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Elara and the Grand Elder exchanged surprised glances, as for Thorn he looked at the mysterious man with his sharp eyes. The bid of 50,000 soul coins meant that the mysterious cultivator now possessed a total of 110,000 soul coins, nearly half of their overall resources. It was a staggering amount for a lone cultivator.

"Who is this person?" Elara whispered, her voice tinged with awe. "How can he have so many soul coins on his own?"

The Grand Elder, his eyes fixed on the mysterious cultivator, added, "We should be cautious. Such a cultivator, with vast resources and unknown origins, poses a potential threat."

"It's truly astonishing," Thorn replied, his voice filled with amazement. "He must have a secret source of soul coins or a hidden background that grants him access to such resources." he said, while licking his lips.

As the bidding continued, the first-grade forces exchanged determined glances, contemplating their next move. The Azure Flame Sect's representative hesitated for a moment before conceding, realizing that they couldn't match the mysterious cultivator's bid. The Moonshadow Pavilion and Earthbreakers Clan also chose not to raise the bid any further, acknowledging the overwhelming presence of the enigmatic figure.

The auctioneer, her excitement palpable, announced, "Sold to the mysterious cultivator for 50,000 soul coins!"

A mix of awe, curiosity, and anticipation filled the room as the mysterious cultivator secured the ancient talismans. The applause that followed was filled with both admiration and intrigue. The unknown cultivator had once again emerged victorious, outbidding the first-grade forces and capturingt he attention of all present.

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As the applause died down, the auctioneer moved on to the 26th item—a pair of exquisite flying swords imbued with lightning elemental powers. The crowd held their breath in anticipation, eager to witness the next round of bidding.

With the acquisition of the ancient talismans, the mysterious cultivator's aura seemed to grow even more enigmatic and formidable. The crowd eagerly awaited the unveiling of the next item, eager to witness the unfolding of this captivating drama.

The auctioneer, with a knowing smile, revealed the 26th item—a rare elixir known as the Essence of Heavenly Restoration. The elixir possessed incredible healing properties, capable of mending even the gravest of injuries and revitalizing one's cultivation potential.

The first-grade forces, still reeling from their previous encounters with the mysterious cultivator, exchanged glances, silently acknowledging that this item might be their best chance to secure a valuable resource. They steeled themselves for the upcoming bidding war, determined not to be outdone again.

The Azure Flame Sect, driven by their desire to bolster their healing techniques, initiated the bidding with an ambitious offer of 40,000 soul coins. Their bid reflected their determination to acquire the elixir and strengthen their position in the cultivation world.

The Moonshadow Pavilion, recognizing the elixir's potential to aid in their covert operations, promptly countered with a bid of 42,000 soul coins. Their disciples understood the strategic advantage the Essence of Heavenly Restoration could provide, making them more formidable adversaries.

Not to be overshadowed, the Earthbreakers Clan, valuing the elixir's healing properties to fortify their physical might, raised the bid to 45,000 soul coins. They sought to leverage the elixir's potency to further enhance their earth-based cultivation techniques.

The mysterious cultivator, his presence commanding and unwavering, calmly raised his hand. "I bid 46,000 soul coins," he declared, his voice carrying an air of confidence.

The room erupted in astonishment and murmurs once again. The bid from the mysterious cultivator had far exceeded the expectations of the first-grade forces. Whispers filled the air as the cultivators marveled at his seemingly endless wealth and determination.

Elara and Lyra watched in awe, their curiosity piqued by the mysterious cultivator's actions. It was becoming increasingly clear that he possessed resources almost the same as them three.

"I can't fathom how he can still afford such high bids," Elara whispered, her voice tinged with a mix of admiration and intrigue.

Lyra's eyes narrowed as she studied the mysterious cultivator. "There's more to him than meets the eye. We must be cautious and tread carefully," she cautioned, her voice filled with a hint of wariness.

The bidding continued, but this time the first-grade forces were determined not to be outbid by the mysterious cultivator. They understood the importance of the Essence of Heavenly Restoration and the advantages it could bring to their respective sects.

The Azure Flame Sect's representative took a deep breath and raised the bid to 47,000 soul coins, their determination shining through. They envisioned the elixir as a means to strengthen their healing techniques and solidify their position as a force to be reckoned with in the cultivation world.

The Moonshadow Pavilion, refusing to back down, countered with a bid of 48,000 soul coins. Their disciples recognized the elixir's potential to aid in their covert operations, granting them an edge in their shadowy endeavors.

The Earthbreakers Clan, known for their unyielding nature, increased the bid to 49,000 soul coins. They saw the elixir as an opportunity to bolster their physical might and resilience, further grounding their connection to the earth.

The mysterious cultivator, however, decided not to raise the bid any further. He had reached his limit at 46,000 soul coins and observed silently as the first-grade forces battled it out amongst themselves.

