

Merchant 411

### **Chapter 411: Do It Well**

The woman wearing the Class 4 Creation Master's retainer crest didn't care about the bitterness on the man's face. She just continued to say what she felt should be said.

"It'll only be a waste of spiritual materials to continue nurturing this Iron Bone Iguana, and this would be a waste of your potential. You might as well pour the resources from nurturing this Iron Bone Iguana into your other feys."

The man's expression became even more bitter. He only had one main fey, the Iron Bone Iguana.

Although he had comprehended three Willpower Runes, with one of them fused with the Iron Bone Iguana to allow it to become a Fantasy Breed, the other two Willpower Runes were flying around the spiritual energy in his spiritual spatial zone.

Even if he nurtured the other feys instead of the Iron Bone Iguana, he could only contract a Bronze/Flawless fey at most since the resources he could get were limited.

How many years would he need to accumulate the resources needed to raise the Bronze/Flawless fey to Legend?

The man thanked the woman wearing the Class 4 Creation Master's retainer crest seriously and walked firmly in the night.

This world had always been a one where it was hard for successful people to come from poor families.

The children of rich families had an advantage over the children of poor families right from the first fey they contracted at a young age. It was just like a gap in the sky.

Even if the children of poor families were fortunate enough to become king-class experts, they would have to pay an unknown amount of blood and tears as compared to those born in rich families. A king-class expert born from a poor family would always be at the bottom.

Zhou Luo had long seen through this word. Despite being desperate earlier, he was very calm now.

The children of poor families always needed to face troubles and despair on the road of growing up and step over all the hurdles one by one.

Despite enjoying life through sorrow and adversity, he actually wanted to change his fate. Zhou Luo felt he was a hero along his journey.

In his opinion, there was only one kind of heroism in the world—recognizing the truth about life and still loving it.

Zhou Luo had planned to go to the Guild Alliance to see if there were any suitable missions for him. Suddenly, he recalled the application he had submitted when he saw the trade message of the small store he followed on Star Web before.

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Listen was in his room, thinking about how to help the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce develop with the 270 pieces of objects mixed with completely jade-textured wood powder every day while recording the bids of the members for the 30 Flower Brocade Pearls in the Purchase With No Loss store.

Although Listen had known that most of these people were bigshots, their offers still alarmed him.

He couldn't help but sigh, These bigshots are really too rich!

At the same time, he could sense that after Lin Yuan mentioned him to manage his fan club's welfare auction, these bigshots' attitude toward him had changed.

Listen knew his strengths and wanted to get along with the others in the group. Thus, he was very popular in the group, but that was just a relationship where they could help each other with postings.

Listen could clearly feel that some bigshots in the group were trying to rope him in. They wanted to exchange for more Flower Brocade Pearls from Lin Yuan through him.

Since Lin Yuan hadn't been replying to the Star Web messages, many people wanted to get a chance to contact Lin Yuan through Listen.

Due to their solicitation and goodwill, Listen didn't refuse them. Instead, he was happy to accept.

Lin Yuan had taken out the resources for bidding, and Listen naturally had to help him maximize the benefits of these resources with all his might.

However, Listen also had to make good use of these derived benefits to subtly help the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's development.

Otherwise, if he wasted this network resource, Listen would feel that he would disappoint Lin Yuan for thinking highly of him.

At that moment, he heard three knocks on the door, and he rhythmically knocked on the table with his fingers three times.

Fei Qianqiong pushed open the door and came to Listen's side before saying to him respectfully, "President, I didn't fumble the ball. Bi Chenghu has already handed over all the online and offline fey resources of the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce to me.

"Please let me know what I should do after that."

Upon hearing that, Listen asked doubtfully, "How can the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce give up the spirit beast resources that can select high-quality mutated feys?"

Fei Qianqiong replied bluntly, "President, the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce has now become a rising faction, but it doesn't even have a single Creation Master.

"Bi Chenghu was even forced to transfer their Class 1 and Class 2 Creation Masters to the Zheng family. He loathes the spirit beast resources, which don't have the support of Creation Masters, but he hasn't made up his mind to dispose of them."

Fei Qianqiong couldn't help but praise his excellent acting skills before Bi Chenghu and Bi Chengxiong.

After Listen pondered for a while, he replied, "Since the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce wants to let go of the spirit beast resources in its hands, we'll secretly take them."

Fei Qianqiong remembered Bi Chenghu's expression when he had talked about the spirit beasts and spiritual materials. He said, "After the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce's online and offline spirit beast resources are sold, Bi Chenghu will shift the direction of the business to high-end luxury resources through the Zheng family. I reckon it won't be long before the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce's spiritual materials are sold."

As Fei Qianqiong spoke, he admired the red-phoenix-eyed youth with a mole at the corner of his eye sitting in front of the table.

Based on what Listen had taught him, he had chatted with Bi Chenghu for an hour before Bi Chenghu firmly decided to shift the development of the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce to high-end luxury resources.

Otherwise, based on just his acting skills and without what Listen had taught him, even if he could fool Bi Chenghu, he would never have been able to influence his ambition and thoughts.

Listen gently tapped his fingers on the table as he was rapidly calculating in his mind.

"The investment required for high-end luxury resources is not a small amount.

"If Bi Chenghu is bent on developing into that direction, then he'll inevitably collect supplies and constantly throw out the other resources in his hands, bit by bit.

"So you must do a good job when throwing out the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce's online and offline spirit beast resources for Bi Chenghu.

"Only when you let Bi Chenghu taste success will he be assured to let you do such things in the future."

#### **Chapter 412: Head-On Attack**

Fei Qianqiong felt goosebumps, feeling somewhat creeped out.

How big a game of chess was Listen playing? Was he going to devour all of the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce?

Previously, Fei Qianqiong had listened to the conversation between Listen and Lin Yuan and vaguely learned that the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce would also be heading in the direction of high-end luxury resources in the future. They would definitely clash with the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce.

Lin Yuan would deliver hundreds of luxury items to the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce every day. Even if the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce was willing to sacrifice everything it had, how long could it resist?

Fei Qianqiong felt that he was much stronger than Listen in terms of strength, but no matter how powerful his battle prowess was, he could only maintain his morals at most when facing the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce.

However, Listen's strategy could turn the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce's advantageous position into nothing.

At that moment, Listen asked, "How's the Zheng family's attitude toward the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce?"

Fei Qianqiong was carefully thinking about Listen's question when he heard an unusually old voice inside the room.

"The Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce is just a dog of the Zheng family. What do you think its attitude is?"

Listen's eyes instantly widened, and they stared at the shadow that suddenly appeared in the room. It slowly condensed into a strange, fierce black tiger.

It wasn't big and was only two meters long, but it had three pupils that were like black holes. Its entire body was covered with body armor, which belonged to an insect-species fey.

The most surprising thing was that it had a thick scorpion tail high up that was even longer than its body.

The stinger on its scorpion tail was wrapped in black mist, which was not distinct. Only a sharp cold flash could be faintly seen from the black mist.

On the back of the strange, fierce tiger stood an old man, who was hunched almost at a right angle. The hand that was holding onto the walking stick seemed to be trembling, but he stood on the fierce tiger's back firmly.

Upon sensing this old man's rising aura and then comparing it to Fei Qianqiong's during the day, Listen could feel that this hunchbacked old man's aura was clearly stronger than Fei Qianqiong's.

Listen quickly calmed down and said, "Your Excellency knows the Zheng family so well, so I guess you should be from the Zheng family. But I wonder what the people from the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce will feel when they find out that the Zheng family treats them like dogs."

