

Merchant 561

Chapter 561: Did I Get Special Treatment?

Lin Yuan transferred the earth-type Defined Life pearl from Wang Fuxiang's platter to Master Duan Li. He then stored away the water-type Defined Life pearl Master Duan Li had chosen.

Wang Fuxiang stood there and blinked. She could not believe that her flirtatious performance was ignored.

She chuckled and said, "I don't know what I can do to thank you for granting me a matching pearl. If you happen to encounter any rare items that you're uncertain about in the future, please feel free to contact me on Star Web."

Wang Fuxiang lowered her head and started to carefully pick and sort through the platter of elemental pearls.

Lin Yuan did not know how to react.

What's going on? Why did she say I granted her a match? Somehow it feels like I'm cursing some poor soul.

Duan He did not immediately leave after the auction was over because he had business with Lin Yuan. Thus, he overheard the conversation between Wang Fuxiang and Lin Yuan.

Duan He thought, If the Moon Empress finds out that Wang Fuxiang is trying to seduce her precious disciple, I wonder if the bright moon in the sky will suddenly appear in the sky. It might very well be stained red. Wang Fuxiang's love might be more dangerous than the Zheng family.

While Master Duan Li and Wang Fuxiang were picking the elemental pearls, Lin Yuan noticed that none of the water-type elemental pearls were chosen.

Lin Yuan could not understand why.

The water-type elemental pearl was usually popular, so he could not understand why they did not want them.

Wang Fuxiang and Master Duan Li left satisfied after they were done picking their elemental pearls.

At this moment, Lin Yuan realized there were two other people left in the store besides Listen, who was packing up the benches that had been laid out for the group welfare.

One of them was Duan He.

The other was the store's first customer—Stream in the Cloud, or rather the braised egg head.

Lin Yuan could still remember how excited Stream in the Cloud was during the group welfare auction. However, she was visibly disappointed after the group welfare ended.

She looked like a trampled flower that had been wrenched around by a ferocious storm.

Lin Yuan walked up to Stream in the Cloud and said, "What happened? You could stuff a donkey in your mouth."

Lin Yuan noticed that Stream in the Cloud was wearing the same bumblebee hat she wore the first time they met.

In half a year, her previously bald head was now full of luscious hair that hung past her face.

It seemed that Stream in the Cloud with hair was rather quiet.

When the miserable-looking Stream in the Cloud heard Lin Yuan's comment, she immediately rolled her eyes.

"Did the donkey run out of the Deep Mountain Elder Lin's mouth?" She huffed.

The moment the words left her mouth, Stream in the Cloud cringed at herself.

Stream in the Cloud had come in order to buy a fire-elemental heavenly-maiden-grade pearl. If they were ordinary heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls, she would try her hand at bidding as well.

However, the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls that Lin Yuan offered were of 9.9 purity and had inner radiance.

Stream in the Cloud did not have enough resources to make a bid.

After all her excitement, she was reduced to a spectator.

Lin Yuan glanced at Stream in the Cloud doubtfully. He suspected that Stream in the Cloud was distributing resources behind the scenes, but he did not have any evidence.

Duan He walked up to Lin Yuan and cleared his throat.

"Sir group admin, Is it possible for me to trade 10 9.8 purity wind-elemental heavenly-maiden-grade pearls with you? I'm willing to fork out two source-type items for each elemental pearl."

Lin Yuan was surprised to hear Duan He address him in such a manner. He cocked an eyebrow.

For an emperor-class expert like Duan He to address Lin Yuan as Sir, Lin Yuan was certain that Duan He had found out the truth behind his identity.

Lin Yuan turned to look at Duan He. Just as Duan He's hair started to stand under Lin Yuan's scrutiny, Lin Yuan said, "The price is acceptable. No problem. It's almost New Year's. Let's trade afterward."

Lin Yuan did not reject Duan He's request for a trade. The price he was offering of two source-type items for one 9.8 purity heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearl was already three times the market price.

The 9.8 purity heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls were just a spiritual ingredient. It was completely different from the luxury good that was the 9.9 purity heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls.

There was no reason for Lin Yuan to reject Duan He's offer.

He had numerous elemental pearls in the Spirit Lock spatial zone. This deal was also a good chance for Lin Yuan to establish a connection with him.

Once he was done investigating Duan He's character, Lin Yuan would be able to use that connection to move in on Duan He.

Duan He thanked Li Xiaotiao and hustled out of the Star Web store to find Li Xiaotiao.

Stream in the Cloud's eyes lit up when he heard the discourse between Duan He and Lin Yuan.

"Lin Yuan, I also want to buy three fire-elemental heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls from you!"

As Stream in the Cloud spoke, Lin Yuan did not miss the flash of happiness that streaked across her gaze.

Lin Yuan immediately realized that Stream in the Cloud was not disappointed because she did not manage to win the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearl auction.

Lin Yuan had nothing against Stream in the Cloud's intention to buy from him.

Stream in the Cloud was Lin Yuan's first customer at his Star Web store, and he had custom-ordered the Web-Spraying Spider for her, which allowed him to earn his first remuneration that was more than 1 Radiance dollar.

It was because Stream in the Cloud had earned Lin Yuan his first pot of gold that he had the financial ability to quickly improve himself through the use of the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

He had also created the Purchase With No Loss store fan club after his deal with Stream in the Cloud.

Stream in the Cloud had also been by his side when Lin Yuan had taken in the high-level match between White Devil and Unknown Flame and set his first goal as a spirit qi professional.

Now that he thought about it, Stream in the Cloud was always by his side.

A few exchanges of words later, Lin Yuan completed his deal with Stream in the Cloud.

Stream in the Cloud revealed a dazzling smile as she said, "Lin Yuan, did I get special treatment?"

Lin Yuan could only think about how wonderfully cool high-class Creation Masters were.

The rarer the good, the more valuable it was. On a certain level, this statement underlined the truth behind pricing.

Lin Yuan had charged Stream in the Cloud the lowest market price and did not make a profit.

Meanwhile, Stream in the Cloud felt that she had gotten a great deal.

Upon seeing Stream in the Cloud's broad grin, Lin Yuan could not help but say, "Is the special treatment the reason why you're so fat?"

Since it was almost New Year's, it was inevitable that Stream in the Cloud had gained weight.

The smile on her face was immediately replaced with a look of outrage.

She was literally hopping with anger.

Stream in the Cloud suddenly resented Lin Yuan as much as the fellow that had taught her a cheating method online, causing her to come in last in class for the exam.

I should let the Ghost Shadow Bristled Spider take a bite out of Lin Yuan. Then, I'll instruct him to drink some hot water with Indigo Load Root and clean the wound thoroughly. Finally, I'll find a nice shady tree for him to lay under to prevent his corpse from turning pungent. If I have enough money, I'll lay a cooling mat under him!

Chapter 562: Change, Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls

Stream in the Cloud scoffed softly.

“Deep Mountain Elder Lin, a big spider might pay you a surprise visit!”

She proceeded to skip out of the Star Web store.

Lin Yuan scratched the back of his head and wondered if the new hair on Stream in the Cloud's head turned her dumb.

Why was her reaction so exceptionally slow?

As he watched Stream in the Cloud skip away, he was about to remind her about something, but he was too late.

When Stream in the Cloud stepped over the threshold of the door, she tripped, and her bumblebee hat fell to the ground.

Lin Yuan had never seen such a sight before.

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It was already well into the night. Lin Yuan left Star Web and went into his Spirit Lock spatial zone.

He switched out the jade-textured wood that had matured while he was in the coma.

Just as Lin Yuan was about to nurture the Flower Brocade Pearls that had completely changed under the influence of the concentrated spirit qi, he realized that one of the green and pink Flower Brocade Pearls had turned completely gold.

Lin Yuan used Morbius' True Data to check and discovered that this fey was no longer called the Flower Brocade Pearls.

Instead, it was called the Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls.

[Fey Name]: Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls

[Fey Species]: Crassulaceae genus/Cyperus-type

[Spirit-Lifeform Grade]: Bronze (1/10)

[Fey Type]: Wood

[Fey Quality]: Elite

Abilities:

[Copious Juices]: Increase the juice stored in the leaves and congeal it into protein when properly nourished.

[Wrap Leaves]: When the leaves are matured, a layer of wood protein will form on the exterior, which will store all the energy from inside the leaves.

