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Chapter 1251: Lin Yuan's Complete Defense System

Unset State would allow Shiny to change its state to suit Lin Yuan's fey configuration.

Lin Yuan would also never have to be envious of other fey's exclusive skills and triggered abilities anymore.

As a Creation Master, Lin Yuan had evolved countless feys and had come across many outstanding exclusive skills and triggered abilities.

Amongst all the feys that Lin Yuan had evolved, he still felt that Chu Ci's Obsidian Iron Wild Bull had the best exclusive skills.

Lin Yuan badly wanted the abilities Sacrifice and Annihilation Gaze. However, he wanted Sacrifice more than he did Annihilation Gaze.

Given that Shiny depended on its physique to fight, its body was made to store a sea of vitality and be extremely damage resistant.

If Unset State could be replaced with Sacrifice, Lin Yuan would be able to increase his defensive abilities and gain a powerful method of protecting his life.

Spirit qi professionals had three ways of protecting their lives.

The first method was to use an external item to defend against damage. Most defense-type spirit qi professionals who used shielding abilities applied this method.

Lin Yuan's use of Source Sand also applied this form of defense.

Although the first method of defense was the most commonly utilized, it was the least reliable as it was unlikely to provide complete protection.

The first method of defense would fail to defend against unexpected dangers.

When Lin Yuan had been controlled within the water world dimensional rift, he had been unable to summon Source Sand quickly enough to defend himself against sudden attacks.

If Liu Jie had not been by his side, he would definitely have been seriously injured or even killed.

After Lin Yuan formed a contract with the Sacred Sword Wielding Queen and Genius gained a new ability, he gained a second form of defense.

The laws and willpowers on the Queen's Skirt Hem gave Lin Yuan resistance to all types of damage.

Genius' Spiritual Energy Expansion would allow Lin Yuan to deflect spiritual damage while protecting him with spiritual energy.

Both of these were considered the second form of defense, which would be able to protect the spirit qi professional in a split second.

Compared to the first form of defense, the second form was undoubtedly more effective.

However, the second form of defense also had its limitations and could not be considered a traditional life-saving method.

The Obsidian Iron Wild Bull's Sacrifice was strong and valuable because it belonged to the third form of defense.

The third form of defense would genuinely increase the spirit qi professional's method of saving their life.

If Lin Yuan instructed Shiny to use Unset State to copy the Obsidian Iron Wild Bull's Sacrifice, he would be able to obtain the third method of defense. This would turn Shiny into Lin Yuan's outstanding living shield.

Unless the opponent had an attack that could kill Shiny in an instant, Lin Yuan would be able to save his life no matter how powerful the attack was.

The Jasmine Lily's Vitality Imprint was also notable.

It had been a long time since Lin Yuan last used the Jasmine Lily's Vitality Imprint, and he could sense how much vitality was stored in the Vitality Imprint on his forehead.

He had not had the chance to use the Vitality Imprint during unexpected moments of danger.

With Shiny taking the damage on his behalf, Lin Yuan would now have the chance to use the Vitality Imprint to heal himself continuously.

He would also be able to use Sacrifice to transfer vitality to the injured Shiny.

Shiny's Unset State provided Lin Yuan's defense system with a three-pronged approach and allowed him never to have to worry about defense again in the future.

This new method of protecting himself made Lin Yuan feel much more at ease.

Moreover, Unset State could swap out the copied exclusive skill or triggered skill once every lunar cycle.

One lunar cycle was 24 hours. Within 24 hours, Lin Yuan could mold Shiny in any way he saw fit.

Lin Yuan could also swap out Sacrifice for other combat-type abilities and exclusive skills during specific circumstances.

This would enable Shiny's combat power to become stronger in a more obvious way.

Nonetheless, he could not use Unset State to copy exclusive skills and abilities flippantly.

For example, he could copy Chimey's Clear Sky without many qualms, but the Jasmine Lily's Vitality Imprint, Blackie's Spirit Qi Imprint, and Genius' Connected Tails would not have any effects when copied.

The Jasmine Lily and Blackie's powerful foundation came from a continuous supply of vitality and spirit qi, which Shiny did not have access to.

Even if Shiny copied Vitality Imprint and Spirit Qi Imprint, it would not be able to tap into a source of vitality and spirit qi.

As for Genius' Connected Tails, it was based on the fact that Genius had a sea of knowledge stored in its head.

Without the immense knowledge, Connected Tails' effects would be cut in half to only being able to offer a perfect flow of communication.

In general, Lin Yuan was pleased with Unset State.

When he first started evolving Shiny, Lin Yuan had stood next to Shiny.

But now, Lin Yuan could only stand on Shiny's back to inject spirit qi into its body.

Shiny's wingspan had reached 20 meters, and it was a truly giant creature.

Lin Yuan no longer saw anything cute about Shiny.

The size of Shiny's body exceeded Lin Yuan's expectation, and he had never encountered a fey that could grow to such a large size at only Bronze grade.

He could not imagine how shockingly large Shiny would grow to become as it continued to evolve.

Regardless, it seemed that Blackie would not be able to match up to Shiny.

As Shiny continued to eat the dragon lungs, phoenix blood, and powdered wind-type heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls, its quality steadily raised to Epic.

Lin Yuan immediately suppressed Shiny's grade so that it could focus on evolving its quality.

Chapter 1252: Your Whole Family is Small!

When only a small portion of dragon lungs and phoenix blood was left, Shiny's quality finally reached Legend.

Lin Yuan said softly, "Shiny, Master said that feys with the Barren bloodline only start to reveal their power when they reach Fantasy Breed. Every fey with the Barren bloodline is recorded in the Catalog of Mountains and Seas and possesses some form of special ability. Shiny, I want to see how powerful you become when you reach Fantasy Breed!"

Lin Yuan summoned the Willpower Rune of wind currents that seemed to have been created for Shiny.

Shiny stopped eating when it sensed the Willpower Rune.

With all of Lin Yuan's hopes on its shoulders, Shiny charged toward the Willpower Rune of wind currents.

When it made contact with the Willpower Rune, a gust kicked up in the breeding room.

Shiny let out a cry as it spread its wings and took to the sky, and danced in tandem with the wind currents.

At that moment, Shiny slightly resembled the version of it that Lin Yuan had seen inside the egg.

It was as though Shiny had become the heart of the winds.

As it evolved to Fantasy Breed, the golden color of Shiny's feathers intensified while the storm patterns compressed even closer together.

The brownish-gold feathers on its neck also turned gold.

Lin Yuan's eyebrow twitched.

Shiny's golden feathers looked different from what Lin Yuan had seen inside the egg.

The Catalog of Mountains and Seas did not mention that Shiny's brownish-gold feathers would turn gold.

Did this mean that the pure spirit qi strengthened Shiny's bloodline in the process of evolving it?

When he had been drinking tea with the Moon Empress, the Moon Empress had intentionally told him that pure spirit qi would be beneficial to feys with the Barren bloodline.

Hence, Lin Yuan became increasingly certain that the change in the color of Shiny's feathers was linked to the pure spirit qi.

