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## Chapter 1021: The Fourth Astronomical Parliament Parliamentary Meeting

Two golden zodiac constellation thrones suddenly lit up in the expansive starry sky, and an enormous lion and set of scales appeared above the Leo and Libra thrones, respectively.

Lin Yuan and Wen Yu appeared on the Leo and Libra thrones.

Wen Yu turned to ask Lin Yuan softly, "Young Master, do you think we should start by choosing the two new members or summoning Bei Xu and Yin Lin? Should we discuss matters with Yin Lin and Bei Xu first and leave a pocket of time at the end to choose the two new members of the Astronomical Parliament?

Lin Yuan frowned slightly. He could choose the two new members first without Yin Lin and Bei Xu knowing so that the members of the Astronomical Parliament would have no clue how they were chosen.

This could add a layer of mystery but also reduce the interaction between old members and new members.

Moreover, Yin Lin and Bei Xu had already formed contracts with the Andromeda and Perseus seats.

Hence, Lin Yuan felt that the interaction between the members was more important than the element of mystery.

Wen Yu had said that the members of the Astronomical Parliament could be chosen. This meant that Lin Yuan would have a level of control over the members.

Although the Astronomical Parliament could unleash starfire, it was not easy for it to turn into a raging flame. It was likely that the starfire would be extinguished even before it became raging flames.

If it was possible, Lin Yuan wanted to pick a member that came from the Grotto Continent so that Bei Xu and the new member would be able to look after each other.

After looking through Bei Xu's past life experiences, Lin Yuan's heart went out to Bei Xu.

If Bei Xu died, all of Lin Yuan's investment would go down the drain.

The tunnel connecting the Return from Faraway Mansion to the basement would be completed in two days, and Lin Yuan would be able to use it to access the Space Tunnel to reach the Divine Wood Federation.

Thus, if the Astronomical Parliament's new members came from the Divine Wood Federation, Iron Hammer Federation, or Great Lush Federation, Lin Yuan would be able to obtain help from a local in the Startling Lines Continent. "Start the fourth Astronomical Parliament parliamentary meeting first. We'll select the new members 15 minutes into the meeting," said Lin Yuan.

A cat's eye stone appeared on Wen Yu's forehead.

The appearance of the cat's eye stone was very out of place in a place like the Astronomical Parliament, where even Lin Yuan and Wen Yu's bodies were made up of willpowers and laws.

The light from the cat's eye stone caused the sky to change as though it was the heart of the Astronomical Parliament.

Suddenly, the cat's eye stone opened its eyes, and the Andromeda and Perseus constellations lit up

The moment the Andromeda and Perseus constellations lit up, Yin Lin and Bei Xu's willpowers were pulled into the Astronomical Parliament.

Both of them had been looking forward to the fourth Astronomical Parliament parliamentary meeting ever since the third parliamentary meeting ended.

When they saw Wen Yu and Lin Yuan, both of them looked delighted and affectionate.

Lin Yuan tapped a finger on the armrest of the Leo throne and said, "Long time no see. This parliamentary meeting will last for half an hour as usual. However, our discussion will only last for 15 minutes. The remainder of the time will be used to call two new members."

Yin Lin and Bei Xu were taken aback by what Lin Yuan said.

They had assumed that more people could be joining when they saw all the seats around them, and both of them had been prepared for this eventuality.

But once Lin Yuan mentioned it, Yin Lin and Bei Xu felt fear creep up on them.

Lin Yuan had given sight and saved Bei Xu's life on top of giving him a fey. He had essentially given Bei Xu a path to survival in the Grotto Continent.

Yin Lin was slightly less scared as she still had her family and her title as an Azure Envoy

On the other hand, the closest person in Bel Xu's life was Lin Yuan.

Both of them were afraid that the new members would make them seem less important in Lin Yuan's eyes.

But amidst the fear, there was also a small twinge of hope in their hearts.

The Astronomical Parliament was like a family, and they looked forward to expanding their family with new members,

Yin Lin had something to tell Lin Yuan, but she fell deep in thought before the words left her lips.

Due to her awakening of the two beast patterns, Yin Lin had become the fourth Azure Envoy. She was well-read enough to know the significance and responsibility that came with being an Azure Envoy.

Under normal circumstances, Yin Lin should not reveal herself as an Azure Envoy to Lin Yuan.

But after pondering over it, Yin Lin said, "Leo, I'm an Azure Envoy in the Azure Federation now. I received the notice during the last parliamentary meeting. but I didn't tell you because the matter hadn't been settled."

Lin Yuan had no wish to dictate Yin Lin and Bei Xu's lives as he was not a controlling person. As long as they were loyal to the Astronomical Parliament, he did not mind if they came up with ideas on their own.

He had found out from a conversation between two members of royalty that Yin Lin had become an Azure Envoy, but he did not expect Yin Lin to confirm it herself during the parliamentary meeting.

Yin Lin's candor surprised and touched Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan said softly, "You can have your own secrets. I'm sure you know about the seriousness of being an Azure Envoy. You don't have to tell me about Azure Envoy affairs."

Warmth flooded Yin Lin's heart.

Although she had just exposed herself to him, she had felt uncomfortable about telling him that she was an Azure Envoy.

## Chapter 1022: Bei Xu is Hurt

After what Lin Yuan said, Yin Lin did not have to be conflicted any longer. She

felt that she was always relaxed when she was in Lin Yuan's presence.

Yin Lin remembered that she had bought a faction territory and said, "Leo, Ive

started the faction, but it's not built yet. Thus, we'll have to play the long

game."

Lin Yuan's eyebrow twitched.

Yin Lin lived up to her title of Azure Envoy. She had obtained a faction territory

so quickly. This also meant that Yin Lin was putting a lot of effort into the task he had given.

It was not appropriate for Lin Yuan to know about Azure Envoy affairs, but he was very interested in Yin Lin's private faction.

"Since you already have a faction territory, you should start to shape it according to your faction role. What plans do you have for your faction's role? asked Lin Yuan.

Yin Lin replied confidently, "T have two plans. Firstly, I'm going to use my martial power to venture into the water world. Secondly, Im going to use my

faction territory's geographic features to protect and nurture the hundreds and rare coral reefs nearby. I will eventually combine both plans so that I can gain resources from the water world to increase my Creation Master resources." Lin Yuan nodded, feeling that Yin Lin had a well-thought-out plan for the expansion of her faction.

