

Merchant 1161

### **Chapter 1161: When Did Creation Masters Become So Pathetic?**

While Lin Yuan was observing the small squirrel, Hu Quan finished surveying the surroundings.

Hu Quan said with surprised delight, “Young Master, all the trees around are ironwood. They’re even more useful than metal-type fragments when they’re crushed into powder. Ironwood is also viscous and can give rocks a malleable quality when mixed in. Since we’re in a forest, there should be an underground water source. This mixture of rock and ironwood will be the best waterproofing material for the outside of the underground palace. Moreover, ironwood won’t rust after time like metal-type spiritual ingredients will.”

Lin Yuan shook his sleeve, and the Source Sand fell to the ground. It turned into sand particles and tunneled into the ground below Lin Yuan.

The Source Sand was no longer a Gold/Fantasy fey but a Diamond I/Fantasy II fey.

Thus, it would be easy for the Source Sand to change the environment underground.

The Source Sand’s basic ability was to create sand, and Close Guard Sand quickly roped up all the sand under Lin Yuan’s feet like a large dragon.

With the door to the Space Tunnel at its center, all the sand to a depth of ten meters was rapidly crushed.

The Source Sand also tore out all the roots of the ironwood trees.

The rapid movements of the sand quickly gathered all the ironwood trees in a two-kilometer radius.

Hu Quan was going to use the ironwood to build the underground palace.

While Lin Yuan was changing the environment of the ground around them, Liu Jie sent the 10 Hurricane Owl Moths out as scouts.

He could see everything the Hurricane Owl Moths saw through his spiritual energy link with the Insect Queen.

Liu Jie took a piece of paper and pencil out of his Diamond fey storage box and sketched a rough map of the surroundings.

Lin Yuan also instructed the Source Sand to change the environment underground.

However, he only changed the ground up to a depth of one meter while the other nine meters still remained as a mixture of mud and rock.

While everyone was busy with their own tasks, four hours passed by unknowingly.

Lin Yuan let out Blackie and instructed it to use Spirit Injection on him and Liu Jie every few minutes.

Blackie was also a Diamond/Fantasy fey.

As such, Lin Yuan's store of spirit qi was maintained at half-full despite his large-scale exertion of using the Source Sand to change the landscape.

He was already done changing the appearance of the ground in a two-kilometer radius.

Lin Yuan was very detailed in his work because it would be linked to Silver Corona and the bone lotus flowers' future.

It would be much more convenient to grow the bone lotus flowers in sand rather than mud.

They were derivatives of Silver Corona and fed on souls. As such, they did not need to draw nourishment from the ground at all.

After working for four hours straight, Lin Yuan was exhausted.

He said to Hu Quan, who was building metal racks with the other five Spirit Craftsmen, "Uncle Hu, you can go underground now to build the frame of the underground palace. You guys will have to push yourselves for now so as to get the frame up as soon as possible. Otherwise, any rain that falls will make the environment damper. Not only will you become dirtier while working, but it'll also be more difficult."

Lin Yuan looked behind him at Feng Shuang, Elder He, and Hu Tian, who had been silent all this time, and said, "The three of you should go down to help too. Hu Tian, your fey should be rather useful in building the underground palace's frame. Feng Shuang and Elder He, your feys might not be very useful, but they can still lend a hand."

The three Creation Masters were stunned.

By now, they had picked up from the exchange of conversations that they were in the Divine Wood Federation.

Although they were Class 4 Creation Masters with considerable experience, they only knew of the Island Whales as a medium of transport between federations.

Yet, it was clear that Lin Yuan had not used the Island Whale to cross over to the Divine Wood Federation.

Hence, the three of them found Lin Yuan even more mysterious.

Moreover, Feng Shuang had recognized who Liu Jie was when they were inside the Jeweled Cave Golden Toad, while Hu Tian and Elder He had their realizations when Liu Jie summoned the Insect Queen.

The three of them all wondered if Liu Jie of the Radiance Hundred Sequence had also joined Sky City.

Despite their shock, they never stopped thinking of the best way to interact with Lin Yuan and to leave him with the best impressions.

Lin Yuan had not brought any Creation Masters but only six Spirit Craftsmen to a foreign land.

As such, the three of them all assumed that they were going to become key players.

However, not only did Lin Yuan not use them, but he even instructed them to assist the Spirit Craftsmen.

This made the three of them question for the first time if Creation Masters were truly as admired as they seemed.

Nonetheless, the three of them had no choice but to go against their own wishes and follow Lin Yuan's order.

Hu Tian, who assumed that he was on the best terms with Lin Yuan, asked timidly, "Master, will we be staying here from now on?"

Lin Yuan shook his head and replied, "This is not where the three of you will be parked. Don't let your imagination run wild, and just focus on the job I gave you. You'll also have to do the same tasks when we arrive at your final destination. I have no lack of Creation Master resources here. Although the three of you are Class 4 Creation Masters, you're of more help to me doing odd jobs now."

Hu Tian, Feng Shuang, and Elder He were gobsmacked, and it finally dawned on them that Lin Yuan did not care that they were Class 4 Creation Masters at all.

Just how many Creation Master resources did Sky City have for Lin Yuan to be able to assign three of them hard labor that did not involve concocting spirit fluids?

Feng Shuang clenched her jaw and summoned the Giant Land Thearch Crocodile.

She instructed it to deliver the metal racks underground.

"Good job, Feng Shuang. As a reward, I shall send someone to ensure that your fey safely overcomes any evolution, be it World Cleansings or the Trial of World Creation," said Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan tossed five earth-type heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls to Feng Shuang as a prize.

### **Chapter 1162: The Sudden Appearance of Five People**

Feng Shuang immediately looked elated by the prize she was given and started to express her heartfelt sincerity to Lin Yuan.

Hu Tian and Elder He were green with envy when they saw the five heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls, and they immediately dove into work.

At this moment, Liu Jie suddenly said, "Young Master, I've drawn a basic map of the surroundings. There is a town 50 kilometers to the east, and many natives of the Divine Wood Federation live there. There isn't much to the west and south other than thick forests. However, the environment in the south is much more humid. This must mean that there's a large lake toward the south. The forests end about 90 kilometers to the north.

"The area at the edge of the forest is pretty much deserted, and it seems to be a border. One side of the border is full of trees, while the other side is almost terrifyingly barren. I saw a large cluster of tents about five kilometers from the border. The tents appear to be street stores, and they form a bazaar. The merchants at the bazaar all have black eyes and black hair. They all have rough appearances and are dressed in fur. These merchants must be selling goods from the Divine Wood Federation to consumers from the Iron Hammer Federation."

Lin Yuan walked over to Liu Jie and sat down cross-legged. He listened to Liu Jie's explanation as he studied the sketch.

Although Liu Jie's sketch was far from professional, he had enough experience from training in the wild to be able to produce simple drawings.

