

Merchant 421

## Chapter 421: Huge Axe Mercenaries

Lin Yuan turned his head and looked at the man, who had come in first and sat on the chair, before asking, "Zhou Luo, have you heard of the Huge Axe Mercenaries?"

Zhou Luo had always felt that he didn't have the slightest sense of existence, but he didn't expect to be called by the youth with the strange mask now.

He quickly answered, "Of course, I've heard of the Huge Axe Mercenaries. It's a very powerful faction with 11 king-class experts, the strongest of which is said to be just a hair's breadth away from being a pinnacle king-class expert."

Lin Yuan nodded at his words. From the number and strength of the king-class experts, the Huge Axe Mercenaries should be considered a veteran and rising faction.

Just by hearing the word 'mercenaries', it was clear that the role of this rising faction was to be hired to complete missions and obtain supplies. It was a rising faction that relied on martial force.

It was now almost New Year's and in time for the Radiance Federation's S Tournament season. The Huge Axe Mercenaries probably could not receive any missions now, so Freezing Cold had begun to come out to do odd jobs as a member.

Lin Yuan couldn't help but feel that what Zhou Luo had said earlier about the strongest expert in the Huge Axe Mercenaries being a hair's breadth away from being a pinnacle king-class expert was interesting.

The pinnacle king-class didn't refer to a specific rank, but all king-class experts who had Diamond VIII/Fantasy III feys and above could be called pinnacle king-class experts.

Therefore, this introduction of being a hair's breadth away from being a pinnacle king-class expert was somewhat confusing.

The Huge Axe Mercenaries were probably introducing themselves to the outside world, hoping to take on more missions.

Such mercenary factions that gathered king-class experts had very fierce competition because they let their strength speak for them, so it was obvious at a glance which faction had better business.

Just as Zhou Luo had just finished speaking, he didn't expect to be immediately targeted by the tall and strong man beside him.

"A few days ago, my big brother became a pinnacle king-class expert. What do you mean by being a hair's breadth away from being a pinnacle king-class expert?"

Zhou Luo was rendered speechless.

I'm not a member of the Huge Axe Mercenaries. Who would keep an eye on the latest news of the Huge Axe Mercenaries all the time?

What has it got to do with me whether your Huge Axe Mercenaries have any pinnacle king-class experts?

Lin Yuan looked at Freezing Cold, who was standing there, obviously a bit angry, and said, "Since you can't give me your allegiance, I can't give you a future either. You don't need to waste your time."

When Freezing Cold heard that, his expression stiffened, and he immediately became reluctant.

"My time is also worthless. It doesn't matter if I waste it. I guess he's also a king-class expert that you invited.

"I'd like to see if I'm unsuitable, or he's unsuitable. You're running a store. You can't drive people away, right?"

Zhou Luo, who was sitting on the chair, felt a little puzzled. Why is this strong man targeting me once again?

Oh my god! This strong man doesn't have any improper thoughts about me, does he!?

Liu Jie's fists had clenched up, and he glanced at Lin Yuan. His eyes were conveying the message: 'I'll blast him out if you agree'.

Lin Yuan shook his head at Liu Jie and then replied indifferently to Freezing Cold, "You can stay as long as you want. Your entry access is open, so you can leave anytime you get tired of staying."

Lin Yuan thought, I won't drive anyone away from my store.

However, I'll set the entry access and block all the customers outside without allowing them to come in.

After saying that, Lin Yuan would not spend any more energy on Freezing Cold, who was standing at the side.

Since Freezing Cold couldn't become a member of the white-clothed followers, Lin Yuan did not need to put effort into Freezing Cold.

Lin Yuan said to Zhou Luo, who was sitting on the stool, "You've heard what we said just now. If I can pour resources into you so that you grow quickly, would you be willing to offer your allegiance to me?"

Upon hearing that, Zhou Luo nodded without hesitation. He had heard the conversation between Lin Yuan and Freezing Cold, so he naturally knew that offering his allegiance meant swearing with the Willpower Rune and issuing an allegiance oath.

Only through this way could he most directly express his allegiance and let the other party pour resources into him without worrying.

Although what one gave might not necessarily be proportional to what one received, there would certainly be no returns without giving something. Zhou Luo understood this principle.

Given the current situation, if he could find a faction to rely on, he wouldn't have to suffer anymore.

However, Zhou Luo didn't know how much resources this masked youth in front of him would pour into him in the future.

In fact, he wasn't the most worried about much he could get after his allegiance, but whether the youth wearing a strange mask would accept his allegiance.

Zhou Luo was still not confident about the strength of his main fey, the Iron Bone Iguana. He took a deep breath and said with some apprehension, "Do you think I meet the requirements with my strength?"

Zhou Luo clearly understood that he never had the qualifications to be picky when he wanted to join a faction. He could only quietly wait for others to pick him.

Lin Yuan didn't care about the weakness of Zhou Luo's main fey, which he remembered was a Platinum IX/Fantasy I defense-type Iron Bone Iguana.

The only thing that Zhou Luo had written in his information was that this Platinum IX/Fantasy I Iron Bone Iguana had a mutation at its neck that would affect some body movements, thus affecting its strength to a certain extent.

Since Zhou Luo was right in front of him, Lin Yuan also wanted to see what exactly had gone wrong with his Iron Bone Iguana.

If the strength of Zhou Luo's main fey, the Iron Bone Iguana, was seriously affected by the mutation at the neck, Zhou Luo would be a burden to Lin Yuan.

After all, Zhou Luo's main fey was already weak, and the mutation affected it at its neck, so it was hard for him to get the resources to nurture a new fey.

In this case, even if Lin Yuan gave Zhou Luo a Bronze/Epic fey, Zhou Luo would still need Lin Yuan's investment if he wanted to become stronger. Lin Yuan would not do such a losing deal.

He said, "Summon your main fey out for me to see."

Upon hearing that, Zhou Luo clearly hesitated for a moment. Then he took a deep breath, channeled his spiritual energy, and summoned the Iron Bone Iguana.

The moment Zhou Luo summoned his Iron Bone Iguana, Lin Yuan's eyes were fixed on its neck. It wasn't that he deliberately stared at its neck. Rather, the sarcoma was too obvious, as it was one-quarter of its head.

This made Lin Yuan suddenly think of a dish—potatoes in a pressure cooker.

## **Chapter 422: I'm Willing**

After the Iron Bone Iguana was summoned, it seemed to have felt uncomfortable with its neck and started to habitually shake its neck. Since the huge bump grew on the right side of the neck, it was clearly a considerable burden for it.

This situation made the Iron Bone Iguana, a defense-type fey, unable to quickly respond to attacks on the right side of its body when defending.

Lin Yuan used Morbius' True Data to check the Iron Bone Iguana's attributes.

[Fey Name]: Iron Bone Iguana

[Fey Species]: Iguanidae/Huge Iguana

[Fey Grade]: Platinum (9/10)

[Fey Type]: Earth

[Fey Quality]: Fantasy I

Lin Yuan found that there was nothing wrong with the Iron Bone Iguana's basic attributes. However, his pupils shrank when he saw the True Data about the cause of the mutation at the neck of the Iron Bone Iguana.

It could be said that this Iron Bone Iguana was giving itself a ladder toward the peak through mutation. But as the Iron Bone Iguana's contractor, Zhou Luo was not in a position to send it to the bottom of the mountain peak and let it climb against the mountain peak.

As for the pure fire-element energy needed to make this Iron Bone Iguana undergo metamorphosis, as stated in True Data, Lin Yuan had a lot.

The Scorching Elemental Shellfish in Morbius' Spirit Lock spatial zone would produce an elemental pearl containing pure fire-element energy every few minutes.

However, the main flower of the Heaven and Earth Fey, the Twin Red Pagoda, was not as powerful as the Floating Island Whale at the absorption of the fire-element energy.