Exclusive Skill:

[Lively Plant Pearls]: After training, the plant pearls will form new plant pearls if they are sufficiently nourished. When nutrients are depleted, the new pearls will provide the main pearl with some nourishment. However, if the new pearls grow newer Lively Plant Pearls, they will separate from the main body to form an independent plant pearl.

After Lin Yuan saw the Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls' True Data, it immediately dawned on him that the Flower Brocade Pearls must have transformed in an unexpected way under the influence of the concentrated spirit qi.

When Lin Yuan saw the Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls's exclusive skill, Lively Plant Pearls, a spark of possibility burst into existence in his mind.

With these Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls, can I grow the Lively Plant Pearls on a large scale, just like the veteran faction's Aquarium of Bliss?

Judging from the Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls' abilities, it was clear that they were much more effective than the Flower Brocade Pearls.

The ability Copious Juices allowed the juices stored in each leaf of the Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls to exceed what the Flower Brocade Pearls could accomplish.

The ability Wrap Leaves solved the Flower Brocade Pearls' issue of naturally decaying after the Flower Brocade Pearls' leaves matured.

Lin Yuan was sure that the appearance of the Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls would drive a Creation Master crazy.

Regardless of how much stronger the Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls were as compared to the Flower Brocade Pearls, a real Creation Master still needed to experiment on them to be sure.

As Lin Yuan clutched the brilliant Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls, he had a feeling that he was about to be gifted an enormous amount of wealth.

In Lin Yuan's opinion, the Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls could also be used as landmark goods.

With these Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls, Lin Yuan could not utilize the space inside the Spirit Lock spatial zone more efficiently.

He no longer needed to use the space inside the Spirit Lock spatial zone to nurture Flower Brocade Pearls.

After organizing the Spirit Lock spatial zone, Lin Yuan checked on the leaf-shaped Diamond fey storage box.

Lin Yuan found that the Blood Brew Grapevine looked completely different from before he was in a coma.

Previously, all the leaves of the old vines of the Blood Brew Grapevine had fallen.

The new leaves had grown and risen rapidly. Many of the new grapevines had sagged to the ground due to the limited space on the supporting structure.

Lin Yuan hastily grabbed a few strong pine logs and nailed them together to create a giant supporting structure.

He took a larger jade basin and filled it with Revival Soil that had been dampened with Grasswood Fountain Water.

Lin Yuan attached the supporting structure to the large basin and carefully re-potted the Blood Brew Grapevine.

The Blood Brew Grapevine was greedy indeed. It had not grown any Blood Brew Grapes even after absorbing a large number of Eyes of Relinquish. Instead, it had decided to release all the growth potential it had been suppressing.

In the past, all of the Blood Brew Grapevine's owners had not wanted to waste the essence blood of feys and only allowed it to keep one main vine, which it could use to produce Blood Brew Grapes.

Each new vine that the Blood Brew Grapevine grew would be promptly cut off.

The Blood Brew Grapevine in front of Lin Yuan now had already started to expand itself after being nurtured with Eyes of Relinquish.

Its lively and lush appearance was the true form of the Blood Brew Grapevine.

Lin Yuan shrugged at the Blood Brew Grapevine's greed.

No matter how greedy the Blood Brew Grapevine was, it was just a tool that produced Blood Brew Grapes for the Mother of Bloodbath.

As long as he had Red Thorn and the Eyes of Relinquish, Lin Yuan did not need to put effort into nurturing the Blood Brew Grapevine.

The fully formed Blood Brew Grapevine could bring Lin Yuan an even better harvest at once.

It was not like when it existed as one main vine. During that time, the Blood Brew Grapevine would need to enter a slow recovery period after each newly grown vine was cut.

It was difficult to re-pot the Blood Brew Grapevine.

Lin Yuan needed to stay alert lest he damaged one of the Blood Brew Grapevine's young and vulnerable roots.

After he was done, Lin Yuan snuggled up with Genius and fell into a deep slumber.

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Meanwhile, at the inner palace of the Radiant Moon Palace, Cold Moon and Mystic Moon were next to the Moon Empress.

The Moon Empress was gently pruning a Diamond Fragrant Peony.

With each movement of the Moon Empress' fingers, the branches of the Fragrant Peony snapped off.

The Moon Empress glanced at the rippling pond water and casually stuck one of the Fragrant Peony's branches into the pond.

"Eight Pages of Tower Canon, the Battlefield Division's Seventh Page War, as well as its war machine of an Ashes Team, actually dared to secretly move to Radiance. Hehe, it looks like the Seventh Page War from a decade ago still hasn't learned its lesson."

As the Moon Empress spoke, she looked at the small rabbit that was using its long ears to rub the carrot in its paws.

"Zixi, summon your corporeal body that's outside."

Mystic Moon and Cold Moon shared a look. They could see the grimness and joy in each other's eyes.

It looks like Young Lord is in trouble. Thanks to this, the Moon Empress, who has not raised her sword in over ten years, is finally going to take this opponent seriously.

Chapter 563: Have to Live

It was well into the night, and frigid rolling waves crashed against a decayed wooden plank on the shore.

The grunts of sea creatures could be heard in the surroundings.

Despite the darkness of night, the starlight gently illuminated the silhouette of an enormous sea creature underwater.

The silver fish had a tail, which was tens of centimeters long, and wagged it at the front of the wooden plank. A thin thread connected the wooden plank to the tail as the fish towed the wooden plank forward.

The aura emanated from the silver fish slightly terrified the hibernating deep-sea creatures.

There were jagged cracks all around the silver fish's body, as though it was about to shatter at any moment.

Despite the silver fish's impressive aura, its lifeforce was incredibly weak.

An old man sat on the wooden plank. Half of his body was already gone. He sighed as he looked at the short-haired woman next to him. Her face was as white as a sheet, and she was sweating cold sweat.

Worry, sorrow, and subtle despair were interlaced within the sigh.

The short-haired woman had her head in her hands as she curled up into a ball. Her body was quivering violently.

In a flash, she seemed to recover.

She resembled a fallen leaf in the blizzard, thin and flimsy.

The old man used the remaining half of his body to lift a dead fish from the wooden plank and handed it to the short-haired woman.

“Yiren, your sacred source lifeform is on the cusp of death. You will continue to experience the painful spasms that come from your damaged soul until the Absolute Love Poppy recovers.”

The short-haired woman’s hands were tightly clasped together. She was already aware of this injury. Using a marrow contract to allow a sacred source lifeform to combine with one’s soul was the equivalent of sharing a soul with the sacred source lifeform’s body.

Her Absolute Love Poppy was only left with half a rhizome and one cluster of roots. It was nearly impossible for it to recover.

“It’s too bad that all my feys are linked to the Absolute Love Poppy. Now that the Absolute Love Poppy is almost dead, the rest of my feys have all fallen asleep,” muttered the short-haired woman.

The short-haired woman gnashed her teeth and hissed. “I never expected that Seventh Page War wasn’t a human. Otherwise—”

The short-haired woman once again cradled her head between her hands and started trembling vigorously before she could finish speaking.

It was clear that she was feeling the pain of her damaged soul again.

The old man gazed at the anguished short-haired woman with hatred. He mustered his strength and used the hand that remained to forcefully hit the short-haired woman’s head.

“Yiren, you are the Dark Envoy chosen by the Seven States of Darkness. You are the Dark Envoy Lordess of the Seven States of Darkness. You are capable of more than revenge. At the very least, you need to live!” bellowed the old man.

A second later, the short-haired woman stopped trembling, but she continued to hang her head.

Hot tears cascaded down the short-haired woman’s cheeks and landed on her already soaked spirit qi clothes.

Under the night sky, the bitter tears fell and mixed with the even more bitter sea.

Su Yiren blamed herself immensely.

If I hadn’t been so confident of my Absolute Love Poppy’s abilities and used my title as Dark Envoy to order Elder He to ambush Seventh Page War with me, Elder He would not be in this sorry state now.

Elder He was a god-class expert and possessed a Creation Breed fey. Even if his body was destroyed, he would be able to fully recover if he received treatment.

However, Seventh Page War had killed Elder He's Nether Sea Jellyfish.

Elder He's Shuttle Arrow Shark had also been shattered when it forced itself through the cage surrounding the Radiance War Chariot.