Although Shiny's grade did not increase when it evolved to Fantasy Breed, it did grow in size from a 20-meter wingspan to a 35-meter wingspan.

Thankfully, his breeding room was large. Otherwise, the Fantasy Breed Golden Wings would tear the breeding room apart.

Slowly, Lin Yuan noticed that Shiny's golden wings also looked crystallized.

Its eyes also darkened, and a shining golden circle appeared around its pupils. Its dark gold pupils started to spin, and startling storms appeared within them.

As the winds around Shiny dissipated, it finally changed into a Fantasy Breed fey.

Lin Yuan immediately used True Data to check on Shiny.

[Fey Name]: Golden Wings

[Fey Species]: Barren/Feather-Winged

[Fey Grade]: Bronze (2/10)

[Fey Type]: Wind

[Fey Quality]: Fantasy I

Abilities:

[Snapped Neck Falling Death]: When its sharp claws make contact with a target, the target's neck will be snapped. Simultaneously, the Golden Wings will extract the target's soul and absorb the soul into its feathers. The soul will imbue the storm patterns on the feathers with intelligence.

[Flowing Wind Claws]: When the wind elements in the Golden Wings' feathers are released into the environment, it will be able to control the surrounding winds and manipulate them to attack its opponent. The attacked target will feel like it is being slashed by claws. After attacking a target, the Golden Wings will also be able to inject wind-element into its target through explosions and cause double the amount of damage.

Exclusive Skill:

[Unset State]: When interacting with another fey, the Golden Wings can copy the fey's exclusive skill and triggered abilities. Unset State will then turn into the copied exclusive skill and triggered ability. The abilities can only be switched out once every lunar cycle.

[Wind's Descendant]: By placing itself as the heart of all wind elements, it will become the eye of a hurricane and control all of the surrounding wind elements. It will become the master while all other winds will become its disciple.

Lin Yuan's eyes widened to the eyes of saucers, and he finally understood why feys with the Barren bloodline could become the Radiance Federation's representative feys.

The feys with the Barren bloodline were so powerful that they were worthy of carrying the reputation of the entire Radiance Federation on their shoulders.

Wind's Descendant cemented Shiny's control over wind elements.

With Shiny around, any fey that depended on wind elements would be weakened.

Wind's Descendant was a triggered ability, and it would improve as Shiny's power rose.

Previously, Lin Yuan had been stunned by the Fiery Sky Hou's startling ability to amplify fire-type feys.

But now, Shiny's ability to overwhelm wind-type feys was stronger than the Fiery Sky Hou's ability to aid fire-type feys.

Moreover, Lin Yuan did not have any pure wind-type feys.

The only fey he had that was affiliated with wind-type was when Gray absorbed windy weather and gained a wind-type ability.

Thus, Lin Yuan would not be significantly negatively affected by Shiny's ability to suppress wind-type combat feys.

Lin Yuan felt that once Shiny evolved to Creation Breed and formed the wind world, it would become the king of winds.

As for Flowing Wind Claws, Lin Yuan found it very familiar.

After pondering over it for some time, he remembered that Long Tao's Sea King Chalk Mosasaurus had an ability called Sea Bite which would enable the Sea King Chalk Mosasaurus to bite its target underwater by controlling the water.

This was very similar to the way in which Shiny's Flowing Wind Claws attacked targets.

However, Flowing Wind Claws also had an additional effect that Sea Bite did not have, which was to inject wind elements into its target using explosions.

Sea Bite's attack was like a pistol, while Flowing Wind Claw's attack was like a shotgun.

Its true attacking power lay in this hidden ability rather than its surface ability.

Wind element was known for its sharp cutting effects, flame element was known for its burning effects,, and water element was known for its suffocating effects.

When wind was compressed into a wound and exploded, it was like placing a meat mincer into the wound that would completely destroy that area of flesh.

When high-pressure winds entered a blood vessel, it would also cause a chain effect that damaged the heart.

If the attacked fey had a weak heart, its heart would become an embolism of air and lead to a failure of circulation, resulting in death.

While Lin Yuan was observing Shiny, he noticed Shiny was about to snuggle up to him.

Lin Yuan hurriedly stopped it.

All of the feathers on Shiny's neck shone with a metallic gleam.

If Shiny got too near, his face would be sliced to shreds.

Shiny looked at Lin Yuan sorrowfully and said, "Yuan, you're so tiny!"

Lin Yuan massaged his forehead and thought, *?You're the tiny one! Your whole family is small!*

Chapter 1253: How Can You Be So Shameless?

Lin Yuan's jaw dropped.

Wait! Shiny is my fey, so we're family now. That notion makes me come across as dumb.

Lin Yuan coughed and instructed Shiny to eat the rest of the dragon lungs and phoenix blood.

When Shiny was done eating the dragon lungs and phoenix blood, Lin Yuan returned it to the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

Shiny was large and could not change its form. Unless it reached Myth II and changed into human form, Lin Yuan felt that he would not be able to summon it any other time besides during battle.

When he left the breeding room and returned to his room, he took a bath and snuggled in for a good night's sleep.

But in the deep stillness of the night, the Sea Bliss Clan was in a complete mess.

Every main member of the Sea Bliss Clan sat fearfully in the meeting room.

The Spirit Guards had sent word that the Miao family had just requested a blood pact ultimate fight with the Sea Bliss Clan for the third time.

According to the ultimate fighting ground rules, the blood pact ultimate fight would automatically go ahead after one party made three requests.

Ever since Qi Haitao and Qi Wangyang angered Lin Yuan at Sky City's private faction territory, they had lost all hope.

They also blamed themselves for being too ignorant and greedy and not offering all of the Sea Bliss Clan's resources in exchange for a chance at survival.

Qi Haitao and Qi Wangyang clung to a thread of hope.

They had heard that the Young Liege of Midnight Palace had been refusing to see the Miao family ever since the incident at the Guard Ye Banquet.

The Miao family had tried to gain favor with the Young Liege many times but were all shot down and chased out by the Spirit Guards before they even had a chance to meet him.

Moreover, a blood pact ultimate fight could only go through with the agreement of both the ultimate fighting ground and the Spirit Guards.

Qi Wangyang felt that given the Young Liege of the Midnight Palace's attitude toward the Miao family, it was unlikely that the Spirit Guards would agree to let the blood pact ultimate fight go through.

But now, the Spirit Guards had already sent word. which meant that the last hope they placed in Sky City had also been dashed.

This was the first time that Qi Wangyang felt so close to death.

All the main members of the Sea Bliss Clan were silent and looking up at him with retracted necks.

Anger intermingled with despair in the pits of Qi Wangyang's stomach.

His fear set his fury alight, and he furiously banged his hand on the table before bellowing, "Each and every one of you only want to drain money from me! You'll come and pester me for rewards whenever you achieve something small. But now that we're on the brink of death, why are all of you so quiet? What happened to all your bravado when you're asking me for resources?"

