and Night Spirit Silver's impact power, he would certainly be seriously injured if he did not crush the red crystal spider the Mother of Bloodbath had given him.

Upon seeing that his attack had failed, Crow simply wanted to vomit blood.

After becoming a Suzerain/Myth Breed fey, when had Crow suffered such a loss?

Crow had to spend great efforts to raise the Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree to Legend before it reached the maturity stage.

Crow had been stuck at being a Suzerain/Myth II fey for many years and could not advance. The Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree was its only hope to purify its bloodline and reach Myth III.

A Heaven and Earth Fey like the Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree had reached Legend at Gold because Crow had invested plenty of resources and even used its Suzerain/Myth II's blood to feed it.

Crow had even taken the valuable Red Pagoda as nourishment to nurture the Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree, hoping that it could quickly mature.

But now, someone had taken away its own lifeblood in this change of events, driving Crow crazy.

Since Crow had always used its own blood to feed the Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree, the Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree's aura contained a trace of the smell of Crow's blood.

This was why the moment Crow saw Lin Yuan, it had made a move and even used 10% of its strength, as Lin Yuan's body was tainted with the smell of Crow's blood on the Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree.

Crow's body was at the coast thousands of kilometers away, completing the task assigned by Lord Seventh Page War.

It was now only using one drop of its blood, relying on its exclusive skill to descend to this body with the exclusive imprint. Therefore, Crow's current strength could now only be maintained at Diamond V/Flawless.

The hatred in its heart had been burning so fast that it was going to burn itself to ashes. If there was anyone Crow hated the most, it would undoubtedly be Lin Yuan.

But if there was anyone it hated the second most, it would not be Shi Xu, who had helped Lin Yuan block the attack, but Cheng Wu.

If not for this stupid person trained by Cheng Wu, who only knew how to observe and not report back to it—as though he was suffering from anxiety and paranoia—and if it could have known there would be a change of events, no matter how far away it was, it would immediately take away the Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree and Red Pagoda in the golden disc.

If Crow had not considered the controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift outside the Royal Capital as the last stop in its plan and made use of the huge amount of fire elements in it to provide warm nourishment for the Red Pagoda so that it could produce the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire for the Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree to devour and quickly mature, Crow would not let such an important thing as the Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree leave its side.

However, Crow felt a sense of helplessness. Its body could not come over, and its avatar formed by his exclusive skill was too weak.

As Crow thought about it, it raised its hands and slapped itself. It felt painful yet happy.

If this body's soul had not vanished after Crow's avatar had descended, it would really want to ferret out the original soul and ask, Why did the people from Radiance Hundred Sequence appear in this controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift, yet you did not inform me?

Shi Xu shouted, "Who are you? How dare you do this?"

As soon as Crow heard this, it was so angry that it let out a strange caw like a crow.

Crow wanted to curse back, What are you saying? If my body was here, I would've killed all of you.

Upon seeing a dark-blue giant stingray with light blue patterns fly down, Crow glared at Lin Yuan before it turned into black mist, scurrying away into the distance.

Lin Yuan loosened his grip on the red crystal spider he had been holding tightly in his palms. He turned his head and looked at Shi Xu, who chuckled and gave him a thumbs-up before saying, "I have a strong defense, right?"

Lin Yuan noted down Shi Xu in his heart. As a Radiance Hundred Sequence member, Shi Xu had wanted to snatch what he was holding at that time. He had not thought about giving in but intended to resist to the end.

Before that attack just now, which was not fatal but was enough to seriously injure him or cause him to be on the brink of death, had arrived, Shi Xu had blocked the attack for him, That was grace.

The thunder-formed leaf in front of Shi Xu was clearly not something that the Platinum IV/Fantasy I Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile could do.

Lin Yuan thought of the thunder-element energy that contained great oppression and the leaf condensed by thunder. This unknown defense-type thunder-element plant should be Shi Xu's trump card.