Elder He had paid by burning his soul, and the Shuttle Arrow Shark led the two of them forward in the deep sea full of powerful creatures.

Su Yiren knew in her heart that Elder He was allowing his life to burn up so he could accompany her as her life reached its end.

The inevitable goodbye sliced as deeply and painfully as a knife.

Elder He regretted hitting Su Yiren.

However, he felt that he needed to say what had to be said.

He sighed, inhaled deeply, and said in a low voice, "Yiren, look up at me."

Su Yiren slowly lifted her head to meet the dilapidated sight that was Elder He.

Su Yiren's lips were tightly pressed together, and fresh blood dripped down the side of her mouth. It rolled down her chin and landed on the wooden plank.

Elder He was about to speak, but the waves suddenly grew larger.

The Shuttle Arrow Shark, which was towing the wooden plank, suddenly slowed down. Although it was in the sea, it seemed as though it was stuck in mud as it could only inch forward.

"Damn, the Shuttle Arrow Shark has been targeted by a wild Creation Breed fey in the sea."

A fountain of spirit qi burst forth from Elder He. His god-class expert power suddenly gripped the tumultuous sea, and the water pulsed.

All the organisms in the sea escaped to its depths.

During the explosion of Elder He's god-class expert power, the cracked Shuttle Arrow Shark's body was suddenly alight with silver spatial energy.

The spatial energy on the Shuttle Arrow Shark's body formed an intricate map of spatial etchings.

The spatial etchings swirled around the Shuttle Arrow Shark's body before being transferred to the sea. They formed strips of solid spatial conveyor belts.

As Su Yiren watched this scene unfold, tears flowed down Su Yiren's face and mixed with the bloodied water below her.

Su Yiren had witnessed such a sight numerous times when the Dark Federation was being attacked by Seventh Page War's 32 Chanter team.

Elder He's expression was exceptionally solemn as he instructed Su Yiren, "We're near the Divine Wood Federation. The distance can be covered by one of the Shuttle Arrow Shark's conveyor belts. I'll send you there. Dark Envoy Lordess, you have to live. Yiren, you have to live."

Elder He did not say much more.

The last two statements were a blessing, and those words came directly from Elder He's heart.

Living was the basis of everything.

Regardless of Su Yiren's title as a Dark Envoy, or because he had watched over her as she grew up, it was all Elder He's final hopes for her.

A steady flow of tears was streaming from Su Yiren's eyes.

Before Su Yiren could react, the silver river of a conveyor belt had completely enveloped Su Yiren.

Su Yiren was soon swept away by the silver river and disappeared over the horizon.

The silver light had not even disappeared when crimson tentacles had already reached upward from the sea's depths.

The tentacles curled over the dimly lit Shuttle Arrow Shark and pulled it down into the deep sea, dragging Elder He down with it.

Chapter 564: Continuous Messages

Lin Yuan had already woken up and gotten dressed.

It was New Year's, and Lin Yuan put on spirit qi clothes with red accessories that he rarely wore.

Occasionally, Lin Yuan wore brightly colored clothes. They made him look younger.

Genius, which was in Lin Yuan's arms, was still rolling around lazily. When Lin Yuan dressed Genius in a red armor set that Wen Yu had made, Genius immediately perked up. It wagged its three tails and said in a child-like voice, "Yuan, do I look good in these clothes?"

Lin Yuan reached out his hand and affectionately pinched Genius' small nose.

"You little brat. You've already asked this question ten times. Of course, you look good!"

The idea to make this armor had sparked in Wen Yu's mind out of nowhere. It suited Genius well.

Since Wen Yu had never seen Genius wearing any clothes, she gave the red armor to Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan had decided to dress Genius in it on a whim. It was only then that he realized how much Genius liked wearing such clothes.

Genius reveled in Lin Yuan's praise.

Although it had already heard Lin Yuan's reply more than ten times, Genius was still waving its tail around just as happily.

Lin Yuan smiled and asked, "How about I ask Wen Yu to make more clothes for you?"

Genius jumped into Lin Yuan's arms in delight.

Lin Yuan stoked Genius' head and thought to himself about how sensible Genius still was.

However, the Lin Yuan of today was different from the Lin Yuan, who used to struggle to make a living in the Xia Region.

"Genius, let me know what you like from now on. We can afford many things now," said Lin Yuan to Genius seriously.

Lin Yuan heard knocking on the door of the loft and opened it to see Cai Cha standing there.

Cai Cha bowed to Lin Yuan and said, "Young Lord, the Moon Empress is calling on you to dine in the inner palace. Xicha went to call the Little Cold Moon Envoy."

It took a moment for Lin Yuan to respond to the words 'Little Cold Moon Envoy', but he soon realized Cai Cha was referring to Chu Ci.

Lin Yuan nodded and replied, "Let's go to the inner palace together."

Lin Yuan could not help but think, *Now that I have the Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls, the space in the Spirit Lock spatial zone that I was using to nurture the Flower Brocade Pearls is now empty. What should I do with the empty space?*

Every inch of the Spirit Lock spatial zone was intended for Lin Yuan to store and accumulate resources.

Hence, Lin Yuan needed to carefully think about what was the best way to use the Spirit Lock spatial zone. It was imperative that he did not make rash decisions.

When they arrived at the entrance of the inner palace, Cai Cha bowed and said, "Young Lord, the Moon Empress personally woke up at the crack of dawn to cook today's breakfast."

Lin Yuan suddenly thought that he should make something for his Master during New Year's.

Once they were done eating, Lin Yuan said to the Moon Empress before he left, "Master, you don't need to cook during New Year's. I'll prepare the food in the afternoon."

Initially, the Moon Empress thought that Lin Yuan wanted to take something from Leaning Moon Mountain. She was about to tell him that the Radiant Moon Palace had everything and that he did not need to prepare anything when she heard the rest of what he had to say.

A warm smile blossomed on the Moon Empress' face.

She gazed at Lin Yuan with adoration and said, "Okay."

Liu Jie was decently confident in his cooking skills. Although he was not as skilled as Liu Jie, Lin Yuan had eaten his own food before and found it acceptable.

It was just that after Lin Yuan met Liu Jie, he no longer had the opportunity to cook.

Lin Yuan contacted Ostrich Logistics on the way back to the mansion. He tasked them to give away the elemental pearls from last night's group welfare auction and the private trades' ones.

Once he was done liaising with Ostrich Logistics, Lin Yuan could tell that Chu Ci was very nervous.

Instead of saying something, Lin Yuan only raised an eyebrow.

They were about to arrive at the Return from Faraway Mansion that was on the outskirts of the Royal Capital.

The people who were anxious to see Chu Ci had to be far more nervous than her.

Lin Yuan saw Wen Yu and another young girl with purplish-red hair at the mansion entrance.

When Wen Yu saw Lin Yuan, she exclaimed, "Young Master."

The purplish-red-haired girl waved at Lin Yuan and yelled, "Mister Deep Mountain Elder Lin, I'm back to being your dedicated courier again!"

Lin Yuan knew that Ah Neng had been busy participating in the Guild Alliance's S Tournament.

"Ah Neng, how did you do at the S Tournament?" asked Lin Yuan.

Ah Neng's eyes shone as she replied, "I ended many people's misery with a rain of bullets. I'm just a substitute this year, so I don't need to enter the competition anymore. But, I'll be able to be in the main team in next year's S Tournament!"

Ah Neng started waving her fists around as though she was cheering herself on.

Lin Yuan laughed and cheered Ah Neng on.

Ah Neng had not been a courier for some time.

The current Ah Neng was no longer the same as the careless child she used to be.

After Ah Neng left, Lin Yuan saw that Chu Ci and Wen Yu had linked arms.

Chu Ci had just been acquainted with Wen Yu in the video call, but they were already so close despite having only just met.

Was this why they said that women only needed one second to become friends with each other?

Wen Yu could finally lay her worries to rest after she saw Lin Yuan.

During Lin Yuan's absence, Wen Yu had been tending to every aspect of the mansion, especially when Liu Jie and Zhou Luo had been in a coma.

Nothing special had taken place in the mansion during this time.

The Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's old rival, the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce, had started trying to overcome the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce. Thus, Listen needed to constantly handle this issue.

Only a few surprise guests had turned up at the mansion recently.

