

Merchant 1201

Chapter 1201: Medusa Snake Demon's Provision

When Lin Yuan used True Data, he saw that Wendy had already reached Class 4, and its originally bald head now had many snakes growing out of it.

Now, it looked scarily beautiful.

However, Wendy was still its same old adorable self.

When Rising Lizard arrived next to Lin Yuan, Wendy changed into a small snake and leaped into Lin Yuan's arms before changing back into human form and hugging Lin Yuan affectionately.

Rising Lizard also wanted to nudge Lin Yuan lovingly with its head. However, it was still much bigger than him, and even a gentle nudge would cause Lin Yuan to fall over.

As such, Rising Lizard stopped itself.

Lin Yuan could not help marvel at Rising Lizard. Although the strength of its faith power had not increased by much as it was not easy for Apostles to gain faith power, Rising Lizard had evolved from Class 6 to Class 7 in such a short amount of time.

This rate of power growth was terrifying! How did Rising Lizard manage it? What had happened in the marsh world during his absence?

While Lin Yuan was thinking, Wendy said, "Dad, I've already absorbed half of the Drugged Snake Eagle's venom. Once I'm done, I should be able to evolve to Class 5. When you left the dimensional world, the Marsh Ground Sphagna took me to the Drugged Snake Eagle nest, and I rescued 29 Medusa Snake Demon aunts. They're now attracting the Marsh Crocodiles with Mom. I don't plan on accepting these Medusa Snake Demons as my believers, as I think predator plants are the best choices to become my believers. Rising Lizard can have these Medusa Snake Demons. In just a few days, the Medusa Snake Demons managed to attract many Medusa Giant Lizards that were all eaten by Rising Lizard."

Wendy blinked its large eyes and thoroughly reported on all that had taken place in the marsh world in Lin Yuan's absence.

Lin Yuan was momentarily stunned. This had to be the reason for Rising Lizard's rapid increase in power! The Medusa Giant Lizards that had come running toward the Medusa Snake Demon's aura were so tragic! The Medusa Snake Demons had essentially seduced them with the sole purpose of slaughtering them.

Nonetheless, this was fine as Lin Yuan never expected to find so many Medusa Snake Demons gathered together in his territory.

It seemed that he need not worry about Rising Lizard's power at all as it could quickly increase its power.

Moreover, there was already a deepset genetic link between Medusa Snake Demons and Medusa Giant Lizards.

Since Rising Lizard was an Apostle, it was not a bad circumstance if all of its believers were Medusa Snake Demons.

The Medusa Snake Demon had extremely high intelligence and could contribute significantly to this almost barren land.

It would be beneficial to the base if Rising Lizard could accept the Medusa Snake Demons as its believers. Hence, Lin Yuan greatly supported this idea.

At that moment, Wendy said softly, "Dad, I might not have as many believers as Rising Lizard, but I'm still ahead of it. Rising Lizard only has one Favored Believer and four believers while I already have two Favored Believers!"

Suddenly, Lin Yuan sensed that something was wrong.

How could Wendy address him as Dad? He had not thought anything odd of it, but it had also addressed Scale Concubine as Mom. This implied that he and Scale Concubine were a couple. Scale Concubine might not be agreeable to it. But even if it was fine with it, he was not agreeable to it.

In spite of this, he did not say anything to Wendy as those were just the words of an innocent child, and Wendy had only addressed him in such a way because he had formed a contract with it.

Wendy felt safe and affectionate toward him. In a child's world, the people they felt most at ease and loving toward were their parents.

Lin Yuan caressed Wendy's head and said, "Later, let's go and see your new Favored Avenger together."

Liu Tong had gathered all the Spirit Craftsmen, and they were standing before Lin Yuan.

All of the Spirit Craftsmen had worn faces, and it looked as though they had not rested properly in a long time. Their faces were also covered in dust and looked to be in a sorry state.

Constructing a building involved digging and moving dirt around. It was a job where one could not evade becoming dirty.

Lin Yuan looked at the 34 Spirit Craftsmen behind Liu Tong and said loudly, "All of you have been working hard! The construction in the marsh world won't be completed within a short period. You have to rest when it's necessary!"

One of the Spirit Craftsmen replied, "Young Master, is it convenient for you to bring feys to this place? I would like to form a contract with the Vitality Sloth, so I won't have to waste my time resting and can dedicate more of my time to work!"

Many other Spirit Craftsmen soon echoed this Spirit Craftsman's words.

Warmth flooded Lin Yuan's heart.

All of these Spirit Craftsmen had agreed to come to this place without asking any questions, and they were all working themselves to the bone now.

All of them were part of Hu Quan's Heavenly Craft Pavilion, and Hu Quan was a member of Sky City. Hence, they were all distantly related to Sky City.

There was no reason for him to be stingy toward these hard workers who were technically part of Sky City.

Lin Yuan cleared his throat and said seriously, "Let Liu Tong if you want a Vitality Sloth, and I'll bring them over soon. Moreover, I heard from Hu Quan that all of you can contract new feys. A few of you have even comprehended Willpower Runes but haven't found the right fey. So, when you inform Liu Tong of your desire to have a Vitality Sloth, you can also request another fey of any type. I'll also bring a Bronze/Epic fey for each of you according to the type you specified."

Lin Yuan's voice carried hefty weight, and it rang in the ears of the Spirit Craftsmen.

Chapter 1202: A Haven

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It had even been difficult for Hu Quan to obtain a Bronze/Epic Wood Weaving House Centipede when he was a Class 4 Spirit Craftsman as he needed luck on top of skill.

As such, it was no wonder that Bronze/Epic feys were so precious to the Class 2 and 3 Spirit Craftsmen.

It was no lie that these Spirit Craftsmen had worked tirelessly for Lin Yuan's sake. They did it with Lin Yuan's promise to them in mind, but that was not the sole reason.

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Moreover, Lin Yuan was not just giving them any Bronze/Epic feys, but ones that they had specified themselves.