Lin Yuan had now witnessed the powerful Radiance Hundred Sequence #6 revealing his trump card. He knew the gap between himself and the Radiance Hundred's top combat power.

As long as he did not have a Platinum Fantasy Breed fey, he could not reach the top in the Radiance Hundred Sequence. It was not enough for his Platinum Fantasy Breed fey to reach Fantasy I. It had to reach at least Fantasy III.

At that moment, that dark-blue giant stingray with light-blue patterns flew close. A girl's cry of surprise suddenly came from on top of it.

"Holy shit! Shi Xu, how come I see you everywhere I go? You're worthy of being the Working Emperor!"

Lin Yuan felt this voice was very familiar. When he turned his head, he realized it was Zhao Xiaochun.

As Lin Yuan looked at these people on this stingray's back, he found that he knew all of them and could not help but sigh.

The controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift outside the Royal Capital was really odd. It had actually gathered four members of the Radiance Hundred Sequence.

Radiance Hundred Sequence #3, Overflowing Sea, Long Tao.

Radiance Hundred Sequence #6, Thunderstorm Feast, Shi Xu.

Radiance Hundred Sequence #21, Food Hater, Zhao Xiaochun.

Radiance Hundred Sequence #43, Rapids, Fang Duoduo.

Liu Jie had told him that Zhao Xiaochun's initial title was Critical Needle Girl. But later on, after Zhao Xiaochun had applied to the Radiance Sacred Hall nearly 100 times, the Radiance Sacred Hall had then helplessly changed her official title to Food Hater.

When Shi Xu heard Zhao Xiaochun's voice, his eyes instantly turned red, and he glared at her before shouting, "Zhao Xiaochun, how dare you call me Working Emperor! If it weren't for you, how would I have been called that!?"

Chapter 278: Don't Let Him Taste the Sweet Delights

Zhao Xiaochun was standing on the back of the giant stingray with light blue patterns. When she heard Shi Xu's words, she immediately rolled her eyes and said, "Shi Zhu[1], how is the bankruptcy of your five chain restaurants related to me? Whenever I visit your store, I am a spending customer."

It was fine if Zhao Xiaochun didn't say anything, but once she spoke, Shi Xu's eyes turned redder. "Zhao Xiaochun, my name is Shi Xu, not Shi Zhu!"

Shi Xu was only able to contract defense-type/thunder-type feys because of his talent. Due to the rarity of defense-type/thunder-type feys and the expensive costs of nurturing such feys, Shi Xu had always lacked resources.

Putting aside the resources that Shi Xu had invested to nurture trump cards after being in the Radiance Hundred Sequence for so many years, he had spent countless Radiance dollars just to nurture his Platinum IV/Fantasy I Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile. After all, it had activated the flood dragon bloodline, and Shi Xu had to make sure the flood dragon bloodline would be constantly activated.

Actually, during the many years Shi Xu had been a Radiance Hundred Sequence member, he had earned quite a bit of extra money. Shi Xu had poured all the extra money on the investment of chain restaurants.

When opening a restaurant in the Radiance Federation, as long as the restaurant's ingredients had many varieties and the food ingredients' grade was relatively higher, there was no worry that they wouldn't sell.

Shi Xu had originally wanted to properly operate these five chain restaurants and earn enough resources to nurture his feys. In fact, Shi Xu had spent great amounts of money to poach an experienced manager from the Radiance Federation's most famous Spirit Food Pavilion.

Everything had been well-prepared, but Shi Xu's mistake was to set his restaurant with a buffet model. Furthermore, all five of his buffet restaurants had been targeted by Zhao Xiaochun.

In less than one year since Zhao Xiaochun had targeted the restaurants, Shi Xu's dreams of accumulating resources with the chain restaurants had been destroyed. All of the savings that he had accumulated painstakingly for many years had resulted in a loss.

Shi Xu now had to face the problem of all the spiritual ingredients and resources required to evolve his feys. He had no choice but to grit his teeth and become a Working Emperor, working ten jobs as a single person.