Qi Wangyang was still boiling with rage when an elderly man said, "I've been working in the Sea Bliss Clan for about five years, but I'm just one of the pinnacle Class 3 Creation Masters you hired. From today onward, I would like to dissolve our employment relationship."

The elderly man's words made the words that were rising in Qi Wangyang's throat stop short, and Qi Wangyang started to splutter violently.

He glared at the elderly man as he coughed.

If his eyes held any power, the elderly man would be dead by now.

Qi Wangyang screamed internally.

What the hell? How can you be so shameless? This old man was acting devotedly loyal to me when we were breaking into the offshore islands. He even promised to serve the Sea Bliss Clan for the rest of his life in exchange for 3% of the island's shares.

Not only did I give him what he wanted, but he's also taken a considerable amount of resources from the Sea Bliss Clan during his time here. I was also the one who provided the resources to evolve his fey to Myth Breed. But now, he says he's only a Creation Master that the Sea Bliss Clan hired. Damn you. He probably used more resources than the Zheng family's own Creation Masters!?

After his coughing fit subsided, Qi Wangyang prepared himself to give the elderly man a good scolding when the elderly man went on to say, "Leader, you can't blame me. I have to continue living. You failed to ask Sky City for help and won't be able to defeat Connected Beast Park during the blood pact ultimate fight. I wasn't supportive of you targeting Connected Beast Park in the first place. Your decision ruined this family's future!"

Many Class 1, 2, and 3 Creation Masters sounded out their assent.

Even a Class 1 Creation Master would be able to receive respect.

Thus, no Creation Master was willing to spend their entire life with a faction that they did not have any emotional ties.

Before the meeting started, many hired Creation Masters had decided they wanted to leave the Sea Bliss Clan.

However, the low-class Creation Masters were afraid that the Sea Bliss Clan would do something risky without strong group support during this desperate circumstance.

Now that an emperor-class pinnacle Class 3 Creation Master that had a Myth Breed fey had spoken, it would be a good segway to voice the other Creation Masters' intention of leaving the Sea Bliss Clan.

If Qi Wangyang forced them to stay in the Sea Bliss Clan, the only future they had was death.

When Connected Beast Park defeated the Sea Bliss Clan in the blood pact ultimate fight and took over their resources, the Sea Bliss Clan's Class 4 Creation Masters, who were willing to offer their loyalty, would be accepted by Connected Beast Park.

This was also a rule of the blood pact ultimate fight. Besides the faction's high-class Creation Masters, the hired high-class Creation Masters were usually allowed to live.

However, this was not the case for Class 1 and 2 Creation Masters.

If the Sea Bliss Clan was taking on another veteran faction in the blood pact ultimate fight, the other veteran faction might be willing to accept the Class 1 and 2 Creation Masters.

However, Connected Beast Park was a top faction that specialized in Creation Master resources, and it did not make sense for them to nurture low-class Creation Masters.

Thus, the hired Class 1 and 2 Creation Masters would probably be seen as burdens and eliminated by Connected Beast Park.

With so many Creation Masters riding on the elderly man's train, Qi Wangyang started to tremble with rage.

It was said that the sailors would abandon the ship once the captain was ruined. However, the Sea Bliss Clan had not been ruined yet, but the Creation Masters were already ready to abandon ship.

How dare they?

Qi Wangyang's anger overtook his fear, and his gaze glinted evilly.

Qi Wangyang stopped Qi Haitao who was about to stand.

He allowed the elderly man to lead the Class 1 and 2 Creation Masters as they continued to cause a din.

Chapter 1254: Will the Falling Wall be Pushed Down or Will it Crush Everyone?

Qi Wangyang waited until no one else voiced their desire to join the elderly man's camp before standing up and saying coldly, "All of you are pretty good at pushing down the falling wall. But don't forget that a falling wall can also crush you to death."

The moment Qi Wangyang spoke, the faces of the group of Creation Masters that wanted to jump ship fell.

Usually, there would be no need for the elderly man who was a pinnacle Class 3 Creation Master to cause a disturbance because he would be accepted by Connected Beast Park even if the Sea Bliss Clan lost to Connected Beast Park.

However, he had insulted Connected Beast Park significantly when he had been trying to prove his loyalty to gain Qi Wangyang's favor.

The elderly man was afraid that Connected Beast Park would hold that against him.

Hence, he chose to fan the flames of distrust during the Sea Bliss Clan's precarious moment between life and death.

The elderly man needed the rest of the external Class 1 and 2 Creation Masters to cause a scene just as much as they needed to follow his lead.

In order to curry favor with Qi Wangyang, the elderly man had spent a lot of time by Qi Wangyang's side and understood Qi Wangyang well.

Qi Wangyang cared about his reputation.

He would not burn any bridges unless he were pushed to his limit.

This was why so many Class 1 and 2 Creation Masters dared to voice their desire to leave the Sea Bliss Clan during this perilous situation.

Now that Qi Wangyang was acting so mercilessly in a public setting, the elderly man felt a sense of danger creep up on him.

Qi Wangyang turned and said something to a hunched over elderly man beside him who looked extremely frail and sickly. It was as though he would collapse at any moment.

However, everyone present knew that this elderly man was not as weak as he appeared because he was the younger brother of the previous leader of the Sea Bliss Clan and the uncle of Qi Wangyang, Qi Heng.

As a Class 4 Creation Master, Qi Heng was the strongest Creation Master in the Sea Bliss Clan and the center of all their martial power.

“Uncle, please exterminate these parasites who want to betray the Sea Bliss Clan.”

The elderly man trembled as he got to his feet and sighed before asking Qi Wangyang, “Wangyang, tell me, what do you want to do with these people? If you weren’t the leader, these people would have died by my Freeze Piercing Double Carp long ago.”

A concentrated murderous aura emanated from the elderly man, and everyone present froze.

Qi Wangyang sneered. “I share the same sentiments as you. Normally, it wouldn’t matter if the hired members left. Don’t I usually give the hired Creation Masters bonuses when they leave and wish them the best of luck? But now that the Sea Bliss Clan is facing a life or death situation leaving would only be detrimental to the Sea Bliss Clan!

“All these people trying to damage the Sea Bliss Clan now are the ones that are usually clamoring to display their loyalty and acting as though their only wish is to have the blood of the Qi family flowing through their veins. All these people who managed to grow by using the Sea Bliss Clan’s resources are all in such a hurry to break ties with us now.

“How ironic. I don’t know if the Sea Bliss Clan will be able to make it out of this quagmire, but even if we don’t make it out, I will make sure that these ungrateful people bent on causing unrest will all die before I do.”

The moment that Qi Haitao finished speaking, two blue-haired lolis appeared next to Qi Heng, and the meeting room was filled with a bone-piercing chill.

An ice awl pierced through the throats of each and every person who had voiced their desire to leave the Sea Bliss Clan.

This reduced 20% of the members of the Sea Bliss Clan that were inside the meeting room.

The Creation Masters who had not been attacked stared shell-shocked at the dead pinnacle Class 3 Creation Master and Class 1 and 2 Creation Masters.