He even noted down important locations in the surroundings.

Lin Yuan had assumed that it would be long before he saw other humans.

However, there was not only a town 50 kilometers to the east, but there was even a bazaar 90 kilometers to the north.

Lin Yuan had wondered why he had not encountered strong feys in the forest.

When he had been ordering the Source Sand to change the ground, the strongest fey he encountered was a Silver lizard.

But now, he finally knew why the area was so safe.

The underground palace was situated on the shortest route between the town and the border.

The merchants from the Great Lush Federation would have to travel between the border and town and trade goods from the Iron Hammer Federation and Divine Wood Federation to respective consumers from the other federation.

Given the hostility between the Iron Hammer Federation and Divine Wood Federation, the merchants from the Iron Hammer Federation dared not travel to the town in Divine Wood Federation directly to do business.

If they wanted to import and export goods, they would have to go through the merchants from the Great Lush Federation.

The merchants from the Great Lush Federation must have traveled between the town and border countless times.

Lin Yuan's first priority now would be to obtain spatial spiritual ingredients.

According to Liu Jie's surveillance, Lin Yuan now had two choices.

He could either go and explore the town in the Divine Wood Federation or go and see the merchants from the Great Lush Federation while the bazaar was still open.

Both he and Liu Jie had black hair and eyes. They would stick out like a sore thumb in the town.

Thus, it would be a better choice to explore the merchants from the Great Lush Federation.

Lin Yuan excitedly asked, "Big Brother Liu, is the bazaar that's 90 kilometers away big?"

Liu Jie shook his head and replied, "I couldn't use the Hurricane Owlet Moths to estimate the number of people in the tents accurately. However, there are only around 200 stores. It's about the same scale as the nutrition stations in the Class 2 dimensional rift under the Radiance Federation's control."

Lin Yuan was slightly disappointed to hear Liu Jie say this.

The Radiance Federation had Ostrich Logistics and Star Web, and most basic resources could be bought on Star Web.

Hence, it was difficult to sustain a physical store or stall in the Radiance Federation.

When Lin Yuan ran the spirit lifeform store, he only ever earned enough to cover their basic necessities. Moreover, they also had Uncle Li and Auntie Zhang to take of them.

However, this was not the case in the Divine Wood Federation.

Although delivery factions similar to Ostrich Logistics also existed on a smaller scale in the Divine Wood Federation, almost all the trade done in the entire Startling Lines Federation was made through merchants opening stalls and stores.

300 stalls were considered minuscule in such a trade-centered environment.

Lin Yuan felt that it was unlikely he would be able to obtain spatial spiritual ingredients from the small bazaar.

Nonetheless, he did not lose hope. He was going to meet with natives from the Startling Lines Continent soon, and he would be able to obtain all kinds of information from them.

Additionally, the merchants from the Great Lush Federation were like nomads who had been everywhere. It was possible that they knew crucial information that would be able to solve his need for spatial spiritual ingredients.

Just as Lin Yuan was about to suggest to Liu Jie that they head to the bazaar 90 kilometers away to gather information and resources, a look of shock crossed Liu Jie's face.

"Oh? The Hurricane Owlet Moths have discovered five human figures eastward. They're all wearing half-armor woven from vines, and it looks like they're adventurers from the Divine Wood Federation."

Lin Yuan found this news strange and wondered where the basis of Liu Jie's conclusion came from.

The adventurers that were 65 kilometers to the east were definitely capable of trading 40 kilometers to hunt for food and gather spiritual ingredients.

Liu Jie saw Lin Yuan's confused expression and elaborated, "Big fish don't come from small ponds. The vine armor worn by the town's guards is of a much more inferior quality than the ones worn by the five adventurers. This doesn't make sense."

### **Chapter 1163: Lin Yuan and Liu Jie Tied Up**

Liu Jie was silent for a moment before he said, "I'll have the Hurricane Owlet Moths watch these five people for a while. I might be able to discover what they're up to."

Lin Yuan nodded and continued studying the map that Liu Jie had sketched instead of suggesting to explore the bazaar.

Less than ten minutes later, Liu Jie's expression turned grim as he said, "Lin Yuan, there really is something off about these five people. They're completely ignoring the spiritual ingredients on the ground and are solely concentrated on rushing along. However, they are paying close attention to their surroundings. This indicates they're not familiar with their surroundings. I think that they're an advance team."

Advance team? This meant that there would be more people to follow.

This group had to be made up of many members if they could spare five people as their advance team.

Lin Yuan did not expect to find himself in such a situation the moment he arrived at the Divine Wood Federation.

"Big Brother Liu, leave one Hurricane Owlet Moth to continue watching them and send the other Hurricane Owlet Moths out to scout the area. If these people are the advance team, the bulk of their comrades shouldn't be far behind. If there really is a large group of people close behind, we should capture the five of them first and ransom them to the rest of the group. Hehe, the most influential person in the group will be able to provide us with the most useful information."

Liu Jie immediately did as Lin Yuan said.

While Liu Jie worked, Lin Yuan did not stay idle either.

Lin Yuan instructed the Source Sand to turn into a pool of quicksand the size of a thumb and then continue expanding outward.

The more sand was created, the stronger the Source Sand became.

Lin Yuan would also benefit from having more sand around.

Liu Jie's eyes lit up half an hour later, and he said, "There are 300 adventurers 140 kilometers to the east. They're all wearing armor made of vines. Their armor resembles the ones worn by the five adventurers. Apparently, the vine armor is a kind of standard accessory. There's also an enormous elephant in the midst of the 300 adventurers, and there's a rider atop the elephant.

"The adventurers are extremely respectful toward this rider. It seems that he's a significant person. The five adventurers we first saw are rushing in our direction. Since the five people don't seem to have any intention of stopping at the town, I shall bring them over now."

Lin Yuan thought, *?The team should be rather weak. Otherwise, they would have noticed Liu Jie's Hurricane Owlet Moths.*

Lin Yuan was momentarily stunned but smiled shortly after.

He had come across many king-class and emperor-class experts and had become accustomed to having high standards.

This place was not even one of Divine Wood Federation's big cities. How could there be powerful spirit qi professionals here?

The Hurricane Owlet Moths soon solidified wind elements and set the five terrified adventurers down a kilometer away from Lin Yuan and Liu Jie before flying off.

One of the five captives that had a scar on his face wiped away his saliva that had dripped to his forehead after being carried upside down.

He stood up and said with a hint of fear, "What the hell? This is so strange! Why is there such a strong insect-species fey in a small place like this? Where are we? I hope we aren't held back while on the mission that Miss Luo Ya sent us on!"

Another skinny man composed himself and said, "We were flying for at least 20 minutes. I tried to keep track of my surroundings, but I eventually started seeing double. Assuming that stupid insect flew in a straight line, we have to be at least 50 kilometers off-route."

He slapped the necks of his three companions that were still in a daze.