Shi Xu was here at this controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift because he wanted to take the spare time to accumulate more resources before the start of the S Tournament.

Shi Xu was so angry that he nearly got the hiccups. However, before Shi Xu could say anything, Zhao Xiaochun tossed the pork trotters that she had gnawed into bones and cleaned her hand before saying, "Shi Xu, the pork trotters that I am gnawing right now isn't as good as the pork trotters from your store's Silver Tendon Thigh Black Pig! Your store's grilled ocean fish is not bad either!"

When speaking, Zhao Xiaochun was even licking her lips. It was unknown if she had an aftertaste of the pork trotters earlier or because of the food from Shi Xu's store.

Chen Hongfeng and Fang Duoduo exchanged glances before casting a sympathetic look at Shi Xu.

Shi Xu is really such a pitiful man!

Shi Xu was so angry that he was patting on the Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile's armored back, and it was letting out a 'thud thud' sound. The Silent Thunder Armored Crocodile thought that its master was playing with it, so it contentedly tilted its head and let out a comfortable call.

However, Shi Xu's hand was feeling the pain as he was patting. He then said with anguish, "Zhao Xiaochun, had it not been for you, the money earned from my five chain restaurants would have been enough to purchase one Bronze/Epic fey every single day!"

Zhao Xiaochun let out a snort and turned around to pull Fang Duoduo and Chen Hongfeng over. "The two of you use some pee to wake him up. If you have diabetes, then don't come over. Don't let him taste the sweet delights."

Zhao Xiaochun's words immediately caused Lin Yuan, Shi Xu, Long Tao, Fang Duoduo, and Chen Hongfeng a drop of cold sweat to roll down their faces.

Was this the kind of words that a lady should be speaking in public?

Long Tao involuntarily held his forehead while rubbing his temples as he felt a pain surging in his head again. Long Tao truly felt that he should always criticize Fang Duoduo when he quarreled with Zhao Xiaochun.

After witnessing Zhao Xiaochun's current performance, Long Tao felt that he had truly wronged Fang Duoduo in the past!

Zhao Xiaochun was a person that couldn't keep calm no matter who she was with!

However, Long Tao's eyes were now fixed on Lin Yuan. The latter might have already withdrawn the Bronze X/Legend Blue Flash Purple Butterfly, but Long Tao only took a single glance to recognize Lin Yuan's faint aura.

The aura coming off from Lin Yuan was very similar to the aura from Black that Long Tao had seen on the Star Web. However, Long Tao felt a trace of difference after observing it carefully.

The Black on the Star Web gave off an aloof and reticent feeling, but Long Tao constantly felt a familiar youthful feeling from Black. Now that Long Tao met Black in person, that familiar youthful feeling was even more intense.

However, the aloof feeling on the Star Web was now gone, and it was replaced with a tenacious and indifferent feeling.

As Long Tao paid more attention to Black, he felt that Black was giving him a stronger sense of familiarity. Unfortunately, Long Tao wasn't able to recall where this familiar feeling came from.

Long Tao jumped off the Platinum II/Fantasy II Rapid Fear Ray and walked in front of Lin Yuan.

"I am the Dragon Gate Guild Club's team leader for the S Tournament main team, Long Tao. There are less than three days before the S Tournament's transfer period ends. Our Dragon Gate Guild Club's main team is still lacking a member. I wonder if you are willing to join the Dragon Gate Guild Club's main team?"

Before Lin Yuan could react, Shi Xu was rather surprised by Long Tao's words. Putting aside the fact that Long Tao was Sequence #3 of the Radiance Hundred, just his status as the S Tournament main team leader of the Dragon Gate Guild Club was already too prestigious for Long Tao to do such things without consideration.

The Guild Alliance's S Tournament was about to begin, so how could anyone still be inviting others into their team? It seemed like the Dragon Gate Guild Club was really still lacking a main team member until now.

Shi Xu wasn't just the main team member of the S Tournament. He was part of the Rhine Guild Club, which had obtained the champion's crown position during last year's S Tournament.