As Listen spoke, Fei Qianqiong felt he was speechless. Fei Qianqiong, who wasn't superstitious, couldn't help but want to find someone to do divination for him and see whether he was the reincarnation of the God of Bad Luck. Why had he encountered so many unlucky things in a day?

The strange, fierce tiger's black shadow circle was clearly the prototype of a domain. Although it hadn't formed the domain yet, it was infinitely close. This meant that this hunchbacked old man was a true king-class expert.

Even Fei Qianqiong, at full strength, couldn't handle a few moves from a pinnacle king-class expert, let alone the fact that his main fey, the Blood-Toothed Cricket's Willpower Rune, had been stripped away, and it was no longer a Fantasy Breed.

The hunchbacked old man looked at Listen, and a trace of regret flashed in his eyes. Then he glanced at Fei Qianqiong and said, "What the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce's dogs think has nothing to do with me. If they're disobedient, they'll obey with more training."

"Our Zheng family trains them well, unlike the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce that trained their own dogs to betray them."

"You have to take note that such turncoats cannot be tamed."

The hunchbacked old man, also known as Elder Niu by Young Master Zheng's side, was puzzled.

The Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce was just an empty shelf. How blind was Fei Qianqiong to betray the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce to help Listen instead?

Was it because of the news he had released that the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce had found the support of a major faction?

If that was true, would the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce still be suppressed so badly by the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce?

Was Fei Qianqiong stupid? Did he believe such rumors?

If he told Fei Qianqiong he could quickly comprehend a Willpower Rune by burying himself in the soil, would he really do so and suffocate?

When Fei Qianqiong heard this hunchbacked old man's words, he suddenly felt some sadness. If he hadn't chosen to live between life and death previously, he wouldn't have used the Willpower Rune to swear to become Listen's servant and betray the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce.

He had been working for the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce for so many years, and both his merits and hard work were definitely above Bi Chengxiong's.

However, Bi Chengxiong had to suspect everything, and Fei Qianqiong had to endure his inflexibility.

In the eyes of the Zheng family, he was just a dog from the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce. This explained the attitudes of Bi Chenghu and Bi Chengxiong toward him when facing the Zheng family.

At that moment, Listen said, "Since the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce and the Zheng family love dogs so much, I guess your surname is not Zheng, right?"

Listen's words immediately made Elder Niu's expression change. The regret in his eyes was replaced by gloominess.

Listen added, "I, Listen, and the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce never raise dogs. Since Fei Qianqiong has joined the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce, he is one of our own from now on."

Fei Qianqiong glanced deeply at Listen and took a step forward before summoning his two feys.

After summoning the Diamond II/Fantasy II Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu and the Diamond IV/Legend Blood-Toothed Cricket, he assumed a defensive stance in front of Listen.

Elder Niu tapped his walking stick on the Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger's back. It could sense the anger in its owner's heart, so it let out a violent yet silent roar.

Then a strange dark energy ripple swept Fei Qianqiong and Listen.

Fei Qianqiong immediately shouted, "Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu, use Gu Poison Whipping Touch! Blood-Toothed Cricket, use Sound of Cricket!"

As Fei Qianqiong shouted, the Diamond II/Fantasy II Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu shot whip-like light from its antenna that collided with the dark energy ripple and dispersed a part of it.

However, this dark energy ripple regained its form while rippling. Then the Blood-Toothed Cricket instantly let out a violent buzzing sound, and layers of invisible and massless violent sound waves crashed into the dark energy ripple. Unfortunately, it was like a stone thrown into a stream.

Although the dark energy ripples rippled, it couldn't stop the dark energy ripples from heading to the two people.

### **Chapter 413: How Can This Still Be Fought?**

Fei Qianqiong couldn't help but sigh. The Blood-Toothed Cricket had always been his main fey. However, its Willpower Rune had been stripped away, and it had dropped from Fantasy III to a regular fey. Even if he still had the Diamond II/Fantasy II Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu, he couldn't even reach 30% of his previous battle prowess.

Fei Qianqiong hurriedly channeled a large amount of spiritual power from his body into the Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu, causing a red-gold luster to quickly light up on its body.

The silky and dazzling red-gold silk threads quickly shot out of the Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu's body and then tightly entwined, forming three red-gold ribbons covered with dark-red spots.

"Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu, use one strand of Mind Wall Ribbon in front of me and two in front of Listen!"

The Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu obviously hesitated a little when it heard its owner's words. It didn't understand why its contractor wanted to protect one of those people who had made a move on itself and the Blood-Toothed Cricket during the day.

However, due to its absolute obedience to Fei Qianqiong in a battle, the Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu didn't hesitate to do as it was told.

At that moment, the dark energy ripple approached and sent Fei Qianqiong and Listen flying.

Thanks to the Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu's Mind Wall Ribbon's double protection, Listen felt that his blood energy was surging.

Since Fei Qianqiong had a layer less of protection from the Mind Wall Ribbon, crimson blood flowed out of his nose, staining his white beard due to the erosion of this dark energy ripple.

Fei Qianqiong stood up and said softly to Listen, "I'm ready to give it my all. I wouldn't dare to guarantee how long I can hold this off. Summon your feys out and smash through the wall to escape."

When Listen heard Fei Qianqiong's words, he also looked at him deeply, just like how Fei Qianqiong had looked at him earlier.

However, Listen didn't intend to escape. The king-class expert opposite of Fei Qianqiong was clearly much stronger than him.

Fei Qianqiong could barely handle the dark energy ripples created from the hunchbacked old man's fey's roar.

Even if he ran, how could he escape?

The appearance of this hunchbacked old man was different from Fei Qianqiong's. The Mother of Bloodbath had discovered Fei Qianqiong's traces, and he had shown up because its words had enraged him.

However, this old man had shown up after hearing the conversation between himself and Fei Qianqiong. The purpose of his appearance on behalf of the Zheng family should be to reap Listen's life.

Although Listen wasn't planning to run away, he still summoned his two feys. One of them was the Pain Illusory Fox that he had previously exchanged with Lin Yuan for source-type items and the Day and Night Spirit Silver, while the other was a three-tailed crimson fox with a very beautiful fur color. Its three fluffy tails at the back were like a blooming three-petaled crabapple.

At that moment, the hunchbacked old man said regretfully, "A Silver VII/Fantasy I Pain Illusory Fox and a Silver III/Fantasy I Three-Tailed Crimson Fox. It seems you did spend many resources on yourself during your time in control of the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce.

"The Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce is such a small chamber of commerce. It should have taken a lot of effort to nurture a fey like yours!"

Listen's expression remained the same, but he recalled his dead relatives. The Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce was now a small chamber of commerce, but not in the past.

He had been able to get a high-quality fey such as the Three-Tailed Crimson Fox because of his family's unreserved devotion and care.

Listen also understood the importance of his strength for the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's development.

Therefore, after Listen had seen Lin Yuan's trade message, he had been willing to take out source-type items in exchange for suitable high-quality Bronze feys.

Listen took a step forward toward the hunchbacked old man standing on the back of the Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger and said, "You came supposedly to kill me. Why don't I give you the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce, and you let Fei Qianqiong go?"

Fei Qianqiong widened his eyes and looked at Listen in confusion. Listen faintly raised his eyes at Fei Qianqiong and then at the Diamond II/Fantasy II Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu. He took a step forward and looked at the hunchbacked old man.

Fei Qianqiong understood what Listen meant. He was Listen's servant. When he had sworn with the Willpower Rune, he had sworn a death contract for loyalty. If Listen died, Fei Qianqiong would also lose his life because of the Willpower Rune's backlash.

