

Ascension of the Sylvan Cosmos.

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A week had gone by since the Rose Fairies had arrived. During this time, Liu Shu had been focusing on using her <Nature's Gift> skill, slowly making it part of her natural cycle.

While a week was not much time, Liu Shu could now spare some time for other things. Her Aether Mana and Anima Energy were always kept at more than 95%. Moreover, with such consumption, Liu Shu could nourish the 200 berries with ease, leaving even some hours a day where she was at 100% energy.

At those times, Liu Shu practiced her other skills. One that had been too complicated to use was <Enchanted Growth>. Unlike her [Passive Skills], her [Talents] weren't instinctual at all. They needed conscious practice to be used.

<Enchanted Growth> was a powerful E+ Rank skill, so the complexity of use was leagues above <Nature's Gift>, <Willow Strike>, or <Willow Strike Barrage>.

Once she tried to use it to accelerate the growth of the plants around her, she felt as if her soul was about to be drained from her roots. She had realized that the skill, with her current proficiency of use, needed at least 100 points of Aether Mana and Anima Energy per second.

In short, for now, it was unusable.

Other than that, her gains were quite good. In the seven days Liu Shu spent with the fairies, she gained many things in addition to improving her quality of life.

First of all, the fairies took care of her and even groomed her, making her feel extremely happy every day. They cleaned anything that got stuck in her trunk, took care of the minor harmful bugs that Liu Shu could do nothing about, and mixed things Liu Shu didn't know about on the earth, which made it tastier!

Her roots near her trunk were always wriggling in happiness at the savory earth that surrounded her.

Other than that, Liu Shu was always expectant of the morning because the biggest fairy, Flor, would come and dance around her, leaving a trail of red dust that was even tastier

than the earth and felt tremendously good. Moreover, each time, Liu Shu would gain 10 Experience Points.

So, just from that, Liu Shu had gathered 70 Experience Points! Then, thanks to her Energy Gathering Method, she gained 14 additional Experience Points.

That wasn't all.

There were a few fairies patrolling her surroundings, and when one creature approached, Liu Shu curiously saw all the fairies flying into the trees, leaving her alone.

At those moments, because her *<World Tree Eye>* couldn't reach as far as normal eyesight, Liu Shu would become confused. 'Why do they leave me alone?'

Of course, she couldn't ask, and she could also feel a few of them hiding in the canopy of nearby trees. With her improved 40-meter radius 360 degrees vision, she could see the closest trees.

Of course, the beings that approached were varied: plant creatures, animal creatures, flying beings, small rodents that wanted to burrow in her roots, and many other tiny beings. All of them were Level 5 and below.

There was a change, though. All Level 1 and Level 0 beings had stopped bothering her when she used her aura as intimidation.

For the rest, Level 2 and 3 creatures that she killed gave just 1 Experience Point, Level 4 creatures gave 2 EXP, and Level 5 creatures gave 4 EXP.

Because of her growth and increase in her aura, adding to the increase in the level of her *<Charm of the Seedling>* skill because of the constant visit from the fairies, she attracted exponentially more beings as the day passed.

Those who didn't attack her began living in the surroundings, slowly creating an ecosystem.

Those who attacked her... Well, they were all whacked to death by her branches.

Remember that Liu Shu had 25 Physique Points. How much was that?

An average creature with Physique as their main stat at the F+ Rank needed to be Level 9 to have an average of 21 Physique Points.

So, while she was Level 2, she had stats similar to a Level 9 creature. Moreover, if you look at her numbers, she had high numbers for all her stats. This was not common, as other beings had one stat much higher than the others. Still, be it her Aether, Willpower,

Physique, or Anima, all of them were close to specialized creatures at Level 9 of the F+ Rank.

In short, any being at level 5 or below who attacked her was doing nothing but throwing their life away to feed our Liu Shu Experience Points.

Liu Shu calmly listened to Clavel speak as the fairy took one of her branches and slowly applied a strange paste to it. "Little one, do you like it here?"

Liu Shu groaned in her mind as the tiny hands gently applied whatever Clavel was using. 'It feels so nice~.'

Clavel felt happy feelings coming from Liu Shu, and her eyes curved in a crescent as she smiled. "That's good." Then, Clavel moved up the branch and slowly moved toward the root. She was careful not to touch the leaves to avoid damaging them.

The thing she was using was a mix of natural oils created to moisturize the bark of trees. As Clavel moved toward the main trunk and started moving downward, her eyes couldn't help but linger on the two apparent bulges three-quarters up on the trunk. 'Hm? Are they getting bigger, or is my mind playing tricks on me?'

Clavel curiously touched them and squeezed. 'Huh? What? It's softer than the other bark-'

Suddenly, her hand was slapped by a branch. Clavel hissed, looking at the tree with a puzzled expression. "What's wrong, little one?"

Meanwhile, Liu Shu's mind was a bit chaotic. 'W-What was that feeling?'

Liu Shu didn't feel much when Clavel touched that part of her trunk. It was similar to the rest of her body. However, the moment Clavel started fondling and pressing, Liu Shu felt her mind go blank for a second as an unknown sensation flooded her mind.

Out of fear for the new sensation, she instantly attacked whatever was touching her. Thankfully, she didn't hit Clavel with all her might, or her hand would've been more than red.

Feeling guilty, Liu Shu looked at Clavel and thought about how to compensate her.

Clavel, on the other hand, was confused and asked softly. "What's wrong, Little one? Did I press too hard? Hm... Let's use our communication method, okay?"

During this week, the fairies realized that the level of sentience in Liu Shu was extraordinarily high for a tree. Therefore, they created a yes and no answer method.

If the answer was no, Liu Shu would release her Aether Mana Aura. If it were a yes, she would release her Anima Energy Aura.

This allowed for simple communication between them and also pushed Liu Shu to practice "thought" and Aether Mana and Anima Energy control.

Liu Shu remembered what they had explained in the past, so after a few minutes of digesting Clavel's words, she released her Anima Energy Aura to answer yes.

For the fairies, it would be a lie to say that it wasn't tedious to communicate with the slow-thinking tree. After all, sometimes they would have to wait even hours to receive a yes or a no.

By the way, it was with this method that the Fairies learned that Liu Shu already had a name. Of course, with their method, they couldn't really know which name she had. After all, while Liu Shu could understand speech thanks to her most powerful SSS Rank skill, reading and writing were still not possible.

