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Chapter 601: The Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly and the Exclusive Skill that Ruined Lin Yuan's Plans

At first, Lin Yuan was slightly worried that the Vajra Butterfly was not going to evolve in the direction of the Jadeite Butterfly because the comprehended Willpower Rune needed to have a jadeite token.

However, the Willpower Rune that Chu Ci had comprehended came from her observation of the Vajra Butterfly.

Chu Ci felt that this Willpower Rune was definitely the most compatible with the Vajra Butterfly.

Now, the Vajra Butterfly was evolving in the direction of the Jadeite Butterfly. This was a joyous occurrence.

Lin Yuan had chosen the metal- and wood-type pollen because the Willpower Rune Chu Ci had comprehended had a metal-type feeling and because the pollen would be able to stand in for the jadeite token during the evolution process.

It would help chart the right course for the Vajra Butterfly's evolution.

Less than ten seconds after Lin Yuan had set his mind at ease, the watery yellow light pierced the expanding watery green light.

The watery yellow light continued to grow and soon pushed out all the golden light.

Lin Yuan shook his head. In the end, the Vajra Butterfly could not completely evolve in the direction of the Jadeite Butterfly because of the Willpower Rune.

However, the watery green light that had appeared in the beginning had indicated that the Vajra Butterfly was evolving in the direction of the Jadeite Butterfly at first.

Now, the Vajra Butterfly's evolution had strayed from its path.

The glittering yellow light suddenly became luminous.

The luminosity resembled that of superior-class yellow jadeite.

At that moment, a yellow butterfly about the size of a palm flew out of the light and landed on Chu Ci's finger.

The yellow butterfly's entire body had a soft fluid aura, and it looked like every part of its body had been carved from jade.

Its soft wings were adorned with golden patterns.

Upon closer inspection, the patterns resembled the Golden Curtain Peonies.

Previously, the Vajra Butterfly was akin to an ordinary piece of metal. Now, it was more like an enchanting precious gem.

When Lin Yuan was looking through the Vajra Butterfly's development plan, he had checked the Jadeite Butterfly's image information.

Compared to the Jadeite Butterfly, the current Fantasy Vajra Butterfly differed in its color and the peony patterns on its body.

Lin Yuan could tell from its wings that his previous thinking was correct.

The Vajra Butterfly's evolution had strayed from its path.

Lin Yuan did not make any guesses and immediately used True Data to check the evolved Vajra Butterfly's attributes.

[Fey Name]: Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly

[Fey Species]: Nymphalidae/Heliconius

[Fey Grade]: Bronze (10/10)

[Fey Type]: Metal

[Fey Quality]: Fantasy I

Abilities:

[Wing Block]: Congeal hard metal on its wings for blocking. While blocking, there will be a certain level of rebounding attacks.

[Golden Jadeite Shield]: Quickly applied on a target. A strong golden jadeite shield that follows the target is produced.

Exclusive Skill:

[Counterattack Tremor]: When attacked, it will rebound a portion of the damage from physical attacks or elemental attacks in the form of an energy tremor.

[Explosive Shield Counterattack]: Explode the target's shield while combining all the attacking power that the shield can handle into launching a deadly blow.

After checking the attributes, Lin Yuan realized that the Vajra Butterfly's name had changed to Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly.

Its quality had also changed from Legend to Fantasy I.

When he saw the ability Wing Block, Lin Yuan noticed that its defensive ability was now combined with a certain level of rebounding effects.

This rebounding effect was enough to justify that Wing Block had changed drastically.

However, alarm bells suddenly sounded in Lin Yuan's mind.

He felt that this rebounding attack ability had a rough connotation.

Lin Yuan could not help but massage his temple when he saw the new exclusive skill Explosive Shield Counterattack.

Lin Yuan finally knew why the Willpower Rune that Chu Ci had comprehended had a subtle sense of sharpness.

Explosive Shield Counterattack could explode an entire shield and redirect the damage that the shield could handle into an even stronger attack.

This meant that this defense-type spirit qi professional had lost one defensive ability. In the blink of an eye, she had become a power offense-type spirit qi professional.

The stronger a defense-type spirit qi professional became, the more outstanding their attacking ability became.

Lin Yuan became angrier as he watched the evolved Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly flutter around Chu Ci.

He did not know whether to say that Chu Ci's Willpower Rune had decided the direction of the Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly's evolution or if the evolution had fulfilled Chu Ci's wish.

Lin Yuan felt that compared to him, an all-rounded spirit qi professional who acted like a healing-type spirit qi professional, Chu Ci was a combat-class spirit qi professional who acted like a defense-type spirit qi professional.

As of that moment, his plan to nurture his sister into an iron bucket went bust.

Previously, his 1.0, 2.0, and 3.0 plans had all gone swimmingly.

However, the Vajra Butterfly's evolution into the Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly had stopped the plan right in its tracks.

Lin Yuan had to end his 4.0 plan before it was even fully formed.

He had to admit that although his plan to nurture his sister into an iron bucket had failed, the Fantasy Varja Butterfly's Explosive Shield Counterattack was definitely impressive.

In a way, this ability had established Chu Ci's combat system as a defense-type spirit qi professional.

The Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly and the Obsidian Iron Wild Bull were both Chu Ci's feys.

The Obsidian Iron Wild Bull was obviously impulsive, while the Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly was secretly impulsive, and Chu Ci had an impulsive personality.

Lin Yuan did not know how to best tease this impulsive team.

In stark contrast to Lin Yuan's despair, Chu Ci delightfully gazed at the Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly.

She could sense the Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly's Explosive Shield Counterattack ability.

She felt that this exclusive skill suited her extremely well.

After pondering for a while, Chu Ci said to Lin Yuan, "Lin Yuan, from now on, I'll need to choose feys that have more shielding abilities."

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Lin Yuan understood Chu Ci, so he could immediately tell why she had such a thought.

It was because she had sensed the Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly's Explosive Shield Counterattack.

Chu Ci knew that girls needed to know how to protect themselves properly. In her heart, she knew that her strong-headedness was so Lin Yuan would not have to worry about her.

Lin Yuan looked at the Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly and said to Chu Ci, "How about I help you evolve the Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly to Silver grade? This way, it'll gain another Silver ability."

Chu Ci shook her head, stuck out her tongue, and said, "Little Wings just evolved to Fantasy Breed. I want to use it in live combat on Star Web for a while before evolving its grade."

Chu Ci swore by live combat. She could train the compatibility of different feys' abilities and exclusive skills through live combat.

Lin Yuan nodded and gazed at the peony patterns on the Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly's wings, thinking, *At its current grade, the peony patterns of the Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly have no use. It's just for decoration. However, once a fey transforms, every visible change it goes through has a story behind it. When Chimey evolved to Stream Cloud Azure Bird, the cloud patterns on its body only took effect after it evolved to Twilight Bird. The Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly's peony patterns must also be hiding some strange trick.*

However, Lin Yuan could not help but grumble inwardly about Chu Ci's naming abilities.

She had named the Obsidian Iron Wild Bull, Little Iron Block, and the Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly, Little Wings. It was so unsuitable!

Lin Yuan felt that the Obsidian Iron Wild Bull should have been named something like Black Mighty.

As for the Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly that made Lin Yuan feel so cheated, Lin Yuan could not be bothered to use his brain cells to give it a nickname.