“Young Master, the main descendant of Wind Mist City’s Gao family, Gao Feng came looking for you a week ago. You were still in a coma, and I told him that you had left the mansion on business. Every few days, the phone that you gave to the Mother of Bloodbath would ring with messages from Gao Feng. He must have some urgent matter to see you about.”

Lin Yuan cocked an eyebrow.

Gao Feng sure is anxious to see me. I wonder what urgent matter he has to see me about.

Coincidentally, Lin Yuan also intended to ask Gao Feng for help after New Year’s.

He wanted to obtain some Angelfish of Bliss through Gao Feng.

Chapter 565: Friends Reunite

This was the best season to cultivate Angelfish of Bliss because they grew up quickly in cold environments.

Once they were full-grown fishes, Angelfish of Bliss would increase the rate at which they shed their fish coats when they were in warm weather.

If he nurtured the Angelfish of Bliss now till they matured, they would start shedding a layer of fish coat after a set period when the weather turned warm.

Initially, Lin Yuan planned to approach Gao Feng after New Year’s.

Lin Yuan did not want to disturb Gao Feng during the holiday for fear of causing Gao Feng to be too preoccupied with procuring Angelfish of Bliss for him.

Now that Gao Feng was looking for Lin Yuan, the latter would be able to broach his request with Gao Feng before New Year’s.

The Angelfish of Bliss were less than a finger long. Even fully matured, they were only about the size of a palm.

The man-made lake was already extremely large, and the size would increase by at least twice once it was expanded.

Thus, Lin Yuan would gladly take however many Angelfish of Bliss that Gao Feng could get his hands on.

When the rainbow-scaled Angelfish of Bliss swam around together, they formed an exquisitely lovely picture of movement.

Lin Yuan nodded in acknowledgment and said to Wen Yu, “I’ll give Gao Feng a call later to ask him what he needs.”

While Lin Yuan was speaking, he heard Liu Jie’s voice from behind him.

“Young Master, it’s great that you’re fine!”

After the close shave with death they experienced together in the dimensional rift, Liu Jie had used his body to carry out his service to the shield on his crest by blocking Lin Yuan from the deadly blow.

Because of this, Liu Jie's consciousness had slipped into a daze.

However, there had still been enemies in the dimensional rift at that time, and Liu Jie was well aware of how perilous the situation had been.

Liu Jie had not been worried ever since he saw Lin Yuan during his internship. But now, he could truly relax after seeing Lin Yuan with his own eyes.

Lin Yuan saw Liu Jie carrying many rare spirit ingredients.

Most of the spiritual ingredients he was carrying were sea-type feys.

Liu Jie had asked Lin Yuan in advance what Chu Ci liked to eat and had gotten an idea of her tastes.

The mansion's occupants did not always eat fish, and it was clear that Liu Jie had bought so much for the sake of Chu Ci.

Lin Yuan was still rather worried about the state of Liu Jie's Insect Queen.

"Big Brother Liu, you mentioned that there's a problem with your Insect Queen's transformation. How is it now?" asked Lin Yuan.

At the mention of the Insect Queen, Liu Jie thought back to the issues that had persisted from yesterday afternoon to morning today. It seemed like a dream to him.

However, during this dream-like period, Liu Jie had watched as the transformation was completed.

"The Insect Queen is done transforming. It's now much stronger."

Lin Yuan raised an eyebrow.

Liu Jie was not a boastful person. In fact, he was exceptionally humble and down to earth.

If Liu Jie said that the Insect Queen was now much stronger, it meant that the Insect Queen's powers had increased tremendously.

Liu Jie was elated for Liu Jie.

"Congratulations, Big Brother Liu."

When Liu Jie heard Lin Yuan's congratulations, his heart felt heavy yet relaxed.

Before falling into a coma, Liu Jie understood the injuries that he and the Insect Queen had sustained.

There was only one way that he could have survived those injuries—Lin Yuan must have done emergency treatment on him.

Hence, when Liu Jie had woken up and found out that Lin Yuan was in a coma, he blamed himself immensely. He felt that Lin Yuan had wasted too much spiritual power trying to heal him, which was why Lin Yuan had suffered such severe injuries and had been comatose for a week.

Now that Lin Yuan was right there before him, Liu Jie felt the knot in his heart loosen.

Liu Jie thought to himself that he was finally worthy of being the strongest shield for Lin Yuan on his journey to the top.

Lin Yuan's sharp eyes caught sight of the change in Liu Jie's gaze. It was obvious that Liu Jie was now much more confident.

Liu Jie looked toward Wen Yu and Chu Ci, whose arms were linked.

"Miss, you..."

Before Liu Jie could finish, Chu Ci had already stretched out her hand to him.

"Big Brother Liu, I've heard my brother talk about you. You know my name is Chu Ci."

Chu Ci even winked at Liu Jie.

Liu Jie took Chu Ci's outstretched hand, and his large hand shook her smaller one.

"Chu Ci, I bought some Shiny Star Groupers and Fire Tail Snow Sea Bass. I remember Lin Yuan saying that you don't like eating spicy food. I'll cook some sweet and sour fish, as well as honeyed steam fish for you."

Chu Ci, who had grown up alongside Lin Yuan, was exceptionally sensitive. She was skilled at sensing the emotions of others.

She had initially been nervous about meeting all the new people.

However, she could tell from Wen Yu and Liu Jie's attitudes that they were brimming with kindness.

They gazed at her with an affection that only older siblings had for their younger sister.

Chu Ci felt a surge of warmth from the sudden influx of people who cared about her.

There was a hint of astringence.

Chu Ci used to be unaware of what kept Lin Yuan so busy. Whenever they spoke on the phone, Lin Yuan would always ask about how she was.

Lin Yuan was not a talkative person.

However, whenever they were about to hang up, he would remind her to take care of her health and some other advice.

Lin Yuan had never said that it was hard for him, but having seen all this, Chu Ci could imagine how hard Lin Yuan had been working all this time.

At that moment, the Mother of Bloodbath, Endless Summer, and Hu Quan walked out of the mansion. They must have heard the discourse at the entranceway.

Endless Summer walked up to Lin Yuan and placed its hand on his shoulder to sense his condition.

Once it assured itself that he was fine, it moved on to Chu Ci and handed her a purple flower-shaped Diamond fey storage box.

After Chu Ci received the fey storage box, Endless Summer said, "My cherished accessories and clothes are inside. Feel free to wear any of them if they're to your liking."

When Lin Yuan heard what Endless Summer said, he hastily snatched the Diamond fey storage box out of Chu Ci's hands and returned it to Endless Summer.

"You should keep these treasures for yourself, Endless Summer. Don't give them to Chu Ci," said Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan remembered that Endless Summer had gone through an unconventional style and rural heavy metal phase.

Endless Summer had bought the most accessories and spirit qi clothes.

Chu Ci had not come of age, and her style had yet to be decided.

What if she was influenced by the things that Endless Summer gave her?

From behind Endless Summer, the Mother of Bloodbath noticed the glint in Lin Yuan's red eyes.

The Mother of Bloodbath had many things to say to Lin Yuan, but once it remembered what Mystic Moon and Moon Empress had said, as well as how it had failed as a Path Protector, the Mother of Bloodbath suddenly found it difficult to talk to Lin Yuan.

Chapter 566: A Beautiful Misunderstanding and Liu Jie's Sacred Source Lifeform

Hu Quan touched his balding head and said, "Let's go in! How much longer do you want to stand these bracing winter winds? When we go in, Chu Ci can see if she's satisfied with the feature wall I rushed to finish long ago."

The Mother of Bloodbath turned and walked into the house. It realized that Lin Yuan had quickened his pace and was now walking alongside it.

Lin Yuan pulled a Gold fey storage box out of the amber-button-shaped Diamond fey storage box and gave it to the Mother of Bloodbath.

Lin Yuan's bright expression stunned the Mother of Bloodbath.

After it received the Gold fey storage box, Lin Yuan said, "The three Red Water Blood Snakes have all evolved. There are numerous old leaves that had fallen from the Blood Brew Grapevine inside. You can check to see how much blood energy you're able to absorb from them."

The Mother of Bloodbath had been wanting to speak to Lin Yuan, but it did not know how to start the conversation.

Now that Lin Yuan was talking to it, a troubled expression appeared on the Mother of Bloodbath's face.