Even if she had the ability to use the SSS Rank passive, she couldn't fully utilize those skills with her current level of strength. It was like using a cup to take water out of a clean lake.

The water she took could be drunk, but if you spoke about using the entire lake at once, it was impossible. So, for now, she had the ability to understand all kinds of speech but nothing further than that.

Clavel began asking. "Did you like it when I touched you?"

She was actually quite nervous. What if their little one was just being polite by letting them touch her at will, but in truth, she hated it?

Clavel would feel awful if that was the case.

Thankfully for her, a small stream of Anima Energy came her way after five minutes of nerve-wracking wait. Clavel sighed in relief. "That's good, that's good."

Then, Clavel looked at the two bumps on Liu Shu's trunk. Honestly, all the fairies had somewhat realized that Liu Shu, even as a tree, somewhat resembled the body of a female.

However, trees grew in all kinds of shapes, and coincidences as such were not that uncommon. Moreover, it was common sense that all trees were female, so the fact that some adopted semi-humanoid shapes was taken as the tree's femininity shaping their trunks.

What the Rose Fairies didn't know about was that trees could feel pleasure, not common pleasure like the one Liu Shu exhibited when eating, but sexual pleasure.

Trees developed by themselves and didn't need a mate to produce seeds. They could produce them easily and spread them around, using the earth as fertilizer to reproduce.

The way they evolved happened during the life of the tree. Unlike humans, who combined the gene pools of two people to create a completely new life, trees subconsciously changed their own genes during their long lives, and the seeds they spread around would then blossom with those new traits.

This was also why flora was everywhere, including volcanic regions. Trees in those areas had slowly evolved to not only resist fire but also feed on it.

Naturally, this didn't mean that trees couldn't reproduce sexually. If not, Sylvans wouldn't exist. But this was something that will be explored later quite... in depth.

Clavel, who didn't know that she had just pressed on one of Liu Shu's erogenous points, asked confusedly. "Did you slap my hand because you felt uncomfortable?"

Liu Shu began thinking about it. 'Uncomfortable? Hm... It was definitely strange. But, it wasn't uncomfortable.'

After mulling over it, she decided to answer "no."

Clavel tilted her head, feeling confused. 'Why did she slap my hand otherwise?'

Aster, her friend, came and saw Clavel looking at Liu Shu confusedly. "What's wrong, Clavel?"

Clavel turned her head and commented. "Oh, Aster. Well, you see..."

Aster listened and also became confused. She commented. "How about you finish spreading the paste first? Look at her."

Clavel looked and saw that only the upper part had a transparent, slimy substance. She commented. "Help me with it, Aster."

Aster had no problems with that, and both fairies got to work. Their hands descended, and they carefully looked at Liu Shu when they approached the waist area. After all, Clavel and Aster could guess that Liu Shu reacted when Clavel touched the "breast-looking" area on the trunk.

So, this time, they were extremely careful when applying the natural paste.

Liu Shu looked at them with curiosity, but the feeling was as usual because of their carefulness. 'Strange... What happened back then?'

Although she was confused, she didn't mull over it for long. A Level 5 Fairy approached and commented. "There is a small group of [Earth Carving Hare] coming this way. Our little one has probably attracted them."

Clavel and Aster were already done with the paste, so they flew upward. Clavel smiled. "Have fun, little one."

Liu Shu looked at how the fairies went into the canopies, leaving her alone, and mentally sighed. 'Are any other little friends approaching? Or are they the bad little friends?'

Her *<World Tree Eye>* extended to its maximum range, and soon, she saw a group of yellowish quadrupedal fluff balls hopping her way.

Looking at them closely, she saw that there were six creatures, three of them Level 3, two of them Level 4, and one of them Level 5.

Liu Shu observed them as she saw their noses twitching and approaching her. Naturally, she didn't react wrongly. It was not that she disliked creatures approaching her; it was just when they had bad intentions or treated her as prey.

So, as the five hares hopped closer and sniffed the ground, Liu Shu looked at them curiously. 'I've never seen this kind of little friend.'

She looked at their stats page, just to be sure, and saw nothing menacing or wrong with them.

The leading hare tilted her head, its ears straightening as it suddenly looked around alertly.

However, Liu Shu didn't find it strange as her senses also picked up something.

Danger. Extreme danger that she had never felt before.

Then, from the edge of her senses, a being shot at tremendous speed, like a predator, and arrived in front of the five hares.

Naturally, the five small animals tried to dodge and run, their speed extremely quick for their level.

However, it was useless, and Liu Shu knew it. The reason? The message that popped in front of her.

[<Charm of the Seedling> has attracted a <Thornstride Level 11>. Proficiency increased by 110.]

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Chapter 12. Frrorar the Thronstride Chief.

[<Charm of the Seedling> has attracted a <Thornstride Level 11>. Proficiency increased by 110.]

'Huh?'

Once she read that message, all her usual activities stopped as she focused her every cell into her perception.

Then, a semi-bipedal creature shot from the bushes and landed on the ground where the group of hares was. It looked around and shot in the direction of one of the strongest hares.

With extreme ease, his sharp claw dug into the creature's neck, beheading it. Without looking back for a single instant, he moved quickly toward the Level 4 one, similarly killing it in an instant.

Then, it stopped.

Liu Shu, who had barely managed to follow his movements, was as still as possible, her energy careful not to spread outward and trying to control every inch of her skin.

She knew, from the bottom of her heart, that if that thing attacked her, she had no chance of surviving. 'What is that? It's so different from the other Thornstride I saw in the past.'

The Level 11 Thornstride sniffed the air and tilted its head. "What's this scent?"

Hearing it speak, she was surprised. Until now, all Thornstride she had met were not much more intelligent than any other random beasts she had encountered.

Curious, he looked around, observing the trees with its penetrating gaze. After all, while they fed on other animals, their diet was also filled with trees.

He calmly approached the two hunted prey, picking them up and constantly observing his surroundings.

Liu Shu's relatively small height compared to other trees was quite a life-saver for now, as a scent as enticing as hers would never come from a small tree. "Strange. All the biggest trees here are Level 7 or Level 8... Still, even while faint, I can smell something that should be quite nutritious around here..."

The Thornstride began taking bloody bites out of the corpse, spreading the sound of crunching bones as it masticated the freshly caught hares. "Well, whatever. I was searching for the Rose Fairies... Where was their camp? About a few hours east from here? Or was it north? Tsk. So complicated, why has that boy disappeared for so long?"

