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Chapter 961: Massacre of the Butterfly Silhouettes

Lin Yuan did not need the three Crocodile-Eating Marsh Otters. They ate the Marsh Crocodiles and should be able to reduce the population of the Marsh Crocodiles in the area.

However, Lin Yuan now had Wendy and the Medusa Snake Demon that could control the Marsh Crocodiles.

Hence, the more Marsh Crocodiles there were in the water, the better it would be for Lin Yuan.

Moreover, the Crocodile-Eating Marsh Otter was not intelligent nor large, excelled at hiding itself, and was knowledgeable about the area.

If he did not kill the three Crocodile-Eating Marsh Otters after taking over the territory, he would have to suffer continuous harassment from them until he finally gave the territory back.

Thus, he instructed the Kill Food Sky Butterfly to kill all dimensional lifeforms within the area surrounded by the three mountains as there were not going to be many strong dimensional lifeforms in the area. Even if there were, they would have been chased out by the Crocodile-Eating Marsh Otters like the Medusa Snake Demon had been.

Lin Yuan wanted to take control of the area as soon as possible so that Endless Summer could plant the Barren River Orchid Bud here. He also needed to ensure that no dimensional lifeforms in the area would become potential threats to the Barren River Orchid Bud.

Lin Yuan had considered turning Wendy or the three Crocodile-Eating Marsh Otters into Rising Lizard's believers. But during his communication with Rising Lizard through Connected Tails, he found out that it was not easy for an Apostle to accept believers as the process required transferring energy from its totem into its believer to form a totem imprint. This would deplete the energy inside Rising Lizard's totem.

The energy would require some time to be replenished by the power of faith from the Apostle's believers.

According to Rising Lizard's estimation, it would take close to two weeks of the Medusa Snake Demon's daily providence of the power of faith to replenish the depleted energy.

This meant that Rising Lizard's totem would require a month to become more powerful than it was before.

There were dangers abound in the marsh world, and it was likely that Rising Lizard's believer would befall some type of accident and end up as food for the flesh-eating bacteria.

The loss of every believer would be a significant blow to an Apostle. Hence, Rising Lizard needed to choose its believers carefully.

The best option would be a smart dimensional lifeform or one that had great potential and survival will.

The three Crocodile-Eating Marsh Otters were cunning dimensional lifeforms and were capable of surviving in their own little territory. However, they were too weak. If the Medusa Snake Demon had not been pregnant with Wendy at the time, it would have fought back against the three Crocodile-Eating Marsh Otters.

The Medusa Snake Demon could sense the murderous aura flowing from Lin Yuan, and its chest tightened.

It had lived long enough in the marsh world to know that one's life was no longer in one's hand in the face of a powerful lifeform that could kill them within a blink of an eye.

At that moment, the Medusa Snake Demon heard a soft and gentle female voice say, "Lin Yuan, when you said that you wanted to clean this place up, did you mean that you wanted to kill all the dimensional lifeforms in the area?"

Lin Yuan nodded and replied, "Kill Food Sky Butterfly, it's up to you now. Don't let any of the dimensional lifeforms get away. But, you can leave those outside the mountains."

The Medusa Snake Demon had been momentarily stunned by the female voice because it could not understand what the voice was saying.

The Medusa Snake Demon was shocked to see numerous butterfly silhouettes take flight shortly after. They looked like petals that were silently scattered all around.

The Medusa Snake Demon was a smart dimensional lifeform that could get a good sense of other lifeforms' power.

It could sense that all life came to a close the moment that the blue butterfly silhouettes spread themselves across the three mountains.

The Kill Food Sky Butterfly said, "Lin Yuan, there are no longer any dimensional lifeforms present. Even the insects in the mud have been removed. The three mountains are outstanding natural barriers that can perfectly block out the dimensional lifeforms from the marsh. All I need to do now is protect the entrance, and I can assure you that no other dimensional lifeform will tunnel out from the ground."

Lin Yuan replied, "Let's land at the entrance of the three mountains and check the surroundings."

If we cleared the same area in the main world, Lin Yuan would also need to clean it. However, this was easy in the marsh world.

In about an hour, the flesh-eating bacteria completely consumed the dead dimensional lifeforms.

Wendy changed back into its Medusa form and climbed up Lin Yuan's body. As he carried it, he was reminded of the way he used to carry Chu Ci.

The Kill Food Sky Butterfly appeared at the entrance of the three mountains with a few flaps of its wings.

As he stood at the entrance of the three mountains, Lin Yuan immediately felt himself sinking into the mud.

He did not use the wings attached to his back because he wanted to know how much moisture was in the ground of the marsh world.

Eventually, Lin Yuan sank to his calves.

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Lin Yuan raised an eyebrow at the moisture level of the ground. However, he had expected this because it was marsh for as far as the eye could see.

When Lin Yuan walked toward the center of the three mountains, the ground became less moist.

Nonetheless, even the center of the mountains was moist to a certain extent.

Lin Yuan saw many long creatures in the marsh ahead of him. They looked just like logs that people could use as stepping stones.

However, they were actually the Marsh Crocodiles that were waiting for unsuspecting marsh beasts to drink from the marsh.

Unfortunately, the other dimensional beasts had been completely removed by the Kill Food Sky Butterfly and would not be coming to the marsh to drink.

These Marsh Crocodiles were not stupid, and they would leave soon and head someplace else after realizing that there were no marsh beasts.

Lin Yuan was unwilling to allow them to leave because he felt they could protect the area in the center of the three mountains that prevented dimensional lifeforms or other marsh beasts from approaching or releasing their aura.

He turned his head and said to the clearly frightened Medusa Snake Demon, "You said that you could control the Marsh Crocodiles. Can you control these 100 ones first? They are useful to me."

The Medusa Snake Demon hurriedly replied, "This is simple. I only need to use my natural skill, and I'll be able to control them with ease and make them stay close to the edge of the marsh. Are you going to feed the Marsh Crocodiles to the Apostle?"

The Medusa Snake Demon slowly twisted its body and let out a series of sounds.

Now that he could understand and speak the marsh world's language, he had no trouble figuring out what the Medusa Snake Demon was trying to say.