The skinny man said to a chubby young man, "Fatty, call and report this situation! We're going back immediately. I think Miss Luo Ya will understand that our mission was hindered because of the high-grade insect-type fey."

By the time the skinny man got to the end of his speech, his voice seemed to deflate.

The fat man's teeth chattered as he replied, "Brother Snake, do I have to be the one to call? I get tongue-tied so easily. What if I accidentally say something that angers Miss Luo Ya?"

The skinny man thought, *?Even if you were born with a honeyed tongue, it's not like Miss Luo Ya wouldn't be angry!*

He kicked the fat man, who picked up his phone and dialed a number with trembling hands.

After the call, all five people had faces that were as pale as sheets.

The scarred man could not help but say, "We're done for. We'll definitely be caned when we return!"

Suddenly, his face lit up. The reason behind his change in countenance was that he had noticed Lin Yuan and Liu Jie walking toward them.

His face stretched into a sinister smile, and he said to the skinny man, "Uncle Snake, we were sent to go on ahead to find the merchants from the Great Lush Federation. Those two people up ahead look like they could be merchants from the Great Lush Federation."

The skinny man fixed his eyes on Lin Yuan and Liu Jie and said, "Let's capture these two. Not only will they save us from punishment, but we might even be rewarded instead! They have decent looks. Miss Luo Ya will definitely be able to have fun with them!"

He summoned a five-meter-long snake fey and directed it toward Lin Yuan and Liu Jie.

Lin Yuan used True Data to check on the snake fey and found that it was the Bronze IX/Normal Chain Snake.

Its ability was Chain Wrap, and it could be used to trap a target. Its exclusive skill was Elongate Body, which could extend the Chain Snake's bones while restraining multiple targets simultaneously.

Liu Jie immediately readied himself to retaliate.

Just as Liu Jie was about to circulate his spiritual energy and summon his fey, he caught sight of Lin Yuan winking at him.

As such, Liu Jie did not summon the Insect Queen.

The Chain Snake was already closing in and used Chain Wrap on Lin Yuan and Liu Jie.

### **Chapter 1164: Spun into a Cocoon**

The Chain Snake soon bound Lin Yuan and Liu Jie's limbs together.

Brother Snake walked over with his four companions.

He peered at Lin Yuan and Liu Jie before saying, "They're so handsome! They're more than capable of serving Miss Luo Ya with these looks! She's going to love her new plates!"

Lin Yuan was utterly befuddled.

He understood the part about serving some woman named Luo Ya, but what did that part about being a plate mean? Could it be what he thought it was?

After studying Lin Yuan and Liu Jie's appearances, the skinny man patted the scarred man and said, "When we bring them back, interrogate them first to find out who they really are! If we use them for information, we might even receive rewards! Miss Luo Ya is generous when it comes to gift-giving!"

The scarred man summoned a plant-type fey that resembled a pair of tongs and snarled at Lin Yuan and Liu Jie, "Let me ask you a question. If you answer slowly, my Steel Tongs Flower will cut you. Since you're Miss Luo Ya's toys, I'll take care not to break your legs. However, I can't guarantee that you won't end up with any fractures. After all, Miss Luo Ya cares about your faces and not your legs."

He instructed the Steel Tongs Flower to make snipping motions ferociously.

Lin Yuan could not even be bothered to use True Data to check on the Steel Tongs Flower as it was as plain as day it was nothing more than a Bronze fey.

He had not started attacking this group because he wanted to see how people from the Divine Wood Federation behaved toward people from the Great Lush Federation.

Both he and Liu Jie remained motionless and silent as the five adventurers captured them.

Lin Yuan was surprised by how badly natives from the Divine Wood Federation treated people from the Great Lush Federation.

It was likely that he and Liu Jie were meant to become slaves.

Nonetheless, natives from the Divine Wood Federation would need to rely on trading with merchants from the Great Lush Federation to obtain resources such as mining minerals, metal, and fur.



The scarred man took Lin Yuan and Liu Jie's silence as terror, and he prepared himself to ask a question. If they continued remaining silent after he asked his question, he would teach them a lesson that would leave them clamoring to spill everything they knew.

"When will the merchants return?"

Lin Yuan immediately realized that this group of people had come all this way to target the merchants from the Great Lush Federation.

He wondered if they had come to steal the merchants' resources or to kill them and push the blame to the Iron Hammer Federation.

Regardless, Lin Yuan knew there was no hope of him finding out the attitude held by Divine Wood natives toward the people from the Great Lush Federation through this group.

Hence, there was no need for him to continue to play along.

The scarred man waited for five seconds. When Liu Jie and Lin Yuan continued to stay mum, he fiercely ordered, "Steel Tongue Flower, use 25 kilograms of force to start and teach these two a lesson. I think they—"

Before he could finish speaking, he was interrupted by the frowning fat man, "Brother Snake, they aren't even frowning despite being prisoners. Don't you think that something is wrong?"

The fat man's words alerted Brother Snake.

Brother Snake was the leader of the advance team, and they often encountered feys during their missions.

High-grade feys either reacted by attacking or fleeing. There was no way they would release a target they had captured.

Moreover, the insect-species fey that captured them did not feed on flesh; hence, they had not been caught for consumption either.

The two men from the Great Lush Federation appeared soon after the group was captured.

This all seemed like too much of a coincidence!

The skinny man ordered the Chain Snake to pulverize Liu Jie and Lin Yuan.

The skinny man realized the Chain Snake had lost control of the situation at that moment.

Unbeknownst to him, two pillars of sand had appeared below Lin Yuan and Liu Jie's feet and rose up to bound the Chain Snake tightly.

After Lin Yuan pulled Liu Jie to his feet, he raised an eyebrow at the five people before him and said, "You wanted to ask me questions, but now that the tables have turned, it's my turn to ask you."

Lin Yuan shouted to the ground, "Source Sand, go all out!"

Soon, a pool of quicksand with a radius of half a meter appeared below each of the five men.

As the five men struggled within the quicksand, they remained entrapped within the quicksand.

The sand granules became finer and penetrated the five men's vine armor.

After searching the bodies of the five men, only five phones were found.

The Source Sand delivered the five phones to Lin Yuan. He picked two of the best-looking ones and gave one to Liu Jie while he kept the other for himself.

The Source Sand promptly crushed the remaining three phones.

With a wave of Liu Jie's hand, the five Hurricane Owlet Moths that had carried the five men appeared.

The five men's teeth immediately started chattering as their worst fear was confirmed. The insect-species fey that had picked them up had not appeared by coincidence.

Their expressions soured as they remembered all that they just said. They knew that this was the end for them.

Lin Yuan said to the five frightened men, "I will ask each of you a question. If I'm satisfied with your answer, I will let you live. The quicksand that's trapping you is much stronger than the Bronze Chain Snake."

He first turned to the person who was trembling the most violently and asked, "Why are you searching for the merchants from the Great Lush Federation?"