While the Thornstride mumbled as it ate, the Rose Fairies in the trees' canopies were extremely tense.

The second it appeared, Clavel's heart almost dropped to the ground. 'We need to call the leader quickly!' She silently jumped from branch to branch, reaching the side of a lithe Rose Fairy. "Zinia, go quickly to find the Leader. You are the fastest of us. If something happens, we'll try to stop him, but we can't do much without Leader Flor being present."

Flor was currently out, leveling by hunting some creatures that harmed the forest. It was something all Rose Fairies did in their spare time as protectors of the forest. However, as a Level 10, the Experience Points she gained from lower-level creatures were quite pitiful, so she did so very rarely. Pollinating Liu Shu and doing other similar activities was much more efficient.

Zinia first moved silently through the branched and then took flight, speeding in the direction Flor left.

Clavel saw the Thornstride killing the two hares and looking around curiously with sharp eyes. 'The second he approaches the Little One, we attack as one.'

With Zinia out, a Level 8 Rose fairy, there was one Level 9, two Level 8, and around nine Level 7 Rose Fairies. Level 6 fairies and below would probably be unable to pierce the defense of a Level 11 Thornstride. Their bark-like skin was tough and durable.

The Thornstride, intending to leave, started to walk in the northeast direction, the direction it thought the Rose Fairies were. Still, Liu Shu, who was north of the Thornstride position, felt as if it was approaching her.

Liu Shu hastily looked at his Status Window to find something that could save her.

Name: Frootar

Titles:

<Tribe Leader>: The Current Leader of the Thornstride Tribe in the [Golden Sap Forest]. All Stats +5.

<Tree Devour>: Gained and evolved after eating 1,000 Trees of Level 5 or above. Damage against Tree beings increased by 15%.

<Territory Owner>: Because of his exceptional strength in the area he resides in, he has gained control of a piece of land. Any creature that steps inside and is weaker than the user will feel intimidated. +5 to all stats while in your territory

Race: Adult Barkskin Thornstride.

Energy Method: ---

Level: 11 [248/5849]

Aether Mana Shards: 2985/3075

Phoer Body Shards: 8074/8074

Anima Energy Shards: 4609/4624

Attributes: Aether 26 (15+11), Physique 63 (41+22), Anima 48 (23+15), Willpower 49 (44+5), Destiny 27 (22+5)

Affinity Percentage: Aether Resonance (7.5), Physique Refinement (16.5), Anima Affinity (10.6)

Resistance Percentage: Aether Resistance (11), Physique Resistance (15), Spiritual Resistance (12), Mental Resistance (13)

Talents:

<Thorn Chomp (F+ rank level 2)>: Bite a tree and decrease its physical resistance by 20%.

<Stride Slash (F+ Rank Level MAX)>: Slash with the powerful claws. Ignore 15% defense if it is a Tree.

<Swift stride (F Rank Level 4)>: Use your powerful hind leg muscles and coat them in Aether Mana, making a quick dash.

<Tribe roar (F Rank Level 1)>: Use your presence and Anima Energy as a Tribe Leader to roar and enhance all their and your attributes by 5% for 5 minutes.

Passive Skills:

<Acute Nose (F+ Rank level MAX)>: Your nose is 6 times stronger than usual. You can catch the scent of creatures that would boost your strength if they are six levels lower than you.

<Bark Skin (F+ Rank Level 1)>: Your skin is tough and resistant to slash and piercing damage. Attacks below a certain threshold do nothing to you. Reduce those two damage types by 15%.

<Bipedal Thornstride (F Rank Level 2)>: You gained this skill after reaching Level 10 and before the age of 35. For a creature with 45 Years of Lifespan, you can be considered a successful adult, allowing you to have a semi-evolution and gain a bipedal form. Your children will have a higher chance of being successful adults. However, your fertility with undeveloped females has fallen drastically.

Accumulated Experience: 0

After Liu Shu looked at his Status Window, she became even stiller. Her entire body assimilated with the nature around her, looking like any other tree.

'I can't win.'

Of course, for someone at Froorar's level, a small tree such as Liu Shu was completely ignored. Froorar, aiming northeast from his position, started gathering Aether Mana on his powerful hind legs to flash into the forest and try to find the Rose Fairies.

However, neither she nor the Rose fairies had any way of knowing that.

Therefore, when he started walking in Liu Shu's direction and looked ready to pounce, Clavel and the other Rose Fairies became nervous and came forward. After all, with their speed, it would be too late to decide after Froorar shot forward. His speed was too fast.

Amapola, the Level 9 Rose Fairy, took the lead. "Attack!"

Froorar's pupils shrunk when he felt dozens of wind blades shooting toward him. Using his about-to-complete skill, *<Swift Stride>*, his body flashed forward as he dodged everything coming his way.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Several attacks landed where he previously was, leaving deep traces on the earth.

Froorar looked around with his lizard-like head, and his stiff lips arched, cracking in a few places. "I don't know how you knew I was here, but this makes things easier. Tell me, Rose Fairies, where is my son?"

Let's turn back the clock to two days ago.

About 20 kilometers south of where Liu Shu was, Froorar was frowning, sitting on a wooden chair.

Well, more than a chair, it was a tree stump carved to have enough space for him to sit. His body was tall, nearly reaching 2 meters in height, and while he could walk in a bipedal way, his form leaned more toward quadrupedal movement.

While some would say that he was humanoid, in truth, he was just bigger than other Thornstrides and had longer and stronger hind legs to support his body.

His skin was rough like a tree's bark, and his hands and feet were lizard-like, with long claws. Especially the middle claw of his four fingers, which had a sharp and stiff look that gleamed with the Sun.

Other than that, the most prominent characteristic was his elongated face, which made him look as if he had a lizard's face and a thick tail that dragged on the ground.

A quadrupedal Thornstride, who was snuggled by his side, asked, lifting her face. "What's wrong, Tribe Leader?"

Thornstrides that were weaker than Level 7 could barely talk a few words, but communicating with each other was possible.

Froorar asked. "Any news about Fraar? He has been missing for a while already. Didn't he say that he would be back after two sunrises? It's been many since he left."

A male Thornstride chomping at a fallen tree spoke in a hissing and raspy voice. "We've sent a few warriors to find out about him."

The Thornstride that was snuggling by Frootar's side, looking thinner and with softer edges all around, spoke in a higher-pitched hissing voice. "We must find my child!"

Frootar looked at the female Thornstride with a frown. "If he died outside, it's his fault. We'll just have to create another batch of eggs."