Lin Yuan did not find the Medusa Snake Demon's voice to be outstanding as it fell far short of Chimey's voice.

However, the Marsh Crocodiles in the marsh clearly had a different opinion as they started to thrash about in the water.

All the Marsh Crocodiles started to swim toward the Medusa Snake Demon.

From the size of the Marsh Crocodiles, Lin Yuan guessed that they were mostly Class 3 and 4. One of them was a seven-meter-long Class 7 Marsh Crocodile.

He did not expect the Class 6 Medusa Snake Demon to be strong enough to attract the Class 7 Marsh Crocodile. Moreover, the Class 7 Marsh Crocodile did not look like it intended to attack the Medusa Snake Demon.

He heard the Medusa Snake Demon say that controlling the Marsh Crocodiles was its natural skill.

But what was a natural skill?

At that moment, the Medusa Snake Demon said, "Lord, if you want to provide Lord Apostle with snacks, these Marsh Crocodiles won't be enough to last it a few days. You'll need to pour a large amount of fresh blood into the marsh, which will attract a greater number of Marsh Crocodiles.

'However, don't pour high-quality blood as it'll attract too many Marsh Crocodiles. Although I can sing the song to control them better than the other Medusa Snake Demons, the highest class of Marsh Crocodiles I can control is Class 7. My song won't have any effect on the Class 8 Marsh Crocodiles. I will need one hour to gain control of the Class 7 Marsh Crocodile that's here. You don't need to wait here for me. Once I'm done, I'll follow your aura to find my way back to you.'

Lin Yuan could not help but become curious. He now knew that the Medusa Snake Demon was skilled at singing the song to control the Marsh Crocodiles, but did Wendy also have this talent?

He decided to use Klein Hub to mark down this location so that he could use True Data to check on the characteristics of the dimensional lifeforms.

From the way the Medusa Snake Demon addressed him, he could sense its respect and fear.

It addressed him with reverence, as though he was a higher being.

Lin Yuan summoned Rising Lizard from the leaf-shaped fey storage box with a wave of his hand.

Rising Lizard stared at him.

When it had consumed the Class 6 Medusa Giant Lizard, it had taken its four heads half an hour to finish eating the Medusa Giant Lizard's ten-meter long body. As such, Lin Yuan had stored both the Class 6 Medusa Giant Lizard and Rising Lizard in the Diamond fey storage box.

However, he did not expect Rising Lizard to have evolved to Class 5 after consuming the Class 6 Medusa Giant Lizard.

Rising Lizard grew from 16-meters-long to 20 meters long, and it became taller and wider as well.

Although it had only grown by four meters, its body was much sturdier than before.

Additionally, it now had five heads instead of four.

The strangest change was that each of the five heads now had a spiral horn that greatly resembled Rising Lizard's tail.

Chapter 963: Wendy's Natural Skill: Snake Frontier Playground

Each horn was 2 meters long and very sharp.

If Rising Lizard charged forward, it would be able to use its head as a battering ram. Even the Class 7 Marsh Soil Rock Turtle would struggle to defend itself against the horned attack.

Lin Yuan felt that Rising Lizard had become a living killing machine.

He said as he looked at Rising Lizard roar at the sky, "Stay here with the Medusa Snake Demon. I'll join you later."

Lin Yuan walked toward the center of the area.

After walking for ten minutes, Lin Yuan noticed that he only sank to his ankles now.

After walking for a few more minutes, he tossed one of the Ethereal Jellyfish's tentacles onto the ground.

The moisture level of the area would be perfect for the Barren River Orchid Bud to grow.

He flapped his four black wings and flew out to the center of the area.

The area surrounded by the three mountains was not small, and it took Lin Yuan five minutes to reach the center.

He estimated that the area was slightly larger than a quarter of Redbud City. This was sufficient space for Lin Yuan to establish his territory.

He said to Morbius in his mind, "Morbius, I decided to use Klein Hub to mark this area."

Morbius and Lin Yuan both activated Klein Hub, and a crimson red formation appeared on the ground, and the exact same formation appeared on Klein Hub in the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

The moment that Klein Hub appeared in the marsh world, the door to the marsh world was opened.

Lin Yuan walked through the door back to the Spirit Lock spatial zone before returning back through the door to the marsh world.

As of that moment, Lin Yuan had finally established his territory in the marsh world.

Morbius' voice sounded in Lin Yuan's head. "Yuan, I flagged the marsh world. You'll be able to use True Data to check on the marsh dimensional lifeforms now."

Lin Yuan's gaze immediately fell on the sleeping Wendy that was hanging off him like a baby sloth.

He used True Data, and Wendy's attributes appeared before him.

[Alien Beast Name]: Snake Change Medusa

[Lifeform State]: Apostle

[Alien Beast Class]: Class 1

[Power of Faith]: Extremely weak

[Faith Totem]: Three-Flower Snake Eyes Totem

Natural Skill:

[Snake Frontier Playground]: It can speed up the growth of snake-type feys around it and increase its power using the venom of the snakes around it. The snakes around it can be nurtured into becoming its hair while purifying the venom of other snakes and dispersing it using its petrifying eyes.

[Wild Plant Affection]: When it releases its aura, it can gain the affection of the carnivorous plants around it. It can also sing to soothe the carnivorous plants and obtain their protection.

Faith Ability:

[Believer Change]: A portion of the energy in the totem is injected into a believer to change it from dimensional lifeform to Favored Believer.

Lin Yuan started to ponder over Wendy's True Data.

He now saw the vast differences between a dimensional lifeform's True Data and a fey's True Data.

He had also been correct in guessing that Apostle was a type of rank.

Dimensional lifeforms that had reached Apostle could use the power of faith, which came from totems. Currently, Wendy's Three-Flower Snake-Eyes totem was extremely weak.

He raised an eyebrow at Wendy's two natural skills. Now, he knew why Wendy did not have snakes for hair like other Medusas for it needed to nurture its own snake-hair.

Wendy could pump the venom of the snakes in its hair into its eyes and release it through its petrifying gaze. This meant that the stronger the snakes that Wendy nurtured, the stronger its eyes would become.