Qi Heng took note of all their gazes and postures.

Although Qi Wangyang had made a show of talking about how well he treated the members of the Sea Bliss Clan, they had been unable to obscure his murderous intent.

The members of the Sea Bliss Clan were completely divided and ready to leave.

If Qi Heng had not mentioned the Freeze Piercing Double Carp, the rest of the Class 3 and 4 Creation Masters would have asked to leave the Sea Bliss Clan as well after the meeting.

After all, being tied to a faction that was about to be ended by a blood pact ultimate fight would not be able to compare to the freedom of being able to join another faction.

Qi Heng sighed to himself.

It's fine if none of them are loyal anymore, but their physical selves must remain with us.

According to the information that Qi Wangyang had given him prior to the meeting, the City Lord of Sky City only ripped a new one into Qi Wangyang and Qi Haitao.

However, he had not said that he would not help the Sea Bliss Clan.

It was a fact that Sky City and the Miao family were enemies.

Qi Wangyang and Qi Haitao had been taught a lesson and chased out because they had not been sincere enough.

If news that the members of the Sea Bliss Clan left got out, the Sea Bliss Clan's value would decrease significantly in the public's eyes.

This would cause Sky City to devalue the Sea Bliss Clan as well, and the Sea Bliss Clan would have less to leverage in exchange for Sky City's help.

Qi Heng could not accept this.

As he looked around at the roomful of perturbed people and furious Qi Wangyang, Qi Heng rapped his cane on the ground and said, "Leader, I will go and speak to Sky City myself. What is your bottom line?"

Qi Wangyang's face lit up with delight.

If Qi Heng had the courage to take over this issue, Qi Wangyang could relax to a certain extent.

"Uncle, I'm willing to give Sky City 80% of the Sea Bliss Clan's shares at the most. At that point, the Sea Bliss Clan will essentially become a branch of Sky City. I hope that when you're negotiating with them, you'll be able to gain their promise to provide the Sea Bliss Clan with resources in exchange for 80% of our shares."

The elderly man could not help but think of what his elder brother had said of his nephew, "Wangyang will be able to develop the Sea Bliss Clan but will be unable to save the Sea Bliss Clan from danger."

Apparently, Qi Heng's brother knew his son like the palm of his hand.

On the brink of life and death, he could not allow Qi Wangyang to do as he pleased any longer.

Instead of responding to what Qi Wangyang had said, he turned to ask Qi Haitao, "Haitao, what are your thoughts on this?"

Chapter 1255: Zong Ze's Plea for Help

Qi Haitao did not expect Qi Heng to mention him at such an event.

He glanced at his father and hesitated for a second before saying, "If Sky City can promise to protect us, the City Lord of Sky City can make any request of us. This will be able to prove our sincerity to the greatest extent.

"If we offer a promise first, they won't be satisfied, and there's no way they will help us overcome this trial. After all, we have no ties with them and even tried to take advantage of them during our previous trade deal.

"Additionally, we shouldn't zero in on the enmity between Sky City and Connected Beast Park during the negotiation because it has nothing to do with us, and they don't need to make use of this blood pact ultimate fight to attack Connected Beast Park. If Sky City truly wants to attack Connected Beast Park, they can issue a blood pact ultimate fight challenge to Connected Beast Park directly."

When Qi Haitao finished speaking, he bowed to Qi Heng and purposely evaded Qi Wangyang's gaze.

Qi Wangyang's expression hardened as Qi Haitao had essentially stomped all over Qi Wangyang's method.

Previously, he had been focused on the animosity between Sky City and Connected Beast Park and had not been willing to give up Sea Bliss Clan's resources.

Qi Wangyang felt that Qi Haitao was basically selling the family away. If the City Lord of Sky City was allowed to make any request, there was no way he would leave room for the Sea Bliss Clan to breathe.

Unlike Qi Wangyang's grim expression, Qi Heng smiled in relief and said, "Haitao and I shall handle this matter. Leader, Haitao has grown up. If the Sea Bliss Clan makes it out of this crisis, you should discuss more matters with him in the future. He is clear-headed. If you had discussed with him from the beginning, our Sea Bliss Clan wouldn't have fallen this deep."

No one dared to speak after Qi Heng, and a harsh silence fell over the room.

As silent as the room was, the people inside were all brimming with emotions that they dared not express.

The next day, Lin Yuan awoke from a deep sleep and found that he was feeling completely different than before.

When humans sleep, their bodies start to recover. Hence, they feel lazy when they have just awoken.

But now, Lin Yuan's bodily functions had reached peak capabilities.

He was fairly certain that it was linked to his transformation after consuming the Earth Center Fine Milk.

Lin Yuan took a shower and changed into a set of spirit qi clothes.

When he looked into the mirror, he realized that he could not tear his eyes away from the image of himself.

He was not narcissistic, nor did he have any interest in men. However, the person in the mirror had undeniably breathtaking looks.

A thought flashed through his head.

Did I wake myself up with my handsomeness?

Lin Yuan hastily shook his head to shake the ludicrous thought out of his head.

Cai Cha, who was coincidentally walking by Lin Yuan's room and glanced at him in passing, could not help but gasp.

My Young Lord is so impressive! I wonder what kind of lady is worthy of him?

Given Lin Yuan's talent and status, finding a fitting match in the Radiance Federation would be difficult.

To Cai Cha's knowledge, the Space Elder's granddaughter was suitable.

However, her talent and power were far below that of Lin Yuan.

Tian Feng's younger sister was the second Radiance Envoy and had enough talent and power. But, she was much older than Lin Yuan.

As such, it seemed that only the granddaughter of that member of royalty would be able to match up to Lin Yuan in terms of status and talent.

By now, Lin Yuan had spotted Cai Cha, and he quickly greeted her.

He had no idea what was going through her head. But if he did, he would definitely have sighed ruefully.

As someone who had crossed through space and time, he did not care for status and talent.

Lin Yuan was confused when he saw Cai Cha carrying a tray of breakfast food. Normally, he should be dining with his Master in the inner palace.

He found out from Cai Cha that the Moon Empress and Mystic Moon had locked themselves away to train since last night.

After eating breakfast, Lin Yuan did not rush to return to the mansion.

Instead, he strolled down Leaning Moon Mountain against the backdrop of the early morning sun until he arrived at the Royal Capital's Noisy City.

Lin Yuan smiled as he looked around at the rolling mountains and rivers and sea of people around him.

There was something about the brilliance of dawn that made him want to protect its beauty.

At this moment, Lin Yuan spotted a stall selling cornmeal steamed buns nearby, and he immediately recalled the way Chu Ci would always insist on eating cornmeal steamed buns when she was young.

He walked up to the stall to buy some to reminisce about the flavor.

Lin Yuan was in such a rush that he did not notice that a group had gathered behind him and stole glances at him.

After Lin Yuan bought the cornmeal steamed buns, he placed one in his mouth. But, it was hard to swallow.

Nonetheless, he slowly chewed until he swallowed all of it because the memories stored within this experience far outweighed the taste.