The lizard blinked, and her expression changed. For a human, it would look strange, as if she was strained or something, but it was supposed to be a "shy" look. "Yes, leader."

She was the second-highest-level female of the clan, with the first being more independent and rarely grouping with the tribe, so she was Frootar's primary mate. This was an extremely good advantage since she could eat and live almost as she pleased.

Because Frootar had been raising Fraar to become his successor, she had been ignored for a while, but now that he needed another child, it was normal for him to come to her again. While it was true that losing her child was sad, Fraar was the only male child, so as long as she managed to give birth to another one, her position would remain fixed.

Parent-child love naturally existed, but Fraar was not a very good seedling other than having good genes. He lacked intelligence and sharpness and was very impulsive.

If he weren't one of Frootar's only two children, he wouldn't even be considered by Frootar.

Meanwhile, another female lizard at his side frowned. "Father, why can't I be the future chief?"

While this one was relatively young, she was an astounding Level 9 Thornstride. Her father looked at her and shook his head. "I've never heard of a female that can break the limit and become a level 10. I told you before that unless you can reach Level 10, the chief's position must be held by a male."

The female beast hissed and slapped a log at the side with her tail, creating a loud bang and making it roll. Then, she walked off with a huff into the forest, leaving one sentence behind. "I'll show you, then."

Frootar looked at her, departing back and internally. 'It's not that I don't want to, but the other males will try to make you surrender to steal the chief position unless you are strong enough...'

He knew that if he announced his daughter as his successor, there would be many who would start courting her in earnest. Power was attractive because of the titles that you gained after becoming the chief.

Froorar didn't want to place such a burden on his daughter and create a situation where the clan could be divided in an internal strife.

After reaching Level 10, the intelligence of creatures did a qualitative jump.

It wasn't too big of a jump, and Froorar was far from comparing to any creature that was born humanoid from birth, but it was enough that he could think of some of these things when the rest were, quite literally, instinct-driven and impulsive beasts.

Of course, they were different from common, mindless beasts, but they were not even close to being as developed as the sapient races like humans or Sylvans.

The line that divided wild creatures and intelligent creatures was quite blurred, which was the origin of the multiple conflicts that constantly happened all around the world.

Froorar thought deeply about Fraar's disappearance; in his opinion, the ones who should be able to endanger Fraar knew that he was his child, so unless he did something stupid, they would not kill him.

Other than that, being at Level 7 and having quite a few advantages since birth, he was quite a strong being to die in the forest randomly.

'A new arrival? Perhaps a group has finally decided to move in the offensive? Or did outsiders come?'

Outsiders referred to creatures from outside the forest who came occasionally. Froorar had met a few, and he had to escape more than once.

Without being able to reach any answers with his limited intelligence, he decided to take a look personally. While that son of his was not very bright, his instincts were always top-notch. He wouldn't provoke something he can't win against.

The only option that remained in his mind was that he had been purposely killed by one of the other tribes if it was not something done by outsiders. 'Well, it's been a while since I left. Rose Fairies, River Beavers, Fire Ants, and Myconids... Who should I visit first to ask about it?'

Of course, his thought was "asking," but his body spread an aura of wanting to do a little more than just asking.

The female Thornstride approached and rubbed on his leg. "C-Chief, can we...?"

The man shook his head and leaned down to pat her head. "Mating comes later. I need to check what happened."

Then, with a powerful jump, he disappeared into the forest.

Chapter 13. Fire Ants and Experience Points Explanation.

In another part of the forest, in a deep cave not too far away from Liu Shu, a seductive woman lay on a bed made from leaves, branches, and a handcrafted sheet to insulate her from the cold, rocky floor.

In addition, about twenty bugs the size of a large dog crawled around and carried mashed food in oval shapes, stacking it probably for the woman to eat later. All these insects had six legs, a large thorax, and a pair of large and powerful mandibles.

They were ants.

The seductive woman was also not very human-like. While she was the shape of a human woman, she had compound eyes and a pair of long antennae sticking from her forehead. Inside her mouth, there were a set of powerful teeth and fangs.

Her body was the size of an average female, and the dress she wore had a reddish texture and also looked like many layered carapaces. This dress was also opened on the back, allowing for her own extra appendage to stick outside.

It was an extremely thick and large thorax attached to where her tailbone would be.

The color of the carapace matched her eyes and hair, a beautiful red color.

She was the <Fire Ant Queen>.

After resting for a few hours, the Ant Queen woke up. Her compound eyes didn't have eyelids, as they were attached to her face, so the first thing she did to wake up was soak her face in water, cleaning the accumulated dirt that impeded her vision.

Looking around at her little children moving, she sighed, looking a bit bored. 'Another uneventful day.'

When her children saw that she was awake, a few of the youngest approached and began crawling all over her. This made the bored Ant Queen smile, and she used her clawed hands to pet them. "Good morning, my children."

While she spoke with sound, her antennae similarly secreted pheromones to communicate with the least developed children.

After she crossed the Level 10 boundary, there were almost no challenges left in the forest. It was not easy protecting her ant colony until she went from a <Level Nine Fire Ant Queen> to a <Level Ten Fire Ant Queen>.

However, after finally crossing that boundary and gaining a humanoid body, there were almost no creatures in Golden Sap Forest who even dared attack her nest.

Therefore, the Ant Queen focused on increasing her proficiency in her skills, especially her egg-laying capacities. It had been a few years since she started this routine. By now, she had a few skills at the max level and was ready to be upgraded to the next tier, but she lacked comprehension and experience points.

While breaking through the tier could be said to be as simple as using experience points, that was not entirely the case for non-World Tree creatures. First, one needed to understand the skill's essence, and then one needed to study how to improve it.

That's why many beasts who were born with F Rank skills were stuck in this rank generation after generation. Reaching an F+ Rank from an F- Rank was not difficult; it was a matter of time, but evolving it to an E- Rank was the complicated part.

The reason creatures became human-like as they increased levels and gained intelligence was exactly this.

A creature without intelligence would never be able to overcome the limits set by their birth. But, on the off-chance that one creature from that species was born intelligent enough and managed to increase enough levels, they would eventually develop their species toward a new place.

The current strongest beings were creatures of the past whose ancestors managed to consecutively break through these limits.

Meanwhile, as the little darlings of the Universe, World Trees just needed to spend experience since their birth was somewhat connected with the energy around them. This allowed all World Trees to understand what to do to increase tiers, levels, etc.