He was glad for Wendy that it had formed a contract with him. There were not many snake-type dimensional lifeforms in the marsh world, and most of them were extremely large, non-venomous, and depending on their physique to attack.

These snakes would not be much use to Wendy.

It would not be easy to find various snake-type feys in the expansive marsh world. However, the main world was full of snake-type feys.

Most of the snake-type feys in the main world were venomous and constantly increased their venom's strength.

Lin Yuan could bring incredibly venomous snake-type feys to the marsh world for Wendy to nurture into its hair.

Eventually, the combination of all the venomous snakes' venom would create a deadly mutant poison that Wendy would be able to release using its eyes.

Most importantly, Wendy could use the venom of other snake-type feys to increase its own power.

Snake Frontier Playground not only allowed Wendy to quickly increase its power but also gave it the potential to temporarily surpass the power of its mother, the Class 6 Medusa Snake Demon.

As for Wild Plant Affection, Lin Yuan felt that it was very similar to the Medusa Snake Demon's Marsh Crocodile Song.

The only difference was that Marsh Crocodile Song was directed at the Marsh Crocodiles while Wild Plant Affection was directed at the carnivorous plants that sat at the top of the marsh world's food chain.

Chapter 964: Bone Strengthening and Multi-Headed Body

Lin Yuan suddenly remembered that Red Thorn was also a carnivorous plant. However, Red Thorn was still in a deep sleep as it combined the two Source Seeds.

Wild Plant Affection allowed Wendy to gain the affection of carnivorous plants.

It was likely that Red Thorn would also be attracted by Wendy when it woke up, and they would become good friends.

Lin Yuan still did not have a plan for the Believer Change.

Believer Change could change a lifeform from a dimensional lifeform to Favored Believer.

Wendy had just become an Apostle and still did not have any believers. Thus, Lin Yuan could not instruct it to use Believer Change.

He felt that all Apostles had the ability Believer Change.

But, he had yet to see Rising Lizard's True Data. As such, his belief was still an unverified guess.

At that moment, the ground started to shake. A large creature was sprinting across the ground toward him.

He lifted his head and saw Rising Lizard barreling toward him.

Rising Lizard ran much faster than the Medusa Snake Demon, but the latter was trying its best not to fall too far behind.

Lin Yuan used True Data to check on Rising Lizard.

[Alien Beast Name]: Medusa Giant Lizard

[Lifeform State]: Apostle

[Alien Beast Class]: Class 5

[Power of Faith]: Extremely weak

[Apostle Totem]: Multi-Headed Lizard Totem

Natural Skill:

[Bone Strengthening]: By lowering the rate of evolution, the nutrients absorbed are transferred to the bone instead to raise its strength.

[Multi-Headed Body]: A new head is added with every evolution in class. The previous heads will also be evolved. The heads are linked by the same soul and have the same amount of power. As long as one head remains, the Medusa Giant Lizard will be able to survive. Consumption of sustenance can provide energy to return damaged heads to their original state.

Faith Ability:

[Believer Change]: A portion of the energy in the totem is injected into a believer to change its life attitude from dimensional lifeform to Favored Believer.

Lin Yuan now knew that his guess had been right.

All Apostles had the Believer Change ability. Both Rising Lizard and Wendy's faith power were extremely weak.

He felt that if they gained more faith power, they would also obtain more faith abilities on top of Believer Change.

Lin Yuan finally understood why Rising Lizard had changed significantly after evolving from Class 4 to Class 5.

Whenever Rising Lizard evolved, it would gain a new head, and its previous heads would also evolve.

For example, a 2-meter-long horn appeared on every head after Rising Lizard evolved from Class 4 to Class 5.

The increase in the target size in the form of increasing the number of heads would also not lead to Rising Lizard becoming any weaker.

Each head was a weapon that could attack, defend, and be sacrificed during battle. The heads could be regrown once Rising Lizard consumed nourishment.

This greatly increased Rising Lizard's survival ability.

The evolutions that came with each new head would be like surprises waiting for Lin Yuan to discover.

Lin Yuan did not scoff at the unassuming Bone Strengthening. Rather, he felt that it was much more useful than Multi-Headed Body.

After Rising Lizard evolved to Apostle, the increase in its size had stunned Lin Yuan.

It was already almost 20 meters long at Class 5. The size it would reach once it evolved to Class 8 was unimaginable.

The larger a lifeform became, the more important their bones became. Strong bones were necessary to enable them to stay agile and mobile so as not to be crushed by the weight of their own body.

Bone Strengthening had a large part to play in Rising Lizard becoming so large and sturdy.

Its dense bones would allow it to engage in physical attacks during battle.

Moreover, its horn, claws, and teeth were all bones.

As such, Bone Strengthening also raised its attacking power.

Lin Yuan now knew that Rising Lizard was a physical-type Apostle while Wendy was a spell-type Apostle.

When used in conjunction, they could support each other well in the marsh world.

Wendy's Wild Plant Affection also allowed it to make carnivorous plants into its believers, while Rising Lizard could make other intelligent lifeforms into its believers.

Neither Wendy nor Rising Lizard's choice of believers would infringe upon each other.

This was the best possible outcome.

Lin Yuan did not plan on using source-type power to help more dimensional lifeforms experience complete Source-type Cleansing to become Apostles for the time being.

It would be a waste of source-type power because the space was not large enough to accommodate more Apostles, and there was also a change of their choice of believers overlapping.

The Sacred Sword Wielding Queen's absorption of source-type power from Law source Crystals to evolve complete laws would increase Lin Yuan's power.

When he used the Night Crow Wither Attack, he had experienced the power of the Sword Skill.

Hence, he planned on using the source-type power to evolve another complete law into a law world to gain another Sword Skill.

However, he needed to think carefully about which law to evolve.

With the power of the Dark Death Law, Lin Yuan no longer needed to increase his secret weapons.

Night Crow Wither Attack was an offensive ability.

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Night Crow Wither Attack was enough for Lin Yuan's secret weapon offensive needs.

Thus, Lin Yuan needed to choose a law world with another type of ability.