From the way Lin Yuan spoke, it seemed that they would be able to obtain the Bronze/Epic feys after just one or two days.

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But now that they were offered such a reward, the Spirit Craftsmen realized that Sky City was on such an unbelievable scale that Bronze Epic feys could even be nurtured in a matter of days there.

A true gentleman would die for his closest friend, but there were very few people who would give without asking anything in return. Every gift had to be repaid.

Yet, these Spirit Craftsmen were being repaid so soon after they started working. They were all touched and motivated by Lin Yuan's actions and were ready to work harder than ever to repay him.

Liu Tong was smart.

When Lin Yuan failed to mention him in the announcement about Bronze/Epic feys, Liu Tong knew that there was a larger reward in store for him.

Just as Liu Tong had predicted, Lin Yuan turned to him and said, "Liu Tong, even with a Vitality Sloth, it must have been hard for you to tirelessly manage the work here."

Liu Tong had gone without sleep for so long that tears started to well up in his dry eyes.

He knew that he was a nobody. Ever since he was accepted under Hu Quan's tutelage, all he did was doggedly work to pick up the skills and do his best to leave an impression on Hu Quan.

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He would never have believed that an aristocrat like Lin Yuan would remember his name after the very first introduction. This gesture made Liu Tong feel respected as it meant that Lin Yuan regarded him as an equal.

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Lin Yuan's words were a hard blow to Liu Tong, who immediately felt his legs go weak.

He was still exhausted despite having contracted a Vitality Sloth, and he suddenly wondered if he was dreaming.

Lin Yuan did not hide this conversation from the other Spirit Craftsmen. This not only made Lin Yuan appear even more outstanding but also let the other Spirit Craftsmen know that hard work would be rewarded.

After surveying the construction around the area, Lin Yuan said to the Spirit Craftsmen, "Once you've contracted a Vitality Sloth, you'll only have to sleep two to three hours each night. However, you can't spend all the remaining time working. You can mark off an area within the territory and plant some of your favorite fruits or pretty plants there. You can even dig a pond and rear fish-species feys.

"The territory is huge and more than big enough for each of you to build a house of your own. I will arrange for the breeding rooms you rushed to build to be assigned to Creation Masters as well as place a guard by the entrance. If you need anything in the future, you can let the guard know. The Creation Masters in the breeding room will be able to provide some of your needs.

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As he continued to expand into the marsh world, the base would only grow larger, and he would eventually come into contact with native factions as well as people from various federations that came through Class 6 marsh dimensional rifts to enter the marsh world.

In such an environment, only the strong would gain respect.

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Chapter 1204: Water Demon Support Willow and Water Demon Support Willow

The violently churning marsh was a sign that the creature underwater was at least as large as the Island Whale.

A newly hatched Island Whale was about 500 meters long and could grow up to 3,000 meters as its power increased.

Leaf-covered branches slowly emerged from the marsh, sending the Marsh Crocodiles into a panicked frenzy.

Scale Concubine hurriedly started to sing the Marsh Crocodile Song at an increased speed to calm down the Marsh Crocodiles.

Lin Yuan used True Data as he watched the sturdy grayish-green branches that were covered with twisted leaves.

[Alien Beast Name]: Water Demon Support Willow

[Lifeform State]: Dimensional lifeform (Favored Believer)

[Alien Beast Class]: Class 4

[Totem Faith]: Three Flower Snake-Eyes Totem

Natural Skill:

[Excessive Splitting]: If there is sufficient energy, the Water Demon Support Willow can grow branches endlessly and remove branches. The energy from the branches that grew from it splitting its body will solidify and become even harder than its original body.

Lin Yuan's eyebrow twitched when he saw the Water Demon Support Willow's True Data.

Although he could tell that the Water Demon Support Willow's body was giant, he could not see most of its body which was still underwater.

Excessive Splitting's strength depended on the Water Demon Support Willow's size. The larger it was, the more impactful Excessive Splitting would be.

Once the Water Demon Support Willow reached a certain size, it would be able to use its branches to create a large base underwater.

This would open up new possibilities in the marsh.

But if it were small, its main branches underwater would not be strong enough, and the structure created through Excessive Splitting would not be impressive. Not only would it be worthless, but it would even become trash that took up space in the territory.

Just as Lin Yuan was about to jump into the dirty marsh to see the Water Demon Support Willow's entire body, Scale Concubine said, "Lord, there is a special white Marsh Crocodile there that I can't control. At first, it was attracted by all the blood we poured into the marsh. But it saw that there's nothing to eat here and is about to leave."

Lin Yuan looked in the direction that Scale Concubine was pointing and saw the seven-meter-long ivory Marsh Crocodile.

The Marsh Crocodile was not creamy white but a pure and sacred type of white that shone faintly. This made the white Marsh Crocodile appear much more imposing.

Lin Yuan used True Data to check on the white Marsh Crocodile.

[Alien Beast]: White Evil Marsh Crocodile

[Lifeform State]: Dimensional lifeform

[Alien Beast Class]: Class 2

Natural Skill:

[Crocodile Group Worship]: It will not meet with any opposition even if it publicly robbed the other Marsh Crocodiles' food. Its aura will set other Marsh Crocodiles at ease. The more the other Marsh Crocodiles experience its aura, the better they will feel, and their positive feelings will eventually turn into worship. It can attract Marsh Crocodiles within a large radius.

Lin Yuan was astonished.

This Marsh Crocodile was called the White Evil Marsh Crocodile. Its name was evidence that it belonged to the Marsh Crocodile family.

However, there was no mention of the White Evil Marsh Crocodile in any of the information regarding the marsh world in the main world.

Lin Yuan had guessed that the White Evil Marsh Crocodile had reached Class 6.

After all, Marsh Crocodiles' Class was directly related to their size.

However, this White Evil Marsh Crocodile was only Class 2. Yet, it was already 7 meters long.

As such, he could only imagine how large the White Evil Marsh Crocodile would grow to become.