Its troubled expression was a combination of guilt, happiness, and relief.

However, when the Mother of Bloodbath looked inside the Gold fey storage box that Lin Yuan gave it, it only felt touched and shocked.

The Mother of Bloodbath saw that the three Red Water Blood Snakes had evolved to Bronze/Legend.

The incredible amount of blood energy in the Blood Brew Grapevine's leaves made the Mother of Bloodbath feel ravenous.

This ravenous state was due to the Blood Law Rune in the Mother of Bloodbath's body and the fact that it was a blood-type fey. Its body was automatically sending out signals in response to the pure blood energy.

This demonstrated how much the Mother of Bloodbath craved for pure blood energy.

The Mother of Bloodbath had seen the Blood Brew Grapevine in the Indigo Azure Sea Market.

However, all of the Blood Brew Grapevine's Blood Brew Grapes had just been harvested at that time, and it had been in a weak state.

At that time, the entire Blood Brew Grapevine had a similar amount of blood energy in it as the leaves in front of the Mother of Bloodbath now.

Who knew how the Blood Brew Grapevine was nurtured?

The Mother of Bloodbath could not help but form a misunderstanding.

The Mother of Bloodbath thought about how Lin Yuan had asked the Mother of Bloodbath to help strengthen the three Red Water Blood Snakes and the Blood Brew Grapevine shortly after he had woken up from the coma.

The Mother of Bloodbath knew that only a Class 5 Creation Master like the Moon Empress could evolve all three Red Water Blood Snakes to Bronze/Legend in one night.

The Mother of Bloodbath's hand tightly clutched the Gold fey storage box.

It solidified its resolve to become even stronger.

The Mother of Bloodbath's troubled emotions disappeared. It only felt the determination and alertness that a Path Protector should feel.

Lin Yuan did not know what the Mother of Bloodbath was thinking. Even if he did know, he would not be able to explain it.

When he was refining his Creation Master skills and nurturing feys, the Mother of Bloodbath would also leave him alone. Even though it was his Path Protector, it did not want to disturb Lin Yuan during that time.

Thus, the Mother of Bloodbath did not know what Lin Yuan was capable of.

Lin Yuan could not expose his powers to the Mother of Bloodbath.

This was all a beautiful misunderstanding.

Once they arrived at the mansion, Chu Ci's eyes were immediately drawn to the detailed feature wall. It depicted her standing next to Lin Yuan.

The feature wall's background showed a blue sky and lush green grass. Under the jade-tinted light, the mansion's furniture seemed incredibly heartwarming.

Chu Ci remembered Hu Quan saying that the feature wall had been finished in a rush early on.

It turned out that long before she met these people face-to-face, she had already assimilated into their lives through this.

Although this was the first time they had met, it was nice that there had not been an absent feeling.

Liu Jie changed and dashed toward the kitchen to start cooking lunch.

Lin Yuan wanted to prepare a meal for his Master during New Year's, so he followed Liu Jie to the kitchen with the hopes of learning the ropes. He wanted to try and see if he could pull off a miracle and learn a few of Liu Jie's techniques within two days.

Wen Yu, the Mother of Bloodbath, Endless Summer, and Chu Ci became friends and played the Fey Battle Flag game.

Lin Yuan did not know when the four women started to resemble the same person. They even took a page out of Liu Jie and Listen's book and made a bet. The loser would have to eat a piece of lemon.

Hu Quan stood at the kitchen entrance and yelled, "Lin Yuan, I called Listen, and Zhou Luo like you asked. I told them to come for lunch."

Hu Quan had not gone to Indigo Azure City. He had stayed in the mansion like the ultimate introvert and worked on his crafts in the dead of night.

Hence, Hu Quan was not fully certain of what had happened to Lin Yuan.

Although he did not know when Lin Yuan had started treating Zhou Luo and one of their own, he had managed to glean some details from listening to Liu Jie and Wen Yu's conversation.

From these details, Hu Quan had fully accepted Zhou Luo as well.

Liu Jie held the ladle and was frying up the sliced cuttlefish.

While the sliced cuttlefish were tossed around in the pan, they curled and formed a pretty flower shape. Each piece glistened with oil.

Lin Yuan's stomach started to rumble as he smelled the fragrance from the pot.

Liu Jie told Lin Yuan about the Insect Queen's condition, and he suddenly thought about what Night Leaning Moon had told him.

Never tell anyone about your sacred source lifeform.

Liu Jie had already told Lin Yuan that he had taken Night Leaning Moon as his Master. He had also been open with Lin Yuan about the fact that he had contracted a sacred source lifeform.

However, Liu Jie was watchful of his words and did not tell Lin Yuan about his sacred source lifeform's abilities.

It was not that Liu Jie did not want to tell Lin Yuan or because he was afraid of Lin Yuan knowing about his sacred source lifeform's abilities. It was just that Liu Jie's sacred source lifeform had a rather special ability.

He was afraid that Lin Yuan would forbid him from using the sacred source lifeform's ability for his own good after Lin Yuan found out about his sacred source lifeform's ability.

As such, Liu Jie decided to keep his sacred source lifeform's ability to himself. He would only reveal it in Lin Yuan's hour of need. Then, he would become Lin Yuan's magnificent shield and sword.

He would be the epitome of defense.

Although Liu Jie did not usually use the sacred source lifeform's ability, the sacred source lifeform was a type of fey that could share an existence. It was already sharing the Insect Queen's existence.

After the Insect Queen's transformation, it gained the ability to coexist with the sacred source lifeform.

It had metamorphosed and was now living a whole different life.

Chapter 567: Gao Feng's Plan

Lin Yuan listened to Liu Jie as he recounted his fateful encounter and experiences when Lin Yuan was unconscious.

Lin Yuan used his hand to pat Liu Jie's shoulder repeatedly to express his congratulations.

Now that Liu Jie contracted a sacred source lifeform, Lin Yuan could reserve his sacred source lifeform for the Mother of Bloodbath.

After the meal, Lin Yuan looked for Zhou Luo to discuss some matters.

As soon as Lin Yuan returned to the manor, the Mother of Bloodbath had already returned his mobile phone, and it suddenly rang now.

Lin Yuan lowered his head and realized that the phone call was from none other than Gao Feng.

Lin Yuan raised his brows and picked up the phone call.

Gao Feng went straight to the topic and said, "Brother, I wish to discuss a deal with you."

Lin Yuan was rather startled to hear Gao Feng's tone.

Gao Feng was normally very forthright when speaking and would give off the feeling of an abnormally carefree youth. But now, Gao Feng was speaking in an abnormally solemn tone.

Lin Yuan knew that Gao Feng had a very important matter to discuss with him.

However, since Gao Feng said he wanted to have a serious business talk, Lin Yuan turned serious and asked, "Gao Feng, are you representing the Gao family to negotiate with me or are you negotiating with me personally?"

Gao Feng turned silent for a moment after hearing Lin Yuan's question. Gao Feng then asked in a serious tone, "Is there a difference if it is the Gao family or me?"

Lin Yuan immediately answered, "If it is the Gao family negotiating business with me, I can naturally refuse and think of the best method to get the most profit.

"But if you are personally negotiating with me, if I can do it, I will agree to it as a favor for a friend."

When Gao Feng heard Lin Yuan's words, he felt a surge of warmth.

"Brother, I am personally doing business with you. But this favor might be a little hard. If you think that it is too much effort, then you can just reject me."

During this period, Gao Feng had sought out help from many others apart from Lin Yuan. He had basically used up all of his connections. However, he hadn't been able to obtain any practical help.

When Lin Yuan heard Gao Feng's words, he could roughly guess what kind of favor Gao Feng wanted.

Gao Feng had been making transactions of completely jade-textured wood and high-quality Bronze feys. Therefore, these two things were excluded, but it should be related to what Creation Masters could do.

As expected, Gao Feng continued saying, "Brother, I wonder if you have any Creation Master resources you can lend me? You can just name your price!"

Lin Yuan immediately knew he had guessed it correctly. However, Lin Yuan's guesses were still a little deviated. Gao Feng didn't just want a specific thing; he wanted Creation Master resources.

Lin Yuan was entirely different from regular Creation Masters.

Lin Yuan's current weakness was that he couldn't enhance any high-grade fey. Therefore, in terms of nurturing high-grade feys, Lin Yuan couldn't do anything as long as he didn't advance his spirit qi professional rank.