Just as Lin Yuan was preparing to return to the mansion, his phone started to ring.

He saw that the call was coming from Zong Ze, so he picked it up.

Lin Yuan had asked Zong Ze for help to see if he could retrieve the Wind Crystal Precious Bottle from the Whale Ocean Commerce's Ten Thousand Source Hall.

At that time, Zong Ze had agreed happily. But, Zong Ze had not contacted Lin Yuan since then.

Lin Yuan assumed that Zong Ze was contacting him now regarding the Wind Crystal Precious Bottle.

But when Lin Yuan picked up the call, Zong Ze said in an embarrassed tone, "Lin Yuan, do you still have any of the fire-type Heavenly Maiden Sleet pearls?"

Lin Yuan was stunned.

He did have one fire-type Heavenly Maiden Sleet pearl, but Hu Quan had used it to create the chain of pearls.

Hu Quan had unleashed his talent as a Spirit Craftsman while crafting the chain of pearls and creating a bona fide work of art.

But since Zong Ze sounded anxious, Lin Yuan spoke honestly.

Chapter 1256: Zong Ze's Best Friends

"Big Brother Zong, I do have one fire-type Heavenly Maiden Sleet pearl."

Zong Ze was overjoyed to hear Lin Yuan's response and said candidly, "Lin Yuan, it's great that you still have one! My Fiery Sky Hou needs to increase the purity of its bloodline. To do so, it needs pure fire-elemental energy as well as pure spirit qi. The pure elemental energy in the elemental pearl you gave me last time triggered the Fiery Sky Hou's bloodline, and it has been using the fire-elemental energy to refine its bloodline.

"Although the Fiery Sky Hou doesn't need to consume fire-type Heavenly Maiden Sleet pearls during the refinement process, it needs to experience pure fire-elemental energy while homogenizing the fire elements in its body. One fire-type Heavenly Maiden Sleet pearl contains sufficiently pure fire-elemental energy but not enough of it, making it rather difficult for the Fiery Sky Hou to homogenize the fire elements in its body.

"If you still have another fire-type Heavenly Maiden Sleet pearl, I hope that you can lend it to me."

Lin Yuan replied without hesitation, "No problem. Are you in the Royal Capital now? I happen to have some time now. Why don't I send it over to you now?"

A surge of warmth washed over Zong Ze.

He was well aware of how precious the fire-type Heavenly Maiden Sleet pearl was. Not even Chef Supreme was able to obtain it.

Zong Ze assumed that the Moon Empress' Creation Master skills had elevated over the last couple of years to the point that she now surpassed Chef Supreme.

He was sure that the Moon Empress had given the two fire-type Heavenly Maiden Sleet pearls to Lin Yuan.

Zong Ze had already been more astonished when he received the fire-type Heavenly Maiden Sleet pearl from Lin Yuan when he visited Zong Ze's residence.

Zong Ze never expected Lin Yuan to give him such a magnificent gift.

He had called Lin Yuan because he could not stand that the Fiery Sky Hou was only one step away from increasing the purity of its bloodline.

Usually, it was taboo to ask for goods of such a level, even from one's good friends.

Unless the parties were truly best friends, they would not be willing to give up such goods.

If any friend below the level of a best friend asked for such a good, they would be rejected without hesitation even if they did possess the good.

Yet, Lin Yuan had immediately and honestly replied that he did have it and offered to send it over when he realized that Zong Ze needed it.

Such a gesture would move even the most cold-hearted person.

Moreover, Zong Ze was hoping to become true best friends with Lin Yuan.

In the past few days, when Zong Ze had been busy helping the Fiery Sky Hou increase its bloodline's purity, Lin Yuan's strange fragrance occupied his mind.

Due to his curse, his desire to battle had been pulsing. But once he thought of the fragrance, the burning urge would settle.

At first, the thought of Lin Yuan was connected to the strange fragrance.

But now, this matter made Zong Ze aware of Lin Yuan's kinship toward him, and the idea of Lin Yuan in his mind was no longer linked to that soul-soothing scent.

It seemed that he had gained another true friend beside Gu Lang.

When Zong Ze did not respond after Lin Yuan offered to send over the elemental pearl, Lin Yuan assumed that it was not a convenient time for Zong Ze.

"Big Brother Zong, if this is not a good time, I can send it over through Ostrich Logistics as well. Don't forget to sign for it yourself. This is my last fire-type Heavenly Maiden Sleet pearl."

Zong Ze recovered from his trance and said with a smile, "Lin Yuan, I've never been to your place. I can come and collect it from you directly and deliver the Wind Crystal Precious Bottle to you at the same time."

"Big Brother Zong, I'll text you the address now. I'm returning home from Master's place now."

Lin Yuan hung up the call.

After sending the text, Lin Yuan no longer had any desire to continue shopping.

Zong Ze should be arriving at the mansion soon. As the mansion owner, it was only right to arrive in advance and greet Zong Ze instead of having Zong Ze wait for him.

Hence, Lin Yuan used the Ethereal Jellyfish's Node Teleportation to flash himself to the mansion entrance.

The moment he arrived, he saw Wen Yu looking at the documents in her hand with bemusement.

Lin Yuan asked with a smile, "Was someone from the Sea Bliss Clan lying in wait for you on Star Web this morning?"

Wen Yu hurriedly stood up and handed her documents to Lin Yuan as she replied, "Young Master, Big Brother Liu has informed the Spirit Guards, and they sent a final notice to the Sea Bliss Clan to confirm the blood pact ultimate fight between the Sea Bliss Clan and Connected Beast Park. What are your plans?"

Instead of responding to her question, he asked, "What conditions did the people from the Sea Bliss Clan ask of you this morning?"

Wen Yu pointed at the information on the documents and said, "Young Master, the leader of the Sea Bliss Clan might appear to be Qi Wangyang, but there is someone higher ranked than him in the Sea Bliss Clan. This person is his uncle, Qi Heng. This time, Qi Heng and Qi Haitao came to see me. They didn't list any conditions. All they said was that the Sea Bliss Clan will do its best to meet any request that Sky City makes."

Lin Yuan nodded.

It seemed that the people from the Sea Bliss Clan finally understood their circumstances and knew they had to keep their tails between their legs.

However, it would not benefit Lin Yuan in any way for the City Lord of Sky City to help the Sea Bliss Clan to defeat Connected Beast Park.

Instead, it would affect his chances of using Connected Beast Park to learn more about Ten Thousand Flags Trading.

Lin Yuan also had another important goal, which was to gather faith and increase the amount of faith power in his shrine.

Thus, he had to contemplate the best way to gather the most faith power possible.

Chapter 1257: Connected Beast Park's Savior Lin Yuan is Here

After thinking for some time, Lin Yuan could not come up with an ideal plan and decided to tell Wen Yu about the issue to see if she might have any constructive suggestions.

He had to tell Wen Yu about his goal first to ensure that her suggestions would not clash with his aim. If so, there would be no point in him asking for her opinion.

“Wen Yu, have you heard of faith power?” asked Lin Yuan.