Rising Lizard's 14-meter-long tail was already like a moving pillar of flesh.

Once the White Evil Marsh Crocodile reached Class 7, Lin Yuan estimated that it would grow to at least 100-meters-long.

Lin Yuan also learned from True Data why the other Marsh Crocodiles were not attacking the White Evil Marsh Crocodile.

Marsh Crocodiles in their gestating phase were naturally hostile toward young Marsh Crocodiles that they were not blood-related. They would even kill the young Marsh Crocodiles so they would have more space to give birth.

Marsh Crocodiles also reproduced quickly. In a group of so many Marsh Crocodiles, it was unlikely that there was not a single gestating Marsh Crocodile.

The other Marsh Crocodiles were not attacking the White Evil Marsh Crocodile because of Crocodile Group Worship.

From the moment Lin Yuan saw Crocodile Group Worship, he became certain that the White Evil Marsh Crocodile was extraordinary.

The marsh world was full of peril, and dimensional lifeforms were all possessive over their food.

Crocodile Group Worship not only allowed the White Evil Marsh Crocodile to steal other Marsh Crocodiles' food without facing opposition, but it also allowed the White Evil Marsh Crocodile to be worshiped by other Marsh Crocodiles.

The White Evil Marsh Crocodile could use this natural skill to gather a group of Marsh Crocodile guards.

With so many of its worshippers offering it their faith, it would naturally transform into an Apostle.

Heavenly Family Feys were heavenly lifeforms from the main world. But this White Evil Marsh Crocodile was the heavenly lifeform from the marsh world.

There was no way Lin Yuan would allow this dimensional lifeform to slip away.

He said to the waiting Scale Concubine, "Scale Concubine, continue singing the Marsh Crocodile Song."

Lin Yuan said to the Invisible Demon in his shadow, "Shadow, after you capture the White Evil Marsh Crocodile, kill any other Marsh Crocodile that makes a wrong move."

A shadow emerged from Lin Yuan's shadow and kicked the White Evil Marsh Crocodile to the ground.

The White Evil Marsh Crocodile was about to start struggling, but it was quickly enveloped by the Marsh Ground Sphagna and left incapacitated.

At that moment, all of the Marsh Crocodiles in the marsh went hysterical.

Scale Concubine's Marsh Crocodile Song no longer worked.

Chapter 1205: Strange White Evil Marsh Crocodile

The Marsh Crocodiles ignored Scale Concubine and charged forward to save the White Evil Marsh Crocodile.

The Invisible Demon's shadow flashed across the marsh as per Lin Yuan's instruction.

The air above the marsh turned dark, and the waters of the marsh turned red as the frenzied Marsh Crocodiles were decimated.

This sudden event astonished all the Medusa Snake Demons.

Wendy's eyes lit up, and it waved at the marsh as it shouted, "You big thing, time to eat! Don't waste any bit of crocodile flesh! You better eat all of it within an hour! Otherwise, they'll decompose and be eaten by the mushrooms!"

More branches emerged from the water.

Now that there was food present, the Water Demon Support Willow stretched out more than twice the number of branches than Marsh Crocodiles.

The branches wrapped around the Marsh Crocodiles and dragged them beneath the surface, leaving behind the red-stained water.

The Marsh Crocodiles' blood flowed in all directions and would quickly attract many more Marsh Crocodiles.

It was impossible to wipe out all the Marsh Crocodiles in the marsh world.

There were already Marsh Crocodiles swimming toward the scent of blood.

Scale Concubine led the Medusa Snake Demons in singing the Marsh Crocodile Song to control these new Marsh Crocodiles.

Although Lin Yuan wanted to dive underwater to see just how big the Water Demon Support Willow was, he could not stand the water that was contaminated with the Marsh Crocodiles' blood and mud.

He could only wait until the decomposing bacteria digested the blood before he could head underwater.

As such, Lin Yuan focused his attention on the White Evil Marsh Crocodile.

It was completely helpless against the Class 10 Marsh Ground Sphagna.

Marsh Crocodiles were not intelligent, and this White Evil Marsh Crocodile was still a child. Hence, there was no way it was smart in any way.

Lin Yuan walked over to place his hand on the White Evil Marsh Crocodile's scales.

He discovered that its scales were springy if touched lightly but felt as hard as porcelain when a heavier touch was applied.

Lin Yuan turned to ask Wen Yu and Rising Lizard, "Do either of you want to accept the White Evil Marsh Crocodile as your Favored Believer?"

Wendy hurriedly shook its head and replied, "Dad, I'm more suited to accepting predatory plants as my believers because of my natural skill."

Although Wendy did not state it explicitly, it was clear from its expression that it despised the Marsh Crocodile.

Rising Lizard's seven heads stared at the White Evil Marsh Crocodile for some time before they started to shake, and it said, "Master, you should accept it as your believer. It'll take too much faith power for me to accept it as my Favored Believer."

It did not want to waste its faith power on a Marsh Crocodile.

Lin Yuan lowered his head and looked deep in thought as he gazed at the thrashing White Evil Marsh Crocodile.

Not even Rising Lizard and Scale Concubine, who had lived in the marsh world for so long, had realized what the White Evil Marsh Crocodile's natural skill was.

This was not a normal situation.

After touching the White Evil Marsh Crocodile's skin, Lin Yuan could tell that it was not ordinary.

The White Evil Marsh Crocodile's natural skill Crocodile Group Worship made it a king as it enabled it to order around the Marsh Crocodiles in the marsh.

Given the Marsh Crocodiles' reactions, Lin Yuan could tell that Crocodile Group Worship was more powerful than Marsh Crocodile Song.

He had wanted Wendy or Rising Lizard to accept the White Evil Marsh Crocodile as their Favored Believer so as to strengthen Crocodile Group Worship.

But now, neither of them wanted the White Evil Marsh Crocodile.

They deeply despised Marsh Crocodiles, regardless of how unique the Marsh Crocodile was.