By basing the faction's role on the geographical features and using Yin Lin's own resources and title, Lin Yuan guessed that Yin Lin's faction would quickly become strong within the Azure Federation. She would even have an easier time than he had trying to expand Sky City in the Radiance Federation. Just as Lin Yuan was about to speak, Yin Lin went on to say, "Leo, have you heard of the Radiance Azure Waterway? I was able to gain a mature Island Whale after I became an Azure Envoy. As rare as coral reefs are in the Azure Federation, there are still some feys that market on it. I plan on using the Island Whale to travel the Radiance Azure Waterway and trade resources. Through this, the price of the corals will skyrocket."

Lin Yuan and Wen Yu glanced at each other. Yin Lin did not know that they came from the Radiance Federation.

Lin Yuan also had the ability to travel between the federations. In fact, he had three channels.

The first was through the Astronomical Parliament's Star Spirit Seat. However, this method had a high cost and could not be used on a large scale. The second channel was the Floating Island Whale. After the Spirit Lock spatial zone evolved, the incubation time we shortened significantly. Nonetheless, the Floating Island Whale still needed three more months to hatch. The third channel was the Ethereal Jellyfish's Space Tunnel. Although the Space Tunnel was stable, it could only be used to access one federation. Due to the distance, Lin Yuan could not use it for trading Suddenly, an idea popped into Lin Yuan's head. "Do you have any difficulties in utilizing the rare coral resources? A bitter smile spread across Yin Lin's face.

Despite being an Azure Envoy that could use the powerful martial forces of both sides of her family, she did not have a lot of Creation Master resources. Rare coral-species feys were so delicate that they needed many Creation Masters to watch over them constantly.

The resources that were needed in the greatest amount were pure heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls.

Yin Lin could not depend too much on her family for Creation Master resources.

Why don't we establish a partnership then? When you send someone on the Island Whale to the Radiance Federation for trading, you can go see Listen of the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce. Just tell him how many and what type of heavenly-maiden -grade elemental pearls you need. The next day, you can send someone to collect the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls from Listen"

Yin Lin was stunned

Since Yin Lin had been chosen as an Azure Envoy, she was naturally a smart

person. She now guessed that Lin Yuan was from the Radiance Federation. Even if he was not from the Radiance Federation, he had to be connected to it in some way.

Yin Lin also knew that Lin Yuan possessed an unimaginable amount of Creation Master resources and that heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls were peanuts to him.

Lin Yuan had effectively solved her faction's problem.

Yin Lin did not think that it was a partnership but rather a selfless contribution.

Lin Yuan had already given her sight, and it was a debt that she would never be able to repay.

Yin Lin did not want to accept Lin Yuan's help without offering anything in return in such a situation. She hoped that she would be able to be of some use to him.

I shall give a respective amount of heavy water to the numberof heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls that I'l take to Listen Lin Yuan nodded. Heavy water was worth twice of strange flames in the Radiance Federation.

The opening of the Class 6 abyssal dimensional rift in the Radiance Federation would result in many factions venturing into the abyssal world.

Eventually, the price of heavy water in the Radiance Federation would rise to

three times that of strange flames.

Heavy water had the same effect that strange flames had on fire-type feys, and many water-type feys required heavy water to evolve their bloodline.

Lin Yuan did not possess any fey that required heavy water, but it was still a

resource that he should stock up on.

Bei Xu, who was initially excited to tell Lin Yuan about his achievements, slowly fell silent.

Compared to Yin Lin, he had basically done nothing.

The more he thought about it, the more hurt he felt. He had tried his hardest and almost died four times in the past week.

However, he neither had a clue on how he was going to build a faction nor had he accepted any subordinates..

## Chapter 1023: Need to Solve the Problem Immediately

Lin Yuan turned his attention to Bei Xu.

When he saw Bei Xu's despondent expression, Lin Yuan nodded at Wen Yu to signal at her to use Star Spirit Seat.

He sacrificed some of the less useful law on the Sacred Sword Wielding Queen's skirt and transferred over the Life Knot Rock Crystal that he had picked out for Bei Xu.

"Here's another gift for you. Take it slow and don't be sad. Hard work is always rewarded

Lin Yuan's words were like a pillar of light that landed on Bei Xu. Yin Lin had also noticed Bei Xu's disappointment in himself and hastily said, "I was only able to start a faction because I had help. It would take me more than a year to do it myself."

Bei Xu pouted shyly.

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Besides his mother, no other female creature had comforted him before. He could not help but blush. As bashful as he was, Yin Lin's words comforted him.

Bei Xu was a cheerful person, and his sadness dissolved as quickly as it arose. He immediately launched into a retelling of his experiences in the past week. Lin Yuan, Wen Yu, and Yin Lin all felt shivers go up their spines when they heard about Bei Xu's brushes with death.

Luckily, the Sharp Shadow Bat had gained Bat Colony Sucking. Otherwise, there was no way that Bei Xu would have survived until now.

Lin Yuan thought about the Life Knot Rock Crystal that he had just sent to Bei Xu through Star Spirit Seat.

Bei Xu would have an easier time walking on the tightrope between life and death with the Life Knot Rock Crystal.

Once they reached the 15-minute mark, Wen Yu coughed and said, "Leo, let's move on to choose the two new members of the Astronomical Parliament." Lin Yuan nodded. He was also excited to meet the two new members. Wen Yu activated the cat's eye stone on her forehead, and the other constellation seats beside Andromeda and Perseus lit up. Soon, a female figure draped in cold willpowers appeared in the Astronomical

The woman was dumbfounded and could not understand why she had appeared in such a place.