The speed of the elemental pearls produced by the Scorching Elemental Shellfish was faster than that of the absorption by the Twin Red Pagoda's main flower.

So every once in a while, Lin Yuan had to collect these elemental pearls that contained pure fire-element energy, and he had collected nearly 500 of them.

These elemental pearls were also considered to be his rarer resource reserves at present.

At this time, Lin Yuan heard a peal of loud and unrestrained laughter. He saw Freezing Cold pointing at the Iron Bone Iguana with a disdainful face and said, "I didn't expect you to have an affinity toward lizard-species feys like me. However, this deformed lizard of yours is too weak! My fey can bite it to death with just one bite."

After saying that, Freezing Cold circulated his spiritual energy and summoned his two lizard-species main feys.

Zhou Luo's Iron Bone Iguana was seven meters long because it was a Huge Iguana genus. However, in front of the two feys that Freezing Cold summoned, the Iron Bone Iguana instantly became very tiny.

Although the Bucktooth Terror Skink's body length was also seven meters, it looked very strong. Its bulging muscles and mouth full of sharp teeth were enough to show its valiant attack power.

Even though the other Swordtooth Lizard Dragon's grade and quality were inferior to the Bucktooth Terror Skink, the Swordtooth Lizard Dragon was nearly 12 meters long and had an intimidating aura unique to a dragon-species fey.

Lin Yuan used Morbius' True Data to check these two lizard-species feys' attributes.

[Fey Name]: Bucktooth Terror Skink

[Fey Species]: Tyrant Lizard/Toothed Lizard

[Fey Grade]: Diamond (3/10)

[Fey Type]: Metal

[Fey Quality]: Fantasy II

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[Fey Name]: Swordtooth Lizard Dragon

[Fey Species]: Sword Dragon/Toothed Lizard

[Fey Grade]: Diamond (1/10)

[Fey Type]: Earth/Metal

[Fey Quality]: Fantasy II

When Lin Yuan was done checking the attributes of the two lizard-species feys that Freezing Cold had summoned, he felt that this Diamond I/Fantasy II Swordtooth Lizard Dragon was really good.

It had a very high degree of dragon-species bloodline stimulation. If it was lucky enough to become a Myth Breed in the future, it could probably advance into a true ancient dragon species.

Freezing Cold saw Lin Yuan looking at his summoned feys and immediately withdrew them back. Then he also gave Lin Yuan a somewhat cautious look.

If one summoned feys that were Gold and above in other people's Star Web stores without the store owner's permission, one would be subjected to punishment if the store owner reported it.

The lightest punishment would be to have one's Star Web account banned for two days, while the more serious ones would be for a month.

Freezing Cold didn't want to bear such punishments. He had summoned his two feys mainly to taunt Zhou Luo's main fey, the Iron Bone Iguana.

When Freezing Cold saw that Lin Yuan had no intention of reporting him, he continued to mockingly glance at the Iron Bone Iguana on the ground.

He scanned the bulging sarcoma on its neck twice before he contemptuously glanced at Zhou Luo and whistled.

At that moment, Liu Jie, who was sitting next to Lin Yuan, admired Lin Yuan's magnanimity.

Even though there had been no news of him for three years, and he had been used to seeing the change of human emotions and had humbly felt this real world, he still couldn't control his temper.

However, Lin Yuan had a calm expression, as if he didn't care about Freezing Cold's rudeness and rashness.

Zhou Luo was taunted, and his expression turned livid. This undisguised contempt only made Zhou Luo feel a hard stabbing pain inside.

However, he didn't fight back with words but glanced at Lin Yuan and said firmly, "If you can really give me a future so that I have a chance to become stronger, I'm willing to swear with the Willpower Rune and issue a servant oath."

As Zhou Luo said these words, a thought suddenly came to his mind.

Should he ask if he could get five heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls produced by the Scorching Elemental Shellfish?

But when he thought of the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls, which the retainer knight of the Class 4 Creation Master, Master Duan Li, had said before that even Master Duan Li couldn't get, he forcibly held back the hope and request of getting the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls.

When Freezing Cold, who had still wanted to taunt Zhou Luo, heard Zhou Luo's words, he subconsciously froze. There were three kinds of allegiance oaths—protector oath, retainer oath, and servant oath.

Generally, when king-class experts swore by a Willpower Rune and issued an allegiance oath, most of them sign a protector oath, while few would sign retainer oaths.

Very few of them were willing to sign a servant oath with a Willpower Rune and put their entire life on a faction or a certain person.

Although a person could only issue an allegiance oath once in their life, due to the different types of allegiance oaths issued, the status and degree of freedom in the faction to which one was loyal were completely different.

### **Chapter 423: I'll Solve It for You**

Freezing Cold didn't think that Zhou Luo was really crazy. King-class experts at the bottom were exceptionally shrewd because it was hard for them to obtain resources.

Freezing Cold stared at the two masked youths for a moment and carefully looked at the empty Star Web store.

He couldn't help but suspect that the Star Web store that his Huge Axe Mercenaries comrades had introduced to him to try his luck and see if he could get high-quality Bronze feys by doing odd jobs had a deep background.

When Freezing Cold usually logged onto Star Web, he would spend half of the time on the Celestial Stairway duels and the other half in the Celestial Stairway video library, watching the duel videos. He rarely visited the Star Web forum and never paid attention to some Star Web stores' gossip.

At that moment, Freezing Cold felt that after returning to the Huge Axe Mercenaries, he had to ask his comrades what this Star Web store was all about.

However, he still thought that maybe he was overthinking it. Maybe he should poke and prod a little.

Lin Yuan was a little surprised to hear Zhou Luo's words. Zhou Luo actually didn't directly make a request. Instead, he only said that he would be willing to issue the servant oath if he could help him become stronger.

Although Zhou Luo did not say it, Lin Yuan understood that before Zhou Luo would swear to himself with the Willpower Rune, he had to show what he could give to Zhou Luo.

Just as Lin Yuan was about to give Zhou Luo a promise, Freezing Cold said, "Even if things don't work out for me, you should take out the Bronze/Epic lizard-species feys that I requested before and let me take a look!"

Hearing Freezing Cold talk about the Bronze/Epic lizard-species feys, Zhou Luo widened his eyes at once, and his breathing became heavier.

Lin Yuan ignored Freezing Cold's words. Instead, he looked at Zhou Luo and asked, "Your affinity is also toward lizard-species feys, right?"

Zhou Luo nodded at his words.

Lin Yuan waved his hand and summoned a lizard with a body length of nearly four meters and three huge bone plates on its body. Its huge dark-purple bone plate was pointed up. Spirit-snake-like black energy was swimming above the huge bone plate like a drawing board.

This lizard fey's sharp teeth were like the venomous teeth of a snake fey.

However, when the lizard was summoned and erected its three huge bone plates and roared, its sharp teeth instantly ejected, and the fine hollow sharp teeth wrapped around its lower jaw.

Although the roar was the hissing sound of lizard feys, it was sharper and had the unique intimidation of dragon-species feys.

The moment Zhou Luo saw this lizard fey, he felt his brain rapidly filled with blood, making him a little dizzy. Such an incredible lizard fey that had awakened its dragon-species bloodline at Bronze/Legend was legendary and rare! He was actually lucky to see such a fey in this life!

Based on the youth wearing the strange mask, it seemed that he was going to give this fey to himself.

Lin Yuan found that after he summoned the Dark Snake Dragon Lizard, Zhou Luo's eyes never left it. He knew that Zhou Luo liked this lizard-species fey, so he said, "This Dark Snake Dragon Lizard is considered a little superior.

"Its exclusive skill, Darkened Body, can effectively help it resist physical damage and increase its movement speed. At the same time, it gives some enhancements to its dark-type abilities.