The Rhine Guild Club had also become the top guild club among all during this year. Shi Xu had always treated the Dragon Gate Guild Club as his team's formidable foe during this year's S Tournament.

But from the looks of it, it seemed like the Dragon Gate Guild Club was still unable to contest with the Rhine Guild Club this year.

Be it Long Tao, Zhao Xiaochun, Fang Duoduo, and the one other main team member who wasn't here, they were all part of the Radiance Hundred Sequence. The combination of members from the Dragon Gate Guild Club's main team was very luxurious, and if they included another Radiance Hundred Sequence member, they would be considered an all-star team.

The Dragon Gate Guild Club's main team members had formidable individual strength, but four power offense-type spirit qi professionals would be the same as having four reckless members. Without any

support-type, defense-type, and healing-type spirit qi professionals to uphold the endurance, then no matter how powerful each individual team member was, it was impossible to stay standing in the S Tournament's team battle.

The Radiance Federation's S Tournament had never been an individual game.

When Lin Yuan heard Long Tao's abrupt proposal, he was startled. Then, he started to mutter.

Chapter 279: The Sudden Sea of Demons

Lin Yuan muttered for a moment before he gently shook his head and said, "I don't have any plans to join any guild clubs."

Lin Yuan was very frank and wasn't shy to reject an invitation. After all, Lin Yuan already had plans in his heart in regards to guild clubs.

Long Tao might have a disappointed expression, but he wasn't dejected. Instead, he revealed a smile and extended his hand. "My name is Long Tao. Let's be friends."

From Lin Yuan's statement of 'I don't have any plans to join any guild clubs', Long Tao understood that Lin Yuan was planning to build his own guild club in the future.

It would be fake to say that Long Tao wasn't disappointed when he was rejected, but it was only a trace of disappointment at the start. After all, Long Tao had been looking for the silver-masked Black for more than just one or two days.

The moment Long Tao wanted to recruit Black as his teammate, the thought had never changed. Once Long Tao knew of Black's plans, he felt that Black was similar to him a few years ago.

Back when Long Tao had made the decision, he single-handedly created the Dragon Gate Guild Club. But Long Tao believed that if he was at Black's age and received an invitation from a top-three A-level guild club, even if he was going to reject, he wouldn't be able to reject so calmly.

It was unknown why Long Tao suddenly had a feeling he had met a true friend.

However, even if Black wasn't going to join the Dragon Gate Guild Club, Long Tao still had his confidence and trump cards for this year's S Tournament. After all, Long Tao never liked to place a bet on others. If he was such a person, then he wouldn't have been able to sit firmly in the position of Radiance Federation Sequence #3.

Otherwise, the Dragon Gate Guild Club wouldn't have been able to achieve the result of being among the top three A-level guild clubs.

Lin Yuan watched as Long Tao extended his hand while his face behind the mask revealed a sunshine smile.

Lin Yuan then extended his hand to shake hands with Long Tao.

Long Tao looked at the silver-masked youth and praised him. "Looking at this valley of sand, I know that I should congratulate you in advance for joining the ranks of the Radiance Hundred Sequence."

Long Tao's words startled Lin Yuan. He had been training for over a month. Due to his achievements on the Celestial Stairway, his virtual image should have been made. The news of him joining the Radiance Hundred selection should have been announced by the Radiance Sacred Hall.

Lin Yuan immediately remembered about Tian Ningning. She was Lin Yuan's exclusive report, but Lin Yuan always forgot to inform her of such information in advance. When Lin Yuan signed the exclusive reporter contract with Tian Ningning, it stated that he should always inform Tian Ningning of important news in advance. This would allow Tian Ningning to justify herself to the Star Web officials.

Lin Yuan was too busy during this period and had forgotten to inform Tian Ningning. Therefore, he was a little apologetic to Tian Ningning. Once he exited this controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional abyss, he would take the initiative to contact Tian Ningning and inform her of everything at once.