Once she appeared, both Bei Xu and Yin Lin held their breaths. She was going to be their companion from now on. In contrast, Lin Yuan and Wen Yu had excited expressions. Both of them could see the woman's past experiences. Lin Yuan felt that the girl's life was just like the story of Cinderella, but she was playing the evil stepmother. She was not only evil but also dumb, in Lin Yuan's opinion. The wish that had brought her to the Astronomical Parliament was: 'if my sister can lose this baby, I'll give up everything in exchange' Lin Yuan's eyebrow twitched as he shook his head at Wen Yu. If they let this woman stay, he would become a fetus murderer! Wen Yu immediately pushed the woman out of the Astronomical Parliament. Soon, another figure comprised of willpowers took her place. Yin Lin and Bei Xu were stunned by the recent development. They had been under the impression that fate had brought them to the Astronomical Parliament, but now, it seemed that those two on the golden thrones had intentionally plucked them out to save them. This made the gratitude that Bei Xu and Yin Lin were nursing become heavier. The second person was just like Bei Xu as he also came from a continent that Lin Yuan had never heard of. He had been invited by a prestigious family to become their son-in-law and had appeared here because he had enough of his wife's family's mistreatment. His daughter had been bored and pulled out the fur of her grandmother's dog-species fey. As punishment, her grandmother had forced her to stay in the dog-species fey's cage to reflect. This enraged the man, and his wish was: 'If the War God descends, Im willing to give up everything I have.

Lin Yuan did not understand what the man meant, so he asked, "Why do you want the War God to descend

The man clearly did not understand what was going on as he was studying the starry sky curiously. He replied to Lin Yuan absent-mindedly, "When the War God descends, 10,000 warriors will accompany him, and they" Before the man could finish speaking, Lin Yuan had already instructed Wen Yu to kick him out of the Astronomical Parliament. For a person to descend from the sky, he had to be a king-class expert at the very least. The lazy man had no right to call out to 10,000 king-class experts.

Wen Yu immediately clenched her jaw when she heard what the man said.

Luckily, the daughter of that prestigious family had invited 88 sons-in-law, and the man did not stand out. Otherwise, the family would have kicked him out long ago.

However, Wen Yu wondered if the daughter of the prestigious family was able to handle so many husbands.

At this point, Wen Yu furrowed her brow.

Why should care if she can handle it?o

She shook her head to clear her mind of all thoughts and called the third

candidate to the Astronomícal Parliament.

This person's body made of willpowers was small and weak, and it was clear that he had only recently comprehended a Willpower Rune. When Lin Yuan checked on the third person's life experience, he raised an

eyebrow. Unexpectedly, this person came from the Iron Hammer Federation in the Startling Lines Continent

Although this person did not come from the Divine Wood Federation, he was still from the Startling Lines Continent.

The third candidate was a young man that looked around the same age as Chu i and came from a humble background.

Nonetheless, he was in better shape than Bei Xu because he had the love of his family at least.

His grandfather was the leader of a tribe, and this young man had Creation Master talent. All the members of the tribe respected this young man greatly. By checking through the young man's life experience, it not only gave Lin Yuan an understanding of the young man's life but about the culture in the Iron Hammer Federation as well.

Lin Yuan noticed Wen Yu's questioning look and nodded.

This young man was willing to give up everything he had in exchange for the survival of his family, and Lin Yuan saw no reason to grant such a wish. However, this young man was in a different situation to Yin Lin and Bei Xu. Yin Lin and Bei Xu's situations had not been emergencies, and Lin Yuan had been able to give them a week to think it over before asking them if they were sure about joining the Astronomical Parliament.

This was not the case for this young man because his tribe was going to be attacked by the Curpite Clan in a few hours.

Lin Yuan could tell from the young man's willpower that the strongest fey in the Horseshoe Tribe was his grandfather's Rock Smash Mole. Meanwhile, the Cuprite Tribe had a Class 2 Creation Master as well as several Gold feys. It was clear that the Horseshoe Tribe loss was guaranteed. Hence, Lin Yuan needed to become clear on the young man's issue immediately.

#### Chapter 1024: Address the Root of the Issue

It only took Lin Yuan a moment to come up with two solutions to the young man's situation.

However, he would have to think carefully and weigh both options before deciding which to go with.

The first solution would be for Lin Yuan to send one of the Ethereal Jellyfish's tentacles to Ta Lei through the Astronomical Parliament. Next, he would enter the Divine Wood Federation through the Space Tunnel and open a Space Tunnel from the Divine Wood Federation to the Iron Hammer Federation.

This way, he would easily wipe out the Cuprite Tribe and ensure the Horseshoe Tribe's survival.

However, there were two disadvantages to this plan. Firstly, opening the Space Tunnel to the Divine Wood Federation now would ruin the pace of Lin Yuan's original plan as opening the Space Tunnel would require Lin Yuan to set it up.

Moreover, he wanted to set up his base at the Divine Wood Federation end of the Space Tunnel and nurture Silver Corona there. He would make the base into a prohibited area that none in the Startling Lines Continent would dare to enter.

This plan would also require him to use one of the Ethereal Jellyfish's tentacles.

Each of the Ethereal Jellyfish's tentacles took a year to grow out, and lots of spatial spiritual ingredients were also required.

It would take half of the Spatial Mother Shellfish's shell to use the Space Tunnel to reach the Divine Wood Federation from the Radiance Federation.

Although a continent did not separate the Divine Wood Federation and Iron Hammer Federation, they were not close together either.

Lin Yuan did not have so many spatial spiritual ingredients on hand.

From Ta Lei's life, he could tell that Creation Masters were highly revered in the Iron Hammer Federation.

The imperial court gave every Creation Master in the Iron Hammer Federation an Iron Hammer Soldier.

The Iron Hammer Soldiers were all king-class, at least so as to protect the Creation Masters.

Normally, Lin Yuan was unafraid of king-class experts.

However, the imperial court would definitely be displeased if one of the Iron Hammer Federation's Class 2 Creation Master and Iron Hammer Soldier fought.

There was no way that the other tribes did not know about the fight between the Cuprite Tribe and Horseshoe Tribe. It was likely that the imperial court would target the Horseshoe Tribe afterward.

If Lin Yuan went through with the first plan, he would only change the Horseshoe Clan's fate from a quick death to a slow one.

The root of the issue must be addressed.

Thus, Lin Yuan abandoned the first plan.

The second plan was much simpler.

With how much the Iron Hammer Federation placed importance on Creation Masters, he just needed to help Ta Lei become a Class 1 Creation Master that was recognized by the imperial court as soon as possible. Then, all their problems would fade away.

It was much simpler to become a Class 1 Creation Master in the Iron Hammer Federation than the Radiance Federation.

