

Merchant 1261

### **Chapter 1261: Zong Ze's Renewed Life**

Ever since he was young, Zong Ze was terrified that the battle urge caused by his bad luck would take control of his mind.

Aside from the burning sensation that came with the battle urge, he had been training to be an expert ever since he was young. As such, he hated not being in control of any situation, much less losing control of his own body.

Not even Chef Supreme knew that this curse resulted in him having nightmares.

Thus, he not only had to suffer through the curse in reality but even had to experience it again in his nightmares until he scared himself awake.

This overwhelming battle urge that took over him had always been an issue to which he could only grapple but could not find a solution.

Ever since he smelled Lin Yuan's scent at the Guard Ye Banquet, a sweet-smelling figure that could soothe his battle urge started appearing in his nightmares.

This figure made Zong Ze dread his nightmares less.

Just now, he had smelled that fragrance when he had succumbed to the battle urge.

The scent made Zong Ze wonder if he was dreaming.

However, the fragrance was much stronger than it was in his dreams, and it enabled him to regain control over himself.

It was only when he rebuilt the dam to block the surging battle urge that he realized this was real life and not a dream.

Zong Ze did not know what that fragrance was, but he could guarantee that it did not come from Lin Yuan but from something that Lin Yuan possessed.

Zong Ze had visited the Purple Bamboo Forest with Chef Supreme a while ago and heard that the Moon Empress had brought medicine that removed Wang Fuxiang's bad luck.

Chef Supreme had gone to beg the Moon Empress afterward but had been rejected.

Zong Ze was sure that the fragrant medicine was the same one that the Moon Empress had given Wang Fuxiang.

When Lin Yuan saw Zong Ze looking at him silently, he said, "Big Brother Zong, congratulations on your Red Plum Falling Fire evolving to a top-grade strange flame."

A surge of warmth flooded Zong Ze's heart.

The Fiery Sky Hou had communicated to Zong Ze through their spiritual connection about what Lin Yuan did.

Given Zong Ze's understanding of the Fiery Sky Hou, it would have completely stopped evolving the Red Plum Falling Fire out of concern for him if Lin Yuan had not comforted it.

Lin Yuan had played an important role in the Red Plum Falling Fire evolving to a top-grade strange flame.

Zong Ze remembered Chef Supreme saying that if a man provided him with many opportunities without asking for anything in return, he should regard that person as his blood brother.

But what should he do if that person also saved him from peril?

Zong Ze carried the Fiery Sky Hou and said solemnly, "Brother, words can't express my gratitude."

Lin Yuan patted Zong Ze's shoulder and said, "You already addressed me as Brother. There's no need to stand on ceremony with me."

Lin Yuan thought about the Possess Star Intelligent Dark Clouds' rate of production and the current circumstance of Zong Ze's curse.

"Big Brother Zong, can you explain your bad luck to me?" asked Lin Yuan.

Zong Ze replied without hesitation, "I was attacked when I was young and nearly died. That was when this bad luck afflicted me. Master has tried many ways to remove my bad luck but to no avail.

"In recent years, the bad luck's impact has grown stronger. At first, I used to be able to suppress the battle urge for at least four months. But as I grew older and my spirit became stronger, I'm only able to suppress it for a month at most now. Moreover, this is only if nothing triggering takes place during the month.

"Master did a test and found that the battle urge will overcome me three times a month despite my best efforts to suppress it when there are external triggers."

A pained expression came over Zong Ze's face.

This was the memory he hated dredging up the most.

If Lin Yuan had not asked him, he would never choose to reopen this scar.

When he found out that the fragrance came from a medicine that could suppress his bad luck, Zong Ze wanted to ask Lin Yuan about it. He hoped that he would be able to obtain some of the medicine from Lin Yuan since the Moon Empress had rejected Chef Supreme.

If nothing was done about his bad luck, he would be completely engulfed by the battle urge in less than three years and become a mindless battle machine.

Before Zong Ze could ask, Lin Yuan said, "Big Brother Zong, I can help you with your bad luck. However, it will require you to undergo at least half a year and at most a year of treatment."