The enhancement of high-grade feys was Lin Yuan's most obvious shortcoming.

Lin Yuan might have plenty of superior items that only high-class Creation Masters could produce, but Lin Yuan didn't have any Creation Master resources.

Previously, Lin Yuan had been taking the burden of the Creation Master's job for the entire Sky City. Now that Gao Feng wanted to borrow Creation Master resources, Lin Yuan couldn't possibly pack himself up and mail himself to Gao Feng, right? He also couldn't just introduce his Master, the Moon Empress, to Gao Feng, right?

Even if he were to introduce the Moon Empress, Gao Feng wouldn't dare to invite her.

All of a sudden, Lin Yuan had a thought that he had to recruit Creation Masters. However, Lin Yuan would have his own requirements when recruiting a Creation Master... They had to be high-class Creation Masters.

Only high-class Creation Masters could compensate for Lin Yuan's lacking Creation Master ability.

Creation Masters were the most precious spirit qi professionals in the entire Radiance Federation. Lin Yuan would need to do a lot of planning in order to recruit a high-class Creation Master.

Even though Lin Yuan couldn't immediately give Creation Master resources to Gao Feng, he still asked, "What kind of Creation Master resources do you need?"

Gao Feng explained as though he was complaining about something to a friend, "Brother, did you not hear about the difference between this active period of the dimensional rifts and the past?"

Lin Yuan replied upon hearing that, "I am not very clear of the things that happened during this period."

Gao Feng felt it was a little weird that Lin Yuan didn't even know these things. Even if Lin Yuan had not been at the seaside of the Royal Capital, he should have witnessed the incident that most factions were speechless and complaining about, right?

"This year's active period opened up several times more dimensional rifts than before. Among them, the water world dimensional rifts are the largest in number at the sea regions.

"When the dimensional rift's source-type items are extracted, it will release a large amount of spirit qi before closing.

"For feys on land, the massive release of spirit qi is a great thing.

"However, it isn't entirely good for the feys in the sea region.

"Brother, I was actually able to find the infant-stage Elemental Shellfish that you wanted previously. But now, even if my grandfather makes a move, it is impossible to get any.

"The massive spirit qi released by the water world dimensional rifts evolved all of the deep-sea Elemental Shellfish into the damned Explosive Pearl Shellfish."

Lin Yuan couldn't help getting dumbfounded. He suddenly understood why during the group welfare auction, be it Master Duan Li or Wang Fuxiang, they had avoided choosing the water-elemental heavenly-maiden-grade pearls.

The concentrated spirit qi in the sea had evolved most of the Elemental Shellfish into Explosive Pearl Shellfish.

As a result, it would be a long time before anyone could find any infant-stage Elemental Shellfish from the deep sea.

Most of the factions nurtured Elemental Shellfish in order to nurture foundation-class resources like the Island Whale.

Therefore, the Aquamarine Elemental Shellfish were the most common Elemental Shellfish.

Even though the water-elemental pearls had the highest consumption rate among all the elemental pearls, this was the time when supply and demand came in.

The water-elemental pearls were now the cheapest among all the elemental pearls.

However, this was actually great news for Lin Yuan as he had a limited number of water-elemental pearls.

Lin Yuan had used most of the water-elemental pearls to nurture the Floating Island Whale, while the rest of the elemental pearls would have increasing values.

At that moment, Lin Yuan heard Gao Feng saying, "I have discussed with my grandfather and wish to create my own rising faction.

"Therefore, I am planning to construct a marine fey breeding base.

"Brother, I don't wish to hide it from you. I am looking to borrow Creation Master resources because I hope that the Creation Master on your side can help me to nurture some Spotted Coral Jade."

Chapter 568: Lin Yuan Becoming a Boss

"The Gao family has been exploiting deep-sea resources.

"Due to massive spirit qi released by the water world dimensional rifts, many of the deep-sea feys are abnormally active.

"This allowed the Gao family to capture plenty of production-type deep-sea feys. The capture of the deep sea feys has made the Gao family's Creation Masters so busy that they are going crazy.

"However, my marine fey breeding base has just been constructed, and because all the Gao family's Creation Masters are busy, I am in a situation where I have no Creation Masters to use."

Gao Feng explained in an abnormally honest manner and didn't hide anything from Lin Yuan.

When constructing a marine fey breeding base and artificially nurturing those fragile marine feys, a careless mistake might just cause all of them to die.

A single marine fey's death would mean that Gao Feng's breeding technique had a problem. It might possibly be accompanied by a large number of deaths among the marine feys, causing Gao Feng losses that he might not be able to compensate for.

The coral jade that Gao Feng required from Creation Masters was turned into jade-textured corals from regular corals.

Once the coral jade was nurtured by the Creation Master's highly concentrated spirit qi, it would activate the coral polyps that formed the corals and start to develop dense spots inside the coral jade.

If these Spotted Coral Jade were crushed and ground, they could be scattered into the marine fey breeding base pool to create a deep-sea environment.

Once those marine feys ate the crushed Spotted Coral Jade, it would speed up the development of the marine feys and also keep them in a healthy state.

The Spotted Coral Jade also gave a significant boost to the marine feys' breeding ability.

Gao Feng wanted to use the Spotted Coral Jade to nurture some female breeding feys in his newly constructed marine fey breeding base.

Lin Yuan silently contemplated for a moment and said, "I can help you solve the problem of the Spotted Coral Jade."

Gao Feng was overjoyed like a blooming flower, but he said softly in a shy tone, "Brother, the quantity of Spotted Coral Jade might be rather large."

Lin Yuan's Spirit Lock spatial zone had already spared out a piece of land, and he had been thinking how to use it. Now, it just so happened that he could use it to help Gao Feng to nurture large quantities of Spotted Coral Jade.

Lin Yuan's Spirit Lock spatial zone might be able to nurture Spotted Coral Jade, but he couldn't nurture corals into regular coral jade. After all, regular coral jade would need an extremely long period to be produced, even in the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

The formation of coral jade would only happen after hundreds of thousands of years in the deep sea after the coral absorbed the nutrients from the spirit qi. It was a kind of mineral that could only be produced at the bottom of the sea.

Lin Yuan could buy them if he wanted to, but since the Gao family had been exploiting the deep-sea resources, they should have plenty of regular coral jade.

"As long as you can provide me with regular coral jade, then I can supply you with 300 catties of Spotted Coral Jade every ten days."

Gao Feng let out a violent cough after hearing Lin Yuan's reply. His lips shook as he said, "300 catties? Brother, I have plenty of coral jade, but 300 catties of Spotted Coral Jade are simply too much!"

"Even if you can supply them to me, I will not be able to afford them."

Lin Yuan had a quick thought as he asked, "You've personally constructed his marine fey breeding base. Since I can supply you the Creation Master resources that you require, why don't you think about building a bigger breeding base?"

Gao Feng's eyes flickered with radiance after hearing Lin Yuan's question and subtly understood Lin Yuan's meaning.

He said that he couldn't afford 300 catties of Spotted Coral Jade, but Lin Yuan still insisted on supplying them to him. It meant that Lin Yuan wished to join as a shareholder in this deal in exchange for the supply of the Creation Master resources.

As for the method of becoming a shareholder, Gao Feng had been very resistant. If someone was to join as a shareholder, it would mean that a portion of the marine fey breeding base would belong to that shareholder.

If Lin Yuan were to express his intention to join as a shareholder when Gao Feng first called Lin Yuan, even if Gao Feng treated Lin Yuan as a friend, Gao Feng wouldn't hesitate to refuse.

But now, it was different as Gao Feng was at his most difficult time. Lin Yuan didn't hesitate to provide help to Gao Feng and was willing to invest an unexpectedly huge amount of Creation Master resources. It would allow Gao Feng to establish a rising faction that was far beyond his expectation.

Gao Feng muttered for a long time before making a reluctant decision and gnashed his teeth as he said, "Brother, if you can provide me 300 catties of Spotted Coral Jade every ten days, then you don't need to bother about the other matters of the marine fey breeding base. We shall split the shares in half."

Lin Yuan was shocked when Gao Feng said they would be evenly splitting the shares.

Spotted Coral Jade was impossible to form in the deep-sea environment. Even if there was a very high concentration of spirit qi, it still wouldn't reach the conditions for the coral jade to produce the spots. It could only be nurtured with a high-class Creation Master's pure spirit qi.