In the Radiance Federation, spirit qi professionals had to choose from one of the three lifestyle-class occupations in order to take the Creation Master exam. It was only after the spirit qi professional completed the Class 1 exam of the chosen lifestyle-class occupation before he could take the exam to

become a Class 1 Creation Master.

The Class 1 Creation Master exam in the Radiance Federation usually involved evolving a fey's grade.

Lin Yuan had taken the Class 1 and 2 Creation Master exams in Redbud City. Hence, he was well-aware of the requirements of the exam.

From Ta Lei's understanding, the Creation Master exam in the Iron Hammer Federation was very simple. As long as a spirit qi professional had sufficient Scholar, Spiritual Ingredient Analyst, and Fey Observer knowledge, they would be able to apply to the imperial court to become a Class 1 Creation

## Master.

The imperial court would send someone to assess the knowledge. Once the spirit qi professional passed, they would become an official Class 1 Creation Master.

There was no need to concoct a spirit fluid or evolve feys. After all, the basis of spirit fluid concoction was having a wealth of knowledge.

It was only during the Class 2 Creation Master test that the Iron Hammer Federation's imperial court would test the concoction of spirit fluid.

Lin Yuan guessed that the Iron Hammer Federation was so lax about Class 1 Creation Masters because of the scarcity of Creation Masters in the Iron Hammer Federation.

Thus, Lin Yuan needed Wen Yu to use Star Spirit Seat to help Ta Lei.

Next, he would instruct Genius to use Connected Tails to teach Ta Lei about Class 1 Scholar, Spiritual Ingredient Analyst, and Fey Observer knowledge.

Once Ta Lei obtained sufficient knowledge, he would be able to become a Class 1 Creation Master in the Iron Hammer Federation even if he could not spirit fluids.

The Horseshoe Tribe would be able to become approved by the imperial court as having a Class 1 Creation Master, and the imperial court would also appoint an Iron Hammer Soldier to protect Ta Lei.

The Iron Hammer Federation disallowed fights between tribes with Creation Masters.

But to protect the rights of high-class tribes, they could chase low-class tribes out.

Due to the war with the Divine Wood Federation, the Iron Hammer Federation had a small population.

The high-class tribes could chase low-class tribes out of their territory.

However, it was out of Lin Yuan's hands whether or not the Cuprite Tribe would allow the Horseshoe Tribe to find another territory or if the Horseshoe Tribe was even willing to move.

But personally, Lin Yuan preferred if the Horseshoe Tribe was nearer to the Divine Wood Federation.

The place that Mystic Moon had found was at the boundary between the Divine Wood Federation and Iron Hammer Federation.

If the Horseshoe Tribe were nearer to the Divine Wood Federation, Lin Yuan would be able to help the Horseshoe Tribe.

This way, Lin Yuan would be able to expand into the Iron Hammer Federation while he helped the Horseshoe Tribe.

Ta Lei had been having a sad dream due to his impending separation from his family.

But the moment he sunk into despair and misery, he appeared in the middle of the starry sky.

As he looked around at the beautiful starlit sky, all his troubles seemed to melt away, and he lost himself in the stunning beauty of the environment.

He felt as though he was dreaming.

But soon, he realized that it was too vivid for him to be dreaming..

# Chapter 1025: The North-South Constellation's Leo Minor

Naturally, Ta Lei had vivid dreams before, like ones that resulted in him wetting the bed.

However, he had never had a dream of a place that was beyond his imagination.

While Ta Lei was busy wondering if this was reality or if he was dreaming, a god-like figure seated on one of the golden thrones proclaimed, "Ta Lei, welcome to the Astronomical Parliament. You wished that you could sacrifice everything if it meant that your family could survive, right?"

Ta Lei's mouth fell open.

Regardless of whether this was a dream or reality, Ta Lei anxiously shouted, "Are... Are you a god? How do you know my name and what I wished for? But yes! I'll do anything so long as my family lives."

Lin Yuan shook his head at the desperately hopeful young man and said, "I'm not a god. You can call me Leo."

Ta Lei's hope vaporized. It was as though he was in a desert and had dove head first into a mirage.

But what Lin Yuan said next almost made Ta Lei jump up in excitement.

"Tm not a god, but I can save your family. If you truly decide to give up everything to save them, place your hand on the back of the seat you're on and form a contract with it."

Ta Lei did not hesitate to place his hand on the back of his chair.

The constellation of a small lion lit up above him.

Lin Yuan could not help but be surprised.

Wen Yu noticed his surprise and said softly, "Leo, Ta Lei was called to the Astronomical Parliament by the Leo Minor constellation."

Wen Yu looked at the constellation above Lin Yuan before she looked back at the one above Ta Lei.

One of them was Leo, while the other was Leo Minor. It could be said that they were connected by fate.

While Ta Lei was forming a contract with the Leo Minor north-south constellation seat, Lin Yuan exchanged some of the incomplete willpowers on the Sacred Sword Wielding Queen's skirt for Genius to transfer all the Class 1 Scholar, Fey Observer, and Spiritual Ingredient Analyst to Ta Lei.

While the knowledge was being transferred, Lin Yuan's eyebrow twitched wildly.

He had used the Jasmine Lily's Heal and Severed Limbs Growth to transfer vitality to Yin Lin, and it had not cost him much willpower.

However, it cost three times the amount of willpower to transfer the knowledge to Ta Lei.

'The moment that Ta Lei finished forming a contract with the Leo Minor seat, he also obtained all the Class 1 Scholar, Spiritual Ingredient Analyst, and Fey Observer information.

Since the vitality had been injected into Yin Lin's body, she only felt the effects of Lin Yuan's actions when she returned to reality.

However, Genius used its soul and mind to transfer the knowledge to Ta Lei.

Ta Lei had noticed all the new information in his brain, and he started to tremble excitedly.

Even without Lin Yuan's explanation, Ta Lei knew how to use this knowledge to save his family.

He was overwhelmed with emotion as he burst out, "Leo, thank... Thank you!"

Lin Yuan smiled faintly and replied, "You don't need to thank me. But even if you become a Class 1 Creation Master, it's unlikely that the Cuprite Tribe will allow the Horseshoe Tribe to stay in your original territory. If your tribe really has to move, head toward the boundary between the Divine Wood

Federation and Iron Hammer Federation."