Zong Ze froze. He never expected Lin Yuan to offer to cure him of his bad luck.

He had told Lin Yuan that his gratitude could not be expressed through words, and now even more so because it would be an insult to Lin Yuan's gesture.

If Lin Yuan were able to treat Zong Ze's bad luck, even if it took decades or could not be cured completely, it would give Zong Ze a renewed life and free him from the torture.

He no longer had to suffer nightmares every night nor be afraid when he was increasing his power that he would one day fall completely prey to the battle urge.

He did not have to be afraid that his efforts to increase his power would harm the people closest to him.

"Brother, if you need me for anything in the future, I will be willing to do absolutely anything."

Lin Yuan thought of the Spirit Settling Silver Ore vein the Vein Land Imp had discovered at the border of the Divine Wood Federation.

He had thought about recruiting people to turn the Spirit Settling Silver Ore into weapons and selling them.

Although weapons made of the Spirit Settling Silver Ore were used commonly by Creation Masters and would always be in demand, there were not enough Spirit Craftsmen from the Heavenly Craft Pavilion to perform the job.

#### **Chapter 1262: Lin Yuan and Zong Ze's Business**

Lin Yuan did not want to create another team for the sole purpose of creating the Spirit Settling Silver Ore weapons because this would expand Sky City's members to too large of an extent.

Besides the fact that it would require Lin Yuan to invest many resources and effort, he would be at odds with the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's role.

This was not what Lin Yuan wanted.

Moreover, the Vein Land Imp was like a walking mineral vein.

As such, it might be able to discover other mineral veins besides the Spirit Settling Silver Ore vein.

In order to match up with the speed at which the Vein Land Imp dug through the mineral veins, Lin Yuan would have to form a group with more members than a top faction, as not even a top faction would be able to harvest a mineral vein in a short span of time.

After mulling over this problem, he decided to go into the business of the mineral itself.

"Big Brother Zong, I do have something to ask of you. Have you heard of any faction that has a project that requires a large number of minerals?"

Zong Ze raised an eyebrow and thought, *Could Lin Yuan have discovered a mineral mountain? It is forbidden to harvest from mineral veins without permission in the Radiance Federation.*

All the mineral veins within a 10,000-kilometer radius of each of the 32 major cities belonged to all the cities collectively, and factions were only allowed to harvest from mineral veins beyond that radius.

Top, veteran, and rising factions had already taken ownership of all the areas not under the jurisdiction of the major cities.

There was barely any cake left to go around.

As for a project that required a large number of minerals, Zong Ze knew of one.

The top faction Furnace Stone Metal had a metal spiritual ingredient role, and their supporter was Chef Supreme.

Hence, Furnace Stone Metal often gave newly discovered mineral mountains to Chef Supreme in exchange for the chance to evolve feys.

Chef Supreme had left these mineral mountains to Zong Ze.

Gu Lang was in a similar situation.

Thus, the two of them had formed a faction specifically meant to harvest minerals from mineral mountains. This faction had close to 10,000 Spirit Craftsmen as its members.

The Creation Master team that Zong Ze had formed provided a large amount of Creation Master resources to this faction annually.

If Lin Yuan had a large number of minerals that he wanted to use up, Zong Ze would be able to take them all.

Zong Ze remembered that he owned half the ownership of this faction and said, "Lin Yuan, Gu Lang and I started a faction seven or eight years ago. The faction only works for the two of us, so it doesn't even have a name. This faction turns metal spiritual ingredients into weapons and other instruments or molds them into various-sized cubes that can be sold in the market. Why don't I give you 25% of the ownership, and you can use this faction to handle any metal spiritual ingredient in the future?"

Wen Yu looked shocked when she heard what Zong Ze said.

No matter how busy she was, she never stopped collecting information for Sky City and knew of the faction that Zong Ze and Gu Lang owned and all the resources and finances it possessed.

Although Sky City possessed a sizable amount of resources, it was likely only worth half of what this faction owned.