The Jadeite Butterfly was done evolving, and Lin Yuan felt it was a good time for Chu Ci to contract the Burning Sunflower.

Lin Yuan lifted his arm, and a coconut-sized dark green cactus appeared in his hand.

This cactus did not have strong prickles. They bent when force was exerted on them.

These prickles were not barbed either. Thus, they only looked scary but did not actually hurt when held.

A black and red imprint appeared all over the cactus' dark green exterior.

It was as though the dark green imprints had branded the cactus' exterior, leaving scars.

Although the Burning Sunflower was not exactly pleasing to the eye, the two red flower buds that sat atop the cactus were extremely bright.

They looked ready to bloom at any moment.

Lin Yuan placed the Burning Sunflower in front of Chu Ci and said, "This is a fairy source-type item. Its abilities are extremely compatible with your Obsidian Iron Wild Bull's Silver ability. You mentioned that

it was having trouble unleashing that ability. With the Burning Sunflower, you don't have to worry about it anymore."

Chu Ci studied the cactus. She had initially assumed that it was just a normal plant-type fey.

She did not expect it to be a source-type lifeform.

Although Chu Ci had become Cold Moon's disciple, she spent most of her time improving herself through practicing live combat.

She rarely broadened her horizons.

Thus, Chu Ci had never seen the legendary fairy source-type lifeform that was the nobility of source-type lifeforms.

Chu Ci knew that certain conditions needed to be met in order to contract a source-type item.

"Lin Yuan, what do I need to do to contract the Burning Sunflower?" she asked Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan placed the Burning Sunflower in Chu Ci's hands and said, "You just need to go forward with the contract process. You don't need to do anything else."

Chu Ci looked at the Burning Sunflower and realized that Lin Yuan must have already settled everything.

Normally, source-type items did not have this Bronze aura.

Chu Ci was not a Creation Master, so she could not tell what the contract requirements for the Burning Sunflower were. She also could not tell what was special about the Burning Sunflower.

However, Chu Ci knew that her older brother would always silently support her no matter what. He would always look out for her and help her pave her path.

Chu Ci reached out her hand and pressed her palm down on the Burning Sunflower's prickles.

She circulated her spiritual energy toward the Burning Sunflower.

When Chu Ci used her spiritual energy to contract the Burning Sunflower, Lin Yuan saw the dark red scars on the Burning Sunflower sink into its surface.

Crimson flames erupted from within the scars.

The moment that the flames appeared, Lin Yuan felt like he was being roasted.

He was forced to take two steps back.

The raging crimson flames swallowed the entire surface of the Burning Sunflower in the blink of an eye.

The soft prickles on the Burning Sunflower's surface were stained red by the crimson flames.

Shortly after, the dark green Burning Sunflower was completely set alight.

Only the blood-red prickles were spared.

The red flower bud at the top bloomed when the imprints sunk in.

The bloomed red flower was not bursting with petals like normal flowers.

Instead, the petals seemed to swirl inwards and form a hutch.

The lower flower petals extended downwards. Soon, they were at least three times longer than the flower petals at the top.

The flower petals at the bottom joined together and formed a hammock shape.

The flames flowing out of the flowers made the petals appear an even more vibrant scarlet.

A small figure appeared in the center of the flames on each of the flowers.

The figures took less than three seconds to materialize.

Lin Yuan saw that the small figures had long dancing flames for hair.

They also had sharp ears and chiseled muscles. The crimson patterns on their bodies were adorned with a thin layer of flames.

The flames also formed the fairies' clothes.

Lin Yuan knew that the two fairies that appeared were the Burning Sunflower Twins.

This was the reason that the Burning Sunflower was called a fairy source-type item.

Crimson flames surrounded Chu Ci's body, but she seemed completely unbothered.

Meanwhile, the Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly had covered itself with a Golden Jadeite Shield in order to shield itself from the flames.

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When Lin Yuan saw Chu Ci's flames, he knew that she had gained immunity against fire after contracting the Burning Sunflower.

There was a Bronze/Epic Usnea near Chu Ci.

Lin Yuan had strengthened the Usnea especially for Chimey.

Chimey preferred Usnea to the Celery Vine that it usually ate. Thus, Lin Yuan had casually placed the Bronze/Epic Usnea in the training room.

Other than Chimey, Genius also occasionally munched on the Usnea's leaves.

However, the Usnea's leaves that were near to Chu Ci were retreating continuously.

Lin Yuan hastily moved the Usnea toward him and held up a shriveled leaf. He saw that the initially plump leaf was now rather dry.

Lin Yuan had chosen this Usnea because it had gained the Energy Fluid exclusive skill after evolving to Bronze grade.

Energy Fluid was the best exclusive skill to improve the Usnea's taste. This was the reason Lin Yuan had chosen to evolve it to Bronze/Epic.

Energy Fluid made the Usnea's leaves exceptionally plump and allowed them to contain more water than other Usneas.

The causes of the dry and shriveled leaves were more than exposure to the blazing flames.

Lin Yuan checked the recently contracted Burning Sunflower's attributes with True Data.

[Fey Name]: Burning Sunflower

[Fey Species]: Aizoaceae/Twin species

[Fey Grade]: Normal (1/10)

[Fey Type]: Spiritual/Source

[Fey Quality]: Normal

Abilities:

[Flames]: Raises the temperature of the flames around the twins. The flames can also deplete hidden water.

Lin Yuan was stupefied by what he found out.

The Flames ability increased the flames around the Burning Sunflower Twins and depleted the amount of water in its target's body.

Lin Yuan was not interested in how the ability increased the flames because the Burning Sunflower's rising temperature was a double-edged sword.

It harmed its enemies but also itself.

The Burning Sunflower's ability to deplete hidden water did not affect Chu Ci much.

Firstly, Chu Ci was immune to fire as the Burning Sunflower's contractor.

The Silver/Fantasy Obsidian Iron Wild Bull's body of flesh could be damaged.

However, the Obsidian Iron Wild Bull's skin had become metallic long ago since it had been consuming metal for a long time.

The Obsidian Iron Wild Bull's metal skin allowed it to counter the Burning Sunflower's ability to deplete water from inside the body well.

If other feys did not have the same metallic skin as the Obsidian Iron Wild Bull, their skin would crack after prolonged water depletion.

After some time passed, they would be roasted by the Burning Sunflower's flames.

Even if the Burning Sunflower did not burn the target, their muscles could also tear during battle due to lack of water.

Lin Yuan felt that this ability was even more vicious than the poison of some poison-type feys.

Chu Ci was delighted after she was done contracting the Burning Sunflower and summoned the Obsidian Iron Wild Bull with a wave of her hand.

“You’ll have another good buddy from now on, Little Iron Block,” said Chu Ci as she patted the Obsidian Iron Wild Bull’s neck.

Lin Yuan’s eyelid twitched.

They might be buddies. But good buddies? With the Burning Sunflower in your possession, the Obsidian Iron Wild Bull should be prepared to find itself being occasionally roasted in battle.

“Lin Yuan, I think I know how to form my combat system now that I’ve contracted the Burning Sunflower.”

As Chu Ci spoke, the Burning Sunflower Twins opened their eyes.

Once they opened their eyes, the Burning Sunflower Twins kissed Chu Ci’s cheeks and sat down on her shoulder.

Spirit qi professionals loved fairy source-type items because they were strong and much smarter than other source-type items once they had been contracted.