Lin Yuan did not explain further, and Ta Lei did not ask either because he knew that it was unlikely that this person who had saved him would harm him later on.

He was just from a small tribe, and the only special part about him was his talent as a Creation Master.

Meanwhile, this person had used an unknown method to make Ta Lei into a Class 1 Creation Master.

Ta Lei was saved from his humble beginnings and now had hope for the future.

Ta Lei's heart was filled with gratitude.

Now that Ta Lei was officially the third member of the Astronomical Parliament, Wen Yu started to call others.

However, the selection for the fourth member of the Astronomical Parliament did not go well.

All six of them were chased out by Lin Yuan and Wen Yu.

One of the six even came from the Radiance Federation, but he had the pipe dream of becoming one of the 14, members of royalty.

Lin Yuan asked him if he had anything worthy of giving up in exchange for becoming one of the Radiance Federation's members of royalty.

After attending the Guard Ye Banquet, Lin Yuan had gained a newfound understanding of the members of royalty.

They were given this title not just because of the power they possessed but also because they had the responsibility of protecting the entire Radiance Federation. This was why all the citizens adored them in the Radiance Federation.

That man's pipe dream was blasphemy.

Yin Lin and Bei Xu were now used to Lin Yuan and Wen Yu continuously calling and kicking out prospective members.

Ta Lei was not paying attention as he was still engrossed in his joy of being able to save his family.

But since this was his first time in the Astronomical Parliament, he was also filled with nervousness.

Bei Xu and Yin Lin decided to start up a conversation with Ta Lei, and the three of them soon became close.

Lin Yuan and Wen Yu's brows furrowed even deeper as time ticked on..

## Chapter 1026: Dishonest Dark Envoy

Soon, color drained from Wen Yu's face, and Lin Yuan knew that she could only sustain the Astronomical Parliament for a few more minutes.

Lin Yuan said to Wen Yu, "Call one last person. If it still doesn't work out, we'll just pick the fourth member during the next parliamentary meeting,"

'The moment Lin Yuan spoke, a figure draped in four willpowers appeared in the Astronomical Parliament, and Lin Yuan sensed the familiar aura of a sacred source lifeform.

However, this person's sacred source lifeform's aura was strange. It was extremely weak, as though it was going to disappear at any moment.

'Wen Yu blinked her eyes in astonishment and said, "Leo, this person has a sacred source lifeform. I can't use the Astronomical Parliament to sense the abilities of the sacred source lifeform. This means that this sacred source lifeform has more Stars than the Astronomical Parliament."

Lin Yuan knitted his brow because he had already started checking on this woman's past life experience.

His eyelids twitched, and he felt that he and Wen Yu had won the lottery.

Currently, there were four people besides him and Wen Yu in the Astronomical Parliament, and one of the four was an Azure Envoy while the other was a Dark Envoy.

When did the Radiance Envoys become so worthless?

Lin Yuan had a deep impression of this woman's continent.

'The Dark Federation was the first federation that Lin Yuan had come into contact with outside of the Radiance Federation.

Although he had never been to the Dark Federation, he had a fair amount of spatial equipment from the Dark Federation.

He did not expect the Dark Federation to have turned into a dictatorship that Seventh Page War ruled.

'The Dark Federation was not a small federation, and it held considerable power amongst all the major federations in the main world.

'There were seven federations in the Dark Continent. At first, all seven continents had been at war, just like the Startling Lines Continent, Iron Hammer Federation, Divine Wood Federation, and Great Lush Federation were.

Later, the seven federations realized that no one was benefitting from the war, and they decided to unite.

The seven unassuming small federations soon became a force to be reckoned with when they united.

Although it could not be compared to the Radiance Federation, it was much stronger than the Divine Wood Federation.

The Divine Wood Federation would only become comparable to the Dark Federation's power if it united with the Iron Hammer Federation and Great Lush Federation.

Yet, Seventh Page War had brought such a powerful federation to its knees.

Due to Su Yiren's memories, Lin Yuan finally witnessed Seventh Page War and knew what she looked like.

'The gray-haired and gray-eyed man that had almost killed Liu Jie and the Insect Queen in the evolving water world dimensional rift was Seventh Page War's subordinate.

Lin Yuan had only found out about Tower Canon and Seventh Page War from that man.

Su Yiren's impression of Seventh Page War left Lin Yuan shocked as her power surpassed Lin Yuan's expectations.

All lifeforms that heard Seventh Page War's War Knell would lose their lives, and their bone marrow would absorb the nutrients in their blood.

The bone marrow would rapidly grow out of the body and tum into the War Knell's puppets.

Seventh Page War sat quietly on the sacred source lifeform Radiance War Chariot while its puppets fought a merciless battle on the ground.

From Su Yiren's memory of Seventh Page War's aura, Lin Yuan felt that it was comparable with that of Endless Summer's Creation Breed aura.

Lin Yuan realized that Su Yiren used to be in a similar situation to Zong Ze, in that both were sitting on thrones of their own.

\$u Yiren had been walking a rose-petaled road from the moment she was born.

She had comprehended four Willpower Runes when she was about 20 years old and had contracted a sacred source lifeform.

Su Yiren had to be powerful to have been able to become a Dark Envoy.

But as he checked on Su Yiren's memories, Lin Yuan found something shocking.

Seventh Page War was not human but a plant-type fey.

But ever since she had landed in the Divine Wood Federation, Su Yiren had been living like a beggar and often had to suffer humiliation.

She also had to bear with the agony of a soul injury.

\$u Yiren looked at Lin Yuan and Wen Yu and said, "The aura of a sacred source lifeform, It looks like I'm in a sacred source lifeform."

Bei Xu and Ta Lei did not think much of this as they never had the chance to learn about sacred source lifeforms.

However, Yin Lin was stunned.

She had not contracted a sacred source lifeform yet, but her grandfather had already prepared one for her.

Yin Lin had not gone through with forming a marrow contract with the sacred source lifeform because she did not want to miss the Astronomical Parliament parliamentary meeting, Hence, she was still unable to sense what the Astronomical Parliament was.

She smiled and looked forward to contracting a sacred source lifeform of her own.

Lin Yuan did not deny Su Yiren's claim. He nodded and said, "You're right. You wished to give up everything in exchange for your survival. I can save you. Are you willing to keep your promise?"