Based on Listen's instructions, Fei Qianqiong secretly channeled all the spirit qi in his body into the Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu's body without a trace, ready to wait for Listen's next instructions.

The corners of Elder Niu's mouth suddenly formed a smile as if he was mocking. His gaze at Listen also carried scrutiny and playfulness.

"Are you showing your master-servant relationship in front of me? It's my first time seeing a master who would say something like being willing to die for his dog.

"Hehe, you guys don't need such cheap tricks. The flow of spiritual power is as conspicuous as a splendid ribbon in front of my eyes."

After saying that, Elder Niu threw his walking stick up, which changed its shape in mid-air and turned into a strange tadpole that was not even half the size of a palm. There were seven or eight nerve ducts at its sides, with compound eyes growing on each of them.

"With this Dark Spirit Eye Tadpole, not even the slightest change in spiritual power cannot escape my perception.

"Dark Spirit Eye Tadpole, use Dark Spirit Confinement."

Just as this old man standing on the Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger spoke, the compound eyes on the Dark Spirit Eye Tadpole's nerve ducts flickered, and the light in the entire room went dark.

Listen and Fei Qianqiong, who was channeling spiritual power into the Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu, found that the spiritual power in their bodies seemed to have been confined.

Listen felt as if the spiritual power in his body had turned into a crystalline substance that simply couldn't be used. Fei Qianqiong also felt that although the confined spiritual power in his body was not as difficult to use as crystals, it was no different than sticky asphalt.

At the same time, the flow of spiritual power in the Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu's body was so slow that the use of its previous instantaneous abilities now required a few seconds of preparation time.

Upon sensing this situation, Fei Qianqiong couldn't help but let out a long sigh. It's another fey that's about to reach Suzerain.

How can this battle still be fought?

There's simply no way!

#### **Chapter 414: Midsummer Cage**

The hunchbacked old man, Elder Niu, stroked the Dark Spirit Eye Tadpole in his hand, looked at Listen, and said, "Your spiritual power has been sealed, so don't resist anymore. Realize the last value of life.

"Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger, treat those six units over there as your midnight snack tonight.



“Eat them quickly so that I can report it back to Young Master Zheng!”

Upon receiving its contractor’s order, the sharpness hidden in the shadows of the Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger’s scorpion tail poked out, and its black tail hook flashed.

Six hooked shadows with a layer of dark domain prototype launched an attack toward the four feys that Listen and Fei Qianqiong had summoned.

Fei Qianqiong’s face turned pale. The Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger’s attack even contained a layer of domain power.

His spiritual power had been sealed, so he could not even let the Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu use Mind Wall Ribbon again even if he wanted to.

Could the Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu really block this attack containing the domain power even if it used Mind Wall Ribbon?

Just as these six hooked shadows landed on the four feys, a fist-sized pink-purple embroidered ball-shaped flower appeared in the middle of the room out of nowhere. It gently swirled in the air, looking marvelous.

The six hooked shadows were pulled into the pink-purple embroidered ball-shaped flower and crushed by the layers of pink-purple petals.

A clear but unusually gentle voice sounded out of nowhere.

“What you just said is not right. There are more spirit qi fluctuations that you can’t see.”

Listen and Fei Qianqiong both thought that it was hard for them to escape this calamity but never expected things would take a turn for the better.

A pink-purple embroidered ball-shaped flower had actually saved both of them.

Listen instantly thought of Lin Yuan. He looked at this pink-purple embroidered ball-shaped flower, and his heart was filled with peace of mind.

Although it did not block in front of him, it was like an absolute defense. It had even taken away the power he had received from the opposite side while it was rotating beautifully.

The hunchbacked old man turned nervous and consumed a lot of spirit qi to control the Dark Spirit Eye Tadpole, letting its main eye hidden in the compound eyes light up. However, he found that he simply couldn’t see this pink-purple embroidered ball-shaped flower’s spiritual power fluctuation through its main eye.

Without even thinking, he drained the spiritual power in his body and provided almost all the spirit qi inside a pinnacle A-rank spirit qi professional’s body to this Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger that was about to reach Suzerain.

The Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger’s black insect armor instantly lit up and seemed to pull all the light in this room into the darkness before turning the world inside this room into a world of darkness.

The Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger's tail shook with a strange frequency and finally plunged directly into the insect armor on its back.

The dark energy that was originally wrapped around the tail at the tip was frantically injected into the Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger's body, causing the domain around the Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger to become even more solid. It was as if the back half of the Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger's body had been hidden in the darkness.

Immediately after that, the Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger's three black eye sockets suddenly condensed into three strange eyes with black vertical pupils that spun rapidly, as if adding to the domain power around it.

The domain power spread out all of a sudden from its original state of constant solidification and surrounded the spinning pink-purple embroidered ball-shaped flower in the air, trying to pull it completely into the dark domain.

An unusually gentle voice once again sounded out of thin air.

"You don't have a domain until you reach Suzerain. Your Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger is only at Diamond X/Fantasy IV.

"Even if you reach the threshold of the domain, you can only grasp onto its form, but not its essence. Activating the domain to launch an attack is just attending to the minor, unimportant details while neglecting the essentials!"

The darkness domain that was constantly expanding had pulled the slowly rotating flower into it. However, based on the feedback from the Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger in the dark domain, Elder Niu found that the pink-purple embroidered ball-shaped flower still seemed to be non-existent in the domain.

He stared at it, and his voice was unusually grave.

"Who's there!?"

Elder Niu's heart had completely sunk while a feeling of absurdity arose.

He was a pinnacle king-class expert. The only things that could escape his contracted Diamond VIII/Fantasy III Dark Spirit Eye Tadpole full-strength detection ability were Suzerain/Myth Breed feys. This Myth Breed fey must be at least Myth II, one good at stealth.

Elder Niu felt that even if the Dark Spirit Eye Tadpole couldn't find the target's existence, the Diamond X/Fantasy IV Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger's domain could do so.

He had clearly been a raging hunter a few seconds ago, playing with two insignificant preys, but in the blink of an eye, the world had changed. He was the prey now.

An unusually gentle voice carried a hint of laughter.

"From the time you came into this room, I saw you being blatant. I was here earlier than you, yet you asked me who I am. I should be the one asking you that!"

Fei Qianqiong swallowed a mouthful of saliva with difficulty. What was the background of the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's backer, the youth wearing the strange mask?

This Myth Breed fey was obviously not the one that had followed the masked youth during the day.

He was lucky enough to see two Suzerain/Myth Breed feys on the same day.

Since when were Suzerain/Myth Breed feys so worthless?

For some reason, the pink-purple embroidered ball-shaped flower that was spinning beautifully in mid-air didn't show the slightest bit of aura, but its existence made him feel a suppression like a jack had been pressing on it.

Elder Niu shouted in a deep voice, "Your Excellency, the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce is something that my Zheng family aspires to obtain. Listen is also someone that my Zheng family wants to kill tonight."

Just as Elder Niu uttered these words, a hint of coldness colored the unusually gentle voice.

"Can't I keep the item that the Zheng family aspires to get and the person who it wants to kill?"

This unusually gentle voice fell, and the lightly rotating pink-purple embroidered ball-shaped flower in mid-air suddenly bloomed into bright pink radiance.

Countless pink-purple petals poured out of the embroidered ball-shaped flower and danced in the air.

The petals were graceful, like the rainbow-colored clothes worn by the Eight Immortals, and had a tinge of deep midsummer.

At that moment, a gentle, soft voice sounded.