From the Burning Sunflower Twins’ behavior and expression, their reputation was well-deserved.

Sparks flew out continuously from the Burning Sunflower Twins’ hands, producing exploding noises.

Lin Yuan noticed that the Burning Sunflower Twins had already started to imitate speech through observing his conversation with Chu Ci.

Chu Ci could not love the Burning Sunflower Twins even more than she already did.

Both the Burning Sunflower Twins’ original form and tiny human form looked lovely.

The Burning Sunflower Twins had also learned how to imitate the wiles of female spirit qi professionals early on.

“Take a seat there, Chu Ci. I’ll help you evolve your Burning Sunflower. It’ll make it easier for you to choose compatible exclusive skills for your combat system.”

Chu Ci rushed to the side to wait so that she would not disturb Lin Yuan while he evolved the Burning Sunflower.

Lin Yuan scratched the back of his head when he saw Chu Ci.

Other Creation Masters did not like to be bothered, but Lin Yuan did not subscribe to that.

Lin Yuan felt that Chu Ci had misunderstood what he meant. He was just afraid that Chu Ci would be bored while she waited for him.

He intended for her to sit off to the side or introduce the Obsidian Iron Wild Bull to the Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly.

Lin Yuan took a deep breath and started to evolve the Burning Sunflower Twins.

A few short minutes later, the Burning Sunflower Twins evolved to Elite.

Lin Yuan looked at the Burning Sunflower Twins' Elite ability Heat Wave Conduction, a defense-type ability. It was a shield formed from high heat that defended against damage through the energy in the heat.

It suited Chu Ci's road to becoming a combat-class expert.

Lin Yuan continued evolving the Burning Sunflower Twins until it became Elite/Epic.

Lin Yuan increased the speed at which he injected spirit qi and evolved the Burning Sunflower Twins further to the Bronze grade.

Lin Yuan realized that he was more nervous when evolving Chu Ci's feys than when he evolved his own.

He did not call Chu Ci over after evolving the Burning Sunflower to Bronze grade. Instead, he waited till he evolved it to Bronze X/Epic before calling her over.

Chu Ci immediately ran to him.

While he waited for Chu Ci to run over to him, Lin Yuan checked the Burning Sunflower's three exclusive skills.

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Lin Yuan saw the three exclusive skills.

[Surging Flames]: The Burning Sunflower Twins join together and unleash all the flame energy they had stored up in a horde of messy attacks.

[Twin Enchantment]: The Burning Sunflower Twins can attach themselves to weapons and increase the weapon's effectiveness. The attached weapon will be exempted from the Burning Sunflower Twins' flame damage.

[Caring Twins]: The Burning Sunflower Twins will attach themselves to a target and use their flames to leech away the target's lifeforce. The stolen lifeforce will be stored in a gem. When the Burning Sunflower Twins attach themselves to a comrade, they can inject their comrade with the stored up lifeforce.

After seeing the three exclusive skills, Lin Yuan first ignored Surging Flames. He felt that Surging Flames was an undeniably powerful and highly explosive attack.

However, it was not a normal explosive attack.

Surging Flames would affect not only the enemy but also every person present.

If Chu Ci chose to use this exclusive skill, she would most likely meet the same fate as Poison Beauty.

No one would be brave enough to be on Chu Ci's team.

As for Twin Enchantment and Caring Twins, Lin Yuan preferred Caring Twins.

Caring Twins was like a moving blood bag for Chu Ci.

This moving blood bag could be used on all of Chu Ci's feys, including the Obsidian Iron Wild Bull.

Caring Twins could also amplify the Obsidian Iron Wild Bull's Pain Absorption and Annihilation Gaze abilities.

When Lin Yuan saw Caring Twins, he felt that his failed plans to turn his sister into an iron bucket still had a glimmer of hope.

Caring Twins allowed the Burning Sunflower Twins to function as a healing-type fey. On the outside, Chu Ci would be covered with a layer of flames, while on the inside, her healing abilities were magnified.

It would allow a strong-headed defense-type spirit qi professional like Chu Ci to have enduring fighting abilities.

Although the Burning Sunflower was an arson maniac, and its healing ability was just an accessory, the ability was enough to transform Chu Ci's fighting ability.

Chu Ci checked through the Burning Sunflower's exclusive skills and said firmly to Lin Yuan, "Lin Yuan, I want to choose Caring Twins."

Lin Yuan was initially hesitant. Although Caring Twins suited Chu Ci well, Twin Enchantment was not bad either.

If the Burning Sunflower Twins could be attached to the Obsidian Iron Wild Bull, it would undoubtedly raise its combat power.

However, Lin Yuan did not expect Chu Ci to be so clear about her choice of exclusive skill. She did not even have a shred of indecision.

After Chu Ci firmly chose the Burning Sunflower's exclusive skill, Lin Yuan used True Data to check the Burning Sunflower's current attributes.

[Fey Name]: Burning Sunflower

[Fey Species]: Aizoaceae/Twin species

[Fey Grade]: Bronze (10/10)

[Fey Type]: Spiritual/Source

[Fey Quality]: Epic

Abilities:

[Flames]: Raises the temperature of the flames around the twins. The flames can also deplete hidden water.

[Heat Wave Conduction]: The Burning Sunflower Twins will attach themselves to someone and form a mass of heat. When injured, the heatwave will lower the energy as a form of defense.

Exclusive Skill:

[Caring Twins]: The Burning Sunflower Twins will attach themselves to a target and use their flames to leech away the target's lifeforce. The stolen lifeforce will be stored in a gem. When the Burning Sunflower Twins attach themselves to a comrade, they can inject their comrade with the stored up lifeforce.

From the Burning Sunflower's attributes, Lin Yuan did not expect that the Burning Sunflower, which he thought would be unsurprising, would end up revealing such an enormous surprise.

After the evolution of her feys, Chu Ci experienced a tremendous improvement, but this was not what Lin Yuan focused on.

Lin Yuan was more focused on the fact that Chu Ci had managed to form a general idea of her combat system.

"Sleep early tonight. We have to go and watch the Allstar Match live tomorrow," reminded Lin Yuan before leaving the training room.

Chu Ci started to excitedly train the Obsidian Iron Wild Bull, the Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly, and the Burning Sunflower Twins' teamwork.

Lin Yuan returned to his room and leaned against his bed as he checked the news on his phone.

He realized that his group chat with Zhang Xiaobai, Xin Ying, Lu Pinru, and Tan Ran had been quiet for the past few days.

No one had sent any messages in three days.

There had been a competition at the Extreme Guild Club four days ago, and the five of them had chatted about the Extreme Guild Club's opponent, the Savage Snake Guild Club.

Lin Yuan scrolled through Zhang Xiaobai's friends' circle.

The ever-online Zhang Xiaobai had not posted anything since he had sent a message of support for the competition four days ago.

Lin Yuan did not have many friends, so he was especially considerate about the friends he did have.

The thoughtful Lin Yuan knew that the four of them must have run into a problem.

Judging from the time frame, the problem must have something to do with the Savage Snake Guild Club's competition.

Lin Yuan had already laid down on the bed, but he sat up and called Zhang Xiaobai after checking the time.

The moment he made the call, Lin Yuan heard the automated voice saying that the other party's phone was turned off.

Lin Yuan then tried the other three, but the result was the same.