\$u Yiren fell silent as she started to mull over Lin Yuan's words.

Wen Yu asked Su Yiren, "My name is Libra. He's Leo. What's your name?"

\$u Yiren paused for a moment before replying, "My name is Su Qing."

Evidently, Su Yiren had no idea that Lin Yuan and Wen Yu already knew everything about her.

Lin Yuan and Wen Yu smiled at each other when they heard Su Yiren's reply.

Apparently, this Dark Envoy Su Yiren was dishonest!

However, Lin Yuan did not expect a Dark Envoy to immediately succumb and form a contract with her seat just because she knew that a sacred source lifeform had called her.

"Can I change my condition? My body is made of four willpowers, and I can sense that you have a sacred source lifeform. This means that I also have a sacred source lifeform—"

'While Su Yiren was speaking, Lin Yuan's voice blasted in her ear.. "Su Yiren, you can't change your condition!"

## Chapter 1027: There is Always Hope

Lin Yuan did not expect Su Yiren's mind to be so clear right after entering the Astronomical Parliament.

She had immediately realized her circumstance and wanted to leverage on her worth to obtain the best deal for herself.

But even without Su Yiren's confirmation, Lin Yuan knew what condition she wanted instead.

Lin Yuan would not partake in it, whether it was snatching back the Dark Continent from Seventh Page War or returning the Dark Federation to its former glory.

If she had made those wishes from the start, Lin Yuan would not have hesitated to ask Wen Yu to kick Su Yiren despite her powers and her title as a Dark Envoy.

Lin Yuan and Seventh Page War were enemies, but Lin Yuan did not have any business with the Dark Federation at all.

Moreover, Lin Yuan and Seventh Page War's enmity started because Seventh Page War had caused trouble in the Radiance Federation.

It was not a matter of whether Lin Yuan had the ability to snatch the Dark Continent back from Seventh Page War.

Even if he could, he would not give the Dark Continent to Su Yiren so that she could reinstate the Dark Federation.

If the entire Dark Continent landed in Lin Yuan's hands, he might as well keep it for himself.

Once Su Yiren realized that she had appeared in the starry sky because of a sacred source lifeform, she immediately started to hatch a plan.

Even the name she had given was fake. It was clear that she was dishonest.

'What Lin Yuan wanted to do was to make Su Yiren admit to her reality of being someone that was about to die and was currently living like a beggar in the Divine Wood Federation. She was not a highly respected Dark Envoy anymore.

Su Yiren's face paled when she heard what Lin Yuan said.

She did not expect this person wrapped in a thousand willpowers and laws to call out her real name and expose her lie.

However, she was not guilty. Instead, she looked up at Lin Yuan, and the gears in her head started to turn. She tried to puzzle out if this person knew her name because he had sensed her sacred source lifeform aura.

As a Dark Envoy, Su Yiren always thought of things in a grand manner.

She felt that it was possible for someone to recognize her by her sacred source lifeform and willpowers.

Since this person knew her name, he also had to know that she was a Dark Envoy.

Su Yiren sat up straight and said, "Hehe, given that you know my name, you must know my identity. I think we can work together."

Before Lin Yuan could speak, he felt aura explode from Wen Yu as she sneered. "The Dark Federation was an impressive federation, but it still couldn't stand against Seventh Page War and was conquered by Tower Canon. Shouldn't a Dark Envoy like yourself be reflecting on what happened? A seemingly

wooden plank splintered from the inside and was turned into wood chips by Seventh Page War. Do you even have anything to offer us?"

Wen Yu's words were like a knife that sliced apart Su Yiren's pride and left a gaping bloody hole.

Despair clouded Su Yiren's heart, and she felt horrified.

She did not understand how this woman knew about the Dark Federation's matters so well.

The Dark Federation never traded with other federations.

The only time they interacted with other federations was during the Major Federation Meeting that took place once every five years.

Su Yiren gnashed her teeth and spat, "Are you from the Dark Federation?"

Lin Yuan shook his head and replied calmly, "You guessed wrong. Not only do we know that the Dark Federation was ruined and that the Dark Continent has a new master, but we even know of your current situation. Think carefully about why you made that wish that called you into this place in the first

place. The Astronomical Parliament parliamentary meeting will end in a minute, and you'll lose your chance to choose. There's no guarantee that you'll appear here again. You better think this through carefully. The matter of the Dark Federation lies in your own hands. Isn't there always hope as long as

you're alive?"

Su Yiren lowered her head slowly, and she seemed to be thinking.

But Lin Yuan had also thought things through a considerable amount. He thought highly of her status as a Dark Envoy and her power, but he would not accept a collaboration with her.

She also did not have any grounds to work together with him.

Lin Yuan still had the Snow Chill resin, which could completely heal Su Yiren's soul injury.

If he paid such a high price to heal Su Yiren but only managed to score a partnership with her, it would be too much of a loss for him.

Moreover, Lin Yuan had his reason for making Su Yiren submit.

After Lin Yuan used the Ethereal Jellyfish's Space Tunnel to arrive at the Divine Wood Federation, he would not spend all his time at the Divine Wood Federation.

Just like how there was the Kill Food Sky Butterfly in the marsh world, he needed someone to tend to the base in the Divine Wood Federation as well.

\$u Yiren was clearly the right person for the job.

Lin Yuan felt that there was no intelligent reason for Su Yiren to tun down this opportunity.

He turned to Wen Yu and saw that her face was already pale. The cat's eye stone on her forehead had also lost its bright light.

Lin Yuan could see Wen Yu's anguished expression as time ticked on. He frowned and was about to call for the Astronomical Parliament parliamentary meeting to end when Su Yiren raised her head and looked at him resolutely as she said, "I'm willing."

Su Yiren saw a green light shoot toward her and a clear male voice say, "Go to sleep at this time in a week, and you'll return to this place."

The radiant sky lost its color at that moment, and the fourth Astronomical Parliament parliamentary meeting ended.

'When Su Yiren's willpower and soul returned to reality, she felt someone touching her.

Her eyes flew open, and a high-pitched voice screamed, "Ah! A ghost!"

#### Chapter 1028: Teacher Teaches Me Once a Week

The ear-splitting scream made Su Yiren frown.