After mulling over the question for a moment, she was certain that she had never heard of faith power and shook her head decidedly.

She was confused by Lin Yuan’s sudden question, but she knew that he had to have his reason for mentioning it.

Since Wen Yu shook her head, Lin Yuan went on to explain, “Faith power is a type of worship that one lifeform expresses toward another lifeform. The feelings of admiration will turn into faith power. One of my fey’s power is linked to the strength of the faith power I receive.”

Lin Yuan paused before continuing. “If we help the Sea Bliss Clan to win their blood pact ultimate fight, we’ll have to handle the organization or their resources. Previously, I asked you to look into Ten Thousand Flags Trading, and you discovered that they are hiding a huge problem.

“Recently, Whale Ocean Commerce has been seeking to work with Connected Beast Park. My identity as the City Lord of Sky City has a deep enmity with the Miao family, but they are dying to gain favor with my original identity. There’s an item that I want to gain from Whale Ocean Commerce by using Connected Beast Park. It will negatively affect my plan if I end Connected Beast Park now.

“Moreover, I don’t think this is the way to gain the most faith power. Many people on Star Web are speculating that Sky City will issue a blood pact ultimate fight to Connected Beast Park as revenge. Furthermore, Sky City demonstrated incredible power during the blood pact ultimate fight against the Zheng family by killing the veteran thearch-class experts Han Tianhe and Liu Yanshan in an instant. Thus, it will not be shocking if Sky City destroys Connected Beast Park.”

Now, Wen Yu understood what faith power was and understood both of Lin Yuan’s aims.

It did not take long for her to come up with an idea.

But before she brought it up, she had to confirm something with Lin Yuan.

“Young Master, you mentioned that faith power comes from the feelings of worship and admiration. Does this mean that you only need more people to notice this incident and understand more about your power without directly tying it to one of your specific identities?”

Lin Yuan’s eyebrow twitched. Somehow, that made him sound like one of the celebrities from his past that was trying to increase their popularity.

But basically, what she said was right.

“My current identities are the City Lord of Sky City, Black, the combat-class spirit qi professional, and my original identity. When Chimey caused trouble a while ago, Black received a significant amount of faith power as a result of it.”

Wen Yu’s eyes lit up, and she was assured that her idea could work.

Instead of explaining it straight, she guided Lin Yuan so that he would understand the logic behind her idea.

“Young Master, when Pinru and I were setting up Pinru’s Home, we had the idea of using popular influencers on Star Web to promote ourselves once our garments became available. This allowed Pinru and I to gain an understanding of some of the most popular personalities on Star Web. There is a group of them that aren’t outstanding but have legions of fans that will rush to protect them during any scandal that they might face loyally.”

Now, she asked him, “Young Master, have you heard of blind sheep fans? Any respect, admiration, or worship that arises as a result of an incident will only be temporary. It will fade with time and become diluted as other incidents take place. By contrast, blind sheep fans will be able to deepen these feelings.

“During my observation, I discovered that these below average yet popular Star Web influencers like to insert themselves into situations that do not concern them. They constantly place themselves in the spotlight and throw in occasional displays of weakness to attract pity. This enables their fans to link several varieties of emotional ties to them. I think that this concept can be applied to your goal of receiving as much faith power as possible.

“Firstly, I think you should set up a seemingly infallible enemy for the City Lord of Sky City. This enemy should step in to save Connected Beast Park. This way, we won’t have to worry about Connected Beast Park. You said that all your identities are able to receive faith power on your behalf. I think that all your identities can use a boost in exposure.”

If Lin Yuan still did not understand what she meant, he would be a fool.

Connected Beast Park had been eager to cling to him ever since he gave them seven Law Crystals to produce seven new thearch-class experts.

In a quest to secure power in Connected Beast Park, Miao Zhuo and Miao He pestered Lin Yuan all day.

If Sky City helped the Sea Bliss Clan to win their blood pact ultimate fight against Connected Beast Park, the latter would certainly turn to Lin Yuan as their last hope.

If he helped Connected Beast Park by saving them from Sky City’s wrath, he would become their savior.

At that time, everyone from Connected Beast Park would be clamoring to express their gratitude to him, and it would be easier than easy for him to use them to fulfill his goal.

Moreover, by using his identity as the Moon Empress’ disciple to save Connected Beast Park from Sky City, other factions and the general public would assume that the Moon Empress’ disciple was at odds with Sky City.

That was why Wen Yu explained the concept of blind sheep fans to him.

After deliberating this idea, he agreed that it was very feasible.

Chapter 1258: Distance Between Chef Supreme and Lin Yuan

By having two of his identities be the cause of the incident, Lin Yuan would be able to reap significant benefits.

Firstly, he would be able to control the event. Secondly, two of his identities would be able to have a large spotlight beating down on them.

As long as the incident persisted, two of his identities would be able to gain an enormous amount of faith power.

Wen Yu was nothing short of a top strategic genius. She was able to solve the issue that Lin Yuan had been butting heads with just a few statements.

Lin Yuan picked up the teapot on the table and brewed a pot of Three Treasures Tea. He added the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus nectar into the tea and ignited the hade-textured agarwood.

“Wen Yu, Zong Ze is coming to visit. He should be here soon. Let’s go and greet him at the entrance together,” said Lin Yuan.

Wen Yu agreed softly before the pair walked toward the mansion’s entrance together.

When Wen Yu was still a spirit attendant, she was always nervous when she had to greet important people like Zong Ze, who was Chef Supreme’s youngest disciple.

But now that she had been by Lin Yuan’s side for some time, her horizons and knowledge had increased by tenfold from a year before.

Given that she spent every day with outstanding younger generation members like Lin Yuan and Liu Jie, Zong Ze dimmed by comparison.

She suddenly remembered that Liu Jie had called this morning and said to Lin Yuan, “Young Master, Big Brother Liu said he would return from the Spirit Guards’ land this afternoon to cook for us. I will call him now to ask him to buy more ingredients.”

The moment the last word left Wen Yu’s lips, a magnetic chuckle sounded out from the space next to Lin Yuan.

“Master’s Dragon Within Pond opened recently. The crabs in the pond are at their fattest and strongest now. I brought several fresh crabs inside my Diamond fey storage box. Let me cook lunch!”

Lin Yuan thought, *?Zong Ze must also have a spatial-type fey that enables him to teleport.*

When Lin Yuan turned to greet Zong Ze, he immediately sensed that something was wrong.

Zong Ze’s eyes shone with a dim dark red, and there was an aura of an overwhelming desire for battle being suppressed.

Lin Yuan remembered that a curse plagued Zong Ze.

The Possess Star Intelligent Dark Clouds pollen was produced in the Spirit Lock spatial zone at a quick rate, and a box was filled every two weeks.

Wang Fuxiang went through one box in about 25 days.

Hence, Lin Yuan still had more than enough Possess Star Intelligent Dark Clouds pollen for Zong Ze.

However, this was not a good opportunity to give the Possess Star Intelligent Dark Clouds pollen to Zong Ze.