Besides checking Rising Lizard's True Data, he did not forget to do the same for the Class 6 Medusa Snake Demon.

[Alien Beast Name]: Medusa Snake Demon

[Lifeform State]: Dimensional lifeform

[Alien Beast Class]: Class 6

[Totem Faith]: Multi-Headed Lizard Totem

Natural Skill:

[Marsh Crocodile Song]: Song can be used to manipulate Marsh Crocodiles of the same or lower class.

The Class 6 Medusa Snake Demon was a dimensional lifeform. Hence, its True Data was much simpler than that of Apostles like Wendy and Rising Lizard.

It also only had one natural skill. As such, it seemed that the complete Source-type Cleansing would bring about new natural skills.

Lin Yuan had already seen the Marsh Crocodile Song at work. It essentially increased the Medusa Snake Demon's ability to control the Marsh Crocodiles. It had been helpful to Lin Yuan that the Medusa Snake Demon could control the Class 7 Marsh Crocodile.

At the very least, Rising Lizard's future food supply was secured.

Lin Yuan asked, "Rising Lizard, how much faith power did you use to accept the Medusa Snake Demon as your believer?"

Rising Lizard immediately replied, "Master, while my faith power remains extremely weak, I only have enough to use Believer Change three times. After I use Believer Change on the Medusa Snake Demon, I'll enter a weakened state for three days."

After the Medusa Snake Demon finally caught up to Rising Lizard, its eyes lit up when it heard what Lin Yuan said.

It seemed that there was the intention to promote it to Favored Believer.

Marsh dimensional lifeforms roamed around the seas without settling anywhere. They even had to be on alert when they were sleeping, for any slight misstep would result in them losing their life.

When one became a believer, they would be granted the totem of the Apostle.

The believers held a higher status than regular dimensional lifeforms in the marsh world.

The Medusa Snake Demon was honored to receive the totem.

It could not believe that it was about to become a Favored Believer so soon after becoming a believer.

When one became a Favored Believer, every aspect of their life would be improved.

The believer's exclusive skill would also be evolved according to the totem.

"How does it benefit you to promote your believer to Favored Believer?"

Rising Lizard swayed its five heads before saying, "Favored Believers provide more faith power than normal believers, and they're also able to use faith power on their own. They can gather the faith power before giving it to their Apostle as well. The Medusa Snake Demon can control the Marsh Crocodiles. Hence, it'll be able to obtain faith power from the Marsh Crocodiles. I don't think there are any disadvantages to promoting the Medusa Snake Demon to Favored Believer."

Lin Yuan nodded and replied, "Why don't you use Believer Change now? When you're in your weakened state, stay here. I'll instruct the Kill Food Sky Butterfly to guard you. Once you're stronger again, you can start exploring the area."

The Medusa Snake Demon was now certain that it would evolve from believer to Favored Believer.

It was over the moon and decided to display its skills to compensate Rising Lizard and with the hope that Rising Lizard would be more pleased with it."

"Lord Rising Lizard, my name is Scale Concubine. The Medusa Giant Lizard that I contracted was killed. My snake-hair can attract other Medusa Giant Lizards, and you'll be able to take your pick of which of them to eat or accept as your believers."

Lin Yuan looked at Scale Concubine in shock.

It was just like a black widow spider!

The black widow spider usually killed its partner to breed its offspring.

Scale Concubine used its aura to attract the Medusa Giant Lizards but did not intend to form contracts with them. Instead, they were meant to fall prey to Rising Lizard and become the fodder that increased its rate of evolution.

Lin Yuan wanted to sing praises of Scale Concubine. It was a genius!

With Scale Concubine around, Rising Lizard would have all the Medusa Giant Lizards it needed to eat to evolve. Lin Yuan would not have to lift a finger.

Rising Lizard bumped the Medusa Snake Demon with its head to express its compliments.

The Multi-Headed Lizard totem on Rising Lizard lit up with an amber glow and flowed into Scale Concubine's totem.

As the faith power flowed into Scale Concubine, its skin became wrinkled, and it looked like it was about to slide off at any moment.

Although the Medusa Snake Demon was a human-shaped lifeform, it molted just like any other snake-type fey when it evolved.

Scale Concubine's wrinkled skin became darker, and it was unclear what was happening to the body within.

When Rising Lizard's Multi-Headed Lizard totem stopped glowing, Scale Concubine started to wriggle around in its skin, and four arms soon emerged.

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The four slender arms tore Scale Concubine's wrinkled skin to shreds.

After transforming into the Favored Believer, Scale Concubine had grown by a full head. When it stood up, most of the snake half of its body remained stuck to the ground. This made it seem only about 1.7 meters tall.

But now, it had actually reached 1.9 meters tall and was 10 centimeters taller than Lin Yuan.

However, the biggest change was the two new arms.

Scale Concubine could fire three energy arrows with its previous two hands. Now that it could fire twice that number, Scale Concubine's combat power was greatly raised.

Its snake-hair was also thicker. The snakes were not just for decoration but were Scale Concubine's strongest source of attacking power.

Lin Yuan used True Data to check on Scale Concubine.

[Alien Beast Name]: Medusa Snake Demon

[Lifeform State]: Dimensional lifeform (Favored Believer)

[Alien Beast Class]: Class 6

[Totem Faith]: Multi-Headed Lizard Totem

Natural Skill:

[Marsh Crocodile Song]: The song is sung to call and attract the Marsh Crocodiles up to one class above. After listening to the song for an hour, the Marsh Crocodiles will become completely infatuated and be utterly under the Medusa Snake Demon's thumb.

Lin Yuan noticed that Scale Concubine's Lifestyle State had changed after becoming the Favored Believer.

Besides that, Scale Concubine did not gain any new natural skills. However, the Marsh Crocodile Song had changed significantly.

Previously, only the Marsh Crocodiles that were of the same class and below could be controlled. But now, Scale Concubine could control the Marsh Crocodiles one class above it as well.

This meant that the Medusa Snake Demon could now control Class 8 Marsh Crocodiles.

Moreover, the control exerted was now completely perfect.

Lin Yuan asked the Medusa Snake Demon, "Can you control more Marsh Crocodiles than before?"