Lin Yuan would never have to worry about using up all the Law Source Crystals he obtained from trading with Cage of Brahma Insects, Coiling Dragon's Valley, and Dark Clouds Bird Shrine.

He could produce 200 units of source-type power without issue.

As such, he instructed the Sacred Source Wielding Queen to funnel source-type power into his hands.

He touched the White Evil Marsh Crocodile with his hands full of source-type power.

Soon, the dim White Evil Marsh Crocodile became more affectionate toward Lin Yuan.

Now that he had used source-type power to soothe the White Evil Marsh Crocodile, he instructed the Marsh Ground Sphagna to release the White Evil Marsh Crocodile.

Lin Yuan pointed at the marsh to tell the White Evil Marsh Crocodile that it could leave.

However, it swished its tail like a large cat and produced a gurgling noise in its throat.

This scene reminded Lin Yuan of Genius.

Nonetheless, Genius was much cuter than the razor-toothed White Evil Marsh Crocodile.

Both crocodile-species feys and dimensional lifeforms like the Marsh Crocodile gurgled and swished their tails as a sign of their affection.

Lin Yuan did not need to be as wary with the dense White Evil Marsh Crocodile as he was with the Class 4 Land Imp.

The Source-Type Cleansing was enough to incite unintelligent dimensional lifeforms to offer up their loyalty.

The accumulated 200 units of source-type power flowed out of Lin Yuan's hands and into the White Evil Marsh Crocodile.

Not long after, the White Evil Marsh Crocodile roared fiercely.

While it was undergoing the Source-Type Cleansing, its white scales lost all signs of grayed aging.

The scales cracked, revealing an even whiter set of scales underneath.

Although the White Evil Marsh Crocodile's class did not increase after the Source-Type Cleansing, its body size had changed significantly.

As the White Evil Marsh Crocodile's body expanded, it now reached a length of 16 meters.

Its grade was low, and it was not strong. However, it could now use its body to kill many Class 4 dimensional lifeforms through brute force.

Suddenly, an astonishing pressure emanated from the White Evil Marsh Crocodile.

An amber-colored tooth-shaped totem appeared in the middle of its snout.

The appearance of the totem meant that the White Evil Marsh Crocodile had successfully transformed into an Apostle.

Lin Yuan used True Data to check on the White Evil Marsh Crocodile again.

Chapter 1206: Lin Yuan's Miniature Kingdom in the Marsh World

[Alien Beast]: White Evil Marsh Crocodile

[Lifeform State]: Apostle

[Alien Beast Class]: Class 2

[Power of Faith]: Extremely weak

[Faith Totem]: Crocodile Pattern White-Toothed Totem

Natural Skill:

[Crocodile Group Worship]: Even if it publicly robs food from the other Marsh Crocodiles, its aura will incite positive feelings in the other Marsh Crocodiles. The more of its aura the other Marsh Crocodiles are exposed to, the more positive feelings will arise. The positive feelings will eventually turn into worship which will allow the White Evil Marsh Crocodile to attract the other Marsh Crocodiles within a large radius. The feelings of worship will coalesce into faith that the White Evil Marsh Crocodile will be able to absorb.

[Crocodile Turned Guards]: When the White Evil Marsh Crocodile injects its blood into other Marsh Crocodiles that had become its believers, the Marsh Crocodiles will change from crawlers to human-like lifeforms that can walk on two feet. Their learning ability will also be raised.

Faith Ability:

[Change the Chosen]: Inject a portion of energy from the totem into a lifeform to change it into a different form. The lifeform will change from a normal believer to a Favored Believer.

Now, Lin Yuan knew that White Evil Marsh Crocodile's totem was the Crocodile Pattern White-Toothed totem.

Now, Crocodile Group Worship would allow the White Evil Marsh Crocodile to absorb faith from its Marsh Crocodile believers.

This increased the White Evil Marsh Crocodile's store of faith power.

When Lin Yuan discussed faith power with the Invisible Demon, he found out that faith power was ranked into different levels, namely extremely weak, weak, higher weak, below average, average, higher average, below strong, strong, and extremely strong.

Every time an Apostle's faith power increased by three classes, their lifeform level would transform, allowing them to gain a new faith ability.

The type of faith power received would be fixed.

When the faith power was extremely weak, weak, and higher weak, the only faith ability the Apostle had was Change the Chosen.

Once an Apostle's faith power reached below average, it would be able to unlock its source sacred body and gain a new ability that would raise its combat power by leaps and bounds.

At first, this all seemed too foreign to Lin Yuan.

However, the White Evil Marsh Crocodile's Crocodile Group Worship could bridge the gap and allow it to become Lin Yuan's first Apostle to unlock its sacred source body.

Lin Yuan turned his attention to Crocodile Turned Guards.

Crocodile Changed Guards would allow the White Evil Marsh Crocodile to turn its believers into Favored Believers and give the dim Marsh Crocodiles a cloak of human skin that enabled them to walk like humans.

Moreover, it also enabled the Marsh Crocodiles to increase their learning ability.

The strength of this ability aside, Lin Yuan saw the human-form Marsh Crocodiles as laborers.

The Medusa Snake Demons needed to attract the Marsh Crocodiles while looking after the Drought Ground Sweet Flags and Barren River Orchid Bud that grew at the edge of the marsh.

These jobs were far more useful than manual labor.

Lin Yuan felt that it was too much of a waste of manpower to use lifeforms as intelligent as the Medusa Snake Demon as laborers.

Hence, he had been trying to come up with a way to solve this issue of finding laborers.

It would be too much of a hassle to bring in external manpower from the main world.

But now, the White Evil Marsh Crocodile's natural skill provided a perfect solution.

Now that the White Evil Marsh Crocodile was an Apostle, it could use marsh language for simple communication.

Although it was not eloquent, it was understandable.

Lin Yuan asked the White Evil Marsh Crocodile, "Can the Marsh Crocodile believers that you change into a human form still fight underwater?"