After over a month of silent communication, Tian Ningning was probably going crazy now.

At that moment, distinctive roars from abyss demons suddenly echoed from far away, and it was like a wave. Immediately after, Lin Yuan felt the sand under his feet trembling because of an unknown number of demons trampling on the ground.

The distinctive roars from the abyss demons and the tremors from the sand allowed Lin Yuan to know that a large number of demons had arrived outside the valley.

Demons from the abyss dimensional rift released roars that could shiver the spirit. Some high-class demons could release roars that could smash one's spirit.

The demons' massive and diverse roars made Lin Yuan recall the calls emitted from the sea of alien insects that surged out of the pinnacle Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift that had opened outside of Millstone Town.

However, the roars from this Class 3 abyss dimensional rift's demons were far superior to the alien insects. Even though the pinnacle Class 1 insect wave produced Class 3 alien insects, they were still inferior to regular Class 3 demons.

But the current Lin Yuan and the teammates were far superior to back then.

The powerful fire element within the scarlet flame vortex didn't just attract the attention of human adventurers. It had also attracted the demons within this Class 3 abyss dimensional rift.

There were plenty of adventurers inside this Class 3 abyss dimensional rift, and most of them were here to search for fire-elemental spiritual ingredients. Still, many of them treated the killing of demons as their main source of income.

During this period, Shi Xu, also known as the Working Emperor, Lin Yuan, and the Dragon Gate Guild Club members had been training within this abyss dimensional rift. It directly caused a significant decrease in high-class demons.

Looking at the situation now, it seemed like this controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift was still connected to the abyss world somewhere, and demons were still surging inside. Most of the demons were probably gathered outside the valley now.

There were a total of two methods for the abyss demons to increase their strength.

The first method was to rely on their bodies' complex genetic model and constantly consume enemy flesh during combat or to consume other demon corpses.

The second method was to devour fire-elemental spiritual ingredients and also the massive fire-elemental energy within the abyss dimensional rift to increase their combat strength.

The abyss dimensional rift was connected to the abyss world that was filled with fire-elemental energy. Therefore, most of the demons had the fire element as their main element.

It was imaginable that the massive flame vortex earlier was going to be an extreme attraction to these abyss demons.

When Lin Yuan, Long Tao, Shi Xu, Fang Duoduo, Zhao Xiaochun, and Chen Hongfeng arrived at the valley entrance, they realized they were surrounded by demons that covered up to the horizon.

The adventurers that were originally at the entrance had already rushed inside the valley.

These adventurers had brought out all of their resources and strength to set up defenses at the valley entrance. The fatty that was selling goods earlier was now distributing his resources for free.

Chapter 280: Temporary Squad Formation

Upon seeing that, Long Tao glanced at Lin Yuan and said, "Even if you don't join the Dragon Gate Guild Club, we might as well form a temporary squad to tide us over this difficult time."

After Lin Yuan nodded, Long Tao turned to Shi Xu and said, "In a moment, Fang Duoduo, Zhao Xiaochun, and I will be the main attackers in the front, and you'll help us."

Shi Xu gave Long Tao a somewhat displeased look. "Do you have to tell me that?"

An intense battle intent rose in Lin Yuan's eyes.

A large portion of the demons were Class 2 ones, but there were many Class 3 demons and even Class 4 demons among them. The demons in the abyss dimensional rift had never relied on their number to win but on their own strength. Therefore, every demon that could survive in the abyss dimensional rift was considered an elite unit.

If Lin Yuan were to entirely rely on his own strength at this time, there was really nothing he could do about these demons. But with Long Tao, Fang Duoduo, and Zhao Xiaochun, who were power offense-type Radiance Hundred Sequence members, the damage to these Class 3 to Class 4 demons would be large enough. Thus, Lin Yuan did not intend to take the path of attacking.

As a healing-type and support-type spirit qi professional, he had always been obsessed with output because it could let him have a bottom line to defend himself in the face of perilous situations. He could put his life in his own hands.