He wanted to know if Scale Concubine's ability to control had improved.

Scale Concubine hastily replied, "Previously, I was able to control 300 Marsh Crocodiles but only 3 if they were Class 7. Now, many more Marsh Crocodiles will gather toward me, and I can control five times the number of Marsh Crocodiles now. I can control 1,000 without any problems, but 1,500 will be a difficult feat. However, I can only control three Class 8 Marsh Crocodiles and more than 10 Class 7 Marsh Crocodiles."

Lin Yuan clapped his hands because this meant that the shield of Marsh Crocodiles would become more secure now.

After checking the time, Lin Yuan left the marsh world.

It was already 3:00 a.m. He sighed and said, "I burned the midnight oil again!"

He wanted to hand the slumbering Wendy to Scale Concubine, but the latter seemed afraid to receive its daughter. Thus, Lin Yuan placed Wendy on Rising Lizard's back so that it could watch over Wendy.

Since both were Apostles, Rising Lizard would not cause Wendy any fear.

The territory in the marsh world had been settled, and the Marsh Crocodiles under Scale Concubine's control had started defending the area. However, Lin Yuan had not achieved his goal of expanding into the marsh world.

He would need to search the main world for the resources that he required to expand into the marsh world.

Lin Yuan left the Kill Food Sky Butterfly in the marsh world while he returned to the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

Once he returned to the Spirit Lock spatial zone, Lin Yuan changed out of his mud-covered clothes and left the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

He had wanted to go to rest before using the rest of the night to plan his expansion into his territory in the marsh world.

But when he entered the main hall, he saw Hu Quan swiftly crafting something on the table. The evolved Wood Weaving House Centipede was beside Hu Quan.

The light was off in the main hall, but the 99 Five Fortune Ranchu Spirit-Siphon Goldfish emitted spirit qi, which faintly reflected off the jade-textured furniture.

However, Hu Quan's current project was shining much brighter.

Lin Yuan peered closer and realized that Hu Quan was weaving various Defined Life elemental pearls with the silk from the Wood Weaving House Centipede.

Hu Quan weaved 24 Defined Life elemental pearls into a beautiful chain.

Lin Yuan could not help but want to touch the string of pearls.

Hu Quan had noticed Lin Yuan and waved the string of pearls in the air as he said, "Lin Yuan, what do you think of this string of pearls? The Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce and Heavenly Craft Pavilion are planning on holding a joint auction. I'm planning on putting this Defined Life string of pearls up for auction to shake up the crowd. However, most people won't be able to afford this string of heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls with outer layer that was made by me, a Class 5 Spirit Craftsman."

Lin Yuan gave Hu Quan a thumb's up and replied, "Uncle Hu, your skills are getting better by the day. The threads are even softer than silk. Every point of contact with the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls has a faint dignified air that's unique to jade-textured wood. Not only did you maintain the value of the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls, but you even managed to suppress the strong brightness that comes from the outer layer."

A thought seemed to strike Lin Yuan at that moment, and he added, "Uncle Hu, I wanted to ask you to help me with something. But now, I think I have two favors to ask."

Lin Yuan shook his hand and took out the brocade box that was on the table in the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

He opened the box facing Hu Quan.

Hu Quan's eyes almost fell out of their sockets when he laid eyes on the box's contents.

Despite being a Class 5 Spirit Craftsman, Hu Quan could not help but say in a quivering voice, "Lin Yuan, where did you get something so great!?"

Chapter 967: Over the Rail Coral

As a Class 5 Spirit Craftsman, Hu Quan was used to coming in contact with precious spiritual ingredients on a regular basis.

Since he joined Lin Yuan, Hu Quan had become pickier with spiritual ingredients.

Now, he no longer batted an eye as he grabbed 24 of the Defined Life heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls that used to stun him completely.

However, Hu Quan could only squeak in astonishment when he laid eyes on the contents inside the box.

He looked completely overwhelmed as he stared unblinkingly at the box.

Lin Yuan was not surprised by Hu Quan's reaction because he had reacted the same way when he first saw what was inside the box. That was why he had stored it so carefully in the box.

When Lin Yuan had been sorting out the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls in the Spirit Lock spatial zone, he had discovered that Defined Life was not the rarest type of elemental pearls with outer layer. There was another type that was rarer.

Almost all of the 1,000 elemental pearls produced by the seven Elemental Shellfish reached heavenly-maiden-grade.

Among the 1,000 heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls, about 400 to 500 of them had an outer layer, and about 98% were Cloud Dream Lake, while 1% or 2% were Defined Life.

The type of outer layer that was even rarer than Defined Life had only amounted enough to fill the small box.

Lin Yuan had yet to count the total number properly, but there should be about 100 pearls.

At that moment, Hu Quan said in a dazed and trembling voice, “Lin... Lin Yuan, are you going to ask me to use the Over the Rail Coral elemental pearls to craft something?”

Lin Yuan shook his head slightly and replied, “You don’t need to create anything. The string of pearls you just made was good enough. I want to string these Over the Rail Coral heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls into one long chain and play with it whenever I’m free.”

Hu Quan looked as though he had just stumbled on a god, and he was absolutely speechless.

The Cloud Dream Lake elemental pearls made people feel as though they were in the middle of a large warm lake in the clouds.

The Defined Life elemental pearls had the prodigious aura of every living creature, and they looked extremely solemn. This was why veteran and top factions sought after Defined Life elemental pearls.

But no matter which kind of outer layer, both were enough to stun anyone that laid eyes on them.

However, the Over the Rail Coral elemental pearls were clearly more high-class than Cloud Dream Lake and Defined Life elemental pearls.

The Over the Rail Coral elemental pearls had the feeling of suddenly turning around and being around the bend. This feeling went right to the bone.

At first glance, Over the Rail Coral elemental pearls did not look any different from other elemental pearls.

Although they glowed slightly brighter than the other elemental pearls, it was very faint.

By gazing at the faint glow of the elemental pearls, one would suddenly see the most beautiful scenery. It was a sight that no one would be able to not feel joy from.

Hu Quan had only read about such elemental pearls that had the power to influence moods.