"Midsummer Cage!"

#### **Chapter 415: People Respect Themselves**

The moment this gentle voice sounded, the pink-purple petals tore this dark domain to pieces, just like the dawn that banished the darkness.

Then Elder Niu found that these pink-colored petals combined with each other, confining him, his contracted Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger, and the Dark Spirit Eye Tadpole just like a shackle.

Under the confinement of this petal, he couldn't move his body or channel the spirit qi in his body. He had no resistance, just like a lamb waiting to be slaughtered.

The unusually gentle voice that appeared out of nowhere had a calm tone, but the words that came out seemed to be mocking.

"Compared to the spiritual power confinement you just proudly used, how do you find this tactic of mine?"

A beautiful figure appeared at Listen's side. It raised its hands, lightly shaking the bracelet on its wrist.

This bracelet also contained a lot of pink-purple embroidered ball-shaped flowers and produced a crisp colliding sound while being shaken.

The pink-purple embroidered ball-shaped flower rotating in the air flew toward the woman's wrist and shrank as if it had found its home.

It transformed into a pink-purple embroidered ball-shaped flower pendant that was the same as the other pendants.

Elder Niu couldn't help but exclaim with indescribable shock in his voice, "Fey Weaponization! You're actually at Myth III!"

Endless Summer ignored his exclamation and snapped its fingers before gently shouting, "The law of enlightenment, the probing of willpower."

As soon as Endless Summer said that, Elder Niu felt a kind of pain, like being pierced by a spike in his spiritual spatial zone. After this pang of pain, it returned to normal. Elder Niu found that there were no abnormalities in his body.

At that moment, Endless Summer furrowed its eyebrows and said, "I heard you talking so much about dogs, but it turns out you're just a servant. How ironic!"

Elder Niu's face turned red, but before he could speak, Endless Summer added, "People value themselves, and all living things can be called humans. If you regard others as dogs, then you're truly a dog.

"Since you've sworn by the Willpower Rune, there's really no use of keeping you!"

Elder Niu had never thought the news that Listen had put out about the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce having a backer was true. Its backer was definitely not weak.

Otherwise, given his pinnacle king-class strength, he would not have ended up in a hopeless situation, unable to complete Young Master Zheng's task.

Elder Niu hurriedly said, "I swore allegiance with the Willpower Rune to the family head of the Zheng family's third lineage, the—"

Before he could finish his words, Endless Summer snapped its fingers again.

"What I hate the most are dark-type feys. Such feys deserve to die! Especially this black tiger that likes to take out hearts to eat!

"The law of enlightenment, the mind is calm."

Just as Endless Summer uttered the last word, Elder Niu, the Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger, and the Dark Spirit Eye Tadpole fell into a state of dead silence, as if they had entered into an endless, long slumber.

Then, Endless Summer moved its hand forward, clenched it tightly, and shouted, "Bloom! The Shooting Spears of Summer!"

The Midsummer Cage that had confined Elder Niu, the Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger, and the Dark Spirit Eye Tadpole turned into three pink-purple petal-spears in the blink of an eye.

The moment the spears condensed, they penetrated through the heart. The pinnacle king-class expert, Elder Niu, the Diamond X/Fantasy IV Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger, and the Diamond VIII/Fantasy II Dark Spirit Eye Tadpole died due to these three Shooting Spears of Summer without any struggles in their slumber.

Fei Qianqiong was utterly shocked and felt a lot of sweat on his palms that made his palms all wet.

Bi Chenghu had also hinted for him to swear with the Willpower Rune as the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce's Protector. Although there were usually no restrictions in becoming one, and he wouldn't be like a servant where his life was in the hands of someone's thoughts, the allegiance oath from the Willpower Rune was different from the trade oath. The allegiance oath could only be done once in a lifetime.

If he chose to become a Protector to serve a faction or a person, it would be a lifetime thing. Even if the person he was protecting died or the faction was annihilated, the allegiance oath couldn't be taken a second time.

Fei Qianqiong was now glad that he hadn't taken the allegiance oath to the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce even though Bi Chenghu had been hinting at him.

If he had really done so, he would have died in the morning. This hunchbacked old man in front of him was an example.

Endless Summer shook the pink-purple metal bell hanging on its bracelet. The corpses of the Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger and the Dark Spirit Eye Tadpole were collected into Endless Summer's pink-purple bell-shaped Diamond fey storage, and it nodded in satisfaction.

The Shooting Spears of Summer had killed the two Diamond/Fantasy Breed feys during their dormancy, so they managed to preserve their maximum integrity.

Listen hurriedly bent down to Endless Summer to show his gratitude and said, "Thank you, senior, for coming to the rescue."

Endless Summer turned and looked at Listen before replying gently, "Young Master arranged for me to guard this place during this period. Just continue with your plans without worries."

Upon hearing that, Listen no longer worried about his future safety. Since the Zheng family had sent a pinnacle king-class expert to kill him, it was the same as saying that the Zheng family had set its mind on killing him.

As long as he was alive, the Zheng family wouldn't have the means to get what they wanted from him. The dangers he would face in the future would never end.

Fei Qianqiong couldn't help but have an ecstatic expression on his face. His safety could be considered to be guaranteed with a Suzerain/Myth III that could use Body Weaponization.

He was simply afraid of the feeling of experiencing life and death twice in a day.

Fei Qianqiong suddenly felt that the battles of spirit qi professionals were simply too boring and that acting was more interesting.

Endless Summer glanced at Fei Qianqiong with a trace of approval in its eyes. It flipped its hand, a Willpower Rune that contained blood was injected into the Blood-Toothed Cricket.

Fei Qianqiong felt this Willpower Rune, and his body couldn't help but tremble a little.

At that moment, the unusually gentle voice sounded next to his ears.

"You did a good job just now. Sister Blood said to return your Blood Poison Willpower based on the situation. I'll just give it to you directly now."

Fei Qianqiong had been excited to the point of incoherence, almost choking up a little. He didn't feel anything when the Blood-Toothed Cricket was a Fantasy Breed fey, but only after its demotion did he feel how desperate the feeling of powerlessness was.

Fortunately, he had recovered the Blood Poison Willpower. Even though the Blood-Toothed Cricket needed a period of warm nourishment before it could return to its full strength, without this Blood Poison Willpower, Fei Qianqiong wasn't really sure if he could comprehend a suitable Willpower Rune for the Blood-Toothed Cricket in this lifetime.

#### **Chapter 416: I Want 50%!**

The sea surrounded indigo Azure City on three sides, and it just so happened that the wind had picked up on this day. The waves rolled against the reefs on the shore, creating the sounds of raging waves.

People who lived on the shore tend to be accustomed to this sound. When they slept with this sound, they slept more soundly.

There was a luxuriously decorated mansion in the middle of Indigo Azure City.

A middle-aged man with a sinister look in his eyes said enthusiastically, "Second Young Master, are my chess pieces carved from jade-textured ebony and jade-textured white sandalwood to your liking?"

"If they are, I'll have someone send these Othello pieces to you when you go back."

This so-called Second Young Master was a slim youth in a Creation Master long robe. He was standing there, counting the rows of books on the shelves with his fingers.

Upon hearing the words of the middle-aged man with sinister eyes, he said with a wave of his hand without looking back, "I never put jade-textured Othello chess pieces in my study. I only put completely jade-textured ones.

"Speaking of completely jade-textured Othello pieces, I do have two pots there.

"Third Uncle, if you like them, I'll have someone send one pot over so that you can widen your horizons."