Before Su Yiren could stand up, the person who screamed kicked and spat at her as he said, "Don't scare me! You homeless drifter, don't sleep on the streets. If I see you here again, I'll break your legs! Get lost! Get lost now! You're getting in the way of me cleaning up."

\$u Yiren hurriedly jumped to her feet and slunk off into an alley under the watchful gaze of the man holding the broom.

This was not the first time that a cleaner had berated Su Yiren for sleeping on the streets of the Divine Wood Federation.

'There was a caste system in the Divine Wood Federation, and the stoning of a drifter like her would only be seen as a form of entertainment.

However, she could only silently endure it.

\$u Yiren felt that all her injuries had been healed, including her hidden injuries.

Besides her soul, her body was now as healthy as it could be.

Su Yiren lowered her head and mulled over the decision she had made a minute ago.

She did not regret that decision at all because that man wrapped in a thousand willpowers had said that there was always hope as long as one was alive.

Although she had nothing, she planned on taking a gamble. She wanted to see if joining the Astronomical Parliament could give her and the Dark Federation a future.

Su Yiren remembered what that person said right before her soul returned to her body, "Go to sleep at this time in a week, and you'll be able to return here."

Just like Su Yiren, Ta Leis soul had just returned to his body when he felt something hot splashed on his body.

Ta Lei shivered and opened his eyes to see his mother looking at him with tears brimming in her eyes.

His father, grandfather, grandmother, and brother were also sitting by his bedside with watery eyes.

'When he saw how angry his father was becoming, Ta Lei saw the Silver X Tunneling Mole climb up his grandfather's shoulder.

The Tunneling Mole's fur had turned dark brown, and elemental energy was swirling around it.

This meant that the elemental energy stored in the Tunneling Mole had reached its peak.

The Tunneling Mole should have been able to evolve to Gold grade, but it had been prevented from doing so by Ta Lei's grandfather's illness.

From the knowledge in Ta Lei's mind, he immediately came up with a possible reason.

He hurriedly said to his grandfather, "Grandfather, your Tunneling Mole hasn't been able to evolve to Gold because you've only been supplying it with earth-type elemental energy. You haven't improved its body at all. Its body can't combine all the earth-type elemental energy, and a lot of the earth-type

elemental energy has seeped out.

"Grandfather, I remember that you found an Earth Pincushion Flower when you led a hunting group up the mountain. If you feed the Earth Pincushion Flower to the Tunneling Mole, it will probably evolve to Gold grade."

Everyone in the house was bewildered.

Given their understanding of Ta Lei, he should not possess such knowledge.

Ta Lei's father looked at him in confusion as he contemplated the true meaning behind Ta Lei's words.

Ta Leis grandfather's gaze was stern as he said, "Little Lei, tell me the truth! Are you lying to me so that you won't have to leave? The Earth Pincushion Flower is tn ¢ Horseshoe Tribe's most precious spiritual ingredient. We've wrapped it up along with your other belongings. There's no need to prove your

words. Just tell me if you're telling the truth. I'l tell your father to apply for the exam on your behalf if you are. But—"

Before his grandfather could finish speaking, Ta Lei nodded seriously and said, "Grandfather, Big Brother told me everything. I wouldn't make this request unless I was certain. Trust me, I'll really be able to become a Class 1 Creation Master. I've grown up. I'm a man now, and true men only speak the

truth!"

All of Ta Lei's family members looked incredulous but hopeful at the same time.

Ta Lei looked up at the constellations in the sky until he found Leo Minor.

He licked his cracked lips and smiled brightly..

# Chapter 1029: Sky City's First Family Secret

Ina garden full of plum blossom-species feys, a man with three scars on his face carefully pushed a wheelchair. A skinny young man with a rug over his legs sat in the wheelchair.

The young man coughed violently for three full minutes. His face was red and blotchy, and a blood aura emanated from his body.

The man anxiously said, "Third Young Master, it's so windy today. Why are you admiring the plum blossoms now? Why don't I push you back in to rest? I'll ask Auntie Zhong to cook a bowl of soup for you tonight, and your cold will be able to recover partially."

The skinny young man did not respond and continued to stare at the trees, which were being stripped of petals by the wind.

A moment later, the skinny boy said, "The family is going to engage in a blood pact ultimate fight under orders of Second Brother. What do you think about this?"

The man lowered his head and did not dare to speak as he did not know if the Third Young Master was talking to himself, and he was afraid that he might say something that displeased the Third Young Master.

Moreover, this matter concerned the higher-ups of the Zheng family, and he was just the Third Young Master's servant who had no right to comment.

The skinny young man's gaze flashed with hesitation and hatred. He closed his eyes and said, "Take me back in and make sure no one disturbs me. I'm not having dinner either."

The man looked slightly worried as he did not understand the Third Young Master's actions. Could it have something to do with the blood pact ultimate fight?

'The man acknowledged the young man's instruction and pushed him into the room.

'The man noticed that the young man seemed to have fallen asleep and gently shut the door of the room.

A moment later, Zheng Kaiyan opened his eyes.

His gaze was calm as he snapped his fingers, and a bird landed on his fingertips.

Zheng Kaiyan maneuvered himself to the desk and was about to write when his hand froze, and he looked at his six-fingered hand.

He set the ink aside, sliced open his palm instead, and let his blood drip onto a new ink slab.

His body was weak to start with, and his face had grown pale after spending time in the windy outdoors.

Wen Yu knew that Lin Yuan planned on using the Ethereal Jellyfish's tentacles to go to the Divine Wood Federation to train as he had told her about this.

She had been collecting information on the Divine Wood Federation recently as she planned on going with Lin Yuan to the Divine Wood Federation to start on the construction of the base there.

Wen Yu planned on managing the base from afar once she set up basic management there, and she knew that Su Yiren's ability had caught Lin Yuan's eye.

She decided that she would help Lin Yuan keep a close eye on Su Yiren at the Divine Wood Federation to ensure that Su Yiren did not cross any lines.

Wen Yu thought about Su Yiren's past experiences and used the Elemental Paper's Hear Heaven's Secrets to organize all the information about Su Yiren, the Dark Federation, and Seventh Page War.

The papers flew around for a full half an hour.

A pile of paper was stacked high before Lin Yuan.

Wen Yu had used more spiritual energy when she used Hear Heaven's Secrets.