The trembling man instinctively glanced at his teammates. It was clear that he dared not reply to Lin Yuan's question because of the four of them.

Thus, Lin Yuan instructed the Source Sand to produce Red Lotus Soft Gold.

Anyone who came into contact with Red Lotus Soft Gold would be in excruciating pain, and even the gruffest of men would break down in tears.

100 strands of Red Lotus Soft Gold appeared from two pools of quicksand and wrapped around the man that Lin Yuan had posed the question to.

### **Chapter 1165: Everyone Are Actors**

Anguished cries erupted from the cocoon and lasted for close to ten seconds before Lin Yuan instructed the Source Seed to absorb the Red Lotus Soft Gold and release the man.

After the man was released, his face was tear-soaked, and he looked as though he had been ravaged by something.

Before Lin Yuan could ask again, the skinny man trembled like a leaf as he said, "We come from Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps. The Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps' goal is to steal all of the Great Lush Federation's merchants' resources. We were also instructed to kill all of the merchants from the Great Lush Federation and push the blame to the Iron Hammer Federation so that the rest of the

merchants from the Great Lush Federation will be too afraid to organize bazaars at the Iron Hammer Federation's territory.

"Miss Luo Ya is a Class 1 Creation Master from a Class 2 family. She's also the deputy head of the Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps. Please, I'm begging you. I've told you everything that I know, so please spare me! If you let me live, I'll do anything. I can even become your plate."

Lin Yuan immediately started grinning awkwardly.

*Don't! Please don't be my plate! How am I supposed to eat on a plate like that?*

Lin Yuan suppressed his nausea and looked at the other four pale and silent members of the Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps with bemusement.

It was clear that the man's howls of pain had stupefied them.

Lin Yuan had expected that he would have to resort to unscrupulous methods to obtain information from them.

Yet, they had shown their hand the moment he made his first move. There was nothing else that he wanted to find out about.

From the information he received, Lin Yuan immediately came up with a way to become closer to the merchants from the Great Lush Federation.

He could tell that the five men valued their lives.

As of now, Lin Yuan did not have the means to travel between the Divine Wood Federation and Radiance Federation with ease.

Although these five men were not Spirit Craftsmen, they could help speed up the progress of the underground palace's construction by providing manual labor.

Now that these five men no longer had phones, they had lost their means of communication.

Hence, Lin Yuan did not have to be wary around them.

After Lin Yuan threatened them, he sent them underground.

He was not worried that they would not work without a reward to look forward to. If they were idle, Feng Shuang, Elder He, and Hu Tuan would keep them in line in order to curry favor with Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan said, "Big Brother Liu, you'll have to act alongside me."

He told Liu Jie about his plan in detail, and Liu Jie took two sets of clothes out of a Diamond Fey storage box.

"Since we're going to act, we have to be serious about it to make it seem real," said Liu Jie.

Lin Yuan gave Liu Jie a thumbs up and replied, "Nice one, Big Brother Liu. How professional!"

The clothes that Liu Jie handed Lin Yuan looked expensive, but they were nothing more than frumpy spirit qi clothes in Lin Yuan's trained eyes.

Most of the spirit qi clothes worn by rich spirit qi professionals with taste had simple designs but were made with expensive materials or came with exquisite accessories.

The spirit qi clothes in Lin Yuan's hands had many ostentatious jewels sewn on.

These jewels were not expensive and could be found in Class 1 and Class 2 subterranean dimensional rifts in almost every federation.

Hence, even people with evil intentions would not target him.

Lin Yuan quickly put the clothes on and said, "Big Brother Liu, help me slash some holes in this. I want to look as pathetic as possible."

Liu Jie scratched his head uncomfortably.

No matter how much he was against laying a hand on Lin Yuan, he still summoned the Insect Queen and instructed it to produce one Normal Flesh-Mincing Blade Insect.

The Flesh-Mincing Blade Insect gently slashed 20 small holes in Lin Yuan's clothes.

Liu Jie instructed the Hurricane Owlet Moth to produce a gust of wind to mess up Lin Yuan's hair and tear the holes even further.

"Done! However, I still think something seems off. This set of clothes appears expensive yet old-fashioned at the same time." [n3wn0vel .Org](http://n3wn0vel.org) "People with real means will turn their noses up at them, but people who are not as discerning will covet them. The choice of clothes is fine, and you do look like you're in a sorry state after they're ripped. When you're wearing them, your natural charisma takes over and dissipates all the old-fashioned aura they have. You don't look anything like the son of a rich family that was attacked and is on the run," said Liu Jie in a conflicted tone.

The longer Liu Jie looked at Lin Yuan, the more he felt that Lin Yuan had an overwhelmingly outstanding aura.

Liu Jie was most worried that Luo Ya would not be able to hold back after seeing Lin Yuan and end up pouncing on him.

Although he had never been to the Divine Wood Federation, Liu Jie had read up a considerable amount about the Divine Wood Federation.

The liberal culture in the Divine Wood Federation was unimaginable for many young and sheltered girls in the Radiance Federation. Even 50-year-old middle-aged women would not be able to hold back from turning their heads away.

Lin Yuan grabbed a handful of dirt and rubbed it all over his face and clothes.

When he saw himself in the reflection of the Source Sand's chain blade, Lin Yuan smiled brightly and said, "Don't I look much better now?"

Liu Jie was just about to tell Lin Yuan that the black dirt only contrasted against his ivory skin even more and did not dampen any of his innate charisma at all.

However, he realized that Lin Yuan's aura had changed abruptly.

Not only had his aura weakened, but his facial expressions also made him appear helpless and naive.

Although Lin Yuan was emanating the right aura now, he was much more tempting than before.

Liu Jie could not help but grab a few more handfuls of dirt and rub them all over Lin Yuan's clothes and pants.

He did not stop even after Lin Yuan's clothes were completely dirty and proceeded to rub the dirt on Lin Yuan's neck as well.

Finally, he instructed the Insect Queen to explode the Flesh-Mincing Blade Insect and shower Lin Yuan in the explosion. This covered Lin Yuan with the rancid stink of insect organs.

Liu Jie thought, *"This Luo Ya seems to like turning people into her plates on a whim. Will she make a move on Lin Yuan the moment she spots him?"*

Lin Yuan allowed Liu Jie to do with him as he pleased.

#### **Chapter 1166: Dimensional Rift Opened by Lin Yuan**

Once Liu Jie was done with Lin Yuan's makeover, Lin Yuan said, "Big Brother Liu, send the Hurricane Owlet Moth to watch over the Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps. I'll only show my face once they send out troops after getting tired of waiting for the five of them. You go and wait for me near the bazaar. Since the Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps are so blatantly targeting the merchants from the Great Lush Federation, they must be confident of their success. You should only come out and fix the situation once the majority of the merchants from the Great Lush Federation are killed."