After all, this faction gained its resources from natural sources.

If Zong Ze was giving Lin Yuan 25% ownership of the faction to Lin Yuan to express his gratitude, Wen Yu felt that it was too much.

No one expressed their gratitude in such a way!

Wen Yu used to be a spirit attendant, but she also could not imagine someone handing out such wealth so easily.

By giving Lin Yuan 25% ownership of the faction, Zong Ze was going the equivalent of Mystic Moon cutting open the Radiant Moon Palace's money bag and giving it away.

Lin Yuan hastily shook his head and said, "Big Brother Zong, we might be brothers, but you can't give me shares for nothing! But if you have a faction that can make use of a large amount of metal-type spiritual ingredients, I would like to work with you."

When Zong Ze seemed intent on giving Lin Yuan the 25% of the shares, Lin Yuan hurriedly added, "I'm sure you won't take advantage of me if we work together!"

As such, Zong Ze could only say vexedly, "If I work with you, I won't let you suffer even if I have to suffer myself."

Lin Yuan thought for a moment before saying, "Big Brother Zong, I was at another land to train. When I was at the other land and found a dimensional rift, I stumbled on a Vein Land Imp. This Vein Land Imp found a Spirit Settling Silver Ore vein. I would like to establish a deal with you based on all the Spirit Settling Silver Ore in the vein."

Zong Ze thought, *?All of these coincidences that happen to Lin Yuan seem almost uncanny!*

Not only had Lin Yuan found a Spirit Settling Silver Ore vein but even a Vein Land Imp.

With the Vein Land Imp, Lin Yuan would have countless opportunities to access mineral veins in the future.

Previously, Zong Ze only wanted to help out Lin Yuan. But now, it felt more like Lin Yuan was helping him.

As the mineral veins were continuously harvested, the quantity of minerals within them would reduce.

Additionally, it was difficult to discover new mineral veins. As such, the Spirit Craftsmen in Gu Lang and Zong Ze's faction only needed to work about six hours a day.

If Lin Yuan could supply them with many mineral veins, the Spirit Craftsmen only had to work longer to generate tremendous wealth.

"Lin Yuan, I said that I'm giving you 25% of the ownership. But after working with you, I think I should give you at least 30%! This number purely came about based on transactional value and not at any other reasons."

Zong Ze paused for a moment before continuing. "Lin Yuan, do you want to join this faction by taking over some of the shares? If you do, I'll contact Gu Lang so we can split the shares evenly,"

Lin Yuan found Zong Ze's suggestion more than acceptable.

This was the most convenient option for him, and he could collect earnings in the future based on the divided shares without much worry.

Hence, he nodded and said, "Fine. Big Brother Zong. Why don't we call Zong Ze over so we can all talk face-to-face?"

Zong Ze immediately called Gu Lang.

**Chapter 1263: Long Lamplight and An He**

After the call rang for a moment, Gu Lang picked up and said, "Hey, Ze. You said in your last call that you're going to lock yourself away to train. Are you out already?"

Zong Ze looked shocked when he heard Gu Lang's voice. It was not the words that Gu Lang said that surprised Zong Ze but the heavy weariness of Gu Lang's voice.

Moreover, there seemed to be another person talking next to Gu Lang. But the person's voice had been too soft for Zong Ze to make out what was said.

Before Zong Ze could reply, Gu Lang seemed to pull his phone away and snap at someone. "I'm on the phone. We'll talk once I'm done!"

The voice silenced itself.

Gu Lang smiled apologetically and said, "Ze, I came to Cold Frost City for some business. I thought that a Class 5 marsh dimensional rift had opened in Cold Frost City, so I came to catch a few Black Marsh Fly Dragonflies. But not only did I come up empty, but I even bumped into An He."

Zong Ze frowned.

He was calling Gu Lang to discuss the ownership of shares. As such, he had put the call on speaker, so Lin Yuan could hear Gu Lang as well.

Lin Yuan had never met An He, but he was not unfamiliar with the name.