He suddenly thought about what Zhang Xiaobai had said when they chatted previously.

Zhang Xiaobai, Xin Ying, and the rest were part of the reserve team. Thus, he had to turn off his phone every night at 8:00 p.m. when he was practicing with the main team so as to not disturb the training.

When Lin Yuan heard the automated message, he guessed that the Extreme Guild Club's reserve team was not treated well.

When the five of them had gone to collect the Jade Unicorn Ice Snake's venom, Lin Yuan had already had an inkling of the situation.

It was because Zhang Xiaobai and the rest had initially gone with the purpose of collecting spiritual ingredients for the main team.

They had received similar remuneration to regular Jade Unicorn Ice Snakes.

According to the team rules, Lin Yuan was entitled to a portion of the remuneration given that he was a healing-type spirit qi professional.

The Allstar Match was tomorrow. As a B-level guild club, the Extreme Guild Club had received an invitation to attend.

Since Zhang Xiaobai, Xin Ying, Lu Pinru, and Tan Ran were reserve members, they should also be in attendance.

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Lin Yuan could ask them face to face tomorrow.

He knew that Zhang Xiaobai, Xin Ying, Tan Ran, and Lu Pinru were all strong-headed. They refused to share their problems even when they were struggling.

However, Lin Yuan could never ignore friends who had gone through hell and back with him.

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The Dragon Gate Guild Club's meeting room was awash with light.

Even though it was the new year, none of the main team or reserve team members were absent.

Several of the reserve members sat ramrod straight, and their eyes were bright. They were clearly waiting with bated breath.

A young girl was draped lazily over the meeting room table, and her hands rubbed her stomach.

The youth with a bowl-cut next to the young girl pursed his lips and whispered, "Zhao Xiaochun, didn't we just eat barbeque together? You had three roasted pig knuckles all to yourself. All I had was an ear of roasted corn. Even if you aren't full, you don't have to act like you're starving!"

Zhao Xiaochun glanced at Fang Duoduo before she continued rubbing her stomach and said weakly, "You're so mean, Fang Duoduo! Not only did you not offer to pay for your meal with the beautiful yours truly, but you even greedily stuffed yourself with corn. I would be full if I had eaten the corn too."

Fang Duoduo stared incredulously at Zhao Xiaochun.

Is she for real?

Fang Duoduo suddenly realized what Zhao Xiaochun had been after when she asked him to have a meal with him last night.

He had misconstrued her meaning.

The main point was not to have a meal but to accompany her.

He was supposed to watch and accompany her as she ate.

However, Fang Duoduo felt that he had not crossed a line by eating a single ear of corn. Even if he had bought Zhao Xiaochun 50 ears of corn, she would probably still behave in the same manner.

Long Tao sat on the main seat and heard the discourse between Fang Duoduo and Zhao Xiaochun.

He frustratedly knocked on the table and said, "Enough. I'm trying to settle the arrangements for tomorrow's Allstar Match. If you haven't had your fill, you can go to House of Envious Fragrance to eat their famous stewed beef. They have a good buffet too."

Fang Duoduo blinked toward Long Tao. He wondered what the boss of House of Envious Fragrance had done to anger Long Tao.

If Zhao Xiaochun went to eat there, she would bankrupt the entire buffet restaurant.

The Royal Capital finally had a buffet restaurant, so Zhao Xiaochun's eyes immediately lit up.

"House of Envious Fragrance? Why haven't I heard of this place? What's the address?" she asked Long Tao.

When he heard Zhao Xiaochun ask those questions, Fang Duoduo silently wished the boss of House of Envious Fragrance the best of luck.

Long Tao picked up his phone and pressed a few buttons. He waved his phone in front of Zhao Xiaochun and said, "I just sent House of Envious Fragrance's address to the group chat."

Zhao Xiaochun immediately picked up her phone enthusiastically. She no longer looked starved and weak.

Fang Duoduo checked the House of Envious Fragrance's address in the group chat. He could not figure out the freak that was Long Tao.

What kind of weird medicine has he been eating?

Long Tao coughed with a straight face and said, "The Allstar Match starts off with a performance competition. As an A-level guild club, our guild club has no choice but to take part. Duoduo will lead the

competition performance. Both Xiaochun and I will not join in. The three main members just need to add two reserve members to the roster.”

Fang Duoduo hastily quipped, “Yes, captain.”

The Allstar Match was more like a large-scale carnival. Thus, the teams usually did not display their key members. Instead, they showcased the talents of their high-grade feys.

This was not Fang Duoduo’s first time leading the performance competition in the Allstar Match. Hence, he looked directly at the five reserve members and started to strategize.

When Zhao Xiaochun heard that she would not be required to enter the performance competition, she turned to Long Tao and said, “Since I’m not needed at the performance competition, it means I’m exempted from the guided battle too. How about I take the chance to take leave and explore the shops?”

Long Tao’s expression darkened.

Although Long Tao was a freak, he was helpless against a glutton like Zhao Xiaochun.

“You can’t go exploring. But I will treat all of you to a feast after the Allstar Match.”

Zhao Xiaochun, who had initially become dispirited after hearing that she could not explore the shops, raised her hand when she heard that Long Tao would be treating them to a meal tomorrow night.

“I can’t eat too much tonight because of tomorrow’s Allstar Match. I’ll just have a small tasting of House of Envious Fragrance’s food later. If I like what I taste, let’s have the feast there tomorrow night!”

At Zhao Xiaochun’s mention of the House of Envious Fragrance, Long Tao suddenly looked at Zhao Xiaochun with an odd gaze.

Long Tao nodded and said, “Let’s go to the House of Envious Fragrance tomorrow then. As for the challenge match and guided battle, all four of the main team members will be exempted. How about we send Ah Feng?”

Chen Hongfeng instantly shot up and said earnestly, “Captain, I will be sure to live up to the Dragon Gate Guild Club’s reputation.”

The other four reserve members were jealous of Chen Hongfeng, who Long Tao had chosen to participate in the challenge match and guided battle.

However, they were helpless against the situation since it meant that Chen Hongfeng was going to participate in a quarter of the matches.

With this, Chen Hongfeng had now climbed one rung up from the rest of the reserve members. He would likely be promoted to the main team next year.

When Long Tao heard Chen Hongfeng’s promise, he said, “Your Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard has reached Gold X/Epic. Although the dragon-species bloodline hasn’t been awakened, it’s close enough. The Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard has also reached Gold X/Epic. After this Allstar Match, I’ll help you find

someone who will evolve your Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard to Legend quality. Then, you'll be able to use the Willpower Rune you comprehended."

After Chen Hongfeng heard about how Long Tao intended to help him, he quickly replied, "Thank you, captain. The Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard's dragon-species bloodline is being stimulated every day ever since it consumed the Flawless Dragon's Mouth Orchid you gave me. It should be able to be promoted to Dragon-Toothed Elephant Lizard tomorrow."

Long Tao nodded and ended the meeting after giving Fang Duoduo a few more instructions.

Chapter 606: Shi Xu's Intense Fantasizing

The Rhine Guild Club's meeting room was also bright.

However, the meeting had ended a long time ago.

Shi Xu was alone in the room. He stroked his chin and chuckled merrily to himself.

At that moment, someone opened the door to the Rhine Guild Club.