"Since you've chosen to serve me, this Dark Snake Dragon Lizard is the future that I'll give you."

Upon hearing Lin Yuan's words, Zhou Luo's heart pounded even more violently. Extreme excitement and ecstasy surged to his heart.

Although he had guessed it before, he still felt a bit in disbelief now. This young man wearing a strange mask had actually given such a superior Bronze/Epic fey after he decided to pledge his allegiance.

It was simply a great deal!

When Freezing Cold saw this Dark Snake Dragon Lizard, he felt that he had managed to give up a small goal and had lost 100,000,000.

He had actually given a superior fey like the Dark Snake Dragon Lizard, just like that, to this king-class expert, whose main fey was so pitifully weak and deformed.

Freezing Cold felt that such behavior was simply a defeat.

If this Dark Snake Dragon Lizard was given to him, he would be qualified to try his luck at Ascending Dragon City's Long family with two dragon-species feys. At the same time, he could be sure that he had underestimated this Star Web store's background.

Zhou Luo had slowly calmed down from his excitement and hurriedly stood up from the stool before he respectfully said to Lin Yuan, "Master, Zhou Luo is at your disposal from now on."

When Lin Yuan heard Zhou Luo's words, the corners of his mouth under the strange mask curved up.

"Come over right away to the Royal Capital according to the address I sent you. After you swear with the Willpower Rune, you can also take this Dark Snake Dragon Lizard and nurture it early."

As Zhou Luo was about to thank him, Lin Yuan added, "The sarcoma on your Iron Bone Iguana's neck is mutating in a good direction. It just needs extremely pure fire-element energy to prompt the completion of its mutation. When you come to the Royal Capital, I can solve it for you."

Zhou Luo's body trembled from the pleasant surprise. At this time, he was far more surprised than he was when he knew he was going to get the Dark Snake Dragon Lizard.

Zhou Luo could be said to have lived with the Iron Bone Iguana since a young age. In order to survive, it was unknown how many times they had experienced life and death together.

Zhou Luo didn't have other feys, so he had poured all his feelings into the Iron Bone Iguana. It could be said that the Iron Bone Iguana was akin to his life.



Zhou Luo's face was red with excitement, and his lips were trembling a little as he said, "Master, you have heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls?"

Zhou Luo was also bewildered. Master Duan Li had discovered the Iron Bone Iguana's mutation only after some examination.

However, that young man wearing a strange mask had seen right through the real reason for the sarcoma on the Iron Bone Iguana's neck with a single glance.

Lin Yuan was slightly stunned when he heard Zhou Luo talk about the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls. Then he remembered what Gao Feng had said before. After the Elemental Shellfish were induced to mutate, the elemental pearls they produced were divided into several grades depending on the purity of the aura absorbed.

The heavenly-maiden-grade was the highest grade of the elemental pearls.

Since the elemental pearls in his hands absorbed the spirit qi in the Spirit Lock spatial zone, it could be said that the purity was almost 100%. The heavenly-maiden-grade was also a supreme existence.

Lin Yuan had previously thought that Zhou Luo did not know the cause of the sarcoma on the Iron Bone Iguana's neck, but he did not expect Zhou Luo to know about it very well.

"Yes, I've some heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls that contain fire-element energy produced by the Scorching Elemental Shellfish."

#### **Chapter 424: Being Surrounded by Bigwigs**

When Freezing Cold saw that the Purchase With No Loss store owner gave the Dark Snake Dragon Lizard to Zhou Luo, he couldn't help but sigh that the store was not simple. After all, who knew if the store owner had this Bronze/Epic Dark Snake Dragon Lizard by chance before?

However, the concentration of spirit qi needed for the formation of the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls could only be achieved by Class 4 Creation Masters and above.

This also meant that this 1-Star Star Web store must have at least a Class 4 Creation Master behind it.

What shocked Freezing Cold was that the Purchase With No Loss store owner was actually willing to save this deformed lizard with such a rare heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearl.

He always had deep feelings for the Huge Axe Mercenaries. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been willing to issue an allegiance oath to them.

However, he couldn't help but think if he hadn't issued an allegiance oath to the Huge Axe Mercenaries with a Willpower Rune, would all the good stuff be his now?

At that moment, Lin Yuan's first recruitment of white-clothed followers was also considered to have ended.

He had only recruited Zhou Luo this time, and Zhou Luo's strength was still very weak. However, after his Iron Bone Iguana absorbed the pure fire-element energy from the elemental pearls to complete its mutation, it would get a huge boost.

When the sarcoma on its neck completely mutated and grew a new head, Zhou Luo could completely rely on the resources earned by the Iron Bone Iguana to raise the Dark Snake Dragon Lizard without having Lin Yuan worry anymore.

Lin Yuan turned and said to Liu Jie, "Big Brother Liu, Zhou Luo will be the first warrior under you from now on."

Upon hearing that, Liu Jie replied solemnly, "Leave it to me!"

During this period, it could be said that Liu Jie had been watching everyone in the mansion and was constantly busy with Sky City, but only he had nothing to do. He could now finally take up the responsibility to do his part for Sky City and Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan turned his gaze to Freezing Cold and said, "We're leaving. Do you still want to stroll around in this store?"

As he spoke, Lin Yuan opened the entry access of his Star Web store.

Just as Freezing Cold was a little embarrassed and wanted to speak, he noticed that a lot of people suddenly came into the store, and he knew two of them. These two people were the true bigwigs.

Lin Yuan didn't expect that when he opened the entry access, over 30 people would come in at once. Among these 30 people, he found that almost all of them were from the fan club.

He immediately knew that the violent-tempered woman should have told the fan club she had seen him in front of the store.

Lin Yuan lurked as much as possible in his Purchase With No Loss store's fan club, but he didn't expect over 30 bigwigs would come into his Star Web store.

Zhou Luo, who was caught in surprise and excitement, was ready to log off Star Web and go to the Royal Capital as agreed.

Unexpectedly, when he recovered from the pleasant surprise, he was a little confused at the sudden appearance of so many people.

Had he lost his memory from being too pleasantly surprised?

At that moment, Zhou Luo heard a kind voice. "I can't believe I saw you again after a day, kid."

Upon hearing this voice, Zhou Luo turned. He was first surprised before he hurriedly gave a salute and replied, "Master Duan Li, I didn't expect to meet you here."

The old woman, who was called Master Duan Li, also looked at Zhou Luo with some surprise. She seemed to be guessing why Zhou Luo would appear in this Purchase With No Loss store.

She had found Zhou Luo's presence when she entered the store. Did he have any connections with this store?

Immediately after that, Master Duan Li dismissed this thought. If Zhou Luo really had connections with this Star Web store, his main fey wouldn't be such an Iron Bone Iguana.

Zhou Luo felt goosebumps as Master Duan Li sized him up.

When did he deserve to have an intermediate Class 4 Creation Master spending so many thoughts on him?

Zhou Luo hurriedly found a topic and said, "Thank you, Master Duan Li, for letting your retainer knight give me some advice."

Master Duan Li kindly patted Zhou Luo's shoulder and replied, "Your fey affinity is toward lizard-species feys, and most of them are better at attacking.

"You might as well find and contract a Bronze/Flawless power offense-type lizard-species fey first and nurture more new feys later on when you have resources."

Zhou Luo glanced at Master Duan Li gratefully. He knew that she wanted to tell him to stop nurturing his Iron Bone Iguana. As long as it didn't complete its mutation, not only would it not have the slightest potential, but it would also affect its combat power.

However, since the Iron Bone Iguana's mutation had been resolved, Zhou Luo looked at the youth wearing a strange mask, who was surrounded by the crowd not far away, for a long time before he said to Master Duan Li, "Master, my Iron Bone Iguana's mutation problem has been solved."