However, the Spotted Coral Jade had very small effects and could only be considered to be a useful spiritual ingredient for marine feys. Only people like Gao Feng, who was preparing to construct a marine fey breeding base, would have such a huge demand for it.

If Lin Yuan could provide 300 catties of Spotted Coral Jade, it was the same as providing Gao Feng with high-class Creation Master resources. But Lin Yuan never expected Gao Feng to value these resources for 50% of shares.

With 50% of shares, Lin Yuan was now suddenly transformed into a boss of a marine fey breeding base like Gao Feng.

Logically speaking, if Gao Feng wanted to establish a rising faction, he wouldn't possibly want to share any control and authority with others. However, Gao Feng chose to split the shares equally with him.

It was enough to see Gao Feng's sincerity for this collaboration.

In regards to Gao Feng's sincerity, Lin Yuan immediately made a response. "Apart from the Spotted Coral Jade, when you are breeding a huge quantity of marine feys, you will probably need pure elemental energy.

"I have plenty of heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls. If you need them, you can just request them from me."

Gao Feng suddenly felt relaxed after hearing the response.

Earlier on, when Gao Feng had decided to give Lin Yuan 50% of the shares, it might be a little impulsive, but now Gao Feng felt he was abnormally at ease to collaborate with Lin Yuan.

There weren't many rising factions nurturing marine feys, so the competition between these rising factions was very intense.

Especially with the investment of Creation Master resources, it would immediately increase the competitive edge of a rising faction that relied on the breeding of marine feys.

Gao Feng could actually make use of the Gao family's massive resources in the deep-sea business to establish his rising faction. However, it was apparent that Gao Feng didn't want to rely on the Gao family for everything. Otherwise, there would be no meaning for him to establish a rising faction himself.

Chapter 569: Happy Delivery

The heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls were things that Gao Feng was too embarrassed to mention to Lin Yuan.

Gao Feng knew that Lin Yuan should have elemental pearls after obtaining the infant-stage Elemental Shellfish from him previously. However, due to the huge quantity of Elemental Shellfish that evolved into Explosive Pearl Shellfish, elemental pearls were truly too precious.

Gao Feng was planning to see if he could get the Gao family to think of some methods to obtain some. But as soon as Lin Yuan spoke, he was immediately investing resources like the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls.

It made Gao Feng feel that he had suddenly found a pillar to hug, even though he was from the richest family in Wind Mist City.

This was a kind of feeling that Gao Feng felt for the first time, but he felt it was truly satisfying!

“Brother, if you can supply me with resources like the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls, I will be truly grateful to you.

“For each heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearl that you supply to me, I will purchase it at the market price.

“However, now that I have given you 50% of the shares, I cannot give you any more. But I can give you 10% of the profits from my shares. What do you think, brother?”

Lin Yuan didn't reject Gao Feng's proposal. He was negotiating a deal with Gao Feng; in fact, he was actually collaborating to develop a rising faction together.

Gao Feng was providing the Gao family's ample resources and business channels in the deep-sea sector, while Lin Yuan was providing Creation Master resources.

Lin Yuan would provide help to Gao Feng, but when discussing business, Lin Yuan would want to obtain the profits that he should have.

From Gao Feng's words, Lin Yuan could feel that Gao Feng wished to obtain the market leader position in the marine fey breeding base business.

Lin Yuan didn't have any opinions toward this and was actually very approving of it. In any case, Lin Yuan didn't have the effort and time to develop the breeding base together with Gao Feng.

To Lin Yuan, the most profitable method was to simply wait for the dividends.

As such, Lin Yuan said upfront, “Even if I have 50% of the shares, I will only be involved in the dividends and will not be managing it. Therefore, I will need to trouble Brother Gao in the development of the rising faction.”

Gao Feng felt that Lin Yuan was too particular. When he expressed his intention to negotiate a deal with Lin Yuan, the latter immediately gave a response, unlike others who knew what was going on but acted confused.

Even though Gao Feng was discussing a deal with Lin Yuan, Gao Feng felt he was very relaxed.

After settling the collaboration for the rising faction with Gao Feng, Lin Yuan blinked his eyes with some surprise.

Because of two deals he made with Gao Feng, they became acquaintances. Now, because of this marine fey breeding base, he had become business partners with Gao Feng.

It meant that Lin Yuan could make use of this deal he had with Gao Feng to easily obtain the deep-sea resources from the Gao family.

After discussing the deal with Gao Feng, Lin Yuan didn't forget to mention his own matter. "Brother Gao, are you able to obtain any supreme-grade Angelfish of Bliss from your side?"

Gao Feng laughed in response and said, "Brother, supreme-grade Angelfish of Bliss isn't that easy to obtain. If you asked me for help a month ago, I might just recommend you to try your luck with the veteran faction, Aquarium of Bliss.

"However, it just so happens that during the increase of spirit qi at the surface of the sea, and in the deep-sea area where our Gao family is exploring, we found a school of Angelfish of Bliss and immediately captured them.

"The school of Angelfish of Bliss is around 2,000 in quantity, but if we really sort it out, there should be around 50 supreme-grade Angelfish of Bliss.

"Our Gao family is also planning to nurture this batch of supreme-grade Angelfish of Bliss.

"Brother, if you want them, I can get at least 20 for you.

"But it is a pity that when we captured them, the most superior supreme-grade Angelfish of Bliss, which is a female, was actually pregnant. Therefore, it resisted abnormally violently and is now severely injured.

"The price for healing the injured female is too much, and it isn't guaranteed that the roes within its stomach will be saved."

Gao Feng heaved a sigh and said, "It is truly a pity."

Upon hearing Gao Feng's reply, Lin Yuan thought, *If I am a little thrifty on the fish coat shed from the 20 supreme-grade Angelfish of Bliss, it might be enough for the daily consumption for spiritual-type feys in the manor.*

However, Lin Yuan actually wanted to nurture the Angelfish of Bliss to use as the lake scenery in the man-made lake after the expansion. For this objective, let alone 20 Angelfish of Bliss, not even all 50 of the Gao family's stock would be enough.

However, Lin Yuan was rather interested in that injured female Angelfish of Bliss.

With the Spirit Lock spatial zone's spirit pool and the three Mountain River Eternal Life Carps' exclusive skill, Place of Life, Lin Yuan had absolute confidence he could heal the female Angelfish of Bliss and also successfully hatch the roes in its stomach.

This wasn't the first time Lin Yuan served the role of a midwife.

The female Five Fortune Ranchu that Lin Yuan had obtained from Zhou Jiaxin had also received Lin Yuan's help for the delivery.

"Brother Gao, then I shall trouble you to obtain 20 supreme-grade Angelfish of Bliss for me. You can also include that injured female too."

Gao Feng could tell that Lin Yuan wanted to try healing the female Angelfish of Bliss. Thus, he immediately agreed.

Before hanging up the phone, Lin Yuan said, "Before the new year, transport some regular coral jade for me to nurture first."

Every empty space in the Spirit Lock spatial zone was a huge loss. Therefore, it was best to make use of the space as soon as possible.

After ending the phone call, Lin Yuan realized he had unknowingly opened up a huge stall. Apart from the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce, he now had another physical business.

When Lin Yuan called Zhou Luo earlier, the latter had been sitting beside Lin Yuan, waiting for Lin Yuan to finish his phone call. Seeing that Lin Yuan ended the call, Zhou Luo asked, "Young Master, do you need help from me?"

Lin Yuan looked at Zhou Luo and asked, "Brother Zhou, how is your Dark Snake Dragon Lizard's nurturing?"

Zhou Luo scratched the back of his head and replied, "Young Master, I have just contracted the Dark Snake Dragon Lizard and didn't have time to nurture it yet. It is still in the same condition as the time you bestowed it to me."

Zhou Luo said that he didn't have time to nurture the Dark Snake Dragon Lizard not because he didn't have time but because he was too embarrassed to say that he didn't have the resources to nurture it.

After all, it was truly too shameful to say such things.

Lin Yuan let out a breath of relief after hearing Zhou Luo's reply.

It was fortunate that Zhou Luo hadn't immediately nurtured the Dark Snake Dragon Lizard after receiving it. If Zhou Luo nurtured it immediately and evolved it from Bronze to Silver, then Lin Yuan wouldn't know how to invest resources in Zhou Luo.