But in this massive battle, Lin Yuan, an almost all-round spirit qi professional, naturally would determine his position in the battle according to the situation.

At that moment, Long Tao scanned the endless demons, and his expression changed slightly as he said to Lin Yuan, "When the battle starts later, can your quicksand try to sink the demons' flesh into the sand? There are several squads of Devouring Demons among the sea of demons. When the battle starts, if these demons have a huge amount of demon flesh, they will develop into a huge threat."

Lin Yuan naturally knew about the Devouring Demons. They were a kind of Class 3 demons and considered the weakest among the demons of the same class.

Within a short period, they could devour other demons' flesh to increase their combat power.

Although their combat power would increase for a very short period, the Devouring Demons would devour a lot of demons' flesh after so many demons were killed. Thus, the threat they posed was like Class 5 demons that were equivalent to Diamond feys.

When Lin Yuan heard Long Tao's words, he summoned Red Thorn, which had become larger than before.

Its Mouth of Relinquish had also become bigger, and the teeth outside the 12 huge mouths had also become sharper.

As the huge mouth chewed, it would greatly increase Red Thorn's digestion capacity.

The vines of Red Thorn's ortet were also not as slender as before but sharper and thicker.

After choosing to battle by spreading the sea of flowers through the child ramets and ramets, there was no need to increase the Red Thorn's ortet's attack distance. The child ramets and ramets produced by Red Thorn were its sharpest claws.

Hence, Red Thorn compressed its ortet's combat power to within three meters and allowed it to become much more powerful than before.

In the process of devouring the dimensional lifeforms' flesh, Red Thorn's wisdom had slowly increased as well. It now had its own selfishness in such a way of evolution.

Red Thorn was evolving according to the evolution path given by Lin Yuan, and its weak wisdom also hoped that it could better protect Lin Yuan closely.

After Red Thorn had been summoned, its smooth thornless vine wrapped around Lin Yuan's wrist as it conveyed its affection and dependence on him.

The Acid Corrosion Queen Bee also flew out of Red Thorn's Mouth of Relinquish and landed on the vine wrapped around Lin Yuan's wrist as it jumped eagerly.

It acted as if it was striving for favor toward Red Thorn but was mercilessly thrown off the smooth vine by it. However, the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee still offered its courtesy around it. It was simply a true reflection of a bootlicker.

After Red Thorn had devoured a lot of demons' flesh over one month, it had been almost completely immune to the burning acidity in it.

At the same time, it also had some resistance toward the withering characteristics in the demon flame. Its child ramets and ramets had also inherited the ortet's traits.

The demons' flesh was the best nutrient for Red Thorn to improve its strength. That pinnacle Class 1 dimensional rift's insect tide outside Millstone Town last time had allowed it to advance to Epic.

Just like the dimensional lifeforms' flesh stored in the leaf-shaped Diamond fey storage box, the flesh energy of those dead ones and those that had just died were completely incomparable.

The flesh energy of these dimensional lifeforms that had just died could quickly help Red Thorn evolve and improve its quality.

Upon hearing Long Tao's words, Lin Yuan said calmly, "Just leave the flesh of these dead demons to me."

When Long Tao heard his words and saw him summon that strange plant fey, he could not help but be a little astonished. It was common knowledge that these demons restrained plant feys. However, Black actually wanted to use this strange plant to devour those dead demons' flesh.

Apart from the fact that the burning characteristics in the demon flesh could harm plants, could this strange plant really devour that huge amount of demon flesh after the battle started?

A few pinnacle Class 3 demons stood at the very front of this sea of demons.

Lin Yuan found that most of the pinnacle Class 4 demons had evolved from the Horn Demons' genetic model. These demons had certain differences in appearance, which showed that the Horn Demons' model had deviated when evolving from Class 2 to Class 4. Nonetheless, these deviations allowed these pinnacle Class 4 demons to have their own means of attack.

As these demons bellowed, the huge army of demons rushed toward the human adventurers in the mountain valley as though they had heard some commands.