"According to your plan, I should intentionally allow Luo Ya from the Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps to live and use the insects to corner her toward the underground palace," replied Liu Jie.

Liu Jie could not help but marvel at Lin Yuan's plan.

Both he and Lin Yuan were powerful enough to fix any issue that easily cropped up in the world.

However, they had only just arrived, and only impulsive, thoughtless people would charge blindly before fully understanding the situation.

Lin Yuan needed to obtain spatial spiritual ingredients from the Startling Lines Continent.

If they charged in waving their guns around, it was likely that they would become the enemy of the Divine Wood Federation, Iron Hammer Federation, and Great Lush Federation.

This would make it difficult for Sky City to expand in the Startling Lines Continent.

It was said that none of the federations had Class 5 Creation Masters. However, this was just news that they released to the public. It was possible that they were just hiding the existence of any Class 5 Creation Masters.

Regardless, they had to gather power and connections in order to achieve the best results in the Startling Lines Continent.

According to Lin Yuan's plan, he was going to become the savior of the Great Lush Federation's merchants that were 95 kilometers to the north.

It would be extremely easy for him to obtain information from the merchants.

Moreover, Lin Yuan could also use these merchants to get in touch with more important merchants from the Great Lush Federation.

At that time, he would reap more benefits than just being the savior of a small group of merchants.

Allowing Luo Ya to escape would also enable Lin Yuan to obtain information on the Divine Wood Federation.

With both channels of information, he would be able to keep track of all the information in the surrounding area and come up with effective plans.

Lin Yuan had not been idle while Liu Jie was using the Hurricane Owlet Moth to keep watch on the Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps.

He felt that his acting skills would not be enough to remove suspicion from him if he appeared in front of the Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps in such a ragged state.

There were very few strong feys in the forest, and it would not be realistic for him to end up in such a sorry state.

Thus, the dimensional rift would be the best reason.

The dimensional rift would also strike fear into the heart of Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps, and they would decide to take a detour around the underground palace.

Lin Yuan took out the Shatter Spatial Stone and took out 2.5 kilograms. He injected spiritual power into the 2.5 kilograms of Shatter Spatial Stone.

The Shatter Spatial Stone lit up with a silver glow, and the stable spatial energy within turned violent.

The energy fluctuations released by the Shatter Spatial Stone mottled the present space, and it seemed as though the space would shatter at any moment.

Lin Yuan quietly watched as the space deteriorated and cracked to create the dimensional rift.

Suddenly, Lin Yuan sensed the beginnings of a comprehension.

However, the comprehension soon dissipated, and Lin Yuan failed to grasp it properly.

He could not help but regret his failure.

*Lin Yuan thought, 'If only I properly grabbed the state of comprehension. I might have been able to comprehend a Willpower Rune that's suitable to spatial-type feys.'*

Although Lin Yuan used the Shatter Spatial Stone on the surface of the earth, and it was daytime, the spirit qi professionals ten kilometers away would not be able to see the dark red light and violent spatial fluctuations that accompanied the opening of a Class 1 dimensional rift.

As such, Lin Yuan was not afraid that the team from the Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps and the merchants from the Great Lush Federation would notice that he had opened a dimensional rift.

After he opened the Class 1 dimensional rift, he would need to use spatial spiritual ingredients to strengthen and hide it.

However, he would not have to worry about strengthening and hiding the dimensional rift because Hu Quan could take care of it.

Dimensional lifeforms had started pouring out of the dimensional rift.

Lin Yuan watched as 30 alien insects burst forth from the dimensional rift.

12 of the alien insects did not have a grade, eight were Normal quality, and nine were Elite quality. Only one of them had reached Bronze grade.

The other alien insects that followed did not have any quality.

Alien insects from a dimensional rift were like old friends to Lin Yuan.

The first two dimensional rifts that Lin Yuan had encountered were alien insect dimensional rifts.

Lin Yuan opened this dimensional rift not just so he could find a reasonable excuse to explain his appearance to the Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps but also to nurture Silver Corona.

The alien insect dimensional rift would be the most beneficial dimensional rift to nurture Silver Corona.

It took time for a dimensional rift to produce an alien beast wave.

The alien insects that were taking their first steps in the main world did not move immediately.

Instead, they waited for more of their comrades to appear and allow the high-grade alien insects to lead the way.

This was the same situation that Lin Yuan faced in Millstone Town. But now, Lin Yuan was right in the vicinity of the dimensional rift.

But when the alien insects saw Lin Yuan, they charged toward him despite their lack of power.

Lin Yuan waved his hand and summoned Silver Corona.

Silver Corona had remained in the Spirit Lock spatial zone from the moment it transformed into a fairy source-type lifeform.

Now that it had been summoned by Lin Yuan, Silver Corona flapped its wings and curiously surveyed its surroundings.

Silver Corona usually liked to cling to Lin Yuan, and it would perch on one of his ears with Chimey on his other ear whenever he entered the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

After Red Thorn transformed, Silver Corona sensed Red Thorn's possessiveness toward Lin Yuan.

In order to protect its sibling bond with Red Thorn, Silver Corona stayed away from Lin Yuan whenever Red Thorn was by his side.

Naturally, this also had to do with Red Thorn's bloodline being more elite than Silver Corona's.

Silver Corona's fairy bloodline was low-quality three sets of wings, while Red Thorn's bloodline had reached pinnacle three sets of wings.

This would cause Silver Corona to respect Red Thorn instinctively.

### **Chapter 1167: Growth of the Sea of Flowers**

Since Red Thorn was not around now, Silver Corona flew over to Lin Yuan's face and kissed the area that was not covered by dirt.

Evidently, it did not care at all that his face was covered with dirt.

Lin Yuan looked at the excited Silver Corona and said with a smile, "Silver Corona, I haven't had the chance to nurture you yet. But now, with this Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift, you can grow bone lotus flowers freely and use them to consume all the souls of the insects that pour out and increase your power."

Lin Yuan stopped to think before he continued. "Silver Corona, try your best to evolve your quality first. Leave your grade aside for now. A Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift will produce Class 3 alien insects at best. If your bone lotus flowers can't handle Class 3 alien insects, Liu Jie's Insect Queen will help you. Hence, you don't need to be in any rush to evolve your grade. It's more important that you evolve your quality."

He summoned the carnage Willpower Rune and said, "Silver Corona, I'm saving this Willpower Rune for you. When you consume enough souls to evolve to Legend quality, I'll use this Willpower Rune to help you evolve to Fantasy Breed."

Silver Corona's face flushed, and it kissed Lin Yuan again.

It used to be the Sea Burial Lotus Flower. Although it had become a fairy source-type lifeform and the Fairy's Heart's soul had consumed the Sea Burial Lotus Flower's soul, the Fairy's Heart's soul had accepted the Sea Burial Lotus Flower's messy thoughts.

To the Sea Burial Lotus Flower, Lin Yuan was a great person.