The words of this youth wearing a Creation Master long robe caused the enthusiastic smile on the face of the sinister-eyed middle-aged man to pause and look embarrassed.

Just as he wanted to speak, Second Young Master said, "Third Uncle, your third lineage has always been afraid to make a move on the offshore coast resources, afraid of being targeted by the Qiu family and the Wei family, as well as the other lineages secretly causing trouble.

"I, Zheng Kaiyuan, am lending my support to you in the main family, yet you didn't mention the percentage of the offshore coastal resources you want to share with me.

"Aren't you not taking me, Zheng Kaiyuan, seriously with only a pot of jade-textured Othello pieces as your token of sincerity?"

The sinister-eyed middle-aged man had an even more embarrassed look on his face. He hurriedly replied, "Second Young Master is willing to support the third lineage, so how can we forget about giving you resources?"

"What does Second Young Master think about the third lineage giving you 30% of proceeds from developing the offshore coastal resources?"

Zheng Kaiyuan summoned a small sable with one black and one white tail with a wave of his hand.

When it was summoned, it saw the pot of Othello pieces made of jade-textured ebony and white sandalwood. It immediately became nimble and looked at its master with its watery eyes.

As Zheng Kaiyuan looked at his contracted little sable, a touch of tenderness appeared on his face.

"Go on, Sen Luo. Eat more."

With its master's consent, the little sable with one black and one white tail scurried straight into the pot containing the Othello pieces, nibbling the chess pieces with a snapping sound.

Zheng Kaiyuan gently stroked off a strand of sable hair that was on his sleeve. He looked up at the sinister-eyed middle-aged man and said, "Third Uncle, my Yin-Yang Senluo Sable is hungry. I can't control this little thing from eating. I think Third Uncle won't mind this little thing, right?"

The sinister-eyed middle-aged man hurriedly replied with a smile, "It's a blessing of this pot of chess pieces that your fey loves to eat it."

Zheng Kaiyuan seemed to have completely forgotten that he was the one who had asked it to eat a little more earlier.

He seemed a little sleepy and rubbed his temples before saying with a yawn, "I want 50%!"

Without giving the sinister-eyed middle-aged man a chance, he added, "The Radiance Creation Master Youth Conference will start next year. I'm tight. If Third Uncle is unwilling to give me 50%, the other three lineages should be very happy to do so."

Upon hearing that, the sinister-eyed middle-aged man's expression stiffened, and he hurriedly responded, "Second Young Master, why don't we talk it over again?"

Zheng Kaiyuan laughed lightly and answered, "Little Sen Luo, let's go. The chess pieces here are not something we should eat!"

The sinister-eyed middle-aged man immediately turned pale and said in a panic, "Second Young Master, 50% it will be!"

Zheng Kaiyuan picked up the pitiful little sable that obviously hadn't yet eaten enough and yawned again.

"I'm sleepy. Third Uncle, why don't you come to my house tomorrow with your utmost sincerity?"

After Zheng Kaiyuan left, the sinister-eyed middle-aged man turned gloomy right away. He sat in his chair for a long time without uttering a word as he clenched his fists tighter and tighter.

At that moment, he suddenly became startled before feeling shocked and worried. He picked up his phone and dialed a number. The phone rang twice, and someone picked it up.

When the sinister-eyed middle-aged man heard the voice that usually contained a hint of joy, the worry in his heart dissipated a lot. But after that, anger rushed forth, and he asked as he suppressed his emotions, "Where's Elder Niu?"

The youth who received the call replied indifferently, "I arranged for Elder Niu to do something trivial. Father, how did you persuade Second Young Master to stand on our side?"

The sinister-eyed middle-aged man could no longer suppress his monstrous anger. He erupted and scolded him, "A trivial matter? The allegiance oath between Elder Niu and me has broken, yet you still say it's a trivial matter? Then should I pretend that nothing happened when you die outside?"

He poured his rage wildly over the phone, making the sinister-eyed youth fall into a state of dismay. Immediately after that, the sinister-eyed youth's face emerged with unconcealable shock as his hand holding the phone trembled.

Elder Niu had sworn to his father with the Willpower Rune and become his father's servant, but his father now had said that Elder Niu's allegiance oath had been broken. Didn't this mean that Elder Niu had died?

Elder Niu was a pinnacle king-class expert with a Diamond X/Fantasy IV Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger. How could someone with such strength have died silently?

Elder Niu had only gone to the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce, a place where an insignificant person was holding on with an empty frame to kill that person. How could he have died?

Before the sinister-eyed youth could make more guesses, he heard his father say in an angry voice over the phone, "Hurry up and get your ass back to Indigo Azure City! How did the third lineage produce such a useless thing like you!?"

As he spoke, the sinister-eyed middle-aged man felt his lungs were about to explode with anger. What on earth was the reason that he had unaccountably lost a pinnacle king-class expert!?

After hanging up the phone, the sinister-eyed middle-aged man slammed his fist on the table in front of him, creating a loud 'bang'.



At that moment, an expert, who was even older than Elder Niu but had a straight back, walked in and said, "Master, why are you so angry?"

When the sinister-eyed middle-aged man saw this old man, he hurriedly got up and replied, "Uncle Jiao, please go to the Royal Capital and help me bring back that unfilial son. I'd like to see what kind of trouble this unfilial son has caused there!"

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After Lin Yuan got up in the morning and ate breakfast downstairs, he went back to his room and logged on to Star Web. Lin Yuan's eyes lit up when he saw that the two messages he had sent last night had both received a reply.

However, his brows furrowed deeply when he opened one of the messages.

### **Chapter 417: Lin Yuan Is Embarrassed**

Lin Yuan frowned as he looked at the reply.

Freezing Cold: "10 o'clock is fine. I'll be there. I need to see the Bronze/Epic lizard feys in this meeting. I also have some conditions that I need to state in advance."

When Lin Yuan had sent the trade message, Freezing Cold was the king-class expert with two main feys among the two king-class experts.

Freezing Cold had three Willpower Runes and two main feys, and it was considered a good allocation among the king-class experts. Therefore, Lin Yuan had enhanced a Bronze/Epic lizard fey when he had asked him whether he had one.

From the personal information that Freezing Cold had sent over, his two contracted feys were a Diamond III/Fantasy II Bucktooth Terror Skink and a Diamond I/Fantasy II Swordtooth Lizard Dragon.

In terms of strength, Freezing Cold was inferior to Fei Qianqiong. Still, his Diamond I/Fantasy II Swordtooth Lizard Dragon had completed the transformation from a lizard bloodline to a dragon bloodline and had a lot of potential.

Lin Yuan, who showed an interest in Freezing Cold's potential, didn't have any available king-class experts under him, so he had met Freezing Cold's conditions in advance. Otherwise, given Freezing Cold's strength, he wasn't really qualified to propose such conditions.

It was just like how the pinnacle king-class experts' squad that Lightning Sparrow King was in needed to gather resources and had spent a small amount of effort for a Bronze/Epic fey.

As the saying went, "One should have respect for the wise."

Since Lin Yuan was ready to implement the 'white-clothed followers' plan, he wouldn't be stingy with resources for the capable. However, this plan was not easy to implement. The premise was that he needed absolute control.

Lin Yuan had already drawn a question mark in his heart about this king-class expert named Freezing Cold.

The white-clothed follower plan was to form the Sky City and sweep the swords in all directions. What all sharp weapons, like a sword, needed to do was to be obedient. Otherwise, no matter how sharp it was, it would hurt him.

However, Lin Yuan didn't directly exclude Freezing Cold as he intended to meet him before making a decision.