The only thing holding back World Trees was, first, their immobile nature.

Second, some creatures actively hunted them and gave a lot of experience points when they died.

Third, the struggle they had to go through to reach a state of maturity. Many died before they could spread their roots or gain offensive skills to defend themselves. Moreover, while defensive skills were normal to develop in World Trees, World Trees that could develop offensive skills early on were extremely rare.

And finally, their slow growth and inability to gain too many experience points.

The higher a creature's tier, the more experience it needed to cross levels. World Trees were naturally born with high tiers, which made it impossible for them to gain as many Experience Points as other beings during combat and with many other sources.

Creatures in the past have tried to "force-feed" prey to World Trees they adored by offering sacrifices and such. But the System was fair and somewhat sentient.

Growth needed to be natural, and trying to circumvent the rules never ended in a positive outcome. If one wanted to get stronger, then one needed to, well, "experience" things. That's why they were called "Experience Points."

Meanwhile, the rest of the creatures needed more than just experience. They needed to understand the skill, how it worked, and what kind of path the skill could follow to become stronger.

For example, one of the Queen's abilities before it reached F+ rank was <Fire Spit (F Rank)>. After she maxed out this attack skill, she used her knowledge in Fire Aether Mana to make it break through into <Fireball (F+ Rank)>.

This already set up the skill to become E Rank because of the large change in the nature of the skill. The Ant Queen managed to do so after becoming humanoid. She felt that her glands were not enough to produce as much attacking spit, so she transformed the skill.

As with everything, it was not always necessary to do this kind of change, as some skills with higher potential could break through with just experience. However, for most skills, one must understand and then tier up.

These nuances to the system that creatures understood instinctively were also why most creatures didn't go on a slaughter, killing everything in sight to level up their things. A creature needed as much comprehension as it needed experience points.

One without the other amounted to nothing.

The Fire Ant Queen ate the food prepared for her by her ant workers when she suddenly heard a loud explosion outside her nest. 'Oh? A visitor?'

Her antennae twitched, and a smile spread on her lips. However, as she prepared to climb to the surface, she felt the death of some of her high-level fighter children, which made her smile disappear as cold rage burned in her compound red eyes.

At her maximum speed, the Ant Queen moved and flashed through the complicated tunnels, reaching the nest's entrance in just a few seconds. She was followed by hundreds of ants that flooded outward like a brown tide.

When she arrived outside, she could see a few injured ants surrounding a tall, burly half-man, half-lizard. And further outside, she could see one of her Level 7 children with her head missing.

Her compound eyes took everything in as her sight finally fell onto the lizard-like creature with bark-like skin. "Ho, ho? I didn't expect Frootar to come to my humble nest. To what pleasure do I owe your visit? Was it fun to slaughter one of my children?"

The man frowned, feeling the killing intent radiating from the Ant Queen, and looked at her deeply. "Ignatia, do you have anything to do with Fraar's disappearance?"

Ignatia, the Ant Queen, showed an honest, confused expression. "What are you talking about?"

Frootar nodded. "It's not the Myconids, it's not the River Beavers, and it is not you either... Did the Rose Fairies take action?"

Ignatia frowned when she saw Frootar turn around to leave. She spoke chillingly. "Hey, do you think this is your nest? You came, injured my children, killed one of them, and now you want to leave?"

Frootar stopped and looked back menacingly. "I killed it because it was getting annoying. I didn't have any intentions of killing any of them, so what's the problem?"

Ignatia's lips split into a murderous grin far larger than a human's anatomy would ever be able to make. "Do you think that you are invincible because you've reached Level 11?"

Frootar stomped the ground, making it crack, and smiled coldly. "I do think I am. What can you do about it? Go ahead if you want to challenge me and lose half your colony. I could do some roasted ant-meat for dinner."

Ignatia's hair flowed as Aether Mana and Anima Energy gathered around her. Frootar's face changed when he realized something, and he became serious. "You are also Level 11?"

Ignatia looked at him coldly, but after a few seconds, she snorted and dispelled her energies. "Leave. Next time, call me before you hurt my children, or I'll visit your nest with them so that they have a feast. This is my last warning, Frootar: If I hear that any of my children have died at the hands of any of your people, I won't rest until your species has been eliminated from the Golden Sap Forest!"

Frootar squinted, but he didn't say anything. He knew that Ignatia's ant army easily crossed a thousand units. Even if they were generally weaker than Thornstrides, their innate ability to spit inflammable substances and work as one could literally drown a stronger creature in a fire.

Froorar killed that Level 7 Ant because it went crazy and attacked him. If not, as he did with the rest, he would've just injured them. Moreover, he also had confidence in her Level of advantage. But now that he knew that Ignatia had caught up with him, he became cautious.

In short, provoking the Ant Queen wasn't worth it. After giving her one last look, Froorar turned around and entered the forest again.

Ignatia looked at his disappearing figure and got thoughtful as she approached her dead child. 'Something happened to Fraar?'

Her lips arched, and she ordered, her compound eyes gleaming with interest. "Scouts, search around the area for clues of what is happening. Focus in the east area."

A few dozen black and green ants scurried out of the nest and entered the forest, perfectly camouflaging with their surroundings.

Ignatia smiled and sashayed her wide hips away, the large ant appendage swaying behind her. "it seems that the stale forest is about to become fun again. My colony will thrive in war and grow."

Then, Ignatia calmly entered her nest and went to the nursery. She saw a few empty spots where there weren't any larvae or pupae and moved her ant appendage.

Ignatia squinted and smiled in pleasure as she placed 20 new <Soldier Ant Eggs>. 'Ah, so refreshing~.'

[You've gained 8 Experience Points after laying 10x <F- Rank Fire Ant Soldier Egg>, 7x <F Rank Fire Ant Soldier Egg>, 2x <F+ Rank Fire Ant Soldier Egg>, and 1x <F+ Rank Fire Ant Warrior Egg>.]

Ignatia tilted her head. 'Warrior? Lucky~, three of my children are in F+ ranks today! Moreover, one of them is a very rare warrior! One of those can fight against three normal F+ Soldiers~.'

She patted those three eggs lovingly with a happy smile and kissed the Warrior egg. Then, she returned to her room and lay back on her comfortable bed, starting to eat the accumulated food so that she could lay more eggs tomorrow.

'I wonder what interesting things will my children find?'

Chapter 14. Froorar's Might.

"Tell me, Rose Fairies, where is my son?"