When he first read about the Over the Rail Coral elemental pearls, he could not help but scoff because it seemed too unbelievable.

But now, Hu Quan wanted to beat up the person who had written the information he had read.

It was nonsense! Don’t write about what you don’t know!

The information on the Over the Rail Coral elemental pearls did not even live up to 10% of their true magnificence.

When Lin Yuan saw how fearful Hu Quan was to touch the Over the Rail Coral elemental pearls, he handed the box over.

Despite coming from two worlds, this was the first time Lin Yuan was making something he could play with.

Hu Quan gulped and received the box. He started to inspect each one carefully.

Once he was done, he said to Lin Yuan, “27 of these Over the Rail Coral elemental pearls are water-type, 27 are earth-type, 27 are wind-type, and 26 are fire-type. That makes a total of 107 Over the Rail Coral elemental pearls.”

Hu Quan paused for a moment before continuing. “Lin Yuan, you can make a long chain out of all these Over the Rail Coral elemental pearls. However, 107 isn’t a fortuitous number. But if you only string 99 of them, there would be eight left over. 108 would be a much more fortuitous number. Can you get another Over the Rail Coral elemental pearl? If it’s fire-type, there would be an equal number of each type. But any type would be fine. The most important thing is to make it 108.”

Lin Yuan scratched his head.

There were many types of beaded chains in the Radiance Federation, and they were all complex in their own way.

Some were chains of metal, some were the seeds of plant-type feys, others were rare rocks, and some were even made of jade-textured wood. There were even some that were made from bone.

Lin Yuan did not know much about this area, but he had seen Gao Feng’s chain of 108 whale-type fey tusk beads.

He had put this box of Over the Rail Coral elemental pearls together before he went to the Guard Ye Banquet.

There should be a new batch of heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls in the Spirit Lock spatial zone, and it should not be difficult to find an Over the Rail Coral elemental pearl amongst them.

Chapter 968: Heavenly Maiden Sleet

Lin Yuan went into the Spirit Lock spatial zone and instructed Genius and the Wind Speed Rapid Antelope to start searching with him.

As they continued to search, Lin Yuan discovered that there were numerous Over the Rail Coral elemental pearls.

However, none of them were fire-type. As such, they continued to search.

He had decided that he would wait if they could not find a fire-type Over the Rail Coral elemental pearl until the Elemental Shellfish finally produced one.

Since he was going to do something, he had to have the best. Otherwise, he would be dissatisfied, and it would waste Hu Quan’s effort of stringing together the 108 Over the Rail Coral elemental pearls.

It had only been half a day since the Spirit Lock spatial zone had evolved.

But due to the increase in the concentration of spirit qi, the Elemental Shellfish had produced elemental pearls much quicker.

When Genius sorted through the last pile, Lin Yuan’s eyes were drawn to a fiery-red glow.

At that moment, it was as though a long-haired girl dressed in clouds suddenly materialized.

This fire-type heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearl emitted a blinding light and had an unspeakable illusiveness.

The ghostly silhouette of the long-haired girl dressed in clouds made the entire elemental pearl appear exquisite.

Lin Yuan had never seen a heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearl with this outer layer before.

It had probably only appeared after the concentration of spirit qi in the Spirit Lock spatial zone increased.

By a stroke of coincidence, it was fire-type and was just what he needed to complete the string of pearls.

This fire-type heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearl with a special outer layer could also serve the purpose of being the final touch—the cherry on top of the cake that was the string of pearls.

Lin Yuan took the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearl out of the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

When Hu Quan saw Lin Yuan circulate his spiritual energy with a serious expression, he knew that Lin Yuan had been searching for the fire-type Over the Rail Coral heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearl.

He soon saw Lin Yuan produce a heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearl with a vibrant red outer layer.

The moment he saw a heavenly maiden dressed in clouds within the outer layer, Hu Quan could not help but exclaim, “Damn! Is that the legendary Heavenly Maiden Sleet that’s a cut above Over the Rail Coral? It can’t be! I heard only 10% pure heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls can have Heavenly Maiden Sleet outer layer! Lin Yuan, tell me quickly, is there any rare spiritual material that you lack?”

Lin Yuan revealed a small smile.

Instead of answering that question, he changed the topic and said, “Now, we have 108. Uncle Hu, what do you think about using the Heavenly Maiden Sleet elemental pearl to complete the string of Over the Rail Coral elemental pearls?”

Hu Quan immediately slapped his leg and said with shining eyes, “A string of only Over the Rail Coral heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls is impressive enough. It would have been enough to touch the hearts of those that saw it. However, it wouldn’t have been able to compete with the Heavenly Maiden Sleet heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearl added to it. The Over the Rail Coral outer layer can set the mood while the Heavenly Maiden Sleet will be the center of attention. It’s like adding the final touch to a painting to make it come to life.”

Lin Yuan nodded and replied, “Sorry to trouble you.”

When Hu Quan heard what Lin Yuan said, a look of reluctance came over him.

“Lin Yuan, I can make the string of pearls for you now. I should be done before sunrise tomorrow. However, my methods won’t do justice to these 108 treasures. I plan on finishing the general design and construction of the basement before letting my subordinates over. Then, I’ll be able to lock myself away

and use all my Spirit Craftsman skills to create the string of pearls. It could very well be the most precious item I make in my life.”

Lin Yuan furrowed his brow. He knew that Hu Quan was feeling the same way he had when he was making the red sandalwood longevity fishtank.

Lin Yuan was not opposed to Hu Quan wanting to focus on creating the string of pearls.

However, he felt that Hu Quan was wrong in one regard.

“Uncle Hu, we will never reach the peak of the valuable resources we have access to. I believe both the rare spiritual resources I gain access to and your Spirit Craftsman skills will only continue to rise.”

Hu Quan started to chuckle.

When he was a Class 4 Spirit Craftsman, he had assumed that Class 5 was the peak level that a Spirit Craftsman could reach.

But once he became a Class 5 Spirit Craftsman, Hu Quan discovered the discrepancies between the various Class 5 Spirit Craftsmen.

For example, Hu Quan had only recently become a Class 5 Spirit Craftsman.