Despite Lin Yuan also being the person who had captured it, he had also given it a life it had only dreamed of and helped it rapidly increase its power.

Lin Yuan was just like a father to the reborn Sea Burial Lotus Flower.

Hence, Silver Corona was extremely reliant on Lin Yuan.

Nonetheless, it did not expect Lin Yuan to do anything for it, and it was already at its happiest when it was by Lin Yuan's side.

Every time a fairy source-type lifeform transformed, its bloodline would be activated.



A fairy source-type lifeform's bloodline also transformed when it evolved to Fantasy Breed.

Silver Corona did revere Red Thorn, but it also triggered a competitive streak in Silver Corona.

Silver Corona had always looked forward to evolving to Fantasy Breed and gaining the opportunity to evolve.

Many of the alien insects that had charged toward Lin Yuan had been pushed away by the Source Sand and escaped to the forest.

Lin Yuan urged Silver Corona, "Go ahead. If you don't start now, all your food is going to escape. If you miss this opportunity, you'll have to wait a long time before you'll be able to evolve to Legend quality!"

He ignored the escaping alien insects.

If the alien insects escaped past a five-kilometer radius, they would eventually bump into the group from the Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps.

When the people from the Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps saw the fleeing alien insects, they would believe Lin Yuan's story without having to see the dimensional rift for themselves.

Silver Corona immediately flapped its wings and flew up above the dimensional rift.

The beautiful coral crown that was twice the size of Silver Corona's body started to glow with rainbow colors, and many rainbow lotus flowers appeared at its feet.

The rainbow lotus flowers turned into spots of rainbow light that fell toward the ground.

When the spots of rainbow light made contact with the ground, bone lotus flowers bloomed.

The small bone lotus flowers were as small as bowls, while the large ones were as large as a person's face.

As he watched the bone lotus flower cover the ground's surface, Lin Yuan knew that Silver Corona had started using Spotted Coral's Nurture Spot Style.

Nurture Spot Style could increase the bone lotus flowers' hardness and endurance. It would also help the bone lotus flowers absorb and consume the souls of the alien insects,

Silver Corona could not grow a sea of flowers as quickly as Red Thorn could.

Nonetheless, Silver Corona had managed to grow a sea of flowers that took up 200 square meters after using all its spiritual power.

The 200 square meters of bone lotus flowers were just enough to surround a Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift.

No matter which direction the alien insects crawled toward, they would immediately encounter and fall prey to the bone lotus flowers.

The Elite grade alien insects might be able to struggle for some time within the bone lotus flowers. However, the Normal grade and gradeless alien insects would immediately lose their souls and turn into a puddle.

As the bone lotus flowers consumed the many souls of the alien insects, Silver Corona's depleted spiritual power was replenished.

When Silver Corona's spiritual power increased, it slowly expanded the size of the sea of flowers.

Once the sea of flowers reached the size of a football field, Silver Corona stopped increasing its size as it would be able to keep up with the rate of alien insects that spewed forth from a Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift.

The bone lotus flowers only consumed souls, and the bodies of the alien insects started piling up.

Soon, a mountain of insect corpses had formed.

As such, Silver Corona changed the Nurture Spot Style to Burial Spot Style.

Now that the sea of flowers was large enough, there was no need for the Nurture Spot Style.

The Burial Spot Style would allow the moving spots to consume the bone lotus flowers and turn them into bone insects.

Since Silver Corona had absorbed many different types of spots from the spotted coral jade, there were also many types of bone insects.

The bone insects increased their power by absorbing the lifeforce of lifeforms.

There was a large amount of lifeforce in the flesh of dimensional lifeforms.

Due to the usage of Burial Spot Style, the bone insects quickly cleared out all the insect corpses that had piled up.

The sea of flowers had been sectioned out, and every section played its own role. This efficient delegation of roles allowed Silver Corona to take in sustenance at the most effective rate.

At that moment, Lin Yuan noticed that a thin white powdery layer of fog had appeared above the bone lotus flowers.

Lin Yuan immediately knew that this was the Bone Powder Mist.

After the bone insects consumed the insect corpses, they spat out the insect shells that had been crushed into powder.

The Bone Lotus Mist was the best screening ability and also provided a wide range of attacking abilities.

### **Chapter 1168: Rainbow Lotus Flowers**

Spotted coral polyps were present within the bone powder and could change into bone insects at any moment to attack targets in mid-air.

Thus, the bone lotus flower's attack range extended past land attacks.

Any area covered by the bone powder mist would become part of Silver Corona's range of attack.

He also would not have to worry about Hermit's Dead Servant.

All alien insects had weak souls, and the alien insects that came from a Class 1 dimensional rift were especially feeble.

It would be easy to turn them into the first hermit dead servants. Lin Yuan estimated that the process would take at least a week.

As the bone lotus flowers consumed more souls, Hermit's Dead Servant would be strengthened.

This was the most important barrier for the restricted area that Lin Yuan wanted to create.

He looked forward to seeing the hermit dead servants in a week's time.

Since the hermit dead servants could not be nurtured quickly, Lin Yuan decided to turn his attention to something else.

At that moment, a loud insect cry sounded out, and an enormous armored insect with spikes protruding from its body squeezed out of the dimensional rift and landed in the sea of bone lotus flowers.

Lin Yuan's eyes lit up when he saw the black spiky insect.

Even without using True Data, he recognized it as the Class 3 Spiky Beetle.

There had only been one Spiky Beetle amongst the three Class 3 alien insects that had appeared at Millstone Town.

However, the Spiky Beetle at Millstone Town had been about three meters long and three meters wide, while this Spiky Beetle was three meters long but only about two meters wide.

As such, this Spiky Beetle was much weaker than the Spiky Beetle that had appeared at Millstone Town.

This was not surprising as the dimensional rift at Millstone Town had been a pinnacle Class 1 dimensional rift while this one was only a low Class 1 dimensional rift.

Lin Yuan was in no rush to kill the Spiky Beetle, and he allowed it to struggle amongst the bone lotus flowers.

He wanted to use the Spiky Beetle to test the recovery abilities of the bone lotus flowers.

Given that he wanted to build the restricted area based on the bone lotus flowers, it was necessary to find out how strong their recovery abilities were.

If their ability to recover was weak, brute force would easily destroy them.

He did not test the strength of the bone lotus flowers yet because he did not have a method of accurate testing.

As the bone lotus flowers absorbed more and more dimensional lifeform souls, Silver Corona would evolve, and the flowers' composition ability would become stronger.

Moreover, the bone insects would also become increasingly powerful as they consumed more lifeforce. If they consumed enough lifeforce, it was even possible for them to become more powerful than the bone lotus flowers.

These almost unnoticeably small bone insects had endless potential.

The Spiky Beetle flailed about amongst the bone lotus flowers and soon damaged many of the bone lotus flowers.