A touch of shock flashed across Master Duan Li's benevolent face. She also looked into the distance along with Zhou Luo's gaze and landed her eyes on the youth wearing the strange mask.

Yesterday, Zhou Luo had just learned about his Iron Bone Iguana's mutation problem, but it had now been solved, and it was in this small store. The reason for this was self-explanatory.

Lin Yuan felt he was simply going to be emptied by these bigwigs. The number of Flower Brocade Pearls they wanted to buy added up to 200, and there was still a new group of bigwigs applying to trade with him over and over again.

Among them, Lin Yuan found that the one who needed the most number of Flower Brocade Pearls were not Creation Masters.

This meant that these Creation Masters that needed a lot of Brocade Pearls either had a huge faction behind them, or they purely wanted to store up a batch of goods, sell them at a high price when they were in demand in the market, and become a middleman happily earning the price difference.

Lin Yuan didn't promise to trade the Flower Brocade Pearls that these people needed. Since he wanted to solidify the strength of the fan club's connections, the best way was to conduct an auction of group welfare every once in a while.

Rare things were dear. Satisfying one person at a time was the best option for dealing with these tight resources.

Lin Yuan winked at Liu Jie, who was at the side, indicating that Liu Jie would leave with him later. Then he spoke to this group of bigwigs besides him.

### **Chapter 425: Eight Pages Council**

“Everyone can @ me or send me a private message in the group if there’s anything. There’ll be group welfare every once in a while. I hope everyone will bid sensibly.”

At that moment, a tall woman standing beside Lin Yuan said flirtatiously, “Master admin, you don’t intend for your group welfare to always be Flower Brocade Pearls, right? That would be very boring~!”

As this woman spoke, the bigwigs, including Lin Yuan, got goosebumps.

Lin Yuan thought, Oh my goodness! Is this the legendary acting coy to overcome toughness?

Lin Yuan cleared his throat and answered sternly, “Since you think it’s boring, we’ll change into something else. The next group welfare will be 10 heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls produced from the Scorching Elemental Shellfish.”

After saying that, Lin Yuan and Liu Jie looked at each other and left the Star Web store together.

A hint of dismay appeared on the face of that flamboyant and tall woman.

Have I been made fun of?

How dare someone do that!?

I’m a woman who has killed 32 husbands, 16 boyfriends, 27 male besties, and 81 men with ambiguous relationships!

Lin Yuan’s words sent the bigwigs in the Purchase With No Loss store into an uproar. The next group welfare turned out to be 10 heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls!

Although these 10 heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls were all fire-type elemental pearls produced by the Scorching Elemental Shellfish, any type of elemental pearls of the same purity could be exchanged. As long as the news was posted on Star Web, it would be very easy to find the next home for it.

The heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls and the Flower Brocade Pearls were not on the same level.

There were actually such unexpected benefits for trapping the group admin inside the Star Web store this time.

It seemed that doing it more often greatly benefited the group welfare.

At the same time, many people thought of what Lin Yuan had said about bidding sensibly, and they cursed, That’s easy for you to say!

One heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearl is enough to cause people to go crazy. How can we be sensible if you take out 10 of them at once?

If we can be sensible in the face of 10 heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls, then it’s really too irrational!

Not long after, when the bigwigs in Lin Yuan's Star Web store left, they were all eager, obviously determined to get those ten heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls.

Only Freezing Cold was left in the store, shivering weakly, pathetically, and helplessly.

After Lin Yuan logged off Star Web, he pondered.

Given the Purchase With No Loss store's current popularity, it's a bit hard to carry out the plan of white-clothed followers and recruit king-class experts.

This was also why Lin Yuan was willing to take out 10 heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls for the group welfare auction.

He had done so in order to let this matter spread to Star Web and increase his Purchase With No Loss store's popularity.

Lin Yuan was also unwilling to sell the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls on Star Web through the blind trade like the Flower Brocade Pearls.

For him, the blind trade was now a threshold to enter his Purchase With No Loss store's fan club. After all, he had to reap the better benefits so that he could enjoy them!

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On a huge island struck by the waves, a radiant light rose even in the day that came from the land on the island, where it was full of various gemstones.

Eight different lofty towers stood tall on this land with various gemstones. In front of each sharp tower were 32 Chanters kneeling on the ground as they chanted softly, with a Lead Chanter in front of them leading a pious song.

A bridge was erected on top of the eight different sharp towers, with a floating garden in the air where the eight bridges converged.

The floating garden had a variety of strange-shaped wax figures that were incomplete and even a little badly damaged. Some wax figures were even completely damaged.

However, these wax figures seemed to contain some kind of laws.

Most of the wax figures were some feys, and there were also a few humans, of course.

Each wax figure had a small fountain next to it. The clear water spraying from the fountain landed on the wax figure, making the color of the wax statue more vivid, causing the aura of that law to become stronger.

The law in the wax figure was only stronger for a moment, as if the aura of these laws was stripped from these wax figures into the clear water splashes.

These clear water splashes landed on the fountain and the cycle repeated.

In the middle of the floating garden was a huge round table with eight seats in pairs placed beside it, and they were on equal footing. A figure was sitting on each seat at the moment, and these eight figures were different, all with monstrous power.

But now, the power of the other seven was focused on one of them. The person they pointed to had long blond hair to the shoulders with eyes tightly closed and a solemn look.

This woman with long blond hair suddenly opened her eyes and revealed her golden pupils. There seemed to be a war after war in progress in her golden pupils.

The radiance and tragic defeat of the war didn't stir up the emotions in her eyes.

Her golden pupils glanced at the other seven figures without the slightest emotion, and a pitying and mocking voice sounded.

"The decision that you've made together is nothing but my plan to implement the Tower of War.

"Speaking of Cheng Wu, this mole in the Radiance Federation was buried by Third Page Eternal Sin.

"Not only did he serve no purpose at all, but he also alerted them and foiled my plans."

Just as Seventh Page War said that several peals of yandere laughter sounded.

"Seventh Page War, Cheng Wu revealing his identity has nothing to do with me. Don't bring me into this."

The short-haired woman with hollow eyes spoke. However, the occasional light in her empty eyes seemed to contain all the evil in the world.

Seventh Page War glanced at this short-haired woman and ignored her words before saying, "I'll immediately go and get back that sacred source lifeform from the Radiance Federation."

Just as the hollow-eyed short-haired woman was about to say something, a pleasant, cute prepubescent young boy's voice sounded. However, the voice was coming from a huge mass of strange flesh.

"Sister Third Page, you have a filthy mouth! I can smell it from here. Would it kill you if you didn't target others?"

This most innocent voice spoke the mean words as if they were like the truth, allowing one to feel convinced.

The evil light in the short-haired woman's hollow eyes flickered constantly, and she spoke with a delicate laugh.

#### **Chapter 426: Why Are You Spying on Me Studying Again!**

"Fifth Page Truth, you're always in a layer of rotten meat all day long. Can you even smell the stench? Why don't you let me make this rotten meat into a small black house that will trap you forever?"

The short-haired woman's face had a grim expression as she spoke, making her delicate features terrifying.

At that moment, a light cough made Third Page Eternal Sin and Fifth Page Truth immediately stern.

A young girl wearing thick lenses and looking like a girl-next-door stood up and said as if chanting, "The beings parasitized by the seeds of my Gardener Konjac in the Radiance Federation can act in cooperation with Seventh Page War."

A hint of disgust colored the voice of Seventh Page War that contained pity and mockery. "Second Page Revival, I don't need you to cooperate with my actions."

The girl-next-door-like girl glanced at Seventh Page War with some aggravation, and her chanting tone suddenly changed as if she was chanting a dirge. "I'm also afraid that Seventh Page War's War Knell and Radiance War Chariot will be cracked by the Moon Empress again."