The White Evil Marsh Crocodile gurgled in its throat and said, "They can. They might be in human form, but they're still amphibious. Marsh Crocodiles are more agile underwater than they are on land."

Lin Yuan's eyes lit up.

This meant that he gained laborers and underwater troops that could be used in the marsh.

Wendy was taking various predator plants as its believers.

Lin Yuan saw these predator plants as defense infrastructures. Their various abilities added many different facilities to his territory.

Rising Lizard decided that it was only going to accept the Medusa Snake Demons as its believers.

The Medusa Snake Demons were very smart and could manage the day-to-day activities within the territory.

Due to Crocodile Group Worship, the most suitable believers for the White Evil Marsh Crocodile were the Marsh Crocodiles.

The Marsh Crocodiles would not only strengthen the defenses at the edge of the marsh but also become a significant source of power.

Wendy, Rising Lizard, and the White Evil Marsh Crocodile's believers would form a flawless system that continually advanced the territory's progress.

The three groups of believers all had their own rules.

With this perfect system, it would even be possible for Lin Yuan to create his own kingdom in the marsh world.

The foundation was already laid.

Currently, all the blood in the marsh had been consumed by the decomposing bacteria, and the marsh had returned to its original state.

Many Marsh Crocodiles had swum over and fallen under the control of Scale Concubines Marsh Crocodile Song.

These Marsh Crocodiles would only serve as guards and a source of food but also catalyze the White Evil Marsh Crocodile's growth.

Lin Yuan removed his jacket and dove into the marsh.

It was as though he had entered a whole different world.

Most of the marshes in the marsh world were extremely deep.

The marsh at the edge of the territory stretched at least 500 meters.

The wooden plants and rotten substances floated on the surface of the marsh, giving it a dirty appearance. However, only the surface was dirty.

Once he dove underwater, the turquoise water revealed a world that was abuzz with activity.

All Lin Yuan could see were thick clusters of twisted branches.

The branches tangled together and were brimming with life.

The branches were also wrapped around many bones.

According to the shape of the bones, Lin Yuan could tell that they were from the Marsh Crocodiles that the Invisible Demon had killed.

True Data revealed that the Water Demon Support Willow was only Class 4.

The Water Demon Support Willow's body covered more than 2,000 square meters underwater.

Since the Water Demon Support Willow was an aquatic predator plant, it did not grow upward but outward.

Chapter 1207: Sudden Appearance of Strong Apostles

If the Water Demon Support Willow had enough Marsh Crocodiles to feed on, it would continue to grow and eventually be able to build a construct for the human-form Marsh Crocodiles to live in.

Wendy's Favored Believer had opened the path to the rest of Lin Yuan's journey in the marsh world.

Two mighty waves of energy fluctuations hit him before Lin Yuan could swim back to the surface.

The unprepared Lin Yuan choked and swallowed two mouthfuls of water.

The water did not taste strange but had the faint taste of mud and flesh-eating bacteria. It was not detrimental to humans.

Instead, it was actually rather nutritious. It was healthier to drink the marsh water than mountain spring water.

However, when Lin Yuan remembered the blood that had contaminated the water not long ago, he could not help but feel bile rise up his throat.

But before he could think any further, he sensed two waves of concentrated faith aura.

Lin Yuan inhaled sharply.

Just as Lin Yuan was climbing out of the water, another intense wave of faith power hit him. This wave was much stronger than the previous ones, and it was as though the source of the wave flower fluctuations was coming closer.

It was almost as though two Apostles were swimming toward him while fighting.

A thunderous bellow also accompanied the third wave of faith power. "White Speak! You're the one who brought your son to my territory. Why would I lay a hand on him?"

The woman's voice was sharp and shrill, but Lin Yuan could discern a tinge of anxiousness and fear. Clearly, the woman was no match for White Speak.

An arrogant male voice soon followed. "Scorpion Red, my son was right there. But I can't see him anymore. Even if you didn't send anyone to touch my son, it should be you who takes responsibility when the son of one of the lifeforms that live in your territory goes missing!"

Another powerful wave of energy crashed through the marsh.

By this time, Lin Yuan was already back on land.

The Kill Food Sky Butterfly had arrived at the edge of the marsh when it sensed the first wave of energy.

It said anxiously, "Lin Yuan, this energy fluctuation is clearly beyond Creation Breed. We can't stay in this territory!"

The Kill Food Sky Butterfly's expression was solemn, and it completely disregarded the fact that they were not alone.

Lin Yuan was Purple Afterglow's contractor. If Lin Yuan died, Purple Afterglow would soon follow. Even if it cost the Kill Food Sky Butterfly its life, it would protect Lin Yuan's life.

The energy fluctuations were much stronger than the Kill Food Sky Butterfly.

Although the Kill Food Sky Butterfly had one of the three most elite bloodlines of butterfly-species feys, it had only recently evolved to Creation Breed.

Due to its unhealed injury, it could not even reach Sovereign grade.

It knew that it was powerless against this threat.

Lin Yuan gnashed his teeth as the gears in his head started to turn.

While Lin Yuan was thinking, all the Medusa Snake Demons' faces fell. Amongst all the Medusa Snake Demons, Scale Concubine had been with Lin Yuan for the longest.

The other Medusa Snake Demons had only been at the territory for a few days, and this was the first time they were meeting.

Their time at the territory was the happiest they had ever been while living in the dangerous marsh world. They did not have to worry about lacking food, and they could even build a beautiful structure if they wanted,

Moreover, there were two adolescent Apostles in the territory. One of the Apostles had even accepted some of them as believers and Favored Believers.

But so soon after, they felt a sense of belonging to this place. It was going to be destroyed.

The Medusa Snake Demons looked at Lin Yuan with hope and silently pleaded for him to take them with him when he escaped.

After thinking for a moment, a determined look came over Lin Yuan's face.

He raised his hand and summoned Liu Yanshan.