Silver Corona was only Bronze I/Normal and had not consumed many alien insects.

As elite as its bloodline was, it was difficult for it to overcome the Class 3 Spiky Beetle.

Silver Corona saw that Lin Yuan did not seem to have any intention of helping it and blinked sadly at him.

Lin Yuan said gently, "Silver Corona, do your best. If you really can't handle the situation, I'll tell the Source Sand to step in and kill the Spiky Beetle. You'll be able to absorb the Spiky Beetle's soul then."

Silver Corona realized that Lin Yuan wanted to test its strength, and it could tell that Lin Yuan did not think that it could defeat the Spiky Beetle.

Lin Yuan's underestimation triggered its competitive spirit.

The Spiky Beetle had the highest defensive ability amongst all the Class 3 alien insects. It relied on physical strength and charged at targets with its spikes.

Normally, Silver Corona would not have dared to stand up to the Spiky Beetle.

However, many alien insects were pouring out of the dimensional rift, and their deaths gave Silver Corona more power.

As such, Silver Corona decided to give it a shot.

Its pupil-less silver eyes lit up as a winning strategy entered its mind.

Silver Corona circulated its spiritual power, and its crown once again lit up with rainbow light.

Numerous rainbow lotus flowers bloomed at its feet.

Silver Corona flew down until its feet reached the same height as the bone lotus flowers.

Shortly after, all the bone lotus flowers started to move.

The Spiky Beetle had destroyed at least 100 square feet of bone lotus flowers.

Just as the Spiky Beetle was about to destroy more bone lotus flowers, rainbow lotus flowers grew at its feet.

The rainbow lotus flowers extended and wrapped around the Spiky Beetle's black spikes.

The rainbow lotus flowers did not take long to entrap and incapacitate the Spiky Beetle completely.

Lin Yuan was stunned.

He knew that the rainbow lotus flowers did not come from one of Silver Corona's abilities.

The rainbow lotus flowers had grown at Silver Corona's feet when the crystallized coral crown had appeared on its head during its transformation into a fairy source-type lifeform.

As such, it was likely that the rainbow lotus flowers were part of Silver Corona's innate abilities.

Now that Silver Corona had halted the Spiky Beetle's movements, it was fighting on equal ground.

Lin Yuan could not help but gasp in amazement at the power of a six-winged fairy.

Red Thorn's bloodline was even more elite than Silver Corona, so he wondered what level of power Red Thorn would display when it entered battle mode.

However, Silver Corona's grade was much lower than the Spiky Beetle's, and the discrepancy in power eventually became apparent.

At first, the Spiky Beetle was completely restrained by the rainbow lotus flowers.

But now, the Spiky Beetle could move slightly.

Evidently, it would soon break away from the restraints that Silver Corona had exerted all its effort into creating.

### **Chapter 1169: Bone Insects Eat Flesh**

Lin Yuan sensed Silver Corona's rapidly depleting spiritual power and exclaimed, "Silver Corona, you're so competitive!"

He had wanted to test the bone lotus flowers' recovery abilities, but Silver Corona had forcefully clashed against the Spiky Beetle.

Although the Spiky Beetle was not intelligent, it was no coward.

After struggling for a while, the Spiky Beetle found a way to break free from its binds.

It turned and tore three of the rainbow lotus flowers.

The stem of the rainbow lotus flowers was very elastic, and it slackened the moment it was cut.

At that moment, many bone lotus flowers grew below the Spiky Beetle. It only took the blink of an eye for the bone lotus flowers to grow to a height of four meters.

Lin Yuan could tell that Silver Corona had switched from Burial Spot Style to Nurture Spot Style from the changes that occurred to the bone powder mist and bone lotus flowers.

The new bone lotus flowers were very sturdy.

As more and more bone lotus flowers pushed the Spiky Beetle from below, they eventually flipped it over.

The Spiky Beetle's spikes were inserted into the ground, and it could not flip itself back over no matter how hard it kicked its legs.

Lin Yuan praised Silver Corona's strategy to himself.

Silver Corona switched back from Nurture Spots Style to Burial Spots Style.

It continued to grow bone lotus flowers to make up for the bone lotus flowers that the Spiky Beetle had damaged while also issuing orders to the bone insects.

The bone insects in the sea of bone lotus flowers covered the Spiky Beetle.

Without the bone insects to clear up the bone insect bodies, the alien insect bodies started to pile up again.

Lin Yuan watched as the black Spiky Beetle appeared to turn white under the blanket of bone insects.

The Spiky Beetle started to struggle violently as it cried out in anguish.

The small bone insects could slip through the cracks on the Spiky Beetle's flipped body.

Since the Spiky Beetle was a Class 3 alien insect, its outer shell was very hard, and the bone insects that had not consumed a large amount of lifeforce could not bite through the Spiky Beetle's outer shell.

Although the Spiky Beetle also had a soft shell, the soft shell could not defend against the bone insects.

As the Spiky Beetle's howls of pain continued, it was visibly eaten up until only its outer shell was left.

Once the bone insects were done eating the Spiky Beetle's flesh, they returned to their original job of clearing the insect corpses that had piled up.

The bone insects also dragged the Spiky Beetle's outer shell into an empty corner of the sea of bone lotus flowers.

Lin Yuan felt that the empty space was like Silver Corona's treasure box.

Silver Corona flew over to Lin Yuan and asked, "Yuan, don't you think I'm amazing?"

Lin Yuan used his finger and caressed Silver Corona's face as he replied, "Silver Corona, you really surprised me!"

From the moment Silver Corona had grown a large number of bone lotus flowers to flip the Spiky Beetle over, Lin Yuan witnessed the rate at which it could replenish the sea of bone lotus flowers.

Silver Corona was still weak, and the sea of bone lotus flowers had only just been formed.

It did not even have any hermit dead servants, so it was expected that it would not have much power.

When Silver Corona evolved to Fantasy Breed and produced a few hermit dead servants, the forest would become a terrifying restricted area to every living being in the area.

But for the restricted area to become notorious and attract true risk-taking experts from the Divine Wood Federation, Lin Yuan needed to come up with more plans.

From the moment Lin Yuan had summoned Silver Corona, the Insect Queen started shivering in Liu Jie's arms as it fearfully peeked at Silver Corona.

The pressure of its bloodline caused the Insect Queen to be too afraid to fly around Liu Jie like it normally did.

Liu Jie comforted the Insect Queen as he marveled at the sight before him.

He could not contract any other feys or source-type lifeforms after the Insect Queen.

He had only contracted the Cocoon of Evolution because it could live within the Insect Queen. Essentially, it was the Insect Queen that had contracted the Cocoon of Evolution, and it did not involve Liu Jie at all.

Hence, Liu Jie often read up on fairy source-type lifeforms to learn more about them.

The information stated that the fairy source-type lifeform with the most elite bloodline was one that had grown a third set of wings after evolving to Myth Breed.