Among the 13 members of royalty in the Radiance Federation, one managed an association that encompassed all of the lifestyle-class spirit qi professionals besides the Creation Master Association.

This member of royalty was Long Lamplight.

Long Lamplight was the most low-profile of all the 13 members of royalty. However, he could not remain completely under the radar because his first disciple was the third Radiance Envoy.

Although Long Lamplight's first disciple did not have Creation Master talent, he was an extremely talented healing-type spirit qi professional.

An He was Long Lamplight's youngest disciple. He had powerful healing-type spirit qi professional talent, just like his senior.

An He had also obtained an Order of Radiant Light, which gave him the right to participate in the Radiance Envoy selection two years later.

Although Lin Yuan and An He had never crossed paths, he knew Gu Lang's temperament well.

Gu Lang was very mild-mannered and would not speak sternly unless he was on his last nerve.

Hence, there had to be a serious wedge between Gu Lang and An He.

"Lang, did you fight with An He again?"

Gu Lang replied vexedly, "We didn't start fighting, but this meeting caused me to be unable to explore the Class 5 marsh dimensional rift freely. His men stole the sacred source lifeform. Luckily, I managed to obtain three portions of high-grade marsh soil. Otherwise, I would have made this trip for nothing."

Zong Ze clenched his fist tightly.

Apparently, An He was not on his list of favorite people either.

Gu Lang changed the topic and said, "Ze, what's up? If you want to vent your battle urge by fighting with me, I won't be able to make it. I'll need at least 10 days to reach the Royal Capital."

Gu Lang was one year older than Zong Ze.

When Zong Ze was young, he was closed off and did not like speaking to others. But after that incident, he started speaking even less.

Hence, it was usually Gu Lang who sought out Zong Ze.

If Zong Ze took the initiative to seek out Gu Lang, nine times out of ten, it would be to ask Gu Lang to fight.

Zong Ze's expression softened, and he said, "Lang, Ah Yuan has a way to cure my bad luck completely. I won't ask you to fight me to suppress my battle urges anymore."

A smile broke out on Gu Lang's weary face.

When Gu Lang found out that the Moon Empress' medicine could cure Wang Fuxiang's curse, he immediately thought of Zong Ze, who was also afflicted by bad luck.

Since the medicine could remove Wang Fuxiang's bad luck, it would definitely be able to remove Zong Ze's bad luck as well.

Gu Lang had wanted to mention this to the Bamboo Monarch more than once, but he had not been able to bring himself to raise the topic.

After all, Wang Fuxiang's bad luck had not been completely removed yet. It would be offensive for him to ask for the medicine.

Now that Gu Lang knew that Lin Yuan could cure Zong Ze's bad luck, he was over the moon for Zong Ze.

As the disciple of a member of royalty, Gu Lang had been bootlicked by other factions and received special treatment ever since he was young.

It was difficult for him to make friends in such an environment.

The only friend he had made in his childhood was Zong Ze.

During the gathering, Lin Yuan had given the Golden Thearch Bamboo shoot to Gu Lang without any conditions attached, thereby opening up Gu Lang's future as a Creation Master.

Now that Lin Yuan was going to save Zong Ze, Gu Lang was even more grateful to Lin Yuan than before.

When he heard Zong Ze address Lin Yuan as 'Ah Yuan', Gu Lang knew that Zong Ze now regarded Lin Yuan as a brother as well.

Just as Gu Lang was about to express his joy, Zong Ze said, “Lang, I’m at Ah Yuan’s place, and this entire call has been on speaker. I called you to discuss the ownership of shares of our faction.”

Gu Lang assumed that Zong Ze wanted to give part of his shares to Lin Yuan.

He thought about the help that Lin Yuan had given him and said, “Why don’t we each give up 25% of our shares and give them to Ah Yuan?”

Lin Yuan looked exasperated again.

Did all the disciples of bigshots like to give away shares?

Before Zong Ze could respond to Gu Lang, Lin Yuan hurriedly cut in and said, “Big Brother Gu, why do the both of you want to give me shares? Big Brother Zong called to talk about a collaboration. From what you said just now, you seem to be in need of the Black Marsh Fly Dragonflies from the marsh world. I can get a few for you.”