A mature-looking young man of average height walked in. The young man saw Shi Xu smiling to himself, and a strange expression appeared on his face.

Why is he smiling so stupidly to himself?

The young man walked up to Shi Xu and was about to ask Shi Xu what had happened, but the latter beat him to the punch and asked, "Captain, what would you do if you found out that someone secretly likes you?"

The young man's jaw dropped.

Although Li Ang was Sequence #2 in the Radiance Hundred, his mature appearance and conservative mannerisms resulted in him being unable to attract partners.

He had no concept of what being in love meant. Not only had he never held a girl's hand, but he had never even entertained such thoughts.

What am I supposed to tell you when you ask me what to do about a secret admirer? How am I supposed to know? I should be the one asking you how I should go about attracting a secret admirer.

Li Ang coughed, and his face remained expressionless.

"Oh? So the reason behind your moronic laughter is that your heart belongs to someone now," said Li Ang seriously.

Shi Xu immediately jumped up and said, "Don't get things mixed up, captain. Someone's heart belongs to me, not the other way around."

As he spoke, Shi Xu's voice became softer, and his face was as red as a tomato.

Someone else might have realized that Shi Xu was telling a bald-faced lie.

However, Li Ang was too busy thinking about how he should go about attracting a secret admirer for himself to see the truth.

When Li Ang saw how strongly Shi Xu protested, he quickly offered him words of comfort.

“If you like her back, you should accept her feelings. Otherwise, don’t force yourself.”

Shi Xu sighed heavily and replied, “But she sent me a lot of money. I don’t know how to repay her!”

Li Ang felt his hand itch.

He looked at his hand and imagined slapping Shi Xu to death.

Nonetheless, he quickly composed himself and thought, *It’s bad enough that I don’t have a secret admirer. I can’t believe that a girl sent him money too. Why is he so lucky? How dare he sigh when he’s rolling in luck?*

Li Ang pretended to be blase as he asked, “How much money did she give you?”

“50,000,000 Radiance dollars,” said Shi Xu sadly.

Li Ang started to cough and splutter vigorously.

Shi Xu turned and said to Li Ang, “Captain, you should rest in the guild club tomorrow if you aren’t feeling well. Let me lead the team in your stead in the Allstar Match!”

Li Ang hurriedly stopped coughing and said solemnly, “No, no need! I feel fine. She must be loaded if she’s willing to give you 50,000,000 Radiance dollars!”

Li Ang would never allow Shi Xu to take his place in the Allstar Match.

Rhine Guild Club was the S Tournament’s defending champion. As the captain, Li Ang’s presence was the highlight of the Allstar Match.

He might even be able to find a girl for himself who would write him a love letter. Then, he would be able to end his 24-year long bachelorhood with glory.

Shi Xu instinctively replied, “I had no idea that Zhao Xiaochun is so wealthy. I can’t believe she shelved out 50,000,000 Radiance dollars too!”

The moment that the words left his lips, Shi Xu knew that he had revealed something impressive.

Shi Xu had been busy preparing for the S Tournament and only managed to enter his live-streaming room on Star Web this morning after being away for a month.

He had been about to start live streaming when he received a surprise box.

Shi Xu rarely live streamed, but he knew that people rarely placed a large sum of money inside surprise boxes, which were gifts that did not require repayment.

However, he had opened the surprise box to find 50,000,000 Radiance dollars.

Shi Xu’s eyes had widened to the size of saucers upon noticing that it had come from his fellow Radiance Hundred member, Zhao Xiaochun.

Surprise boxes could only be sent after one had live streamed for a year.

Shi Xu organized his thoughts and landed on the conclusion that Zhao Xiaochun had been secretly in love with him for a year.

He thought about the flirtatious encounter between him and Zhao Xiaochun in the abyss dimensional rift.

Shi Xu decided that Zhao Xiaochun had tried to attract his attention with those words, but he had not picked up on her feelings.

Initially, Shi Xu did not give much thought to Zhao Xiaochun.

However, the more he thought about it, the more he felt that a single man like him had no reason to reject an innocent girl's feelings.

Shi Xu's fantasies started to increase and expand as more scenes appeared in his head.

He had even picked out the name of his daughter when he had been smiling stupidly to himself.

As he imagined her plump pale skin, Shi Xu could not help but smile and chuckle to himself.

When Li Ang heard Shi Xu mention Zhao Xiaochun, he did not immediately process the information.

By the time he came to his senses, Li Ang's jaw had dropped so far it almost hit his feet.

After a moment, Li Ang doubtfully said, "Isn't Zhao Xiaochun someone who prioritizes looks? I thought she's only interested in handsome men."

Li Ang immediately realized that he had misspoken.

He was about to change the topic when he heard Shi Xu say solemnly, "Zhao Xiaochun likes me because she's only interested in handsome men."

Li Ang was stunned by Shi Xu's overwhelming confidence.

He felt that both of them were young men with mature appearances. Although he could not change his height, Li Ang was confident that his looks were comparable to Shi Xu's.

Is it because he has a beard?

Li Ang touched his own chin and resolved to start growing a beard of his own.

The longer he stared at Shi Xu, the more he felt that he was an expert.

Besides this, there could not be any other reason Zhao Xiaochun would be willing to court Shi Xu by giving him 50,000,000 Radiance dollars.

"Shi Xu, Zhao Xiaochun will probably be at the S Tournament tomorrow. How about I be your wingman?"

Shi Xu shook his head and said mysteriously, "No need. She likes to eat. I've already opened a restaurant with the money she gave me."

Chapter 607: A Trillion Radiance Dollars Spent

Shi Xu's expression became sincere and firm.

"I've also talked about me and Xiaochun with Long Tao. He'll bring her to my restaurant to eat. The man should confess his feelings first."

As he looked at Shi Xu's enigmatic expression, Li Ang felt that he had much to learn from Shi Xu when it came to romance.

He would have no problem as long as he stuck with an expert like Shi Xu.

However, Li Ang was also chiding himself.

If only I had known that I had such a Casanova by my side, I could have been a father by now.

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The next day, Lin Yuan woke up and trimmed the hair that had grown past his ears.

He took a shower and put on white and blue spirit qi clothes that had silk patterns woven on them.

The hide and scales of dragon-species feys formed the leather and buttons that extended down from his waist to his calves.

It gave this set of spirit qi clothes a majestic air.

Lin Yuan could not help but inwardly praise Wen Yu. He was certain that her skills as a lifestyle-class spirit qi professional had advanced from Class 3 to Class 4.

Besides the obvious exquisite design, the workmanship had also significantly improved from the first time she had made clothes for him.

He left the room, had breakfast, and the group prepared to depart for the Allstar Match.

Liu Jie carried Chu Ci's bag for her and said, "The Allstar Match will be held at Radiance Palace. I packed our lunch in the fey storage box. Let me know when you get hungry."

Chu Ci quickly thanked him. "Thank you, Big Brother Liu."

Lin Yuan saw how much Liu Jie doted on Chu Ci. He would often ask what Chu Ci liked to eat before he started cooking.

Liu Jie was not alone. Everyone in the mansion, including the Mother of Bloodbath and Endless Summer, showered Chu Ci with genuine affection.

Lin Yuan was incredibly happy and touched by this.

Lin Yuan knew his sister well. She did not warm up to people easily.

It was the flood of care and love from the rest of the group that allowed Chu Ci to assimilate so quickly.