It was still early now. Since Lin Yuan had nothing to do, he went to his store's fan club, ready to look through the chat records.

After flipping through, he found that a night had passed.

The members were still enthusiastically discussing the 30 Flower Brocade Pearls that were auctioned as welfare. Thus, every member's bid would be seen by all the group members.

Every time someone bid with new prices, they would be praised by the others in the groups and be called 'Big Brothers'.

Over time, other members would increase the bid again, together with the uproar from the braised egg head, the violent-tempered woman, the violent-tempered woman's daughter, the Buddha-tempered person, and Zhou Jiabin.

Lin Yuan found that the 30 Flower Brocade Pearls auction, which was used as group welfare, had vaguely turned into a ranking competition for the Big Brothers in the group.

He saw that the current highest bidder was a Class 4 Creation Master with a source-type item, 250kg of the Gold metal Thorn Aluminum Ores, and 70 mid-grade strange flames.

Lin Yuan looked at this offer and couldn't help but secretly click his tongue.

A resource like a source-type item was much more precious than Flower Brocade Pearls. In other words, it was hard to exchange the Flower Brocade Pearls for a source-type item.

However, this Class 4 Creation Master was willing to take out a source-type item to exchange for Flower Brocade Pearls now.

This could really reflect a Creation Master's wealth and overbearingness. They wouldn't consider the price for something they wanted.

The Thorn Aluminium Ores was a kind of very dangerous metal that could hurt people if left alone. They would constantly release sharp metal sword flares that would hurt any surrounding objects.

After injecting spiritual power into them, the metal sword flares released by the Thorn Aluminium Ores would become even sharper and stronger within an expanded range.

Lin Yuan had once thought of using these ores to fuse with the Source Sand, but he still chose the Day and Night Spirit Silver after weighing the matter.

For Lin Yuan at that time, instead of strengthening his attacks, it was more important to strengthen his defense.

The Thorn Aluminium Ores were rarer than the Day and Night Spirit Silver, and the last time they had been auctioned in the Rare Lifeform Pavilion was eight months ago.

After looking through the group chat records for a while, Lin Yuan found that someone had bid higher than this Class 4 Creation Master.

Lin Yuan was very interested in the 250kg of Thorn Aluminium Ores. He couldn't help but think that even if this Class 4 Creation Master couldn't win the final bid, this Class 4 Creation Master should be willing if Lin Yuan exchanged the Flower Brocade Pearls for the Thorn Aluminium Ores with him.

Lin Yuan now felt the huge benefits of the network of relations formed by his Purchase With No Loss store's fan club members to his own collection of spiritual materials.

After feeling this huge benefit, he dismissed the intention of trading out over 100 Flower Brocade Pearls in his hands with other factions.

He understood through this group welfare auction the terrifying purchasing power of these Big Brothers in the group.

There was still half a day before the end of the group welfare auction, but the bidding price of these 30 Flower Brocade Pearls had already greatly exceeded the market price.

As a result, rather than trading the remaining Flower Brocade Pearls outside, he would auction them through group welfare. This was akin to deepening the toughness and flexibility of the network of relations within the group.

Lin Yuan looked at the 10 Flower Brocade Pearls that were on display in his store and could already imagine that they would stir up a reign of terror once tonight's display period was over.

He went to check the price for the mid-grade strange flames and found that it had increased a lot compared to before. He blinked his eyes and couldn't help but think whether this was considered as leveraging the price of mid-grade strange flames.

Lin Yuan went on the Star Web forum and searched about his fan club's welfare to see if it had spread as he thought it would.

Once he checked it, Lin Yuan was embarrassed. The welfare of his fan club had spread out, but half of these posts he had checked were from lifestyle-class spirit qi professionals scolding him.

#### **Chapter 418: The Boss Can't Be Lin Yuan, Right?**

The ones who needed the strange flames the most in the Radiance Federation were those lifestyle-class spirit qi professionals.

They verbally attacked the Purchase With No Loss store owner for acquiring mid-grade strange flames without restraint using the blind trade method.

This led to a price increase of mid-grade strange flames in the market, which seriously affected the daily consumption of lifestyle-class spirit qi professionals.

Their accusations made Lin Yuan a little aggrieved.

I've only acquired more than 200 mid-grade strange flames. How big an impact could it have? Why do these lifestyle-class spirit qi professionals hate me so much!?

What he didn't know was that some factions and Creation Masters had privately hoarded a lot of mid-grade strange flames in order to make a deal with him in the future in exchange for the Flower Brocade Pearls.

Of course, some factions that didn't need the Flower Brocade Pearls took advantage of this situation and wanted to acquire a large amount of mid-grade strange flames, which were not considered abundant in the market. Then, they would raise the price of the mid-grade strange flames to take the chance to make a big profit.

After looking at the time, Lin Yuan logged off Star Web and went downstairs to find Liu Jie. He had already told Hu Quan about the arrangements needed inside his private faction territory on Star Web during the time Hu Quan had been promoted to a Class 5 Spirit Craftsman. Hu Quan was also working overtime to make it according to Lin Yuan's requests.

Lin Yuan knew that he would be busy immediately after his private faction on Star Web announced its function and started issuing Fate Letters.

When he established the space tunnel to the Divine Wood Federation after New Year's, he would still have to attend to the development in the Divine Wood Federation. Naturally, he wouldn't have the energy to manage these white-clothed followers.

Liu Jie was his retainer knight, so he was obviously the most suitable to control these white-clothed followers.

Lin Yuan had just come downstairs when he saw Liu Jie walking out of the training room.

When Liu Jie saw Lin Yuan, he immediately walked up excitedly and said, "Lin Yuan, the genetic model of the Bayonet Beetle inscribed by my Insect Queen has evolved. It should now be renamed as the Flesh-Mincing Blade Insect."

After saying that, Liu Jie circulated his spiritual energy and summoned the half-palm-sized Insect Queen in front of Lin Yuan. When it was summoned out, it was just the same when it had been in imminent danger.

However, a small head suddenly popped out of this wriggling purple flesh cocoon. Upon seeing Liu Jie, this little thing revealed a surprised emotion on its face. A petite figure flew out of the purple flesh cocoon and hugged Liu Jie's neck.

Lin Yuan didn't know until now that the Insect Queen was actually a fairy source-type lifeform after it had recovered from imminent danger.

Fairy source-type lifeforms were those that were not animals, plants, or lifeforms. Most of them had a human-like appearance.

Liu Jie's Insect Queen had been hugging Liu Jie's neck since it came out. It looked especially shy and dependent on him, and Liu Jie lovingly rubbed the Insect Queen with his cheek.

At that moment, two words flashed in Lin Yuan's mind—father-daughter love.

Liu Jie was not raising a source-type lifeform. He was simply raising a daughter!

Then, Liu Jie said to the petite Insect Queen, "Elegance, produce a Flesh-Mincing Blade Insect."

Liu Jie's fairy-like Insect Queen, Elegance, transformed into a purple stream of light and returned to the purple flesh cocoon. Then the purple flesh cocoon landed on the ground and immediately turned into an insect base.

Its body size swelled three meters outward, and many sac-like ducts unique to insect-species fey were inserted into the body.

The moment the Insect Queen transformed, a beetle with a protruding shell and eight long, sharp legs was produced by this huge insect base and appeared in front of Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan was quite surprised after carefully examining the Flesh-Mincing Beetle produced by Liu Jie's Insect Queen.

This source-type lifeform, the Cocoon of Evolution, was actually so powerful!

It had allowed an insect-species fey with a relatively simple genetic model to be so greatly strengthened.