The Black Marsh Fly Dragonfly was a rare marsh dimensional lifeform. It was similar to the Marsh Ground Sphagna in that it could not even defeat a Normal Hundred Questions Beast when it was young.

However, its slow start also meant that it had unimaginable peak potential.

Given enough resources, it would be able to defeat its natural enemy during its adolescence.

The Black Marsh Fly Dragonfly evolved its grade much easier than other dimensional lifeforms.

#### **Chapter 1264: Zong Ze and Liu Jie’s Competiti? ?on**

Lin Yuan remembered that Gu Lang nurtured the Snake Change Medusa.

It was likely that Gu Lang wanted the Black Marsh Fly Dragonflies because of the Snake Change Medusa’s natural skill. That was the only reason that Lin Yuan could come up with to explain why Gu Lang would want the Black Marsh Fly Dragonflies.

Lin Yuan could enter the marsh world through Klein Hub at any time.

No matter how rare the Black Marsh Fly Dragonfly was, it would be easier for Lin Yuan to search for it than it would be for Gu Lang to wait for Class 5 marsh dimensional rifts to open.

Gu Lang’s exhaustion dropped by half when he heard what Lin Yuan said.

If Lin Yuan could find the Black Marsh Fly Dragonflies, the Snake Change Medusa that Gu Lang had obtained with much difficulty would finally be usable.

Given that this was something Gu Lang truly needed, he did not hold back and said, “Lin Yuan, thank you. The Black Marsh Fly Dragonflies are of great use to me.”

Gu Lang knew that Lin Yuan would not take the shares without giving anything in return.

After all, Lin Yuan had already rejected Zong Ze.

Hence, Gu Lang did not offer to give Lin Yuan shares again. Instead, he used a proper business attitude to discuss the division of shares amongst the three of them.



Eventually, Zong Ze and Lin Yuan took 33.3% of the shares, while Gu Lang took 33.4% of the shares because he put effort into managing the faction's operations.

When they were done discussing, Zong Ze checked the time and headed to the kitchen to fish out the crabs he had taken from the Dragon Within Pond.

Wen Yu looked at Lin Yuan with admiration.

As the faction manager, she knew how difficult it was to accumulate resources.

Yet, Lin Yuan had managed to seal such an immense deal with a few statements.

While Wen Yu's eyes were shining, Lin Yuan said to her, "Wen Yu, the shares have been settled. You can communicate with Gu Lang directly in the future."

Wen Yu smiled and replied, "Don't worry, Young Master. I will pay close attention to this and make sure I do my best."

While Wen Yu was speaking, Lin Yuan saw that Liu Jie had returned carrying numerous fresh spiritual ingredients.

But the moment Liu Jie stepped into the house, his nose picked up the aroma of crabs.

He looked at the sofa. He immediately knew that Zong Ze was here when he saw the transformed Fiery Sky Hou.

At first, Liu Jie felt an unexplained animosity toward Zong Ze. Even he had no idea where this animosity was coming from.

During the gathering, Liu Jie and Zong Ze had cooked together and had shown off their cooking skills. They had become friends ever since.

When they ate at Zong Ze's residence, Lin Yuan had praised Zong Ze's cooking skills more than once.

Since Zong Ze had cooked Kitchen Fragrance Palace's secret 300 dishes, all Liu Jie could do was assist Zong Ze.

But today, Liu Jie finally had the chance to compete against Zong Ze.

Now that Zong Ze had started cooking, Liu Jie would follow suit.

This way, he would be able to serve his dish to Lin Yuan alongside Zong Ze so Lin Yuan could decide whose cooking was better.

Lin Yuan scratched his head when he saw Liu Jie make a dash for the kitchen. He could not figure out why Liu Jie was suddenly bursting with energy.

Nonetheless, Lin Yuan greatly looked forward to the meal cooked by two amazing chefs.