Initially, Liu Jie's Insect Queen had four wings. But after mutating, it had the potential to grow two more wings.

Night Leaning Moon had confirmed this fact.

However, he could not be certain when the Insect Queen would grow its third set of wings.

Liu Jie had assumed that the Insect Queen would be the first to break the record.

However, Lin Yuan had casually summoned a six-winged fairy that was only Bronze grade.

Liu Jie felt that this world was too incredible.

Silver Corona was a miracle that had broken a record, and Lin Yuan was the one who had created this miracle.

Liu Jie often read forums and posts about fairy source-type lifeforms.

The forums and posts were messy, and many of them did not make sense.

He felt that if he wrote about what he just saw on the forums, he would be branded a lunatic.

Lin Yuan's face turned red, and he asked Silver Corona, "Do you think you'll be strong enough to handle it if I open another dimensional rift?"

Silver Corona hurriedly shook its small head and replied, "Yuan, I've already produced my maximum amount of bone lotus flowers. If I expand the sea of flowers anymore, my control over the edges of the sea of flowers will weaken."

"The bone lotus flowers don't just need spiritual power to grow. The bone insects consume flesh while the bone lotus flowers consume souls. Both require my specific instructions in order to take place. I'm

not strong enough to sustain another dimensional rift. When I reach Bronze V/Flawless, the sea of flowers will be twice its current size, and I'll be able to handle another dimensional rift."

As such, Lin Yuan decided not to use another 2.5 kilograms of the Shatter Spatial Stone to open another dimensional rift.

### **Chapter 1170: Delicate Young Man**

Excessive enthusiasm could ruin the situation.

While Silver Corona played with Lin Yuan, it spotted the Insect Queen in Liu Jie's arms.

It flapped its wings and flew over to the Insect Queen. Soon, Silver Corona and the Insect Queen had become friends.

Silver Corona invited the Insect Queen to play amongst the bone lotus flowers.

When Liu Jie saw how well the Insect Queen and Silver Corona were getting along, he smiled gleefully.

*Hehe, I'm on such great terms with Lin Yuan, and my fey is also close with his fey! This feels good!*

Suddenly, Liu Jie narrowed his eyes and said, "Lin Yuan, the Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps group is getting antsy. Half an hour ago, the phone you gave me has rung three times, and the group from the Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps has started advancing."

Lin Yuan took out the phone he had stored in the amber-button-shaped Diamond fey storage box and saw that it had five missed calls.

He smiled and looked toward the far distance.

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The sun hung high in the sky as a large group dressed in vine armor marched through a forest.

A yellow-brown elephant-species fey used its trunk to pluck out small trees and sent them into its mouth to munch on.

The taste of the small trees did not seem to agree with it, and it spat out the chewed-up trees onto the ground.

As it moved its head, its ivory tusks left deep gashes in the trunks of large trees.

A tent sat on the elephant-species fey's back, sheltering those that sat within it from the blinding sunlight and any falling leaves, branches, or fruits.

A girl wearing a long silk dress sat inside the tent.

Various flower petals were adorned by vines embroidered on her silk dress, and the complicated design made the high-quality silk appear gaudy.

She also had a purple fur cloak draped around her.

The fur was long and matted at the edges of the cloak. It was clear that this cloak was rather old as time spent under the hot sun had dried up the natural oils at the cloak's edges.



In the Divine Wood Federation, accessories were very important as they represented one's status.

The clothes worn by normal people had accessories made of rough twine.

The servants of households or people whose lives were extremely difficult did not even have such clothes to wear. They could only wear clothes woven from the branches of plants.

The clothes made from the branches of plants not only pricked and hurt their wearers, but they could not last more than a few days before they needed to be repaired.

The most abundant resource in the Divine Wood Federation was plant-type feys.

The Divine Wood Federation and the Iron Hammer Federation had the same structure of factions.

Creation Masters could start families based on their class, and the members of Creation Master families were often regarded as the elite.

The clothes worn by these people were more elaborate.

Insect-species feys were also high in volume in the Divine Wood Federation.

The elite preferred to wear spirit qi clothes made from silk produced by insect-species feys, and they also added complex accessories to the plain-colored clothes.

Besides silk, the elite liked to wear spirit qi clothes made of fur.

Beast-type feys were very rare in the Divine Wood Federation, and it was impressive for one person to own one set of fur spirit qi clothes.

The girl seated in the tent even took care to spread out the cloak to prevent herself from sitting on the fur and causing it to become less fluffy.

She was dressed in expensive clothes and had average features. Yet, her face was slathered in makeup.

This made her appear promiscuous.

She was gnashing her teeth as she looked to the road ahead and growled, "The five of you better have met with an accident and ended up eaten by some animal. If any of you dare to show your face again, I'll whip you into a pile of mangled flesh!"

The girl was bored stiff when she heard a voice shout, "Miss Luo Ya, the Banana Wood Elephant has been traveling on an empty stomach. It needs to be fed! Otherwise, it might go into a frenzy when it sees fruit trees!"

Luo Ya waved her hand and summoned a light-yellow moth.

The moth had a wingspan of two meters and was very bloated. Its wings did not have any patterns but were lined with a thick layer of pollen.

This made the moth appear slightly repulsive.

Luo Ya leaped onto the moth and rode it to the ground.

She frowned at the tall and long-haired man and said, "Fu Di, I fed spirit fluids given by my father to the Banana Wood Elephant so that it will be able to evolve to Gold soon. When you feed it, make sure you feed it something nutritious."

Fu Di was the leader of the Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps and Luo Ya's loyal subordinate. He was decently talented.

After becoming acquainted with Luo Ya, he managed to convince her to become the deputy head of the Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps.

He had gained a large amount of Creation Master resources through his connection with Luo Ya.

The Banana Wood Elephant was not Luo Ya's fey but one of the Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps' assets.

It would be greatly beneficial to the Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps if the Banana Wood Elephant evolved to Gold grade.

Fu Di was jubilant and expressed it by trying to gain favor with Luo Ya.

"Miss Luo Ya, when we find the merchants from the Great Lush Federation, I'll tell the boys to kill all the ugly and old ones and gather the handsome and young ones for you."

Luo Ya replied nonchalantly, "A group of merchants like that wander around trading and are always exposed to the elements. I highly doubt any of them will be good-looking."

She felt that this journey had become boring.

Luo Ya did not provide the Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps with Creation Master resources to strengthen them just to gain 300 bootlickers.

Since she came from a Class 2 family, she was treated like a princess in her home city.

Fu Di had convinced her to become the deputy head of the Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps because he had promised to find handsome boys for her.

But the more she played around, the higher her standard became.

The boys that she would have salivated over in previous years would not even catch her eye now.

This was a great source of annoyance for her.

While she surveyed the surroundings, she suddenly caught sight of a figure hurrying toward the Withered Cliff Thief Death Corps.