Lin Yuan was not clear on the Allstar Match, and he did not pay much attention to it usually. Thus, Lin Yuan had no idea that the Allstar Match would be held in the Radiance Palace.

The Radiance Palace was the second largest venue in the Radiance Federation after the Radiance Sacred Hall.

Unlike the Radiance Sacred Hall, the Radiance Palace had a much more relaxed atmosphere to it.

All spirit qi professionals were permitted to enter. Non-spirit qi professionals could also enter as long as they had a ticket.

However, the Radiance Palace was also decorated to the nines with government colors, making it a more official venue than the Radiance Sacred Hall.

The same staff manned both the Radiance Sacred Hall and the Radiance Palace.

The Radiance Palace was such a special venue that it was where the Radiance Hundred held the recruitment for new members.

The previous S Tournament finals were unable to be held at the Radiance Palace. Instead, it had been held in the second-best venue—Starlight Palace.

But this year, the Guild Alliance had petitioned to hold the Allstar Match in Radiance Palace.

It was evident that this year's Allstar Match was going to be much grander than usual.

The Guild Alliance had blown a large hole in their pockets to put together this year's event.

When they left, Wen Yu did not summon the Sunlight Egret like usual to lead the way. Instead, she turned to Lin Yuan and said, "Young Master, every Allstar Match ticket includes a flying-type fey designated by the Guild Alliance to take the audience to the venue. Ten Soft-Feathered Scale Birds are already waiting outside."

Hu Quan cut in and said, "The Guild Alliance really dug deep into their pockets this time. There are 200,000 seats in the Radiance Palace, which means they had to have sent out 200,000 Soft-Feathered Scale Birds. It costs a trillion Radiance dollars to rent 20 Soft-Feathered Scale Birds for one day."

Lin Yuan shook his head after hearing what Hu Quan said.

The Guild Alliance did not send out Soft-Feathered Scale Birds out of the goodness of their hearts. They were afraid that the 200,000 guests would fly in on different flying-type feys.

Some feys were natural enemies, while others had predator-prey relationships. They would very likely start to uncontrollably attack each other.

Many spirit qi professionals did not form contracts with flying-type feys. They bought the expensive feys from Creation Masters. Thus, the spirit qi professionals would not be able to perfectly control the flying-type feys that they were riding.

If the Guild Alliance did not step in to prevent this, chaos would be sure to break out.

Hu Quan turned to Lin Yuan and said, "Lin Yuan, you said you would think about the fey carriage I suggested making. Now that we have all these Floating Silver Strands and Spatial Magnets, I have more than enough materials to make a great fey carriage."

Hu Quan was clearly itching to get his hands on the Floating Silver Strands and Spatial Magnets. He badly wanted to make something out of them.

Lin Yuan thought about what Hu Quan had said before replying, "Since you want to make it, go ahead!"

Lin Yuan had already decided to hire another Creation Master as Sky City would not be able to grow quickly with him as the sole Creation Master.

Lin Yuan was already at his wit's end about his problem of not being able to promote a fey's grade. He could not waste spirit qi crystals every time he wanted to promote a fey's grade like Hu Quan's Vitality Sloth.

Lin Yuan felt that he needed to recruit a Class 4 Creation Master because a Class 3 Creation Master would not be able to solve his problem.

Unfortunately, Lin Yuan had no idea how to go about recruiting an elite Class 4 Creation Master.

As he sat on the Soft-Feathered Scale Bird, Lin Yuan felt extremely pleased as he looked down from the sky.

The Soft-Feathered Scale Bird was an amazingly high-end fey. It had a petite body, was very fast, and was comfortable to ride.

It had horns on its head, and its wings were lined with scales. Its feathers were yellow and had a prosperous feeling to them.

All the Soft-Feathered Scale Birds that had been sent out were Gold grade.

Lin Yuan checked the ten Soft-Feathered Scale Birds that had come to fetch them and realized that four of them were Flawless quality.

The closer they approached the Radiance Palace, the more Soft-Feathered Scale Birds appeared around them.

By the time Lin Yuan spotted the Radiance Palace, the sky around him was filled with Soft-Feathered Scale Birds.

If Lin Yuan was asked to describe the sight before him, he would be pressed to decide between opulent and crowded.

Lin Yuan had been in the Royal Capital for some time. However, he did not usually have the time to explore the Royal Capital.

Hence, Lin Yuan had never seen the Radiance Palace.

When Lin Yuan heard that the Radiance Palace had a seating capacity of 200,000, he was worried that it would be crowded.

But now that he was looking at the Radiance Palace, he felt sure that it would even be able to accommodate 600,000 people.

Chapter 608: New Teammate

The Soft-Feathered Scale Bird landed, and Lin Yuan joined up with the rest of the group.

Liu Jie took out the tickets from his pocket and said, “Young Master, I obtained the insider tickets for the Radiance Hundred Sequence members. They’re a form of welfare given to the Radiance Hundred members. With these tickets, we don’t have to wait to be ushered in by the staff. We can go right in through the special tunnel.”

Lin Yuan was enjoying the breeze up in the sky. He contentedly stretched before following Liu Jie into the special tunnel.

Suddenly, Chu Ci pointed to the side and exclaimed, “Look, they’re selling masks there. Why don’t we buy and wear one each?”

The group turned to look at where Chu Ci was pointing, and they immediately saw a stall selling various masks.

Different guild club insignias were carved on the masks, as well as the cartoon depictions of the guild club members.

The group headed toward the stall and noticed a silver mask being displayed.

The Mother of Bloodbath reached out to pick up the silver mask, and the group collectively turned to look at Lin Yuan.

When Lin Yuan felt everyone’s eyes on him, he scratched his head awkwardly.

The stall owner marked them as potential customers and started to introduce the mask.

“You guys know about Black, right? He’s the hero who fought his way to the top of the Celestial Stairway. There aren’t many of these masks. I even had to work overtime to ask the spirit craftsmen to rush these out in time. They’re made of stainless steel, and I even added a layer of Bronze metal spirit ingredient on top.”

The Mother of Bloodbath spoke out. “I want this mask. How much is it?”

The stall owner smiled broadly.

“10 Radiance dollars for one.”

Lin Yuan looked at the stall owner’s broad smile and felt that the stall owner was rather unscrupulous.

However, the Mother of Bloodbath did not care and handed the stall owner 10 Radiance dollars.

It proceeded to put on the mask.

Chu Ci smiled and put on a silver mask as well.

She gave one to Lin Yuan and said, "Lin Yuan, you look the most like Black when you're wearing this mask!"

The stall owner chimed in, "This boy has a friendly face. He lacks Black's arrogant aloofness. This other boy looks more like Black, although he's shorter."

Lin Yuan saw the stall owner point at Listen and realized that Listen's eyes did resemble his when he had the mask on.

Chu Ci often perused Star Web and was a regular patron of the video library.

Although Lin Yuan never explicitly told Chu Ci that he was Black, she recognized Chimey instantly when she saw Black fighting.

Even without Chimey, Chu Ci could easily recognize Lin Yuan's eyes through his mask. After all, they had been by each other's side for more than a decade.

It was because she knew Black's true identity that prevented her from accepting the title of young genius that so many people on Star Web had come to praise her as.

She knew that she still had much to work on.

Lin Yuan returned the mask he was holding. He felt that wearing his own mask seemed too narcissistic.