Lin Yuan had not had one good meal during his trip to the Divine Wood Federation. The meal he had had at the Radiant Moon Palace was also traumatic.

Finally, he could fill his stomach with a delectable feast.

No matter how careful the amazing chefs were, they served up dishes quickly.

Moreover, the only people in the mansion were Lin Yuan, Wen Yu, Liu Jie, and Zong Ze. The Mother of Bloodbath, who had the largest stomach capacity, had gone out to meet its fellow glutton friends.

The Mother of Bloodbath was definitely missing out!

Lin Yuan estimated that Zong Ze and Liu Jie would walk out of the kitchen in less than 40 minutes.

He did not know what took place in the kitchen, but in a shocking result, they used almost the exact same ingredients with only slight differences in cooking methods.

Zong Ze excelled at steaming and stewing, whereas Liu Jie's forte lay in frying and deep-frying.

Zong Ze steamed the crabs before dousing them in vinegar and cooking them over a small flame.

The crabs freshly caught from a lake in spring were filled with potent sweetness and would leave a hint of spiciness on the tongue. Adding vinegar and cooking them over a small flame would enable the vinegar to seep through the shell and penetrate the flesh while cohesively working with the taste of the flesh itself to produce an incredibly fresh taste.

Zong Ze applied the cooking principle that sourness was king.

Meanwhile, Liu Jie first removed the crab legs before digging out the roe. He used the roe as the base ingredient as he fried it together with other seasonings before adding a spicy touch to tie the ingredients together. Finally, he covered the dish with the crab legs to cook them using the heat rising from the food underneath. This would enable the crab meat to absorb and combine with the fragrance of the seasonings and roe.

Each dish was excellent in its own way, and ranking them would only be a matter of personal taste.

Those who liked lighter flavors would prefer Zong Ze's dish, while those who liked heavier flavors would go for Liu Jie's one.

Lin Yuan and Wen Yu were baited by the aromas and failed to notice the competitive aura between Zong Ze and Liu Jie. They also did not think to compare whose cooking skills were better.

While Lin Yuan and Wen Yu tucked in happily, Zong Ze and Liu Jie scrutinized them carefully to see which dish was being cleared quicker.

Wen Yu had a large appetite and usually put away about four bowls of food.

Lin Yuan's appetite also expanded after he consumed the Earth Center Fine Milk, and his body transformed. His body could now digest food at a rapid rate.

Thus, Lin Yuan and Wen Yu ate almost all of the food.

As they gobbled down the food, Lin Yuan and Wen Yu were embarrassed when they noticed that Zong Ze and Liu Jie practically had not touched their chopsticks at all.

It was only when Zong Ze and Liu Jie declared that they could not eat any more that Lin Yuan and Wen Yu continued shoveling food down their throats without worry.

Zong Ze and Liu Jie could not help but exchange a glance when they saw the clean plates.

They scratched their heads simultaneously.

Now that all the food had been eaten, Zong Ze and Liu Jie's competitive spirit dissipated as they decided to call it a tie.

### **Chapter 1265: Pinnacle of Strange Flame**

At that moment, Lin Yuan said, "Big Brother Zong, did you notice anything different about Ten Thousand Source Hall when you went to collect the Wind Crystal Precious Bottle?"

Lin Yuan asked Zong Ze this as he wanted to know whether anything out of the ordinary was happening with Whale Ocean Commerce.

Whale Ocean Commerce had to know that Ten Thousand Flags Trading had killed Sea Sky Nurture.

It would be very strange if nothing were amiss about Ten Thousand Source Hall.

Moreover, Lin Yuan wanted to find out more about Whale Ocean Commerce.

Since they were one of the top three top factions and were supported by Chef Supreme, Zong Ze, who was one of Chef Supreme's disciples, should know a lot about them.

Zong Ze did not rush to reply and started to think deeply.

Although he had not known Lin Yuan for long, he knew that Lin Yuan always spoke with intention. One did not need to ponder and puzzle over his true intentions.

Hence, Lin Yuan had to have his reasons for mentioning Whale Ocean Commerce.