The Invisible Demon also solidified its body and stood resolutely next to Lin Yuan as it looked toward the direction where the waves of faith power were coming from.

The waves of faith power shocked the Invisible Demon.

The Invisible Demon did not encourage Lin Yuan to flee. Instead, it said frankly, "Lord Dictator, the source is too far away for me to sense how strong the entity is. However, one of the Apostle's faith power is at least below-average level."

The Invisible Demon's words made Lin Yuan aware that one of the approaching Apostles had unlocked its source sacred body.

Another wave of energy fluctuation more powerful than that of a Creation Breed fey was released. This indicated that the Apostle was at least Class 12.

Morbius' grade was not high enough for Lin Yuan to use True Data to check on lifeforms above Creation Breed.

As such, Lin Yuan did not use True Data to check on the approaching Apostles.

After he tried to check on the feys that pulled the Moon Empress' fey carriage, Lin Yuan discovered that targets beyond the grade that Morbius could check on would sense that they were being checked on if Lin Yuan persisted with using True Data.

Nonetheless, Lin Yuan had no intention of running.

He had laid the foundation for his plans in the marsh world.

The collaboration of the three Apostles would be able to form a perfect system.

If he ran now, all his efforts would have been for naught, and Endless Summer's Barren River Orchid Bud would be damaged.

Endless Summer was not in the marsh world. But even if it were, it would not be able to retract the Barren River Orchid Bud fast enough to save it.

Even if Lin Yuan wanted to flee with all the lifeforms, the Jeweled Cave Golden Toad did not have enough space to take all of them, and he would have no choice but to reveal the existence of the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

He might be able to do it if he abandoned the 35 Spirit Craftsmen.

Lin Yuan touched the Extreme Token on his chest and calmed himself.

He said to the Kill Food Sky Butterfly, "Kill Food Sky Butterfly, lead the Medusa Snake Demons, Rising Lizard, Wendy, and the White Evil Marsh Crocodile toward the inner area of the territory. I'll stay here with the Invisible Demon."

At that moment, he realized the White Evil Marsh Crocodile had disappeared.

Chapter 1208: Unpanicked Marsh Ground Sphagna

Lin Yuan was confused by the White Evil Marsh Crocodile's disappearance.

However, they were in the middle of a crisis, and Lin Yuan could not afford to attend to the disappearance now.

The Kill Food Sky Butterfly was about to speak when it saw Lin Yuan's resolute gaze. It flipped its waist-length hair and did as Lin Yuan had instructed.

Only Lin Yuan, the Invisible Demon, and Liu Yanshan were left to greet the incoming threats.

As the sounds of fighting went on, a shrill female voice shrieked. "White Speak, are you sure you want to fight to the death? We're the only two lifeforms in East Vast Large Lake that stand a chance of beating Ghost Firefly but only by working together! The Apostle that Ghost Firefly relies on is protected by Lord Dictator—"

Before she could finish speaking, she cried out in agony again.

"White Speak, how dare you injure my tail?"

At this moment, Lin Yuan saw a giant dark purple scorpion barreling in his direction.

The giant scorpion's body was covered in armor that resembled dark purple crystals.

However, one of its three tails had been snapped off.

Soon after, Lin Yuan was shocked by the creature that was chasing the giant purple scorpion.

A 3,000-meter-long white crocodile disturbed the fog in the distance, and a sacred yet cold aura emanated from its mouth.

Lin Yuan could not help but gulp as he noticed the resemblance between this white crocodile and the Class 2 White Evil Marsh Crocodile.

The white crocodile had said that his son was lost. Could his son be the Class 2 White Evil Marsh Crocodile?

If that was the case, Lin Yuan would be delighted.

Lin Yuan could not imagine how the white crocodile would feel when it found out that its son was in Lin Yuan's clutches and had been transformed into an Apostle.

Would it attack Lin Yuan in a fury and blame him for kidnapping its son or thank him for transforming his son into an Apostle?

Regardless, the fact that the White Evil Marsh Crocodile had been transformed into an Apostle would inevitably come into the light.

Lin Yuan did not know what the White Evil Marsh Crocodile had gone, but it would eventually turn up.

When the white crocodile saw the White Evil Marsh Crocodile, its transformation into an Apostle would be revealed.

Lin Yuan had no clue how such a powerful Apostle would react to this news. It was even possible that the white crocodile would accept him as a Dictator.

It would be great if that happened.

Lin Yuan had asked the Invisible Demon about Dictators. However, most of what the Invisible Demon knew came from rumors. As such, the information was not reliable.

But according to the Invisible Demon's description, Lin Yuan could discern the role that Dictators played in the dimensional world.

Dimensional worlds prided in becoming the believers of Apostles, while Apostles prided in receiving the favor of their Dictators.

It was clear that Dictators were on a higher level than Apostles.

Knowing more about Dictators would enable Lin Yuan to sell his act of being one.

At that moment, the Marsh Ground Sphagna said from below his feet, "Lord, the Drugged Snake Eagle that attacked your territory was this stupid scorpion's Favored Believer. The scorpion takes up a large portion of the north-west region of the East Vast Large Lake."

Lin Yuan's eyes lit up. The best thing to do at such a moment was to learn more about one's enemies.

He asked the Marsh Ground Sphagna, "Do you know what level of faith power the scorpion Apostle has?"

"Two years ago, its faith power was below average. The strength of an Apostle's faith power enables it to rule over a territory. In order to gain the trust of the lifeforms in its territory, Apostles will often go around declaring the strength of their faith power," replied the Marsh Ground Sphagna.

Previously, the Marsh Ground Sphagna badly wanted to become the Dark Scorpion's believer. However, the Dark Scorpion had turned its nose up at such a common fey.

Now that the Marsh Ground Sphagna had become Wendy's Favored Believer and had Wendy's Three-Flower Snake Eyes Totem, it no longer desired to become the Dark Scorpion's believer.

As such, it was no longer as intimidated by the Dark Scorpion. Rather, it felt resentment toward the Dark Scorpion.