Speaking of this, the girl-next-door-like girl seemed to have a sudden realization.

"By the way, I forgot! Seventh Page War's sacred source lifeform, the War Knell and Radiance War Chariot, have already advanced. Seventh Page War will take back that sacred source lifeform from the Radiance Federation alone."

After saying that, Second Page Revival changed the topic and said to the gloomy man sitting in a twisted snake-like posture next to Third Page Eternal Sin, "The laws in those 300 wax figures in the sky garden are already going to be cleaned by the Cleansing Spring. The materials for the new batch of wax figures are prepared. Eighth Page Apoptosis, you should get the new batch of wax figures done as soon as possible!"

The gloomy man who sat twisted like a snake shrugged, and a nervous smile crept on his face. However, he didn't let out any laughter. His mouth opened wide, and he replied silently with an "Okay".

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Lin Yuan was currently sitting on the water rhinoceros leather sofa in the hall while going through his cell phone, ready to log onto Star Web to check his gains from the blind trade a while later, as well as the auction of the 30 Flower Brocade Pearls for the group welfare.

He opened the offline forum on his cell phone that he hadn't been on for a while and found that the foolish online friend who had been bitten by the Ghost Shadow Bristled Spider had sent him a message.

"People like you will certainly fail Fey Observation and Spiritual Ingredient Analysis exams!"

When Lin Yuan saw this message, he curled his lips.

What message did I send last time? Why did I get such a vicious curse!?

Lin Yuan thought back for a while and found that he couldn't remember at all. However, he was unresigned at her saying he would fail them.

When he had taken the Creation Master's exam, he had scored 100 marks for both Fey Observation and Spiritual Ingredient Analysis.

Although he had relied on Genius at that time, he often wore its Tool Transformation mask and shared the knowledge it learned. He had vaguely integrated that knowledge. Therefore, he couldn't fail those two.

During this period, he was also frantically learning some knowledge that a high-class Creation Master required. He deliberately cultivated the habit of studying, and even if he was busy, he had to learn something new every day.

This was because when the knowledge learned was placed in his head for a long time, it would become an experience.

After thinking for a while, Lin Yuan replied to this online friend, "I can pass even if I know nothing about Spiritual Ingredient Analysis and Fey Observation."

Lin Yuan found that in just a moment's time, this online friend answered back.

"How's that possible? You guess all of them?"

When Lin Yuan saw this reply, he replied to her, "Anyway, whether it's Spiritual Ingredient Analysis or Fey Observation, the multiple-choice questions are 60 marks. Also, I have good listening skills, so I can hear the answers of other people's multiple-choice questions."

"???"

"Then how did you hear the answers to the multiple-choice questions? How do you choose between ABCD?"

Lin Yuan answered without even thinking, "A is three strokes, C is one stroke, while B and D are two strokes. However, D is written faster than B."

After Lin Yuan replied, he noticed that this online friend, who had been bitten by the Ghost Shadow Bristled Spider, had sent six points and replied, "I'll try it on the next exam."

After writing that, she ignored him.

Lin Yuan was a little dumbfounded that someone would believe such words.

If you can hear the sound of a specific person writing in the examination room among so many people writing, then you're simply a god!

Even if you can hear it clearly, if the person in front of you has all the wrong answers for the multiple-choice questions, that's really a human tragedy.

Lin Yuan could imagine this online friend would curse him later, so he decided to blacklist this online friend. He felt he was simply too smart to take precautions!

At present, in a large mansion, a short-haired girl was holding a pen, writing in a small book: 'A is three strokes, C is one stroke, B and D are two strokes, and D is written faster than B.'



After she finished writing, she felt that the Spiritual Ingredient Analysis course and Fey Observation course that she had been reviewing seriously were a bit of an eyesore.

At that moment, there was a knock on the door. Just as the short-haired girl was about to open the door, she found a head poking in, and she immediately said indignantly, "Dad, why did you come to spy on me studying again!?"

The middle-aged man, who was holding a few pieces of clothes in his hand, replied with some aggravation, "Darling, your mother asked me to take you out for a meal. How could I possibly spy on you studying?"

"Spying on your studies is your mother's job. I'm only responsible for earning and supporting the family."

The short-haired girl couldn't help but roll her eyes. "I have to be told off 800 times a year by my mother, and there were at least 750 times that you snitched."

The middle-aged man hurriedly answered righteously, "Don't be ridiculous. Out of the 800 times you were told off, there were 60 times it was because you didn't wear your hat in front of your mother.

"That's not me snitching."

As soon as the short-haired girl saw the small bumblebee hat in the middle-aged man's hand, she immediately became furious and pointed at her short hair before saying, "Dad, the Ghost Shadow Bristled Spider's toxins have long been removed. My hair has also grown out, and I'm not bald! Don't give me a hat anymore!"

The short-haired girl suddenly said mysteriously, "Dad, don't you need heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls? I can get them, but you have to promise me never to snitch on me to mom again."

When the middle-aged man heard this, he couldn't help but smile. "Darling is the best. I'm happy that you have this thought."

The short-haired girl only felt helpless.

"Dad, I'm 16 years old. I'm no longer a child."

The middle-aged man lovingly packed up the books on the table and said, "Darling has grown up. You know how to make dad happy."

The short-haired girl only felt how good it would be to be bitten to death by the Ghost Shadow Bristled Spider back then so that she wouldn't have to suffer from this anger.

#### **Chapter 427: Regardless of Whether It's a Dragon's Lair or Tiger's Den**

Lin Yuan logged onto Star Web and checked the gains from the blind trade of 10 Flower Brocade Pearls. At first glance, even though he had already had expectations in his heart, he was still taken aback. The number of mid-grade strange flames he obtained had reached as many as 440.

Previously, he had used 10 Flower Brocade Pearls to exchange for 100 mid-grade strange flames, and the price itself was higher than the market price.

However, the auctioned Flower Brocade Pearls' price was actually four times higher than the previous market price, which gave Lin Yuan a feeling of getting ginseng from cutting leeks.

Lin Yuan had deliberately spread the news that the next fan club welfare would be 10 heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls in his Star Web store.

At that time, the blind trade had just begun. It was unknown how many of these 440 mid-grade strange flames were drawn by the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls.

After the end of this blind trade, it brought in 10 more bigwigs into Lin Yuan's fan club. The addition of new members made the fan club even more lively.

The 30 Flower Brocade Pearls in the group welfare also allowed Lin Yuan to gain a lot of rare materials.

The resources that Lin Yuan needed to build his own faction, the Sky City, couldn't be that simple. Thanks to the resources he obtained through the group welfare auction, he could get more rare resources.

Each time the bigwigs of the group raised the price, it was equivalent to a screening. After several rounds of increasing the price, it could ensure that the resources Lin Yuan got in his hands were absolutely high quality.

Lin Yuan intended to put these resources in the Platinum Fey storage box to accumulate. He would save it in preparation for building Sky City on the Floating Island Whale's back after it hatched in June this year.

Lin Yuan silently put 10 heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls produced from the Scorching Elemental Shellfish into his fan club for display. He intended to choose a time afterward to auction off the 10 heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls on display as group welfare. It was also a fulfillment of his promise.

Then Lin Yuan logged off Star Web and wore Genius' Tool Transformation glasses as usual.

He started to read the books about Creation Masters, and by wearing Genius' Tool Transformation glasses to read them, Lin Yuan could very clearly imprint the knowledge into his mind.

Although Lin Yuan couldn't reach Genius' retentive memory with its Tool Transformation glasses, he could generally remember it as long as he read it three times.

As he read, it was as though an epiphany became clearer and clearer in his mind, as if all the knowledge was closely connected.

However, as this epiphany became clearer and clearer, Lin Yuan found that there was a vague layer of fuzziness.