Zong Ze had just offered to cook lunch. This meant that he treated Lin Yuan as one of his friends.

Lin Yuan smiled and replied, "I've been missing your cooking ever since our last meal. Come in and let's talk."

Zong Ze spotted the almost complete Submerged Flood Dragon Lake as they walked into the mansion.

Zong Ze could not help but marvel at the beauty of the Submerged Flood Dragon Lake.

As Chef Supreme's youngest disciple, Zong Ze had seen more than his fair share of opulent mansions and landscapes.

However, the rainbow lake, half-filled with large lotus leaves that had flower-covered pavilions built atop them, was a testament to the mansion owner's artistic taste.

The moment Zong Ze entered the mansion, his eyes were drawn to the red sandalwood longevity fish tank.

Unlike the rest of the people who had visited the Return from Faraway Mansion, Zong Ze was not admiring its value but its design.

While Lin Yuan poured a cup of tea for Zong Ze, the latter handed two brocade boxes to Lin Yuan and said, "One of these is my gift to you as a guest. The other is the Wind Crystal Precious Bottle that you asked me to procure."

Lin Yuan received the two brocade boxes and removed the string of pearls from around his wrist.

He gave it to Zong Ze and said, "Big Brother Zong, take this chain of pearls and use it. You can return it to me whenever you're done."

Zong Ze had only intended on borrowing the Heavenly Maiden Sleet pearl from Lin Yuan.

But now that Lin Yuan was handing the chain of 108 heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls to him without hesitation, Zong Ze's heart skipped a beat.

Since Lin Yuan wore the chain around his wrist, it had to be one of his treasured items.

Zong Ze had intended on taking the fire-type Heavenly Maiden Sleet pearl back with him before using it on the Fiery Sky Hou.

However, he felt that it was inappropriate for him to take Lin Yuan's treasured item back with him.

Zong Ze summoned the Fiery Sky Hou and said, "Luckily, my Fiery Sky Hou is only one step away from increasing the purity of its bloodline. Why don't I instruct the Fiery Sky Hou to sense the pure fire-elemental energy inside the two elemental pearls to increase its bloodline's purity?"

After the Fiery Sky Hou was summoned, it squeaked in greeting at Lin Yuan while perching itself on Zong Ze's shoulder.

Zong Ze gestured for it to leap onto the table.

Shortly after, a wave of fire-elemental energy flowed out from its body and wrapped around the two Heavenly Maiden Sleet pearls in Zong Ze's hand.

At this moment, the silhouette of the heavenly maiden inside the pearls seemed to solidify.

Lin Yuan noticed that the fire-elemental energy flowing from the Fiery Sky Hou started to change as well.

With a shake of Zong Ze's hand, several cooked dishes appeared.

Zong Ze placed the dishes in front of the Fiery Sky Hou and instructed it to consume them to gain pure spirit qi.

These dishes had been made by the Class 5 Creation Master Chef Supreme.

The Moon Empress' Creation Master path was defined by her concoction of scents, while Chef Supreme's path was defined by cooking.

Lin Yuan studied the dishes curiously.

He used True Data and found out that the spirit qi within the dishes was about 57% of the concentration of the spirit qi within the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

As such, Lin Yuan discovered the difference between the pure spirit qi concocted by Chef Supreme and that of the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

Chapter 1259: Fiery Sky Hou's Bloodline Purified

At first, Lin Yuan waited for the Fiery Sky Hou to complete the purifying of its bloodline while drinking tea.

But at that moment, something unexpected happened to the Fiery Sky Hou.

Suddenly, its flesh started to split open and raging bursts of fire-elemental energy intermingled with blood energy spilled forth from the cracks.

The fire-elemental energy that was meant to be under the Fiery Sky Hou's control now became a weapon that was hurting it.

Zong Ze did not look panicked by this development because he knew that it would happen.

Since the dishes cooked by Chef Supreme did not contain a high enough concentration of spirit qi, they were unable to enable the Fiery Sky Hou to evolve its body at the same time as it evolved the fire-elemental energy in its body.

But since the Fiery Sky Hou was a fey with the Barren bloodline that had the ability to control fire, it would be able to endure this.

Due to the insufficient concentration of spirit qi, the Fiery Sky Hou's bloodline could not be purified to perfection.

Nonetheless, this was a conundrum that all spirit qi professionals who possessed feys with the Barren bloodline had to face.

At that moment, Lin Yuan reached out his hand toward Zong Ze. There were two flower buds in his palm.

"Big Brother Zong, there is extremely pure spirit qi inside these two flower buds. They should be helpful to the Fiery Sky Hou."

Zong Ze received the flower buds and studied them.

The ever-present stony expression on Zong Ze's face melted away. Then, his eyes bulged, and he looked utterly astonished.

He raised his head and looked at Lin Yuan with a touched expression as he asked, "Lin Yuan, these flower buds—"

Before Zong Ze could finish speaking, Lin Yuan said anxiously, "Big Brother Zong, if you don't give the spirit qi to the Fiery Sky Hou now, it will finish its evolution with the flawed spirit qi."

Zong Ze took a deep breath and stared at Lin Yuan for a moment before throwing the two flower buds at the Fiery Sky Hou and ordering it to consume them.

The Fiery Sky Hou fought against the pain of its body splitting open and leaped over to catch the two flower buds with its mouth.

When the Fiery Sky Hou swallowed the flower buds, its torn skin sealed itself shut, and the glow of a flame ignited at the ends of its fur.

The flame started to spread and elongated the fur of the Fiery Sky Hou.

It released the howl of agony that it had been suppressing.

A red crystallized curved horn grew out of the center of the Fiery Sky Hou's forehead.

Its exposed fangs also grew longer and were covered by a red transparent substance.

The Fiery Sky Hou's body had been about the size of two palms. But now, it had grown to a length of one meter.

The Fiery Sky Hou's changes made Lin Yuan think of the description he had read in the Catalog of Mountains and Seas.

'Tail like a fan, wide mouth, posture as straight as a board, covered in red fur, long body, savage beast that spits fire.'

When he found out that the contents of the Catalog of Mountains and Seas were not mere legends but actual descriptions of feys with the Barren bloodline, he had been curious about why the Fiery Sky Hou's description seemed different.

Apparently, it was because the Fiery Sky Hou's bloodline had not been purified yet.

The Fiery Sky Hou's appearance now matched the Catalog of Mountains and Seas description.

Zong Ze was over the moon about the Fiery Sky Hou's changes.

He knew that if it had not been for Lin Yuan's pure spirit qi, the Fiery Sky Hou's changes were not solely due to the purification of its fire-elemental energy but also the complete transformation of its body.

Counting the time Lin Yuan had visited Zong Ze's residence and had given him the Heavenly Maiden Sleetl pearl, Lin Yuan had now provided Zong Ze with two unexpected opportunities.

When he was young, Chef Supreme had told Zong Ze that even the people he regarded as his good friends could put an end to his opportunities and that he needed to treasure the friends that actually provided him with opportunities.