Her face was even paler than before, and she looked much weaker as well.

She tried to muster her energy as she said, "Young Master, I'm afraid that my memories of Su Yiren's life will fade after time, so I recorded all of them now. I'll leave this information in Sky City's research room. This is Sky City's first family secret."

Lin Yuan looked at Wen Yu's ghostly pale face and said, "You've worked hard. Go and rest before you do any more work. I'm going to make a copy of this information and take it to the Radiant Moon Palace."

Lin Yuan had already spoken on the phone with the Moon Empress, and the latter was returning from the Purple Bamboo Forest tomorrow.

The information about the Dark Federation's ruin and Seventh Page War was too important, and Lin Yuan felt that the Moon Empress needed to know about it as soon as possible.

After Wen Yu returned to her room to rest, Lin Yuan flashed into the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

He did not immediately enter the marsh world through Klein Hub.

Instead, he looked at the 12 Sky Fragrance Beauty Butterflies he had not had time to pay attention to yet and the 12 water-type elemental feys that had come from the Moving Source Water.

#### Chapter 1030: Cage of Brahma Insects' Secret Meeting

The sun was setting in the west, and plumes of fiery red clouds covered the burnt orange sky.

The beautiful red cloud seemed to be staining the light red, and it made the entire sky appear even more vast.

Somehow, even the setting of the sun even appeared slower.

Under the quiet sky, in an enormous ancient house, a silver-haired woman was slamming the table in the meeting room furiously.

The other people seated around the table looked angry at first.

But after the silver-haired woman slammed the table, the rest of them lowered their heads.

Even the imposing old man seated at the head of the table dared not meet the silver-haired woman's gaze.

"Fan Linglong! I let you prattle on for almost two hours. I didn't speak at first because I'm the source of the problem. But you didn't have to chide me for two whole hours! The Kill Food Worm escaped on its own. How did it become my fault just because I was the first to notice and chase after it? None of

you idiots even knew that the Kill Food Worm had escaped, so what gives you the right to blame me?"

The elderly man seated at the head of the table pursed his lips and muttered, "Elder Sister. I was attending the Guard Ye Banquet. I would never dare to scold you for two hours. I just mentioned the matter and did a collation of the resources we had used to nurture the Kill Food Worm. But you're right.

They're all idiots. How could they not have noticed immediately when the Kill Food Worm escaped?"

The silver-haired woman slapped the table and stood up to shriek, "Fan Linglong, you finally said your true feelings! I also didn't notice immediately! You're trying to call me an idiot!"

Cage of Brahma Insects leader cleared his throat before replying, "Elder Sister, sit down, Leave me some of my pride in front of all these juniors. Even if you did lose the Kill Food Worm, we can sustain the loss of a mere pinnacle Myth II Kill Food Worm! The crux of the matter is the Moon Empress'

disciple. Elder Sister ... "

Fan Linglong paused for a moment before continuing. "The Kill Food Worm attacked the Moon Empress' disciple in the presence of Mystic Moon."

The silver-haired woman scoffed before sitting back down.

The rest of the people around the table raised their heads and continued the meeting.

The middle-aged people present did not look perturbed as though such situations were common.

Fan Linglong was still observing the silver-haired woman's expression. He could tell that his Elder Sister was truly enraged, and her expression was just as sour when she sat down.

Fan Linglong was very uncomfortable.

He knew that she had given the Kill Food Worm to the Moon Empress' disciple to save her own life and to form a connection with Lin Yuan.

The Cage of Brahma Insects appeared impressive as they had remained as one of the top three factions for the last 30 years.

However, all of the Cage of Brahma Insects' achievements came from the Elder Sister's efforts.

The Cage of Brahma Insects had been able to climb up the ranks because they had continuously eliminated other factions during blood pact ultimate fights.

In one blood pact ultimate fight, the Cage of Brahma Insects had conquered the top faction that had a similar role to the Cage of Brahma Insects.

After the Cage of Brahma Insects had taken over the other faction's resources, their progress skyrocketed, and they started to dominate the insect-species fey market.

But it was also because of the blood pact ultimate fights that almost all of the Cage of Brahma Insects' top experts were dead or injured.

At that time, Fan Linglong had still been unable to succeed Cage of Brahma Insects. As such, Elder Sister had taken the reins.

She might not be powerful and had just reached thearch-class, but her ability to develop a faction was strong.

In 20 years, Elder Sister had secured Cage of Brahma Insects' position and laid the foundation for it to remain as one of the top three factions.

When Fan Linglong grew up, Elder Sister handed the faction over to him.

Thus, all of the main members of the Cage of Brahma Insects respected Elder Sister as much as they respected him.

Moreover, Fan Linglong was still under Elder Sister's thumb.

Regardless, Fan Linglong was still the leader of Cage of Brahma Insects, and he would not disregard the main topic on account of Elder Sister's emotions.

Just as Fan Linglong was about to speak again, Fan Jianyi said, "I know this meeting is also meant to discuss the Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls."

Fan Linglong hurriedly said, "Chengzhi, tell us about the information that you gathered on the Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls over the last few days."

Fan Chengzhi stood up and announced, "I heard that the Moon Empress' disciple is close with Coiling Dragon's Valley and Dark Clouds Bird Shrine and that all their high-class Creation Masters now have a Golden Lotus Brocade Pearl.

"Coiling Dragon's Valley has always used their relationship with Lord Bamboo Monarch and has never been connected to the Moon Empress. Dark Clouds Bird Shrine doesn't have the right to be linked to the Moon Empress, Lord Chef Supreme, or Lord Bamboo Monarch.

"This means that Coiling Dragon's Valley and Dark Clouds Bird Shrine probably obtained the Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls through Long Tao and Li Xuan. I personally asked the First Elder of Dark Clouds Bird Shrine. Although he didn't tell me the source of the Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls, he said that Dark

Clouds Bird Shrine has decided to make Li Xuan the Young Leader."

Fan Chengzhi glanced at Fan Jianyi and sat back down when he did not notice anything strange about Fan Jianyi's expression.

Cage of Brahma Insects had always depended on their relationship with the Moon Empress, and many of the Elders' disciples' feys were evolved by the Moon Empress.

It should be easy for Cage of Brahma Insects to obtain the Golden Lotus Brocade Pearls from the Moon Empress.