No matter how Lin Yuan tried, he couldn't point it out bluntly. Instead of being sad about it, he was very happy.

Based on the epiphany that was now becoming clearer and clearer in his heart, Lin Yuan knew that if it condensed into a Willpower Rune, it should be related to knowledge. In other words, this Willpower Rune would most likely be suitable for Genius.

For several days in a row, Lin Yuan kept himself locked up in his room and pored over books. However, the epiphany remained stagnant, which made him give up his intention to continue to bury his head in the books.

He couldn't help but sigh. Willpower Runes can't be forced!

In the past few days, the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's online resources had all been plundered by the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce and had utterly turned into an empty shelf.

Listen was still not anxious to carry out any huge actions. Instead, he was ready to accumulate some more objects made of completely jade-textured powder and reshape the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's path of business.

At the same time, Listen was also using Fei Qianqiong as a mole to secretly devour the online and offline resources bit by bit that the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce had given up.

The best way for a chamber of commerce to develop to the extreme was to have a presence in every kind of field and form a huge business empire in all interlocking fields.

Zhou Luo had also arrived in the Royal Capital in the past few days, sworn an allegiance oath to Lin Yuan with a Willpower Rune, and become his servant.

At the same time, after Lin Yuan gave him five heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls, the second fire-type head of Zhou Luo's Iron Bone Iguana finally grew.

This newly grown head activated the fire-type energy in the earth-type Iron Bone Iguana's body, and the fire-type and earth-type energy fused and turned into searing hot lava. The Iron Bone Iguana also mutated into Lava Iguana under such a fusion of elements.

Lin Yuan had also let Zhou Luo contract the Bronze/Epic lizard-species fey, Dark Snake Dragon Lizard, which had its dragon-species bloodline activated.

There were now only a few days left before the active period of the dimensional rift. Therefore, Lin Yuan felt that it was time to go to Indigo Azure City. He wanted to check the situation of the offshore coastal resources that the Zheng family wanted to seize from the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce.

At first, he didn't intend to let Endless Summer follow him to Indigo Azure City this time. He only intended to bring Liu Jie, the Mother of Bloodbath, the recruited Zhou Luo, and Listen to explore a bit.

However, when Lin Yuan learned that Endless Summer had killed a pinnacle king-class expert while protecting Listen, he decided that it would be safer to bring Endless Summer along in addition to his own Path Protector, the Mother of Bloodbath, on this trip to Indigo Azure City.

After all, Indigo Azure City was the stronghold of the Zheng family's faction.

The next morning, Lin Yuan booked a Platinum flying fey, the Long-Backed Swan. He actually wanted to book a Divine Travel Black Swallow, which was a very painful flight but much faster than the Long-Backed Swan, after all.

The Divine Travel Black Swallow was a small flying fey and could at most only take two people. Lin Yuan's party of six people needed a larger flying fey, so he chose the Long-Backed Swan, which balanced speed and comfort.

Lin Yuan, Liu Jie, the Mother of Bloodbath, Endless Summer, and Listen were in a lotus position on the Long-Backed Swan's back. Meanwhile, Zhou Luo was respectfully standing at the side, guarding them like a guard.

Listen told Lin Yuan about the recent news that he had about Indigo Azure City,

"I recently got someone to take a good look at the shallow near-shore sea in Indigo Azure City, which I had not been concerned about before. As a result, I lost contact with the two experts I sent there."

Upon hearing that, Lin Yuan frowned slightly and asked, "How strong were the two experts you sent out?"

Listen gave a bitter laugh and replied, "At present, Fei Qianqiong has the strongest combat power in the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce, but I don't want to casually use him since he's a mole.

"Thus, I sent out two experts with Platinum feys from the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce. After sending them out, they only reported to me once before there was no more news from them.

"I presume they should have died."

From what Listen said, Lin Yuan knew that the shallow sea controlled by the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce in Indigo Azure City was not safe.

If he didn't use his trump cards, his strength shouldn't be much different from the two spirit qi professionals with Platinum feys that Listen had sent out.

If they had gone to the shore of the shallow sea to scout for information and had not gone deep into the sea, it would have been impossible for them to be attacked by marine feys.

Hence, these two spirit qi professionals had very likely died at the hands of other spirit qi professionals.

At that moment, Listen said, "Young Master, the first message they reported back was that there were damaged corpses of Gold water world dimensional lifeforms along the coast. I think there should be a water world dimensional rift nearby this offshore coast."

Lin Yuan needed the Gold water world dimensional lifeforms' flesh, but he wasn't the least happy after this piece of information. Instead, his brow furrowed even more.

Lin Yuan said in a deep voice, "Regardless of whether this shallow near-shore sea is a dragon's lair or a tiger's den, or if someone is coveting it, I have to see what kind of foul play is hidden in it."

## **Chapter 428: Enemies in the Dark**

Lin Yuan was currently puzzled. How could the damaged corpses of Gold water world dimensional lifeforms appear on this shore?

After they died, their flesh would soon rot and sink to the bottom of the sea. The marine feys in the ocean consist of animal-species, plant-species, and insect-species marine feys. After the water world dimensional lifeforms' flesh rot, the fishy smell would also become highly toxic.

Most of the animal-species feys among the marine feys didn't like to eat it. However, the flesh of these dead and rotten water world dimensional lifeforms was a feast for the plant and insect-species feys among the marine feys.

Therefore, it was unusual that the flesh of Gold water world dimensional lifeforms would be found on the shore.

The only possibility Lin Yuan could think of was that the Gold water world dimensional lifeforms had been blasted to death at a location very close to the shore.

The sudden blast must have made the flesh still carry the strong cell vitality when it was detached from the Gold water world dimensional lifeforms' bodies.

When the Gold water world dimensional lifeforms' flesh with strong cellular activity was washed to the shore by the waves, it had also happened to be discovered by the two spirit qi professionals with Platinum feys that Listen had sent out.

At the time of discovery, the cellular activity in these Gold water world dimensional lifeforms' flesh was considered to have completely disappeared. The rotting must have begun to take place, just not yet fully rotten.

Lin Yuan had seen with his own eyes the rotting speed of the water world dimensional lifeforms' flesh.

When the two spirit qi professionals Listen had sent out had seen the Gold water world dimensional lifeforms' flesh at the shore, the dimensional lifeform should've just died.

The marine feys distributed in the coasted shallow sea were weak, so it was hard to completely block the opened water world dimensional rift. Hence, the water world dimensional lifeforms would attack the cities on the shore.

This required the spirit qi professionals living close to the shallow sea near the shore to step in to fight against the water world dimensional lifeforms that wreaked havoc on the shore.

However, what puzzled Lin Yuan the most was that Indigo Azure City's residents were not even aware of the water world dimensional rift.

Lin Yuan pondered for a moment and asked Listen, "Are there many feys in this shallow near-shore sea under the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's control that can effectively resist the water world dimensional rift?"

"Have there been any cases of water world dimensional lifeforms attacking the shore?"

Listen immediately answered, "Back then, my grandfather and father had chosen to use the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's entire resources to take control of this shallow near-shore sea because there were extremely many shellfish feys in it.

"The shells, meat, and pearls these shellfish feys contain are all high-quality resources. The shellfish feys' attacking ability is not strong. Due to their numbers, they are the plankton's predators.

"Therefore, most marine feys rely on shellfish feys to survive.

"The Beak-Billed Spiny Fish and the Shellfish-Eating Armored Turtles have more numbers than the rest marine feys.

"Although the Beak-Billed Spiny Fish and Shellfish-Eating Armored Turtles are ferocious when it comes to the shellfish feys, they are the water world dimensional lifeforms' prey.

"However, due to the numerous Beak-Billed Spiny Fish, there's also a large group of Tail-Cutting Shadow Sharks that feed on them in this sea."