He caught sight of an unassuming mask placed in a corner and found it familiar. It was as though his first opponent had worn it in the Celestial Stairway.

Lin Yuan had also come across this spirit qi professional in the Class 3 abyss dimensional rift. They seemed to be fated.

He remembered that the person's name was Chen Hongfeng.

Lin Yuan put on Chen Hongfeng's mask and walked toward the special tunnel.

Lin Yuan realized that there was a spirit qi professional dressed in staff attire stationed at every 100 meters in the tunnel.

These spirit qi professionals were all attendants in the Radiance Palace.

From the large clustering of attendants, Lin Yuan could tell that this Allstar Match was going to be a massive festival.

However, they still strictly adhered to protocol.

If anything out of the ordinary occurred, the attendants would be able to rush over to attend to it.

After they left the special tunnel, they arrived at the location where several guild club members were resting.

The official venue was just past this area.

The special tunnel had actually been created for the participating guild club members.

As they walked, Chu Ci kept looking around in amazement.

Lin Yuan patted her head and pressed down the stray hairs when he saw how curious Chu Ci was.

“You’re a defense-type spirit qi professional. In the future, you’ll form your own team and be able to join such battles on behalf of your team,” said Lin Yuan.

Chu Ci’s eyes sparkled as she said to Lin Yuan, “Lin Yuan, can I form a team with you?”

Before Lin Yuan could respond, Liu Jie said, “Young Master has formed a guild club. Next year’s Allstar Match will also take place after the top eight battles. If our fights go smoothly in next year’s S Tournament, we’ll be invited to participate in the Allstar Match too.”

Chu Ci’s eyes grew even brighter, and she said to Lin Yuan, “Big Brother, can I join your guild club?”

Lin Yuan was stunned by her request.

Since Chu Ci was his sister, Lin Yuan had always naturally thought of her as a little girl that he needed to protect.

When the guild club was picking members, Lin Yuan had unconsciously excluded Chu Ci.

However, he had to admit that Chu Ci had become very formidable.

As compared to other spirit qi professionals who were about the same level as her, Chu Ci’s potential stood out the most.

Moreover, she had Cold Moon as her Master.

One year later, Chu Ci’s powers would have grown by an unimaginable amount.

Frankly, Chu Ci’s Silver V/Fantasy Obsidian Iron Wild Bull could already face off against many Gold feys.

Moreover, the Obsidian Iron Wild Bull’s quality had reached Fantasy II.

Being Fantasy II, the Obsidian Iron Wild Bull could already stand its ground against numerous pinnacle Gold/Legend feys.

In terms of the power of her main fey, Chu Ci had already surpassed Listen.

Once Chu Ci became accustomed to utilizing the Yellow Jadeite Golden Butterfly’s exclusive skill, Cold Moon would probably step in to evolve it.

Thus, Chu Ci was now qualified to join Lin Yuan’s guild club.

Chapter 609: The Completely Changed Thinking

Since Chu Ci had made the request and fulfilled the requirements, there was no reason for Lin Yuan to reject her.

“No problem. However, you still have to prioritize your education. You can’t allow your studies to fall through the cracks.”

Chu Ci quickly nodded and patted her chest.

“Don’t worry, Lin Yuan. I can be a reserve member first. I’ll use the coming year to quickly increase my abilities,” said Chu Ci.

Listen, who looked a lot like Black with the mask on, smiled wryly when he heard what Chu Ci said.

Listen felt that he possessed a decent amount of talent. However, once he joined the Dome Guild Club, Listen felt more and more inadequate.

The feeling was amplified after he heard what Chu Ci said. Listen felt enormous pressure.

Listen had served Lin Yuan for some time and knew how many resources Lin Yuan had.

Even if Chu Ci was not talented, Lin Yuan had enough resources to boost Chu Ci’s powers to the level of her age group.

That said, Chu Ci was already being dubbed on Star Web as the Radiance Federation’s once-in-a-generation genius.

Recently, Listen had been busy managing the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce and neglected to train his fighting skills.

At that moment, Listen resolved to sleep two hours less every day so he could train and improve his fighting skills.

The guild club rest areas were full of the various guild clubs’ crests.

It was clear which rest area belonged to which guild club.

The rest areas for A-level guild clubs were at least three times larger than that of the B-level guild clubs.

The designs also differed vastly, as the A-level guild clubs were treated much better than their B-level counterparts.

The A-level guild clubs’ impressiveness was evident.

Both the A-level and B-level guild club rest areas had a partially transparent design.

Other than the secret strategy room within the rest areas, the other sections of the rest area could be seen by the public from the outside.

Chu Ci did not have the habit of obsessing over celebrities, but she could not help but burst with excitement when she saw the various Radiance Hundred Sequence members.

Liu Jie thought for a while before making a suggestion.

“This year, the Radiance Hundred Sequence’s recruitment will take place on Sequence. The choosing process will be special. Even the elimination rounds will be live-streamed on Star Web. Chu Ci, you’ll be able to watch if you’re interested.”

Chu Ci was more interested in the Radiance Hundred Sequence’s recruitment than the Allstar Match.

Lin Yuan saw Chu Ci’s thrilled yet determined expression. He knew that she wanted to watch the excitement and understand the Radiance Hundred Sequence’s recruitment process.

One of Chu Ci's goals as a spirit qi professional was to become part of the Radiance Hundred Sequence.

After Chu Ci heard what Liu Jie said, she was more doubtful than expectant and excited.

"Big Brother Liu, in previous years, we were only able to see the participants who had passed elimination round battle against Sequence #90 to #100, right? Why is the elimination round being shown this time?"

Liu Jie shook his head.

As a member of the Radiance Hundred Sequence, Liu Jie knew some insider information.

Liu Jie had also mentioned this to Lin Yuan previously.

However, Liu Jie was suspicious of the fact that the Radiance Sacred Hall had kept this a secret all this time.

He had a feeling that the secret would be kept till the actual Radiance Hundred Sequence elimination round was announced.

"I heard that the Guild Alliance was able to apply for the entire Radiance Palace to be used as the venue for the Allstar Match. The main reason is that the Radiance Sacred Hall intends to shine a light on the A-level and B-level guild clubs' Radiance Hundred Sequence members. This is so as to reintroduce the Radiance Hundred Sequence recruitment. Otherwise, the Guild Alliance would never be able to successfully apply for the use of the entire Radiance Palace, regardless of how much money they're willing to fork out. They would only have been able to book the Starlight Palace like they did for last year's S Tournament."

What Liu Jie said made Lin Yuan feel that this Radiance Hundred Sequence recruitment would not be so simple.

As they walked, Lin Yuan noticed that the wall they were passing by had an Extreme Guild Club crest pasted on it, indicating that it was their rest area.

Lin Yuan looked through the transparent glass walls to study the Extreme Guild Club.

He could not find Zhang Xiaobai, Xin Ying, Lu Pinru, or Tan Ran.

At that moment, Lin Yuan saw a person dressed in the Extreme Guild Club's team uniform walking toward the rest area.

Lin Yuan rushed up to the person and asked, "Excuse me, can I ask if Zhang Xiaobai is in the rest area? I would like to speak with him."

The person Lin Yuan had stopped was a pockmarked young man.

When he heard Lin Yuan mention Zhang Xiaobai, the pockmarked young man looked confused.