If someone gave him opportunities without asking for anything in return, he would have to marry her if she was female and ask him to be his blood brother if he was male.

Before Zong Ze could mull over Chef Supreme's words, eight high-grade strange flames shot out from the Fiery Sky Hou's abdomen.

The eight strange flames swirled around its body in a beautiful dance.

If the Fiery Sky Hou had not been controlling the eight strange flames and preventing them from spreading to the surroundings, all of Lin Yuan's jade-textured furniture would be burnt to ashes.

Lin Yuan shivered when he saw the eight high-grade strange flames.

During the fight on the Martial Arts Stage, Lin Yuan had witnessed the power of the Fiery Sky Hou's Strange Fire Eight Refinement.

When Zong Ze used the Fiery Sky Hou to attack a target, it would release the eight strange flames in its abdomen to cause layered damage to the target.

The final attack that hit the target would be the strongest strange flame.

Currently, the Fiery Sky Hou was wielding and purifying the fire-elemental energy in the eight strange flames.

When one of the strange flames was being purified, the flame would take on a crystal hue, and the other seven flames would result in faint waves of heat.

The beautiful red flame twisted the space.

From this, it was evident that the temperature of the high-grade flames had risen significantly.

At this moment, Zong Ze ordered, "Fiery Sky Hou, keep the Red Plum Falling Fire and use Tempering of Fire to temper the Red Plum Falling Fire through the other seven flames."

The Fiery Sky Hou moved and summoned a flame that looked like a blooming red plum.

The other seven strange flames were immediately attracted to it and sailed into the red plum of a flame.

The Red Plum Falling Fire grew stronger as it consumed the purified strange flames.

After consuming five strange flames, the red plum flowers and frosted snow seemed to appear around the Red Plum Falling Fire.

Lin Yuan thought, *It looks like Zong Ze wants to use the other seven strange flames to evolve the high-grade Red Plum Falling Fire to top-grade.*

Chapter 1260: Zong Ze's Sudden Mania

If the red plum flowers that blossomed and frosted snow that appeared were successful, the Red Plum Falling Fire would be able to turn into a true top-grade strange flame.

Only top-grade flames appeared alongside unforeseen events.

Zong Ze flipped over his hand, and a brocade pouch appeared in his hand.

He opened the brocade pouch, and Lin Yuan saw that it was filled with fire-type Defined Life pearls.

Zong Ze tossed the fire-type elemental pearl to the Fiery Sky Hou one by one so that it could use the pure fire-elemental energy within to nourish and absorb the Red Plum Falling Fire strange flame.

It was not a last-minute decision for Zong Ze to use the Red Plum Falling Fire to consume the other seven strange flames.

The Red Plum Falling Fire was the most effortless strange flame that Zong Ze had encountered.

The Red Plum Falling Fire did not start off as a high-grade strange flame but as a mid-grade strange flame that had a much higher temperature than other strange flames.

As such, Zong Ze instructed the Fiery Sky Hou to use Tempering of Fire to endlessly strengthen the Red Plum Falling Fire until it became a high-grade strange flame.

The high-grade Red Plum Falling Fire did not disappoint Zong Ze.

When the high-grade Red Plum Falling Fire released its absolute temperature, its beauty surpassed that of some top-grade strange flames.

High temperature was the most important factor that Zong Ze required from his fire elements because it would be able to increase the damage power of Heaven Crimson Fire and Life-Changing Fire Beast.

Moreover, the Red Plum Falling Fire's highest temperature would be able to affect an entire area.

At that moment, Zong Ze's fists were tightly clenched as he waited with bated breath for the Red Plum Falling Fire's temperature to rise once it evolved to a top-grade strange flame.

Zong Ze had been afflicted by bad luck ever since he was young and had become accustomed to using his spirit to suppress the boiling battle urge.

Previously, Zong Ze had built a large dam within himself to keep the battle urge at bay.

However, the emotions he felt as a result of what Lin Yuan did caused the dam to tremble.

Now, the sense of hope had cracked the dam even further.

The smallest of things had the biggest of effects. Zong Ze's battle urge seeped through the cracks and eventually eroded the dam away.

At that moment, red stained the pupils and whites of Zong Ze's eyes.

With the remnants of his sanity, Zong Ze thought, *Oh no!*

He had experienced instances when his battle urge ran rampant.

He would find a place to release his battle urge during such occurrences without holding back until he utterly tired himself out.

Every time his battle urge was loose, he would release most of it so that he would be able to keep his cool for the next two weeks.

But this was Lin Yuan's mansion, and he would wreck Lin Yuan's mansion if he released his hold on himself now.

However, he did not have time to continue worrying as his last thread of sanity snapped.

When his battle urge swallowed his conscious mind, Zong Ze let out a beast-like roar.

Wen Yu jumped, and the Fiery Sky Hou stopped strengthening the Red Plum Falling Fire.

Lin Yuan said to Wen Yu, "Don't worry. I know what to do."

He said hastily to the Fiery Sky Hou, "Fiery Sky Hou, leave this to me. Calm yourself and continue evolving the Red Plum Falling Fire. Otherwise, all of Zong Ze's hopes will be dashed. I'm sure you don't want Zong Ze to wake up and be disappointed that the Red Plum Falling Fire failed to evolve to top-grade."

Lin Yuan returned to the Spirit Lock spatial zone and grabbed a handful of the mature Possess Star Intelligent Dark Clouds pollen.

He left the Spirit Lock spatial zone and tossed it at the rampaging Zong Ze.

Zong Ze breathed the Possess Star Intelligent Dark Clouds pollen in. Although his eyes remained red, he quieted down.

Lin Yuan returned to the Spirit Lock spatial zone again and grabbed another handful of Possess Star Intelligent Dark Clouds pollen.

This time, instead of tossing it at Zong Ze, he crushed and scattered it all over the jade-textured wood on the crane shadowed censer so that the scent would permeate the air.

Lin Yuan placed the crane shadowed censer next to Zong Ze so that the scent would engulf him.

After the Possess Star Intelligent Dark Clouds pollen started to burn, Zong Ze's battle urge was suppressed, and he could rebuild another dam to keep the battle urge at bay.

Lin Yuan frowned when the Possess Star Intelligent Dark Clouds pollen started to run out.

According to the rate that Zong Ze used up the Possess Star Intelligent Dark Clouds pollen, Lin Yuan could tell that Zong Ze's bad luck was much more serious than Wang Fuxiang.

Luckily, Zong Ze's bad luck would eventually be cleared as he continued to use the Possess Star Intelligent Dark Clouds pollen.

However, it would take at least six months and even up to a year.

After Zong Ze regained his faculties, he saw the red plum's outreached branches changing shape.

As the plum branches continued to stretch, beautiful red plum flowers bloomed and fell in a continuous loop.

The red plum flowers wilted the moment they reached their peak of beauty.

A red flame that looked like a blooming red plum flower burned at the center of the unforeseen event.

However, instead of focusing on the top-grade Red Plum Falling Fire that he had been looking forward to or the worried Fiery Sky Hou, his eyes were fixed on Lin Yuan.