When Lin Yuan heard this, he knew that this shallow near-shore sea was very dangerous.

Unfortunately, the local marine feys were destined to be unable to effectively resist the feys that emerged from the water world dimensional rift.

The Tail-Cutting Shadow Sharks were a group of very special ferocious feys in the sea. Their existence meant that there wouldn't be large predators in this sea.

The school of Tail-Cutting Shadow Sharks would be the first to remove any threats to their own lives in their territory.

If large predators existed in this sea, it would mean that they had killed the school of Tail-Cutting Shadow Sharks.

There was only one school of Tail-Cutting Shadow Sharks in the sea, even if they were extremely strong individually.

Due to the limited numbers, their suppressive power against the numerous water world dimensional lifeforms was too small.

Even if these Tail-Cutting Shadow Sharks were to madly kill, they could not wipe out a small half of the water world dimensional lifeforms.

At that moment, Listen added, "In the earlier years, this shallow near-shore sea would be invaded by water world dimensional lifeforms once or twice almost every month. As long as the water world dimensional rift remains open, it will not be peaceful."

Listen's tone became extremely grave.

"However, three years ago, the invasion of the water world dimensional lifeforms never happened."

Lin Yuan felt that everything became more bizarre. He thought for a long time but still couldn't make sense of it. It seemed that he still needed to explore the shallow near-shore sea under the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's control to unravel the truth.

Lin Yuan glanced at the Mother of Bloodbath and Endless Summer and said, "Endless Summer, Mother of Bloodbath, you two hide in the shadows first when we arrive at Indigo Azure City. If no one's life is in danger, you need not make a move."

After learning that the two spirit qi professionals Listen had sent out had died, Lin Yuan started feeling that the Zheng family was not the only one coveting the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's shallow near-shore sea.

Since a pinnacle king-class expert from the Zheng family had come to the Royal Capital and made a move on the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce, attempting to kill Listen, this meant that the Zheng family was determined to get this shallow near-shore sea.

The Zheng family did not need to kill these two spirit qi professionals who were scouting at the shallow near-shore sea.

These two spirit qi professionals with Platinum feys had most likely found a secret that absolutely couldn't be divulged.

If they wanted to kill these two spirit qi professionals and not let them have a chance to convey the message back to Listen, that person must be at least at the level of Fei Qianqiong.

The Zheng family was in the light, while Lin Yuan was in the dark. Although the Zheng family was strong, they were a visible enemy to Lin Yuan. Often, the enemy in the dark was the most terrifying.

It was just like Young Master Zheng in the Royal Capital, who had learned he had lost a pinnacle king-class expert. He would probably not be able to sleep peacefully during this period.

What made Lin Yuan feel a little troubled was that if other people were coveting the shallow near-shore sea in the dark beside the Zheng family, then these enemies in the dark were an unknown hidden danger.

After the Zheng family had made a move on the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce, this faction in the dark still coveted the shallow near-shore sea. In other words, this faction certainly had the power to fight against the Zheng family.

The Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's shallow near-shore sea didn't have legs and wouldn't run. If there was no absolute support of power, they simply couldn't snatch it from the Zheng family.

#### **Chapter 429: How Would Young Master Zheng Feel?**

The Mother of Bloodbath replied upon receiving Lin Yuan's order, "If we encounter a sneak attack from an emperor-class expert, it's hard to stop it at once if we're hidden in the dark.

"Sister Summer is not good at concealment, so she'll hide in the shadows.

“Although the law I control is blood, my species and exclusive skills are extremely good at concealment.

“Even an emperor-class expert will not notice me if I’m by your side.”

Endless Summer fiddled with the bell on its bracelet that was hidden in the pink-purple embroidered-ball-shaped flower and said, “Sister Blood and I are both near and far, respectively. While Sister Blood protects your safety closely, I will keep an eye on you guys from a distance. I’ll also see how many pairs of eyes are watching you from the shadows.”

Lin Yuan nodded in response.

When the Mother of Bloodbath saw Lin Yuan nod, the corners of its mouth on its expressionless face curved up into a pleasant arc.

It relied on the Path Protector contract between it and Lin Yuan and spoke in his mind in a voice that only he could hear.

“I’m your Path Protector. Your safety must come first.”

Lin Yuan’s heart warmed up upon hearing that. In fact, during the time Lin Yuan had been spending time with the Mother of Bloodbath, he had almost forgotten that it was his Path Protector.

However, the Mother of Bloodbath had been silently performing its duties as a Path Protector.

At that moment, a scarlet luster flickered around the Mother of Bloodbath that was on the Long-Backed Swan’s back. This scarlet luster made one feel as if they saw a sticky blood pool. Everyone could obviously feel the Long-Backed Swan’s body trembling faintly, obviously scared.

If Endless Summer and the Mother of Bloodbath hadn’t used their aura to control the Long-Backed Swan when they transformed, the Long-Backed Swan would have been frightened by the Mother of Bloodbath’s aura and fallen to the ground.

The Mother of Bloodbath was a bird-catching spider. Besides its quality’s mightiness, it also possessed its species’ intimidation trait.

The Mother of Bloodbath shrunk to the size of a centimeter, just as when it had first become Lin Yuan’s Path Protector.

However, the Mother of Bloodbath didn’t land on the leaf-shaped fey storage box hanging on Lin Yuan’s chest. Instead, it landed on his hair and hid between it.

Lin Yuan, Liu Jie, Endless Summer, and Listen had long known that the Mother of Bloodbath was a Suzerain/Myth Breed fey.

Only Zhou Luo, who was on the back of the Long-Backed Swan, didn’t know about the Mother of Bloodbath’s identity.

When Zhou Luo now saw the Mother of Bloodbath change from human form to a scarlet spider, hidden between Lin Yuan’s hair, his eyes immediately widened. He gulped wildly and sighed in his heart. How lucky am I to be able to have an opportunity to join such a strong faction!?



This legendary Suzerain/Myth II fey was actually next to him, and based on the conversation just now between the woman who had turned into a spider and that abnormally gentle-looking woman, although Zhou Luo wasn't sure if the latter was a fey, the latter must have a strength of an emperor-class expert.

Just as Zhou Luo was shocked, Lin Yuan called him out.

"After we arrive at Indigo Azure City, you don't need to move with us first."

When Zhou Luo heard Lin Yuan's words, he immediately suppressed his shock and was ready to receive his orders. At the same time, Zhou Luo was already prepared to face the danger. When making the servant oath, Zhou Luo knew that his life no longer belonged to him while he obtained resources.

Unexpectedly, Lin Yuan's following words gave Zhou Luo an indescribable feeling.

"Your Iron Bone Iguana grew a second head and mutated into a Lava Iguana after using five heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls produced by the Scorching Elemental Shellfish.

"When it mutated into a Lava Iguana, it was promoted from Platinum IX to Platinum X.

"I see that the Lava Iguana is only one Flawless Dragon's Mouth Orchid flower away from the stimulation of its dragon-species bloodline.

"I have one here for you to do that."

Lin Yuan had two Flawless Dragon's Mouth Orchid flowers from the resources he had exchanged with the 30 Flower Brocade Pearls in his Purchase With No Loss store's fan club.

Flawless Dragon's Mouth Orchid flowers were not considered very rare in the market and could be auctioned for nearly 1,000,000 Radiance dollars on the Rare Lifeform Pavilion.

When the Lava Iguana stimulated the dragon-species bloodline in its body, it had a high chance of breaking through the limit of its grade and advancing from Platinum X to Diamond I.

This huge increase in its grade would allow the Lava Iguana to become a Diamond/Fantasy Breed fey.

It was the same as saying that it allowed Zhou Luo to step up from the bottom level of a king-class expert to the level of a mid-level one. As a result, he would also be able to complete his mission better.