Chapter 570: Fusion of the Sacred Source Lifeforms Completed

“Brother Zhou, since you have yet to nurture the Dark Snake Dragon Lizard and merely contracted with it. Why don’t you leave the Dark Snake Dragon Lizard with me first? I will help you to enhance its quality.”

When Zhou Luo heard Lin Yuan’s response, his eyes nearly popped out of his eye sockets.

Unlike the others, Zhou Luo didn’t know Lin Yuan’s foundation, but Lin Yuan’s words were definitely implying that he was going to enhance the Dark Snake Dragon Lizard’s quality to Legend.

It didn’t matter if Lin Yuan was going to upgrade the Dark Snake Dragon Lizard’s quality to Legend at Bronze or Silver. These were things that Zhou Luo could only dream about in his current situation.

“Y-Young Master—”

Before Zhou Luo could finish, Lin Yuan continued saying, “I remember that Brother Zhou still has an unused Willpower Rune. Brother Zhou, let me take a look at your third Willpower Rune.

“By then, Brother Zhou can upgrade both your second and third feys to Fantasy Breed!”

Zhou Luo’s face immediately glowed with delight.

Zhou Luo understood that during the battle within the dimensional rift outside Indigo Azure City, his performance had been good enough for Lin Yuan to treat him like his own men. Therefore, Lin Yuan was now beginning to invest massive resources in Zhou Luo to enhance his strength.

Zhou Luo had already given his loyalty to Lin Yuan, and this was definitely Zhou Luo’s best chance to receive Lin Yuan’s praises. Zhou Luo was naturally going to hold tight to this opportunity.

When Lin Yuan sensed Zhou Luo’s comprehended third Willpower Rune, he pursed his lips.

The Willpower Rune Zhou Luo had comprehended had a sticky, muddy feeling. It was considered an easily compatible Willpower Rune and was very suitable for defense fey.

During these two days, Lin Yuan hadn’t been as hardworking as before. Instead, he had slowed down his pace and had a relaxing lifestyle for two days.

After experiencing a life-and-death situation, Lin Yuan enjoyed the bustling new-year atmosphere in the Radiance Federation and felt that the entire world was abnormally wonderful.

During these two days, the manor members would go out and shop around on the streets, the manor was now stocked up with new-year merchandise in fey storage boxes, and it should already be enough to use until the next new year.

Chu Ci had been pulling Lin Yuan along to paste plenty of ‘Fortune’ words inside the manor. Even the red sandalwood fish tank had been pasted with two patterned wordings, ‘Abundance Year After Year’.

These ordinary patterned words and fortuitous words didn’t affect the manor’s overall beauty, but they made the manor cozier and warmer.

Two days ago, when Lin Yuan had finished negotiating the business with Gao Feng, in just less than half a day, 3,000 catties of regular coral jade had already been delivered in fey storage boxes by Ostrich Logistics.

As for the 19 supreme-grade Angelfish of Bliss and the severely injured female Angelfish of Bliss, Gao Feng had also arranged them to be delivered together.

Lin Yuan's eyes lit up when he saw those 19 supreme-grade Angelfish of Bliss. All of them were in five colors, while the tail and the fins were thin like silver veils.

But when they were swimming, the fins and tails of the Angelfish of Bliss would glisten with a six-colored radiance and were exceptionally enchanting.

When Lin Yuan looked at the postures of these Angelfish of Bliss, he felt as though he was looking at young ladies that were covered in veils. It did give off blissful feelings at a glance.

Lin Yuan simply settled the 19 supreme-grade Angelfish of Bliss into the man-made lake. Even though the man-made lake's current environment wasn't the same as the Angelfish of Bliss' original habitat, due to the Mountain River Eternal Life Carp's exclusive skill, Place of Life, the Angelfish of Bliss were abnormally at ease and didn't have any signs of them not adapting.

As for that female Angelfish of Bliss which was at its dying breath, Lin Yuan settled it inside the spirit pool.

The injuries of the female Angelfish of Bliss were overly severe. It was no wonder why the Gao family had decided to give up on it and wouldn't invest their efforts to heal it.

Lin Yuan could see that this female Angelfish of Bliss's tail and fins were dilapidated. Its body also had plenty of massive wounds as it was violently struggling during the capture.

Those massive wounds were already starting to fester. However, after two days of nourishment in the spirit pool, the festering wounds had already grown a thin layer of new flesh.

Lin Yuan had already instructed Blackie to take good care of the dying female Angelfish of Bliss.

Otherwise, Lin Yuan was really afraid that the carcinoma fey, the Sea Burial Lotus Flower, might just make a move on this injured female Angelfish of Bliss.

With two days of rest, this female Angelfish of Bliss already had the strength to occasionally eat the Butterfly Shells at the bottom of the spirit pool.

Lin Yuan only had to wait for this female Angelfish of Bliss to fully recover and release the roes within the spirit pool.

Unlike Lin Yuan's relaxed two days, Hu Quan had been working overtime for the past two days.

Hu Quan would be creating exquisite and artistic fireworks during the quiet nights. In fact, Hu Quan wasn't just working overtime and overnight for these two days. Ever since Lin Yuan had visited Indigo Azure City, Hu Quan had been working overtime and overnight without stopping.

Wen Yu naturally didn't approve of Hu Quan working overtime late into the night, however, she didn't expect Hu Quan to secretly contract a special fey, the Vitality Sloth.

The Vitality Sloth would be sleeping for the entire day and accumulating vitality. With all the accumulated vitality, the Vitality Sloth could then use its ability to transfer it to the contractor.

Due to each individual's spiritual energy, the number of feys that could be contracted would be different, however, that number would be limited.

For combat-class spirit qi professionals, in order to maximize their combat strength, they would need to consider carefully when contracting each fey.

As a Class 5 Spirit Craftsman, Hu Quan had decided to contract a Vitality Sloth that could help him to sleep so that he could work overtime with more efficiency. He was truly a little stubborn. This stubborn nature of Hu Quan was something that Wen Yu couldn't do anything about.

At present, even if Hu Quan didn't sleep, it would affect his body. Wen Yu couldn't possibly force Hu Quan to lie on the bed either. As such, Wen Yu had to allow Hu Quan to do as he pleased.

Even though Wen Yu had grown up in the Radiant Moon Palace and was a knowledgeable person, she was still convincingly impressed by Hu Quan and sincerely gave Hu Quan the title of Liver Emperor.

After working overtime for half a month, Hu Quan had already perfectly materialized most of Lin Yuan's thoughts and designs with his capability as a Class 5 Spirit Craftsman.

Especially for the room's interior design for the Star Web private territory, Hu Quan had already created all the required things.

Lin Yuan watched as Hu Quan created these things and said to himself, "I have already bought the private faction territory on Star Web for a very long time. But it has been empty, so I haven't made use of it yet. Now that everything is prepared, my Star Web private faction will be announced soon."

However, it was going to be the new year soon, and Lin Yuan still had plenty of things to do.

As for the interior of the Star Web private faction territory, Lin Yuan still had to scan the things that Hu Quan created and arrange them inside. After having a discussion with everyone, Lin Yuan set the start of operations for the Star Web private faction territory to be three days after the new year.

Originally, Lin Yuan, Wen Yu, Chu Ci, Liu Jie, the Mother of Bloodbath, and Endless Summer were seated on the water rhinoceros leather sofa and watching the quarterfinal Guild Alliance's S Tournament matches.

Liu Jie was a member of the Radiance Hundred Sequence, so he was giving Chu Ci an explanation of all the Hundred Sequence members' abilities and their contracted feys.

Since Liu Jie was a member of the Radiance Hundred Sequence, he naturally knew things that couldn't be found on Star Web.

Liu Jie's explanation was truly an eye-opener for Chu Ci.

All of a sudden, Lin Yuan felt a throbbing sensation from the depths of his soul.

Lin Yuan heard an abnormally distinct and ethereal voice echoing in the depths of his soul.

"My Lord."

After hearing this voice, Lin Yuan immediately returned to his room.

At that moment, the sacred source lifeforms, Grace Queen and Sword of Punishment, had already completed their fusion.

Lin Yuan circulated the power deep in his soul and summoned the newly fused sacred source lifeform.