The Bayonet Beetle's attack method was to use the sharp horns on its head to make stabbing attacks and use its eight legs for assisted attacks. On the other hand, the Flesh-Mincing Beetle, which the Bayonet Beetle had turned into after being enhanced by the Cocoon of Evolution, had weakened horns.

Although its head was weakened, its body's protruding armor was sharp on every side and played the same role as its horns.

While moving rapidly, the eight sharp bone-scraping-like legs could quickly cut the skin of feys and churn the flesh into mush.

Although the Flesh-Mincing Blade Insect and Bayonet Beetle's attack method hadn't changed, a Flesh-Mincing Blade Insect could completely single out three Bayonet Beetles of the same size.

Such a change was the process of Liu Jie's sea of insects having a qualitative to quantitative change.

Coupled with the Insect Queen's exclusive skills, Swarm Frenzy and Explosive Recycling, Liu Jie had increased his strength to another level just by having another ability.

Lin Yuan, who was very happy about Liu Jie's strength increase, said with a smile, "Congratulations to Big Brother Liu on your new sea of insects."

Lin Yuan could feel that the current Liu Jie was significantly more confident than before.

It was now the time to meet with those two king-class experts, so Lin Yuan said, "Big Brother Liu, let's log onto Star Web together and meet at the entrance of a Star Web store called Purchase With No Loss."

When Liu Jie heard Lin Yuan say that, he was a little confused. Was Lin Yuan asking him to buy something together?

Even if Liu Jie didn't go onto forums, he had heard of the Purchase With No Loss Fey Store's explosive popularity.

It was a premium store with a mysterious boss and only sold premium items.

Despite feeling doubtful, Liu Jie naturally wouldn't refuse Lin Yuan's request, so he replied with a nod, "Okay. I'll go back to my room now and log on to Star Web."

Hu Quan had recently stopped staying up late, so he used the daytime to make various objects.

When he saw Lin Yuan going to do something on Star Web with Liu Jie, he said, "Wear the masks I made for the two of you before going out. Boys should protect themselves outside."

When Lin Yuan heard Hu Quan's words, he felt that Uncle Hu was a little strange, as if he had a hidden, unknown story behind him.

Why did boys have to protect themselves?

Wasn't it always the girls who had to protect themselves?

When Liu Jie heard Hu Quan mention that strange yet light mask, he couldn't help but say, "Uncle Hu, aren't we wearing the mask you made only when we go out on behalf of the faction? Wouldn't it look strange to wear it for shopping at the Star Web store?"

Before Hu Quan could reply, Lin Yuan smiled brightly at Liu Jie and revealed his small white teeth before saying, "Big Brother Liu, we really have to wear them this time."

Liu Jie suddenly became solemn upon learning that Lin Yuan wanted him to go to Star Web to do something related to the private faction.

All of a sudden, Liu Jie recalled the rumors on Star Web, saying that the owner of the Purchase With No Loss store was a young man who was not very old.

Liu Jie couldn't help but have some doubts. This person wouldn't be Lin Yuan, right?

### **Chapter 419: What a Scumbag!**

Liu Jie returned to the room one step ahead of Lin Yuan. Just when Lin Yuan was also ready to return to his room, Hu Quan said, "I really don't know how you came up with these ideas. Other people who get their hands on this completely jade-textured phoebe zhennan are afraid of even wasting it slightly.

"And yet, you made me extract out each thread of the crystallized golden silk in the phoebe zhennan for you."

Upon hearing that, Lin Yuan scratched the back of his head and asked Hu Quan, "Uncle Hu, are there any difficulties in extracting the gold threads from the completely jade-textured phoebe zhennan?"

Hu Quan chuckled and answered, "If I didn't have this Fantasy Breed Wood Weaving House Centipede, I really couldn't have managed these crystallized gold threads.

"Even if I was able to separate these crystallized golden threads from the completely jade-textured phoebe zhennan, I wouldn't have been able to do it so completely like this.

"However, this batch of completely jade-textured phoebe zhennan that you gave me was really quite a lot.

"It'll take at least 13 or 14 days to extract all the crystallized golden threads in it."

Hu Quan rolled his eyes and said with a grin, "Why don't you tell Wen Yu to let me stay up late during this period?"

"Also, don't let Liu Jie make pork liver soup for me again."

Upon hearing that, Lin Yuan replied without even thinking about it, "Uncle Hu, there's no rush. Get it done during the day. Even if I tell Wen Yu about you staying up late, it doesn't count."

Lin Yuan also objected to Hu Quan staying up all night.

More than Hu Quan's creativity as a Class 5 Spirit Craftsman, Lin Yuan would prefer Hu Quan to be able to create in a healthy state, instead of staying up late and affecting his health to rush his work.

Lin Yuan had never treated Hu Quan as a toolman or wanted to make use of his labor at any time.

When Hu Quan's image was pieced together on the feature wall behind him, he was already a part of the mansion.

When Hu Quan saw that his idea didn't work, he said, "Okay. I'm going to get to work. Go back to your room quickly. Don't let Liu Jie wait too long."

Lin Yuan now knew what it meant by throwing something away after using it!

No, I should say that I was thrown away without even being used!

What a scumbag!

When Lin Yuan logged onto Star Web this time, he had put on the mask with the majestic sky city pattern that Hu Quan had created with the completely jade-textured silk threads on his face in advance.

When Lin Yuan arrived at the Purchase With No Loss store entrance, he happened to see an acquaintance.

He saw the violent-tempered woman and greeted her. Only when Lin Yuan took the initiative to say hello to her did she then recognize him.

It had to be said that Lin Yuan really looked a bit mature with just his mouth and chin showing from wearing Hu Quan's mask.

When the violent-tempered woman saw Lin Yuan, she hurriedly said, "Sir, why has the store recently stopped selling Silver Usneas and Elite Spirit-Siphon Goldfish?"

Upon hearing that, Lin Yuan replied with a smile, "It only stopped yesterday, and it's uncertain until when it will be. If you need Silver Usneas, you can just send me a message directly."

Lin Yuan cherished the people he knew when he was weak.

Upon hearing that, the violent-tempered woman hurriedly waved her hand and replied, "Sir, there's no need to trouble you. I don't know how many benefits I've gotten just from your fan club alone!"

She was very grateful to Lin Yuan. While Lin Yuan had helped heal her daughter's fey's damaged roots, he had also helped to promote its quality, which was simply a great kindness.

During this period, the violent-tempered woman had met a lot of bigwigs in the Purchase With No Loss store's fan club.

By listening to the information that these bigwigs shared during the chat, the violent-tempered woman had exchanged several spiritual materials, allowing her to earn lots of Radiance dollars.

The amount of Radiance dollars she had earned in this month was more than what she usually earned in two years of hard work in receiving missions in the Guild Alliance.

Lin Yuan wanted to invite the violent-tempered woman into the store to sit for a while. Just as he was about to do so, she said, "Sir, continue with what you're doing. My roasted chicken is particularly delicious. I'll send you a roasted chicken!"

After the violent-tempered woman left Lin Yuan's Purchase With No Loss store, she kept posting in the store's fan club as usual, but she accidentally leaked something.

Violent-Tempered Woman: "I saw the group admin of the Star Web store at the entrance. He seems to be ready to enter the store and do something."

The information that the violent-tempered woman posted made many bigwigs' eyes light up.

The admin had always been mysterious. After she and the others had entered the group, they had only seen him auction 30 Flower Brocade Pearls through group welfare in the fan club.

They had never seen him say other superfluous words and usually couldn't even contact him. This was because this mysterious group admin was so aloof that he simply didn't reply to any messages.