As much talent as he had, he could not compete with those who had been Class 5 Spirit Craftsmen for decades.

Once he became a Class 5 Spirit Craftsman, Hu Quan gradually became complacent.

Since he had reached Class 5, those more powerful than him would not have too large of a gap between their abilities.

But after he heard what Lin Yuan said, Hu Quan realized how wrong he had been.

How could he lose his ambition as a Spirit Craftsman who depended on his craftsmanship to earn a living?

He took another look at the 107 Over the Rail Coral elemental pearls and the Heavenly Maiden Sleet elemental pearl, and various ideas popped into his head.

Hu Quan wanted to ask Master Hong Shen if he could nurture the Wood Weaving House Centipede so that it could gain new weaving techniques.

After Hu Quan composed himself, he said, “Lin Yuan, you aren’t asking me for a favor at all. I’m the one that’s benefiting! What’s the second favor you spoke of?”

Lin Yuan asked Hu Quan, “Uncle Hu, have you heard of the marsh world?”

Hu Quan froze before replying, “I’ve definitely heard of the marsh world. Does your second favor have something to do with the marsh world?”

Lin Yuan nodded and replied, "Uncle Hu, my favor does have something to do with the marsh world.. I would like to borrow some of your capable Spirit Craftsmen."

Chapter 969: Miao Qi Cannot Shoulder the Responsibility

Lin Yuan wanted to borrow some capable Spirit Craftsmen and transport them to the marsh world in the precious weapon made of the Jeweled Cave Golden Toad so that they could begin construction in the area surrounded by the three mountains.

By transporting them in the Jeweled Cave Golden Toad, he would be able to keep them from finding out about the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

But once they reached the marsh world, anyone with a shred of intelligence would be able to figure out where they were.

When Hu Quan heard Lin Yuan mention the marsh world, he knew that this matter was important.

Instead of asking for more information, Hu Quan immediately replied, "There are already 500 Spirit Craftsmen in the Heavenly Craft Pavilion. Most of them are capable Class 3 Spirit Craftsmen. I'll have a meeting with them tomorrow. Do you have any other requirements for them?"

Lin Yuan pondered over the question.

He did not have any requirements, but those Class 3 Spirit Craftsmen were going to work in the marsh world. Contracts would not bind them, and humans were always unpredictable.

However, the matter of the marsh world was of utmost importance, and not a hint of it could be leaked. Hence, the Spirit Craftsmen that entered the marsh world would remain there for some time.

Lin Yuan would also not skimp on the compensation for their sacrifice.

"Uncle Hu, I only have one request. They have to be okay with loneliness and being separated from society."

Hu Quan frowned, and Lin Yuan went on to say, "Thus, it's best if you choose those without family and don't have anyone depending on them. But as compensation, I can provide them with any Bronze/Epic fey of their desires for the rest of their lives. I will also give them one class higher of their needed resources."

Hu Quan now had a general idea of Lin Yuan's aim.

But he felt that even the Spirit Craftsmen that did have families would find Lin Yuan's offer difficult to turn away.

Even Class 4 Creation Masters had trouble asking Creation Masters who were willing to nurture Bronze/Epic feys for them.

Lin Yuan's offer would give them assurance for the rest of their lives.

Different Spirit Craftsmen were paid and treated according to their different classes.

Once they had Lin Yuan to supply them with Bronze/Epic feys, they would be able to gain resources that were one class higher.

This meant that the Class 3 Spirit Craftsmen would be paid the salary of Class 4 Spirit Craftsmen while Class 4 Spirit Craftsmen would be paid the salary of Class 5 Spirit Craftsmen.

This would make any Spirit Craftsman that ended up working for Lin Yuan rich.

Hu Quan asked, "Lin Yuan, will they need to be separated from society forever?"

Lin Yuan paused to think before shaking his head and replying, "They will need to be away for a decade."

Ten years would be enough time for Lin Yuan to grow up and for the expansion to the marsh world to progress to a sufficient extent.

Lin Yuan believed that the Spirit Craftsmen that ended up working for him for a decade would all become loyal to him.

Hu Quan decided that he had to sign up. It would be a huge wasted opportunity if he let the lifetime of Bronze/Epic feys slip by.

In this era of the Spirit Qi Awakening, humans lived for a long time, and a decade was nothing.

"Lin Yuan, don't you think you're compensating too much for ten years of being away from society? Anyone would want to participate."

"Uncle Hu, during this time away, I plan on nurturing a group of top Spirit Craftsmen armed with suitable feys for the sake of Sky City and Heavenly Craft Pavilion. These Spirit Craftsmen need to be completely loyal. Thus, don't mention the ten years away right off the bat."

Hu Quan thought to himself, *Which of those brats in tomorrow's meeting will be granted such a big opportunity?*

Lin Yuan returned to his room and saw that Chimey had changed back to its fey form and was sleeping spread eagle on the bed.

Lin Yuan gently picked Chimey up and placed it on the pillow before summoning the sleepy Genius from the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

He covered Genius and Chimey with the blanket.

The sky was slowly growing brighter, and he logged into Star Web to buy venomous snake-type feys for Wendy.

He went to the Rare Lifeform Pavilion and started to search for the snake-type feys being auctioned off.

Lin Yuan had two conditions for the snake-type feys. They had to be extremely venomous and attractive.

All of them would be combined to become Wendy's snake-hair. Hence, Lin Yuan did not want the cute Wendy to become ugly.

There were many snake-type feys in the Rare Lifeform Pavilion, so Lin Yuan soon had more than ten candidates.

He left Star Web and leaned back on the bed as he let his eyelids fall while stroking Chimey and Genius.

He was going to take Endless Summer into the marsh world tomorrow morning and plant the Barren River Orchid Bud in the area marked by the Ethereal Jellyfish's tentacle. He was also going to prepare some high-grade fey essence blood and pour it into the marsh to attract the Marsh Crocodiles that the Medusa Snake Demon would be able to control.

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A banging noise was coming from a luxuriously decorated study room.

Every item in the study room had an extremely dulled-down air of dignity.