After the Thornstride leader asked that question, nobody answered. All of them looked at him with wary eyes as they prepared for a battle of endurance until Flor arrived.

Even if the odds were 12 against 1, the fairies would not have much of an advantage. Even the strongest Amapola had these values as her ternary essences.

Aether Mana: 2174/2174

Phoer: 675/675

Anima: 990/990

If we then added her primary attribute, Aether, which is 21 points, it would not have been nearly enough to fight the Level 11 powerhouse.

Amapola, as the strongest, took the lead in the conversation.

"Tribe Leader Foorar, we know nothing about your child. Leave this place before our leader, Flor, arrives."

Foorar squinted, his vertical pupils thinning. "Amapola, you should already know that the little group you have gathered is not nearly strong enough to fight me."

Amapola spoke indifferently. "Remember what's our advantage. If we go into an all-out war, you might end up as the last Thornstride alive. We might be unable to kill you, but the rest are easy prey for us. We've maintained peace for more than four generations. Do you really want to break the peace our ancestors worked hard to bring to the Golden Sap Forest?"

Foorar laughed in mockery, his throat making strange noises. "Peace is what made our Forest weaken to this extent. The nature of the world is to fight. If not, why would the ancestral voice make us stronger through slaughter."

Amapola's face twisted, her red hair blowing with the Astral Wind. "YOU DARE!? The system promulgates peace through nature's many resources to increase our strength! Strength is to protect nature, not to raze it to the ground! You all would disappear from existence without the protection Nature gives you, and yet, you are ignorant enough to not only not protect but EAT trees!"

Amapola wanted to keep berating, but Foorar lifted one of his feet and stomped it down.

BANG!

Liu Shu internally grunted as the shockwave traveled through the earth and hit her roots and core like a maze.

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Froorar was not too far away from Liu Shu's current position. That's why it damaged her slightly. However, her body quickly healed this kind of damage.

Froorar growled. "Amapola, do I look like I came here to listen to your ramblings!? Tell me where my child is, and I'll leave your pathetic tree-hugging race live!"

Amapola raised an eyebrow. "Is that supposed to be an insult? Chief Froorar, as I said at first, we know nothing about where your child went."

Froorar snorted, looking around with curiosity at the gathered Rose fairies. "However, how did you find me? Moreover, almost all of you are around." He smiled coldly, the stiff lips arching. "Did I come here leaving plenty of hints? Why could you follow me or even find me so soon?"

Amapola frowned. "Did you think we would answer?"

Froorar sneered. "No. But, even though I won't kill you yet, I can have some fun."

Right after he said that Amapola's face dropped. "Attack!"

All twelve fairies moved into action and separated, quickly flying in different directions with the use of their Wind Aether mastery.

However, Froorar was Level 11.

Not only has he breached the Level 10 threshold, he has even increased a level after that.

Before some of the fairies could even react, Froorar shot forward at tremendous speed, jumping and quickly barreling toward one of the Level 7 fairies.

The sound of bones breaking filled the forest while the small, 20-centimeter-tall fairy blew against a tree several meters away, life and death unknown.

However, because he had to jump, his trajectory was really predictable. As Froorar was about to land, a barrage of wind blades arrived and slashed him all over.

However, the thick defense around him allowed him to tank everything, losing just around 500 Phoer points. He smiled wildly and moved quickly toward the next fairy. "This tickles, Rose Fairies!"

Thankfully, the Rose Fairies had an advantage, and that was that because of their petite bodies and ability to fly, they could circle around him and dodge many of his attacks.

While Froorar didn't fear them, he couldn't jump every time he wanted to take down one of the remaining 11 Fairies. While the first barrage of attacks didn't do that much damage, now he had open wounds that could unexpectedly become a big deal.

After all, the "numbers" of damage are related not to fixed damage done by skills but as a way to quantify vitality and other factors inside the body.

The system exists to show the creatures how strong they are, and not vice versa. Without the system, people would still be able to increase in strength.

Froorar moved quickly, dodging the falling wind blades. In his mind, he was calculating. 'They should not have that much Aether Mana left, right?'

Still, he suddenly saw most of the fairies take out a deep blue-colored berry and eat it, making him blink. "Huh?"

He intently looked at one of them and saw that the Aether Mana had increased by 10 points!

'What are those berries!? Such things exist in the wild?'

Amapola shouted. "Continue to use low-level attacks and use the berries to recover; we just have to hold on for a while longer."

Froorar frowned, looking around for something that he could use, but this place seemed strangely clean and taken care of. 'Was it really a coincidence that we came along with each other?'

While Froorar's nose for unique trees was extraordinary, Liu Shu was many levels below, which helped her hide from him in plain sight.

Liu Shu couldn't really see the entirety of the fight. Her sight was limited to 40 meters, after all. However, her senses other than sight were much more developed compared to humanoids. She could sense the earth, feel the wind, and was aware of some energy changes.

They were immature, but she was slowly developing the senses that a proper World Tree should have.

While they were gauging each other, Froorar suddenly saw one of the fairies approach a tree, and his pupils thinned. With incredible speed, he shot in that direction and then jumped. The fairy was quick to react, moving sideways. However, Froorar's speed was extremely quick, and while he didn't manage to land a solid blow, a significant part of the strength carried by his attack struck the fairy, blowing her away from the strength behind that attack.

Amapola shouted. "Prepare- huh?"

While Amapola was going to order to prepare to attack in his landing spot, Frootar used the tree behind the fairy and smashed onto it, bending the trunk backward slightly and using that like a sling to land on the floor firmly again.

Amapola's face changed. "Be careful with the Trees! Don't get close to them!"

Frootar licked his lips, looking around with predatory eyes and ready to pounce at the slightest chance. 'That first fairy should've died, but I haven't received a notification of her death... How could she survive with such heavy wounds? The second fairy I hit is probably out of combat as well. Sadly, I couldn't catch any of the Level 8 ones or Amapola...'

When Frootar was about to pounce again, a powerful voice was heard from the side. "WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU ARE DOING, FROOTAR!?"

Like a small hurricane, Flor descended, her bright red hair fluttering around as her face warped in anger. The pressure Flor released was even superior to the ten fighting fairies, making her look majestic and noble.

Frootar paused and looked over with a severe face. He could play around with these Level 9 and below beings, but Flor was someone who could kill him if things went south.

"Flor! I'm going to ask you one time. Where is my child!?"