"Zhang Xiaobai is no longer a reserve member of the Extreme Guild Club. He terminated the contract and left the Extreme Guild Club."

Lin Yuan was about to ask about the other three, but the pockmarked young man had ignored him and continued walking into the rest area.

Lin Yuan's brows drew tightly together.

Lin Yuan saw that the pockmarked young man's Extreme Guild Club team uniform had a reserve member identity tag.

The pockmarked young man also seemed to be happy that Zhang Xiaobai had left the Extreme Guild Club.

Lin Yuan guessed that the pockmarked young man was only given the chance to be the Extreme Guild Club's reserve member after Zhang Xiaobai terminated his contract.

After all, the Guild Alliance only allowed a team to have five reserve members.

Although most of the teams prepared more reserve members on standby that could take the place of any absent member if needed.

Lin Yuan had guessed that Zhang Xiaobai and the rest had run into trouble, but he did not expect the trouble to be of such a large magnitude.

Zhang Xiaobai, Xin Ying, Tan Ran, and Lu Pinru's spirit qi professional journeys were tied to the Extreme Guild Club. They spent their days carrying out missions assigned to them by the Extreme Guild Club.

They had also been training to participate in the annual S Tournament.

Not long ago, Lin Yuan had been chatting with them, and Zhang Xiaobai mentioned that he was planning on participating in the S Tournament on behalf of the Extreme Guild Club until he was 30 years old.

He would switch to become a full-time mercenary once he reached the maximum age as dictated by the Guild Alliance.

Only a few days had passed since then. What could have happened to completely change Zhang Xiaobai's thinking?

Chapter 610: Stolen Five Senses

Although the Extreme Guild Club did not treat Zhang Xiaobai and the others well, they were dedicated to the organization.

Wen Yu walked over to Lin Yuan and whispered, "Young Master, do you want me to dig deeper into the reason?"

Lin Yuan shook his head and said, "No need. I'll just give them a call now."

Lin Yuan had initially planned on asking them when he saw them at the Allstar Match.

If he did not manage to meet with them, he had planned on calling them after the Allstar Match.

However, Lin Yuan never expected Zhang Xiaobai to leave the Extreme Guild Club.

He wanted to ask Zhang Xiaobai immediately about what had happened.

Lin Yuan picked up his phone and called Zhang Xiaobai.

At that moment, he noticed a few staff members in the distance breaking up a fight between two youths.

One of the youths' phone rang.

Lin Yuan peered closer and realized that the youth whose phone had just rung was Zhang Xiaobai.

Although he was a distance away, Lin Yuan could see the immense fury on Zhang Xiaobai's face.

The youth who had been fighting with Zhang Xiaobai was stocky and about a head taller than Zhang Xiaobai.

His arm was thicker than Zhang Xiaobai's leg.

Zhang Xiaobai was about 1.8 meters tall and was considered tall amongst spirit qi professionals.

The stocky man looked like a black metal tower, and he was looking at Zhang Xiaobai with scorn and derision.

Meanwhile, Zhang Xiaobai was trying his best to control his emotions.

His fists continuously clenched then unclenched, and the vein on his forehead was throbbing dangerously.

Liu Jie picked up on the shift in Lin Yuan's demeanor. He walked over to Lin Yuan and asked, "Young Master, do you know that person? It's a grievous error to cause trouble in the Sacred Radiance Hall. The consequences will affect the guild club you're affiliated with. If you know him, I can go over to handle the situation."

Liu Jie was not acquainted with Zhang Xiaobai and did not know about the shared experiences between Lin Yuan and Zhang Xiaobai.

However, there were already six staff members gathering around the commotion. Liu Jie knew that the matter had gotten out of hand.

Usually, there would only be two staff members handling the situation at the most.

Liu Jie scanned the scene and noticed a subtle red mark on the stocky man's face.

It looked like he had been struck.

Lin Yuan's brows were tightly furrowed behind the mask.

Lin Yuan knew Zhang Xiaobai well—he was not the type to start trouble. Thus, there must be a reason for this situation.

Lin Yuan saw the stocky man say something to Zhang Xiaobai.

At that moment, Lin Yuan realized that Zhang Xiaobai was leaning toward the stocky man.

Lin Yuan thought to himself, *Oh no!*

Zhang Xiaobai must have failed to suppress his emotions after hearing what the stocky man said.

If Zhang Xiaobai started fighting in the Radiance Palace, the matter could be settled by a few staff members.

However, if he started fighting in front of the six Radiance Palace staff members, he would be provoking them. The situation would turn into a different story.

“Let's go take a look.”

Lin Yuan started to walk briskly toward the commotion.

Just as Zhang Xiaobai raised his fist and was about to launch a strike, he felt someone grab hold of his wrist. He heard a familiar voice say, “What's wrong, Xiaobai?”

Zhang Xiaobai suddenly broke out in cold sweat as he realized he had been too impulsive.

Clearly, he did not expect to see Lin Yuan here and shot Lin Yuan a smile.

However, his smile soon turned rueful.

The stocky man grunted. “I wasn't the one who started the fight, so I'll be leaving now to prepare for the matches.”

After the six staff members allowed him to pass, the stocky man sneered at Zhang Xiaobai teasingly.

“Hehe, so you have friends! Why don’t you borrow money from them to give to me? I’ll release it, and we’ll both be able to move on with our lives.”

The stocky man turned and headed toward a rest area. He was unaware that as he walked away, Liu Jie was sizing him up.

After studying the stocky man, Liu Jie looked at Zhang Xiaobai with pity.

Lin Yuan released Zhang Xiaobai’s wrist.

“Xiaobai, if you need a large sum of money, I can help you.”

Zhang Xiaobai’s heart warmed when he heard what Lin Yuan said.

However, he shook his head and replied, “It’s not as simple as money.”

As he spoke, Zhang Xiaobai’s eyes seemed to turn red.

At that moment, a stern voice shouted, “You’re the ex-reserve member of the Extreme Guild Club, Zhang Xiaobai, right? You’re the one who attacked Meng Xu from the Savage Snake Guild Club’s main team, right?”

Right after the stern voice sounded out, Liu Jie stepped forward and removed his mask.

“I’m Sequence #30 of the Radiance Hundred Sequence, Liu Jie. This is my friend. He’s apologetic about the scuffle with the Savage Snake Guild Club’s main team member. We’ll settle this matter privately so as to avoid causing trouble in the Sacred Radiance Hall.”

The six staff members exchanged looks after spotting Liu Jie.

The staff member who had spoken up said to Liu Jie, “If so, please ask your friend to refrain from behaving like that again.”

The six Radiance Palace staff members returned to their respective zones, ready to step in if another situation broke out.

Lin Yuan sensed that Zhang Xiaobai had something to say to him but was having trouble finding the right words. He patted Zhang Xiaobai’s shoulder and said, “You were doing fine in the Extreme Guild Club. Why did you suddenly leave?”

Zhang Xiaobai pursed his lips and paused for a moment before replying, “Lin Yuan, can you lend me 300,000 Radiance dollars?”

Lin Yuan took out his Star Web Card.

Before Lin Yuan could speak, Liu Jie walked up to Zhang Xiaobai and asked, “Did Meng Xu just beat up your teammate? Did Meng Xu’s Sense-Stealing King Venom steal your teammate’s five senses, causing them to be hospitalized in a vegetative state?”