When she heard the banging noises, a woman with a sour expression could not help but say, "Father, stop hitting him. Miao Zhuo's soul hasn't recovered. He's going to die if you keep hitting him!"

The elderly white-haired man with a white beard to match started to swing the vase even quicker, and he looked like he was out to kill.

He turned and bellowed at the woman with the crestfallen expression, "Who told me with brimming confidence that she had a chance with Lord Bamboo Monarch? And what gave you the gall to dare to imitate Lord Bamboo Monarch's coronation patterns?"

Miao Qi's bitter expression hardened, and she frowned at the elderly man.

"Father, you know best what I wore and why I wore it to the Guard Ye Banquet. Don't forget that you used your name to send me to the Guard Ye Banquet as a representative of Connected Beast Park.. I am partly responsible in this matter, but not all of it."

Chapter 970: Salvage? How?

Miao Qi looked grim as she stared at the elderly man.

Miao Qi's words completely lacked respect for her father, who was the leader of Connected Beast Park.

The elderly man scoffed at Miao Qi but did not say anything more.

However, he swung the vase even quicker and smashed it down on Miao Zhuo.

Miao Zhuo was dripping in sweat, and he did not dare to defend himself despite quivering in agony. He was afraid that defending himself would only result in the elderly man becoming angrier and lead to a heavier beating.

As a pinnacle Class 4 Creation Master, Miao Qi was one of the main members of Connected Beast Park.

Thus, the elderly man had to show concern for her feelings despite her being his daughter.

Miao Qi could not sit there and watch Miao Zhuo being hit anymore. She stepped up and stopped her father as she said, "Father, although Miao Zhuo caused trouble, he's still a pinnacle Class 3 Creation Master. A young pinnacle Class 3 Creation Master is an asset to the family. Are you really going to kill him? The milk has been spilled, and you've vented your anger. We should think of how to salvage the situation instead of hurting Miao Zhuo out of anger."

When she mentioned salvaging the situation, her voice trembled slightly.

Although both she and Miao Zhuo had been chased out of the Guard Ye Banquet, the entirety of the situation had become known to the Elders of the Miao family.

She had also heard about it.

She did not expect Wang Fuxiang's bad luck to have such a serious effect on the Bamboo Monarch.

Miao Qi had put on a weak front when she faced Wang Fuxiang at the Midnight Palace because she did not have any strength to put on display in the first place.

She knew full well how much the Bamboo Monarch loved Wang Fuxiang.

In spite of that, Miao Qi had still dared to say those offensive words to Wang Fuxiang and try her best to tear Wang Fuxiang down.

But after Xia Chen had come out and confirmed Wang Fuxiang's status, Miao Qi dared not say anything else.

Getting kicked out of the Midnight Palace for affronting Wang Fuxiang was the greatest humiliation that Miao Qi had ever suffered.

She had embarrassed herself in front of all the top and veteran factions.

It was likely that her juniors in other families had found out about this matter and were using her as a casual joke.

How could she not resent this?

Miao Qi prayed that the Bamboo Monarch was in worse shape than she thought.

As long as his condition worsened, Wang Fuxiang would also die eventually.

Miao Qi dared to pursue the Bamboo Monarch because she had researched a topic under him and helped him.

The Bamboo Monarch was gentle. As long as she and her family stayed away from Wang Fuxiang from now on, the Bamboo Monarch would not come after them. At the very most, Wang Fuxiang would use the Bamboo Monarch's reputation to intimidate the Miao family.

The Miao family's role was in the direction of Creation Masters.

Even if they were intimidated, they would not be too severely affected.

Hence, the only consequence of the commotion at the Guard Ye Banquet would be the humiliation she was suffering.

However, she had not expected Miao Zhuo would start trouble with Sun Ningxiang.

It would have been fine because there were often scuffles when young disciples gathered together. The major factions would not think much of it as long as the aftermath was not too serious.

Yet, Miao Zhuo had disrespected the Moon Empress' disciple and made Chief Guard Ye's disciple despise him.

Because of this incident, Furnace Stone Metal and Four Beasts Territory had also canceled their partnerships with Connected Beast Park.

Apparently, they were now working with Coiling Dragon's Valley instead.

Coiling Dragon's Valley and Connected Beast Park had always been rivals. In fact, Coiling Dragon's Valley had been one step ahead for some time.

The Miao family had spent years trying to catch up to Coiling Dragon's Valley and had even tried to target Condense Fairy Orchard.

However, Miao Zhuo's mistake had led to Connected Beast Park being utterly defeated by Coiling Dragon's Valley. This disintegrated Connected Beast Park's network of connections while strengthening Coiling Dragon's Valley's.

If Miao Zhuo had not already been beaten black and blue, Miao Qi might have thrown in a few blows of her own.

Rumor had it that the Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls, which the Elders of Miao family desperately wanted, came from the Moon Empress.

Just as Connected Beast Park was about to visit the Moon Empress to ask her if she could give them a few Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls, Miao Zhuo had disrespected the Moon Empress' disciple. Therefore, the Moon Empress had also been disrespected.

In such a situation, there was no way that Connected Beast Park would dare to go to Leaning Moon Mountain to ask for Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls.

Given the Moon Empress' temper, she might even start targeting Connected Beast Park.

"Salvage? How? The Elders discussed it all afternoon and couldn't come up with anything. Even if we do come up with a plan to salvage the situation, who would dare to go up to Leaning Moon Mountain? If this situation isn't resolved perfectly, all our future partnerships will be affected. In the worst case, all our partnerships will be canceled. Even if not all of them are canceled, Connected Beast Park's position amongst the factions will be weakened. This is all because of this brat," said Miao Zhenshan

Miao Zhenshan's words left Miao Qi speechless.

At that moment, Zheng Kaiyuan rolled his eyes and said, "Grandfather, Master, I think I have a plan."

Miao Zhenshen and Miao Qi frowned when they heard Zheng Kaiyuan chime in. They were about to rebuke him, but they remembered that the other Elders would want a first-hand account of what happened during the Guard Ye Banquet.

However, they did not plan on taking him seriously.

The entire Miao family was in emergency mode due to this incident.

What could Zheng Kaiyuan do about it?