Now that they heard the group admin had shown up at the store, many bigwigs who saw the violent-tempered woman's post took action.

Lin Yuan stood at the entrance for less than a few minutes before he saw Liu Jie walking over wearing Hu Quan's mask.

Liu Jie usually wore the Radiance Hundred Sequence battle suit on Star Web that the Radiance Sacred Hall specially made for the members. However, he changed that and wore a red-gold half-body armor.

Liu Jie looked unusually valiant with a mask that only showed his knife-sharp chin.



Liu Jie saw Lin Yuan. The latter was standing at the store entrance and opening the door to the closed Star Web store.

Upon seeing that, Liu Jie knew that he had really guessed right previously. Lin Yuan was the Purchase With No Loss store's mysterious owner.

After Lin Yuan and Liu Jie met, they entered the store. Lin Yuan's Purchase With No Loss store was not placed with shelves. Since Lin Yuan had recently taken down the Silver Usneas and Elite Spirit-Siphon Goldfish, the Purchase With No Loss store was empty.

In addition, the long table that Star Web had sent when Lin Yuan opened the store was still placed inside. This made the Purchase With No Loss Fey Store look like a restaurant with only one table rather than a store selling feys and spiritual materials.

Lin Yuan had arranged to meet Liu Jie half an hour earlier, which was 9.30, at the store. However, in less than five minutes after they sat down, they saw a slim man walk in.

When Lin Yuan saw this skinny guy, he asked, "Are you Zhou Luo?"

The information of the two king-class experts that Lin Yuan had previously received all had their looks. Thus, Lin Yuan had already recognized Zhou Luo as the king-class expert who had three Willpower Runes but whose main fey was extremely weak.

#### **Chapter 420: Are You Worthy?**

Once Zhou Luo heard this youth with a strange mask in the store call out his name, he was finally sure that he hadn't gone to the wrong place.

He was surprised to look at the furnishings around the store and was somewhat in disbelief that this legendary Purchase With No Loss Fey Store didn't have any feys or spiritual materials but only an ordinary table.

Zhou Luo hurriedly said, "My name is Zhou Luo. Can my main fey, the Iron Bone Iguana, reach your standard?"

Upon hearing that, Lin Yuan flipped his hands and summoned a chair that was the same as the one Lin Yuan was sitting on. Both were gifted by Star Web when he had opened his store.

At that moment, Zhou Luo heard one of the youths with a strange mask say, "Take a seat first. There'll be someone in a while. We'll talk when everyone is here."

Zhou Luo sat down on the chair and secretly sized up the two masked youths sitting not far from him.

Based on the masks alone, he could tell that the man in the white-and-blue long robe was obviously of a higher status than the man in the red-and-gold half-body armor. The former should be the Purchase With No Loss store's owner.

At the same time, Zhou Luo felt dejected. His Iron Bone Iguana was just a Platinum IX/Fantasy I fey. It was hard to say who would win if it fought with those Diamond IV or Diamond V feys in terms of strength.

Did such strength really have a chance to fight for a future?

At that moment, the most beautiful future that Zhou Luo dreamed of was to be able to get five heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls produced from the Scorching Elemental Shellfish so that his main fey, the Iron Bone Iguana, could mutate the huge sarcoma on its neck into a second head.

Just as Zhou Luo was letting his imagination run wild, Lin Yuan had set up entry access to his Purchase With No Loss store where only Freezing Cold could enter later.

The setting of the entry access was the privilege of a private store owner on Star Web. Of course, except for stores like Lin Yuan's store that were not worried about having buyers at all, other stores might not even use this privilege once in their lifetime.

Time flew by, and half an hour passed quickly. Lin Yuan's eyebrows slowly frowned. The time had come to the appointed ten o'clock, but Freezing Cold didn't appear during this appointed timing.

After another five minutes, just as Lin Yuan was ready to remove Freezing Cold's access from entering the door, a tall and strong man walked in. He was Freezing Cold.

He scanned the room and walked to Lin Yuan before saying carefreely, "I was watching the competition video in the Star Web video library, so I was five minutes late."

When Lin Yuan heard Freezing Cold's careless tone, his brow furrowed even more tightly. He changed the question mark on Freezing Cold into a cross in his heart. His careless attitude showed that he didn't take this meeting seriously at all.

Not only did it show his contempt toward Lin Yuan's faction, but it also showed that Freezing Cold was not a punctual person.

Before Lin Yuan could say anything, Lin Yuan heard Freezing Cold speak again.

"You don't have as much good stuff inside this little store as others have told me!

"I would like you to show me first. If it doesn't meet my expectations, it's not worthwhile wasting time with you here."

Upon hearing that, Lin Yuan's furrowed eyebrows relaxed, but he no longer placed his gaze on Freezing Cold.

Lin Yuan asked with a tone no different from usual, "Did you come to me intending to exchange this Bronze/Epic fey for your allegiance?"

Freezing Cold shook his head and replied, "Allegiance? What kind of allegiance? The allegiance oath is definitely impossible, but I can complete missions according to your orders. After completing a certain amount of missions, I'll exchange for this Bronze/Epic lizard fey."

“If your mission is harder to complete, I can also find more king-class experts to help you complete it, but you’ll need to pay for that.

“Of course, if you’re willing to give me this Bronze/Epic lizard fey first, I can take 10% less for each mission’s payment.”

Just as Freezing Cold finished speaking, a low voice echoed.

“Give you the Bronze/Epic fey first? Are you worthy?”

Liu Jie, who was clad in red-and-gold half-armor, had stood up. Based on what Lin Yuan had just told him, Liu Jie knew that the purpose of coming to the Star Web store this time was to recruit king-class experts and let them become Sky City’s white-clothed followers.

Essentially, Lin Yuan planned to start expanding Sky City’s martial force, and he had also said that he would provide Bronze/Epic feys to the newly recruited white-clothed followers.

This was akin to saying that Lin Yuan was going to make a considerable investment into each white-clothed follower.

Probably few people would understand Lin Yuan’s wealth and overbearingness clearly more than Liu Jie, who had been with him since the earliest days.

However, this tall and strong man in front was talking big and wanted to obtain the Bronze/Epic feys first, yet he was unwilling to pledge allegiance. He was simply too greedy.

If Lin Yuan took out the Bronze/Epic fey, he could hire a pinnacle king-class expert squad to go on a mission. Rather than hiring such a king-class expert without a sense of time to do multiple missions, it was still better to hire a king-class expert squad.

Freezing Cold showed a dissatisfied look on his face.

“This is just a Star Web store. If I hadn’t heard from someone before that you’ve sold any species of Bronze/Epic feys in this store, I wouldn’t have thought of coming to your place to do odd jobs. Your Star Web store is still far from our Huge Axe Mercenaries!”

Liu Jie’s face became even gloomier. On the other hand, Lin Yuan was not angry but just a little dumbfounded.

Lin Yuan had always been used to treating other factions as leeks and would always harvest them like crazy with the items produced in his Spirit Lock spatial zone.

But this time, a king-class expert, who obviously had a faction that he had pledged allegiance to, wanted to come to his Purchase With No Loss store to take up missions to reap the benefits for himself. Freezing Cold wanted to reap his leeks and also earn the price difference as a broker.

Speaking of the Huge Axe Mercenaries, Lin Yuan had learned about all the factions from Wen Yu, but there was really no such name.

Lin Yuan glanced at Liu Jie and asked, “Big Brother Liu, have you heard of the Huge Axe Mercenaries?”

Liu Jie shook his head and looked at Freezing Cold with an even gloomier gaze.