The Marsh Ground Sphagna had covered the entire territory with its body, and it could sense everything that took place on the territory.

It had witnessed Lin Yuan turning the White Evil Marsh Crocodile into an Apostle.

The dimensional lifeform next to Lin Yuan that did not have the aura of the marsh world had also addressed him Lord Dictator.

These two instances made a deep impression on the Marsh Ground Sphagna.

The Marsh Ground Sphagna had been wondering why Wendy and Rising Lizard were so loyal to Lin Yuan, who did not even display his aura.

But now, it finally knew why. It turned out that Lin Yuan was a Dictator.

The Marsh Ground Sphagna could not help but tremble with self-pity, admiration, happiness, and adoration.

The Marsh Ground Sphagna did not dare to imagine the glory of being by the side of a Dictator. This glory was not even bestowed on most Apostles.

Any Apostle that could experience such glory was regarded as the cream of the crop amongst Apostle communities.

Ghost Firefly was not the strongest Apostle in East Vast Large Lake. However, it held significant authority because it had formed a connection with an Apostle that was favored by a Dictator.

This connection was enough for the Ghost Firefly to wield the sword of authority and do as it pleased in East Vast Large Lake.

Although a crisis was upon them, the Marsh Ground Sphagna was not panicked at all.

Dictators could use faith power to change into their dictator bodies. Dictator bodies were the best proof of one's Dictator status.

As long as Lin Yuan used his dictator body, he would not have to do anything else, and every Apostle that did not have the favor of a Dictator would fall at his feet in the hopes that he would bestow the dictator's prize on them.

Chapter 1209: Totem Come to Life on the Source Sacred Body

The Marsh Ground Sphagna excitedly waited for Lin Yuan to unleash his dictator body.

It had no idea that Lin Yuan was going to use the secret weapon that the Moon Empress had given him in a last-ditch attempt.

"Marsh Ground Sphagna, since you know the giant purple scorpion, do you know the giant white crocodile as well?"

Lin Yuan felt that if the Marsh Ground Sphagna knew the giant white crocodile, it would have let him know when he first caught the White Evil Marsh Crocodile.

Thus, it was very likely that the Marsh Ground Sphagna was not acquainted with the giant white crocodile.

Nonetheless, he still had to ask as any information regarding the giant white crocodile would help Lin Yuan make a more accurate decision.

The Marsh Ground Sphagna replied respectfully, "Lord, the East Vast Large Lake is gigantic, and I'm just a predator plant with limited ability to move. When I was by the Drugged Snake Eagle's side, I occasionally had the opportunity to see other places. If I hadn't become Lordess Wendy's Favored

Believer, I wouldn't have been able to escape that stupid scorpion's territory to come to your territory. As such, I'm more familiar with the scorpion's territory.

"However, from the way the stupid scorpion seems so fearful of the giant white crocodile, it must mean that the giant white crocodile's faith power is on a higher level than the stupid scorpion's. I can say with enough certainty that the giant white crocodile's faith power is around average or higher average."

Lin Yuan's eyes started to sparkle.

He considered the relationship between him and the giant white crocodile while wondering if releasing the moonlight domain in the Extreme Token would be enough to defeat the giant white crocodile if they ended up being unable to see eye to eye.

Even if the moonlight domain could seriously injure the giant white crocodile, it would still be stronger than the Invisible Demon and Liu Yanshan.

At that moment, the sacred aura in the giant white crocodile's mouth shot toward the giant purple scorpion. The giant white crocodile snarled, "Don't look at me with your native eyes. The Ghost Dragonfly isn't fit to be mentioned in the same sentence as me. Which part of East Vast Large Lake is closed off to me? As a Marsh Crocodile Apostle, there's no way any Dictator will spare me a second glance.

"But despite that, my faith power has reached a higher average. The East Vast Large Lake is nothing more than a small portion of the Marsh East Region. All you know is the East Vast Large Lake, and you'll never be capable of leaving the East Vast large Lake. Why don't you give your faith power to me instead so that I may stabilize my faith power."

The giant white crocodile's words exposed information about itself to Lin Yuan.

Just as the Marsh Ground Sphagna said, the giant white crocodile's faith power had reached higher average.

While he was conversing with the Marsh Ground Sphagna, Lin Yuan found out that this place was called the East Vast Large Lake.

This was the first time that Lin Yuan was hearing of the East Vast Large Lake. He did not have time to understand this place, but he knew that it was a part of the Marsh East Region.

Lin Yuan now knew that the marsh world was separated into regions, and his territory was situated at the most remote corner of the marsh world.

He should be happy that he had gained information about the marsh world, yet his brows were currently tightly furrowed.

The giant white crocodile's words indicated that it had garnered impressive experience.

This made Lin Yuan feel more pressured to pretend to be a Dictator. There was a chance that the giant white crocodile would see through his farce.

He thought, *Oh God! Who can tell me what I should be doing in order to seem more like a Dictator?*

Due to the giant white crocodile's sacred aura attack, the giant purple scorpion lost another one of its tails after using it as a shield.

One of its tails had already exploded apart while the other now exploded to pieces. Evidently, the giant white crocodile's second attack had been much stronger than the first.

The giant purple scorpion's shell had dimmed.

It had considered fleeing until it heard what the giant white crocodile said. The air around it changed, and it turned its head in mid-air and maneuvered into a fighting stance.

It said with a heavy tone, "You're just using the disappearance of your son in my territory as an excuse to hide your true intentions of killing me! If so, you'll continue hunting me even if I flee. If we fight head-on, you might have stronger faith power than me and a stronger source sacred body, but you're an outsider who hasn't seen my source sacred body. You have no clue what I can do with my source sacred body. Aren't you afraid of the tables being turned, and we both end up seriously injured?"

The giant purple scorpion's faith power exploded, and the amber source power gave it an ethereal sheen.

As the purple light fell away, a tall mature-looking woman dressed in armor of purple crystals appeared in the sky.