The auctioneer, sensing the tension and anticipation in the room, announced, "Sold to the Azure Flame Sect for 49,000 soul coins!"

Applause mixed with disappointment echoed through the hall. The Azure Flame Sect's representative stepped forward, a mixture of relief and satisfaction evident on his face as he claimed the Essence of Heavenly Restoration for his sect.

As the room calmed down, the auctioneer proceeded to present the 27th item—a set of rare cultivation manuals that held profound insights into the mysteries of the elemental arts. The crowd leaned forward, eager to catch a glimpse of the treasures that lay before them.

Once again, the first-grade forces prepared themselves for the bidding war, each sect eyeing the cultivation manuals as a means to enhance their elemental techniques and elevate their cultivation to new heights.

The Moonshadow Pavilion, masters of stealth and illusion, countered swiftly with a bid of 37,000 soul coins. They recognized the value of the cultivation manuals in refining their control over shadows and enhancing their covert techniques.

The Earthbreakers Clan, renowned for their earth-based cultivation arts, entered the fray with a confident bid of 40,000 soul coins. They envisioned the cultivation manuals as a means to deepen their connection to the earth and further amplify their formidable physical prowess.

Once again, the mysterious cultivator chose not to participate, content with his current resources. He observed with an inscrutable expression as the first-grade forces battled it out for the cultivation manuals.

In the end, it was the Earthbreakers Clan that emerged victorious, securing the cultivation manuals for 40,000 soul coins. The room erupted in a mix of applause and murmurs, acknowledging the Earthbreakers Clan's dedication to their elemental arts.

The auction continued, unveiling the 28th items—a rare spiritual herb known as the Starfire Orchid.

The Starfire Orchid, a rare and coveted spiritual herb, was the 28th item unveiled at the auction. Its delicate petals shimmered with a mesmerizing hue, resembling the fiery glow of a star. The herb emanated a subtle, ethereal fragrance that invigorated the senses of all who were fortunate enough to catch a whiff.

The auctioneer, her voice filled with excitement, began to describe the herb's extraordinary properties. "Ladies and gentlemen, behold the Starfire Orchid, a botanical marvel known for its profound cultivation benefits. This herb possesses a unique affinity for fire elemental cultivation, making it a treasure sought after by many fire-aligned sects and cultivators."

She continued, her words captivating the audience. "The Starfire Orchid is renowned for its ability to enhance the practitioner's fire-based techniques, bestowing greater power and control over flames. Its consumption allows one to absorb the essence of fire, refining their spiritual energy and accelerating their cultivation progress."

Whispers of intrigue and anticipation spread throughout the crowd as they contemplated the herb's potential applications. The first-grade forces, well aware of the Starfire Orchid's value, locked eyes with determination, each sect plotting their strategies to secure this precious resource.

Not to be outdone, the Moonshadow Pavilion, recognizing the herb's potential to amplify their illusionary fire arts, raised the bid to 38,000 soul coins. They understood that the Starfire Orchid could grant them an even greater mastery over their shadowy flames, allowing for deceptive and devastating attacks.

The Earthbreakers Clan, known for their affinity with earth elemental techniques, saw an opportunity to diversify their cultivation. They joined the bidding with a confident bid of 40,000 soul coins, envisioning the herb as a catalyst to explore the intricate balance between fire and earth energies, unlocking new paths in their cultivation journey.

As the bidding escalated, two new first-grade forces entered the fray, eager to secure the Starfire Orchid for themselves.

The Crimson Phoenix Sect, a prestigious sect known for their mastery of fire elemental techniques, stepped forward with a bid of 42,000 soul coins. Their cultivators yearned for the herb's power to intensify their flames, hoping to rise to even greater heights in the cultivation world.

The Azure Frost Sect, a rising force specializing in frost-based cultivation, matched the bid with equal determination. They recognized the Starfire Orchid's potential to complement their ice and frost techniques, envisioning a fusion of fire and frost that could bring about an unparalleled harmony and strength.

The Moonshadow Pavilion, unfazed by the new competitors, swiftly raised the bid to 44,000 soul coins. They understood the herb's ability to enhance their illusionary fire arts and create illusory flames that deceived the senses, making them formidable adversaries in battle.

The Earthbreakers Clan, unyielding as ever, countered with a bid of 46,000 soul coins. They sought to delve deeper into the delicate equilibrium between fire and earth energies, utilizing the Starfire Orchid's essence to forge an unbreakable connection between the two elements.

The mysterious cultivator, still observing silently, contemplated the herb's potential but chose not to participate in the bidding this time. His reasons remained shrouded in mystery, adding to the intrigue surrounding his true identity.

The auctioneer, sensing that no one wanted to bid more, raised her voice. "Going once, going twice..." she paused, the room hushed in anticipation. "Sold to the Earthbreakers Clan for 46,000 soul coins!"