Flor descended right before him, unafraid of his powerful body. Although she was 30 centimeters tall, a doll-like being compared to the almost 2-meter-tall Frootar, her presence was no less impactful.

"Frootar, I've never bothered taking care of your race because you never touched my bottom line. However, if you dare act as you will in my territory, I'm going to slaughter all Thornstrides from the Golden Sap Forest, even if it is the last thing I do!"

Frootar gritted his teeth, looking at the tiny fairy with a dangerous gaze, but then he snorted. "Whatever. I'll be going. It's not worth it fighting all of you over this."

Frootar looked at the surroundings again as if trying to memorize them and then left.

Amapola asked. "Leader Flor, why didn't we attack him as one?"

Flor looked at Amapola and used her hand to chop down at her forehead. "Ouch!"

"Did you forget why we are here? Do you want a full-scale battle to unfold so close to that little thing? Even if it is sturdy, look! She has received damage more than once!"

Amapola rubbed her forehead and looked over, seeing a few leaves falling around it. When Froorar was fighting, he naturally moved all over the place, and moving by Liu Shu's side was a matter of course.

In the aftermath, she lost around 20 Phoer, which is nothing to be worried about, but the fact that she was damaged to this extent was telling of what would happen if they dared fight here.

Flor approached Liu Shu while speaking. "Take care of the injured ones. Use the berries we've accumulated to heal them. They should work really well for deep wounds, as their vitality and healing properties are really powerful."

Then, she caressed the trunk of the tree and smiled. "Don't worry, little one. They are gone. Were you scared?"

Liu Shu's branches swayed as they moved very lightly toward Flor. Flor reached out and caressed them with a smile. "Okay, everything is all right. The bad guy has left."

While Flor didn't know Liu Shu's exact age, she could tell by how she behaved until now that she had an extraordinarily naïve and young mind.

Meanwhile, Liu Shu was looking around, unsure as to how to react. She had never felt this much fear in her short life.

The feeling coming from that Thornstride was extremely palpable. She knew that one wrong move would mean death. And, as a World Tree, while she was a creature connected to the Cycle of Life in an extremely deep level, she also feared Death.

There was an instinct, very deep inside, that told her to survive, no matter the cost, that she needed to continue pushing onward.

Chapter 15. Flor's Discovery. Level 3!

After Froorar returned, Flor thought that things wouldn't be complicated any further.

However, it seems that it was her misunderstanding.

The Rose Fairies saw a few Thornstrides roaming their territory for a while, making them feel alert.

Moreover, their activities were closing in the place where they stayed the most, and that was, around Liu Shu.

Clavel frowned. "Leader Flor, what do we do now? Do I go hunt those pesky Tree eaters?"

Flor shook her head, pondering what to do. 'They are getting closer and closer to Liu Shu. Should we start a war?'

Then, Flor blinked and realized. 'Oh, I forgot to do today's pollination.'

She flew toward Liu Shu and saw the little one's branches joyfully swaying, making her lips arch.

It has been a few days since Froorar came, and during that time, Liu Shu had been getting 10 Experience Points daily from Flor, 2 Experience points from her Energy Gathering skill, and the occasional ignorant beast that approached with bad intentions.

Because of that, her current Accumulated experience looks like this:

Accumulated Experience: 512

So, when Flor circled her while releasing the red mist-like dust, the usual notification reached her.

[A <Rose Fairy Level 10> has used <Basic Pollination> on you. You've gained 10 Experience Points.]

Liu Shu became extremely happy. Her dropping branches swayed, her body swayed, and the soothing and calming feeling of the pollen released by Flor reached her core, making her happy. 'This feels so nice~. Flor is the best~.'

Flor saw through the young tree's feelings and laughed. "You are really cute, little one. Did it feel good?"

However, Flor's smile dropped in the next second.

Liu Shu moved toward her system window and dropped all 520 experience points on her level, effectively leveling up to Level 3.

However, as she did so, an uncontrollable event would happen where her breakthrough would become noticeable.

If the boost was not considerable, the effects of leveling up were dismissed, but as a Level 3 being, each level-up was a massive jump in growth.

Aether, Anima, and Phoer rushed toward Liu Shu, creating a soft wind around them.

When she saw the similar events that happened when Liu Shu broke through before, Flor's heart sank, and she immediately called all Rose Fairies. "All of you, stand alert! The little one is leveling up again!"

Without a single moment of hesitation, all Rose fairies flew from the surrounding branches and prepared to fight whoever dared approach.

Meanwhile, Liu Shu had sunk into her mind and the sensations all around her body.

Leveling up was a way of expanding a creature's vessel, increasing its strength, and improving all its other qualities.

Liu Shu, as a World Tree, was affected much more deeply. With the sound of bark creaking, the sound of leaves rustling, and the sound of the ternary essence swirling into the tree, one could see the body of the tree growing in real time.

From her current three meters tall, she grew to four. However, even if it was just one meter, the entire body of the World Tree became more refined and appeared increasingly extraordinary.

The changes were not visible at a single glance yet, but if someone knowledgeable looked, they would realize what Liu Shu was growing into.

Whether it was a blessing or not, Flor was considered knowledgeable. As the oldest Rose Fairy and highest level one, she had seen the world much more than any other of the group. As a result, she knew about the existence of World trees.

Flor's eyes widened as she saw the traces clearly for the first time. She had been in doubt for a while, but now, she knew. 'This little one is truly a World Tree!'

A stream of notifications popped into Flor's mind, followed by a massive surge of energy exploding from her.

[You are the first to recognize Tianlian Liu Shu as a World Tree. As a reward for discovering a new World Tree and nurturing when you didn't know about it, your affinity toward the World Tree will increase.]

[You've increased affinity with a World Tree! Rewarding new bloodline!]

[You've increased affinity with a World Tree! Increasing the user's tier!]

[You've increased affinity with a World Tree! You'll Level up two times!]

[Level up!]

[Level up!]

[Titles have evolved!]

[Skills have evolved!]

[You've Become a Rose Fairy Queen!]

Flor's eyes were about to pop out of her skull. 'HA!?'

In a rush, she checked her own system page.

Name: Flor

Titles:

<Rose Fairy Monarch>: As the Queen of Rose Fairies, all Rose Fairies following your command have a greater chance of breaking through limits.