However, if Lin Yuan only had that one Epic Dragon's Mouth Orchid flower, he wouldn't have given it to Zhou Luo to use.

The Epic Dragon's Mouth Orchid flower was the most top-notch Dragon's Mouth Orchid flower that had ever appeared on the market. Such things were not something that could be bought with Radiance dollars.

Lin Yuan preferred to let the white-clothed followers he nurtured get their own resources. He couldn't afford to pour in all the resources to improve his white-clothed followers' strength.

If that were the case, Lin Yuan might as well change his name from Lin Yuan to Big Head Lin. He wouldn't do such a disproportional give and take.

However, the Flawless Dragon's Mouth Orchid would be harmless. Despite this, it could allow Zhou Luo to feel moved from the bottom of his heart.

Although Zhou Luo had been grateful to Lin Yuan for investing a Bronze/Epic Dark Snake Dragon Lizard and five heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls on him, he hadn't been moved. This was because such a resource had been exchanged with Zhou Luo's servant oath.

However, the Flawless Dragon's Mouth Orchid was not. If it was before, Zhou Luo would need to accumulate resources for two years to get his hands on the Flawless Dragon's Mouth Orchid.

Even if the Iron Bone Iguana had mutated into a Lava Iguana, and Zhou Luo's strength had been boosted, in his opinion, he would now need at least eight months to earn money for the Flawless Dragon's Mouth Orchid.

The faction to which he had dedicated all his loyalty had given him such a gift before he had made any contribution during his first mission. This made the emotions of gratitude in Zhou Luo's heart churn even more.

At that moment, Lin Yuan glanced at Listen and said, "Listen, what do you think the Zheng family's Young Master Zheng will feel if he learns that you've suddenly returned to the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's old mansion?"

#### **Chapter 430: Indigo Azure Sea Market**

When Listen heard Lin Yuan's words, he frowned slightly and pondered.

After pondering for a long time, Listen suddenly smiled and said, "The Zheng family is a veteran faction. As one of the three major factions in Indigo Azure City, they could be said to be supreme.

"If I were the Zheng family's Young Master Zheng and I suddenly found that the target I want to kill returned to Indigo Azure City from the Royal Capital alive, even if the Zheng family could determine that the pinnacle king-class expert sent out has died, they would at most only suspect that the death is related to me but can't confirm it.

"The shallow near-shore sea is imperative to the Zheng family. I think the Zheng family will send experts to kill me again."

When Lin Yuan heard Listen's words, he asked, "Then what kind of expert do you think the Zheng family will send to attack you?"

In Lin Yuan's opinion, the Zheng family would definitely send an expert to attack Listen, but the main purpose of that would not necessarily be for Listen to die immediately.

Rather, it was to prove whether or not the death of the pinnacle king-class expert that they had sent had anything to do with Listen. This was frankly a test.

Someone who could silently kill a pinnacle king-class expert with Diamond X/Fantasy IV fey at least had emperor-class strength. No veteran faction would casually use an emperor-class expert.

Before the Zheng family was sure how strong the emperor-class expert that had killed the pinnacle king-class expert really was, they would never let their own emperor-class experts easily take risks.

The loss of a pinnacle king-class expert must have been very painful for the Zheng family. Thus, in Lin Yuan's opinion, the Zheng family's king-class expert shouldn't be too strong and was at most at Fei Qianqiong's level. The Zheng family must have been ready to lose a king-class expert for this scouting attempt.

Listen answered Lin Yuan's question, "I can't say what kind of expert the Zheng family will send. It should be either a king-class or emperor-class expert. The king-class expert is more likely."

Listen paused for a moment and then added, "But I know Young Master won't let the Zheng family kill me."

Lin Yuan raised his eyebrows and replied, "That's for sure."

Besides the resources that Lin Yuan could invest in Listen, if the Zheng family killed Listen, Lin Yuan would have made ducks and drakes of his previous effort.

In addition, Listen had issued an allegiance oath to Lin Yuan and was a part of Lin Yuan's private faction, Sky City. Lin Yuan wouldn't let the Zheng family lay hands on the members of his own faction.

"Listen, since you've returned to Indigo Azure City from the Royal Capital, you naturally have to return to the old mansion."

After Lin Yuan finished speaking to Listen, he turned to Endless Summer, who was sitting beside him in a lotus position, and said, "Endless Summer, when Listen returns to the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's old mansion, protect him in the dark just like you did in the Royal Capital."

Endless Summer nodded at his words. Then Endless Summer lifted its pale hands and shook the Diamond Fey storage box hanging at the wrist and replied, "There are still the corpses of two high-grade dark-type feys in here. When the time comes, Sister Blood will divide the spiritual materials in their bodies properly."

When Lin Yuan heard Endless Summer say that, he recalled the time when the Mother of Bloodbath had split the corpse of that pinnacle Suzerain/Myth II crow without any waste.

The Mother of Bloodbath pondered for a moment and said, "Since they're two high-grade dark-type Fantasy Breed feys, their willpower should both be relatively strong.

"I'll carefully divide when we return to the Royal Capital to see if I can control the blood with the Blood Law and stimulate their cellular activity to preserve the willpower in their minds to the maximum."

As they went on their journey, they were getting closer and closer to the Indigo Azure City. Lin Yuan felt that the surrounding temperature was significantly higher than when he was in the Royal Capital. The air above the sea also faintly carried a salty sea breeze.

On the back of the Platinum Long-Backed Swan, Lin Yuan could already faintly see the outline of Indigo Azure City. This city by the sea was too huge.

Even when Lin Yuan was high in the sky, the area within his sight could only encompass 1/10 or 2/10 of this huge city.

A light-blue Dragon's Mouth Orchid only half the size of a palm appeared in Lin Yuan's hand. He handed it to Zhou Luo and said, "Let your Lava Iguana evolve first and wait for me to contact you."

After saying that, Lin Yuan thought for a moment and took out another tube of dark-gold blood and added, "Take this tube of Diamond dragon blood as well. If the Flawless Dragon's Mouth Orchid can't stimulate the dragon-species bloodline in the Lava Iguana's body, this tube of blood should be able to provide a supplementary effect."

Some unknown variations would occasionally accompany the stimulation of the dragon-species bloodline in a fey, so Lin Yuan provided a tube of Diamond dragon-species fey's blood for Zhou Luo, which was considered being prepared.

Zhou Luo took Lin Yuan's gift and said, "Young Master, one day is enough time for the Lava Iguana to awaken the dragon-species bloodline in its body and advance its grade."

"If you don't contact me after that, I'll go to that shallow near-shore sea of the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce to inquire about any news."

Lin Yuan suddenly noticed that a determined emotion had appeared in Zhou Luo's eyes during this moment. Zhou Luo had also taken the initiative to undertake the mission after knowing the purpose of his trip. This situation indicated that Zhou Luo had somehow started to devote more than just loyalty to himself.

"Okay. But since someone is secretly watching that shallow near-shore sea, you shouldn't put yourself in danger by going there."

"There is a Guild Alliance branch near that shallow near-shore sea. You should be able to gain something by going there to investigate."

Besides the fact that true top-notch factions had their own news intelligence connections, the Guild Alliance's news was undoubtedly considered being the most comprehensive.

After all, the Guild Alliance was filled with spirit qi professionals, and many of them were from Indigo Azure City. These spirit qi professionals lived in Indigo Azure City all year round, so someone might know some useful information.

At that moment, Listen suddenly thought of something and said, "Young Master, there'll be a grand Indigo Azure Sea Market in Indigo Azure City before the riotous period of the dimensional rift every decade."

"Almost all the local factions and individuals in Indigo Azure City will sell spiritual materials and feys they have collected in the sea during these ten years at this sea market."

"Many of the sea spiritual materials and feys there are rare and odd things. There are always people who buy them, but there are times when even Class 4 Creation Masters misjudge."