The woman had thin eyes, which made her appear exceptionally beautiful and menacing.

Her long purple hair was braided into three scorpion braids that were held aloft just like real scorpion tails. However, two of her braids were messy. The messier of the two braids looked as though it was going to come undone at any moment.

The totem that had been on the giant purple scorpion's head was now on the back of the woman's neck. The totem had been bright but now had turned into a black hole that continuously leaked faith power.

The woman's aura intensified, and the aura that leaked out of the hole turned into three amethyst scorpions that stood by the woman's side.

Before it had changed into its source sacred body, the totem on the giant scorpion's head was the image of three scorpions with their tail raised. It was as though the totem had come to life.

As the giant white crocodile looked at Dark Scorpion's strongest battle form, its look of derision sharpened.

Chapter 1210: Sacred Source Lifeform's Secret

The giant white crocodile did not seem to be in a rush to display its source sacred body.

It said haughtily to the Dark Scorpion, "Woman, you sure are dumb. Since I have the courage to try and kill you, it must mean I'm confident of my success. There's no way this will end with both of us seriously injured. Don't think too much. Death will surely accompany your defeat. I might not know what abilities your source sacred body has, but it doesn't mean it'll be strong enough to wound me."

The giant white crocodile's arrogant tone agitated the woman's aura even further.

Faith power spilled fervently from the hole in her neck and flowed into the three amethyst scorpions next to her.

Her three braids also lit up with a crystal-tinted purple glow.

The woman started to inject all her energy into her three braids.

The three braids and three amethyst scorpions' aura became more concentrated.

But at the same time, the woman started to look frailer with each passing minute. She looked as though she had not slept for three nights.

The moment the woman's body ran out of energy, she shook her three scorpion braids at the giant white crocodile.

The three scorpion braids grabbed the three amethyst scorpions next to her.

At the same moment, the three scorpion braids turned ashy white, and the three amethyst scorpions turned black.

The three scorpions fused together and formed a shadowy black scorpion that was more than three times the size that the giant purple scorpion had been.

The shadowy black scorpion seemed to be imbued with a strange power as it ferociously charged toward the giant white crocodile.

The moment that the Dark Scorpion unleashed its source sacred body, the Invisible Demon released its aura.

The Invisible Demon's aura enveloped the surrounding marsh and Lin Yuan's territory.

In order for the lifeforms in the territory to remain unaffected by the Dark Scorpion's source sacred body aura, the Invisible Demon could not keep its power under wraps.

The Invisible Demon's aura attracted the Dark Scorpion and giant white crocodile's attention but not their focus.

Although the Invisible Demon's aura was not that of the marsh world, and it had a strange scent of sulfur clinging to it, it was only Class 12 and undeserving of the Dark Scorpion and giant white scorpion's attention.

Moreover, the Invisible Demon was not an Apostle or even a believer. As such, it was deemed a pathetic failure in the dimensional world.

In spite of the fact that it was facing an attack that contained all of the Dark Scorpion's faith power, the giant white scorpion remained just as full of itself. It also seemed to have no intention of dodging the large black shadowy scorpion that was hurtling towards it.

Just as the large black shadowy scorpion was about to make contact with the giant white crocodile, the Dark Scorpion smiled sinisterly.

But before its smile could stretch to its full extent, it froze.

The 3,000-meter-long giant white crocodile lit up with sacred light, and amber faith power made it appear just as ethereal as the giant purple scorpion when it was transforming.

A white-haired and white-eyed man dressed in a long white robe appeared when the light dispersed. There were crocodile scales patterned all over his long robe.

The giant white crocodile's totem was now above the man's left eye.

There was also a black hole above his left eyebrow. Faith power did not spill out of this hole like it did out of the hole on the Dark Scorpion's neck.

The man, who had a soldierly appearance, swung his hands forward, and the totem came to life behind him.

The enormous crocodile that was formed had an extremely formidable air about it. It was as though it had the power to swallow every creature on earth.

The Dark Scorpion expected its large black scorpion to reduce the white-haired man to a mangled mess quickly.

Yet, the moment the crocodile behind the man opened its mouth, the large black scorpion turned into a million strings of energy that soared into the white-haired man's open mouth.

When the Dark Scorpion saw the attack that it had invested all of its power into becoming nothing more than the man's meal, it exclaimed in shock, "Impossible! My source sacred body's ability is all-powerful! There's no way you could have dealt with it as though it was nothing!"

The white-haired man smirked arrogantly and said, "The sacred ability full of disruption energy was rather good. But are you so stupid that you didn't even stop to consider that my sacred power might have unfathomable abilities too?"

He opened his mouth, and a ball of white energy that encapsulated the large black scorpion shot out toward the astonished Dark Scorpion.

The white sacred power blew the Dark Scorpion away and blasted the Dark Scorpion's source sacred body's armor.

A portion of the sacred power entered the black hole on the Dark Scorpion's neck.

The Dark Scorpion's means of linking itself to the world was the hole.

Now that the sacred energy had detonated within the Dark Scorpion's body, purple blood burst out of its pores.

Almost the entire Dark Scorpion's source sacred body had been destroyed.

Soon, a giant purple scorpion shadow wrapped around the broken Dark Scorpion.

The spent Dark Scorpion's source sacred body started to melt like snow in the noon sun.

A moment later, all that was left was an amber Three Scorpion totem.

White Speak waved its hand at Dark Scorpion's totem, and all of its faith power was pulled into the mouth of the giant crocodile behind White Speak.

Despite consuming the faith power of a below-average totem, White Speak's faith power did not increase by much.

The faith power of an Apostle that another Apostle absorbed should equal to the World Grace of a Myth Breed fey being absorbed by another Myth Breed fey.

Although their power had increased, it would not be by much.

Soon, something happened that made Lin Yuan's eyes bulge out of their sockets.

Rainbow light enveloped the drained totem.

Lin Yuan slapped his leg.

This was how an uncontracted sacred source lifeform looked.