<Friend of the World Tree>: If you are in an area dominated by the World Tree, your stats will increase by 20%. (Warning: If you ever damage the World Tree maliciously, this title will transform into <Enemy of the World>)

<Protector of nature>: Your stats will increase by 10% when protecting nature. (Warning: If you ever damage Nature maliciously, this title will transform into <Cursed by Nature>)

<Wind Tamer>: You've tamed the wind; now, it is your friend. You can use Wind Aether Mana much more efficiently.

Race: Rose Fairy Queen.

Energy Method:

<Royal Pollination (Only usable with World Trees)>: You will increase your and the experience of the World Tree's experience by [Level of World Tree^2]. It can be used on one World Tree a day.

<Simple pollination> (gain experience equal to <Flora level*tier>/<Your level> per flower. Can be used once a day.)

Level: 12 [0/7440]

Aether Mana Shards: 12432/12432

Phoer Body Shards: 3612/3612

Anima Energy Shards: 5845/5845

Attributes: Aether 89 (75+14), Physique 28 (19+9), Anima 44 (33+11), Willpower 56 (56), Destiny 96 (96)

Affinity Percentage: Aether Resonance (16,4), Physique Refinement (7,5), Anima Affinity (10,7)

Resistance Percentage: Aether Resistance (16), Physique Resistance (11), Spiritual Resistance (13), Mental Resistance (14)

Talents:

<Basic Pollination (E- Rank Level 1 [0/3900])>: Pollinate a flower. The pollinated flower will gain a small buff of five percent extra growth rate, five percent production, and 10 Experience. You can only use it once a week on the same plant. If used on a World Tree that you have used <Royal Pollination> on, it will receive a buff to all their basic stats equal to the Fairy Queen's Level for a day.

<Wind Slash (E- Rank Level 1 [0/3900])>: A cutting current that can deal tremendous damage. It is an attack that can cleave even reinforced armored surfaces. It uses Aether Mana and Anime Energy, and it can be adjusted. The more resources used, the stronger it can get. Range 50 meters.

<Rose Fairy Queen's Embrace (E- Rank Level 1 [0/3900])>: Your aura can be used to heal and energize any living creature. However, if used on a Plant creature, the effects will be much stronger. It uses mainly Aether Mana, but there is a bit of a need to use Phoer.

<Frantic Flight (E- Rank Level 1 [0/3900])>: You can move extremely quickly in unrecognizable patterns. Your speed increased by 100% for 10 seconds. It uses Aether Mana to control Wind Aether and envelop your body.

Passive Skills:

<Friend of the World Tree (A Rank Level Max)>: Plants innately like you. However, if you purposely harm them, they will quickly feel betrayed and hate you.

<Life Sense (E- Rank Level 1 [0/3900])>: As a creature born from the forest, your senses toward living beings are very sharp. You can also locate valuable plants that can be harvested.

Accumulated Experience: 0

When Flor read her system window, she almost fell from midair. 'W-What happened to all my skills!? They were F rank!' Flor looked at her ternary essences but didn't know how to process them. 'Not to mention the skills... What are these numbers!?'

Flor didn't know how to react to the fact that her numbers had basically doubled.

This didn't mean that she was twice as strong, in any case. Not at all. She was probably five to eight times stronger than before!

Flor looked at the dumbfounded fairies around her, and her lips twitched. 'Why are they so small!'

Clavel shouted. "Why are you so big!?"

Flor almost smacked herself in the forehead. 'Right, it was I who grew, probably. As an estimate... I'm around 45 centimeters tall!'

She looked at her perfectly slender body with wonder, and as a test, she threw a wind crescent to the sky.

WHOOOSH!

A crescent around 1 meter wide shot upward at extreme speed, dissipating when it crossed 50 meters.

Looking at her Aether Mana and Anima Energy, Flor's lips twitched. 'Really, World Trees are blessings of the World. Also...' Flor looked at the growing tree and smiled. 'I finally know your name, Tianlian Liu Shu.'

Meanwhile, Liu Shu had already gone from 3 meters to the top of her crown to 4 meters.

After her massive growth ended, Liu Shu received a few messages.

[Level up!]

[Aether +7, Physique +9, Anima +8, Willpower +10, Destiny +100.]

[You've gained the skill <Woodcrafter (E- Rank Level 1 [0/3900])>!]

Name: Tianlian Liu Shu

Titles:

<Awakened>: A title that's gained when a tree gains sapience and evolves, gaining human-like intelligence.

<World Tree>: A tree that can grow to be an overlord, admired by many, hated by some.

Hidden titles: [9]

Race: World Tree.

Energy Method: Basic World Energy Gathering (Gathers experience points*Level per day.)

Level: 3 [0/1110]

Aether Mana Shards: 1013/1013 (+36,5/Hour)

Phoer Body Shards: 1499/1499 (+54/Hour)

Anima Energy Shards: 1044/1044 (+37,6/Hour)

Attributes: Aether 27 (21+6), Physique 37 (27+10), Anima 29 (24+5), Willpower 30 (30), Destiny 300 (300)

Affinity Percentage: Aether Resonance (25), Physique Refinement (35), Anima Affinity (20)

Resistance Percentage: Aether Resistance (31), Physique Resistance (37), Spiritual Resistance (32), Mental Resistance (35)

Talents:

<Enchanted Growth (E+ Rank level 1 [25/18000])>

<Woodcrafter (E- Rank Level 1 [0/3900]): The World Tree can create tools and similar items with basic effects. It costs Aether Mana and Anima Energy if there are materials. If the World Tree wants to use itself as material, it will also cost Phoer.

<Nature's Gift (F Rank level 3 [3100/3900])>

<Willow Strike (F- Rank level MAX)>

<Willow Strike Barrage (F Rank level 2 [420/1200])>

Passive Skills:

<World Tree Heart (A Rank Level 1 [0/589900])>

<World Tree Eye (C Rank level 1 [621/144000])>

<World Tree Wisdom (SSS Rank Level Max.)>

<Charm of the Seedling (F Rank Level 4 [5110/9300])>

Accumulated Experience: 2

Liu Shu woke up and looked at her stats closely, her mind humming happily as she saw her numbers increase. 'While they are far away from that scary bad little friend, now I'm really strong!'

Liu Shu could feel that even Level 9s like Amapola, who flew around her often, would have trouble damaging her.

Of course, as a World Tree, she would never be the one to start a conflict. World Trees were creatures that were very easy to be around until you angered them. If you angered them... Well, good luck.

Although Flor's and Liu Shu's strength increase was something to celebrate. The event was not unnoticeable.

The people who had been lurking around could finally feel that something was wrong on the Rose Fairies' side.