While he was thinking, he decided to first tell Lin Yuan about the relationship between Kitchen Fragrance Palace and Whale Ocean Commerce.

"Brother, the relationship between Whale Ocean Commerce and Kitchen Fragrance Palace is very different from what it used to be. They have not come to Kitchen Fragrance Palace to ask for Creation Master resources from Master in three or four years. However, they still provide offerings so that the outside world assumes that they are still close to Kitchen Fragrance Palace.

"If I were to bring up anything special that has happened to Whale Ocean Commerce recently, it would be that Di Wancheng has gained immortal power. Whale Ocean Commerce themselves revealed this piece of news."

Zong Ze paused for a moment before saying, "As Rhine Lifeform and Cage of Brahma Insects developed over the last few decades with the help of the Moon Empress and Bamboo Monarch's resources, they must have gained more than one thearch-class expert with immortal power. However, Rhine Lifeform and Cage of Brahma Insects have never revealed any of them. Compared to Rhine Lifeform and Cage of Brahma Insects, Whale Ocean Commerce is exposing itself.

“At the same time, it’s understandable because Di Hao has decided to participate in this year’s Radiance Hundred Sequence selection. Di Wantian only has one son, so Di Hao has secured the title of Young Leader. Di Hao is already 25 years old this year. There can only be one reason he’s suddenly participating in the Radiance Hundred Sequence selection after not participating for years. Di Wancheng wants to use the Radiance Hundred Sequence as a stepping stone to the Radiance Envoy selection two years later. This is the only reason to explain why Whale Ocean Commerce is making such a public move after keeping a low profile for so long.”

Lin Yuan immediately felt that something was wrong with Whale Ocean Commerce.

If Whale Ocean Commerce revealed their two experts with immortal power in order to brandish their power and disrupt the balance between the top three top factions, Ten Thousand Flags Trading did not need to wipe out Sea Sky Nurture, which mostly consisted of Creation Masters.

Whale Ocean Commerce’s overall Creation Master resources had been depressed by killing off Sea Sky Nurture.

This seemed the complete opposite of what Di Hao wanted.

The members of top factions usually were not assessed before they participated in the Radiance Hundred Sequence selection as they had the support of an entire top faction.

However, every person would have to be thoroughly checked by the Radiance Sacred Hall before they were allowed to participate in the Radiance Envoy selection.

Lin Yuan was not certain if his identity as the City Lord of Sky City would be revealed, but he knew that his identity as Black would not be able to be kept under wraps.

The Radiance Sacred Hall would certainly discover that Ten Thousand Flags Trading had despicably killed Sea Sky Nurture.

A faction’s internal conflict that resulted in murder would have a huge negative impact on that faction if the news were released. There was no way that Di Hao would be able to become a Radiance Envoy with this hanging over him.

Whale Ocean Commerce had to be aware of this.

Hence, it was much more likely that Whale Ocean Commerce was making such big waves, and Di Hao was suddenly participating in the Radiance Hundred Sequence to draw as much attention to these two events as possible to cover up their other shady activities.

But no matter how hard they tried to hide it, Di Hao would not be able to participate in the Radiance Envoy selection two years later.

Whale Ocean Commerce’s high-profile actions had also caught the eye of the members of royalty.

It seemed that Whale Ocean Commerce was, in a roundabout way, trying to stall the two years.

However, Lin Yuan did not understand what good stalling would do. What would they be able to achieve in the next two years?

Regardless, this was only Lin Yuan's speculation.

From what Zong Ze said, Lin Yuan was sure that Zong Ze had no clue about the specifics of what had taken place within Whale Ocean Commerce.

Nonetheless, Lin Yuan had genuinely obtained information from Zong Ze about Whale Ocean Commerce that he had not known before.

In order to find out Whale Ocean Commerce's endgame, the best option for Lin Yuan would be to understand the collaboration between Whale Ocean Commerce and Connected Beast Park.

In the upcoming blood pact ultimate fight between the Sea Bliss Clan and Connected Beast Park, the latter would fully lean on Lin Yuan's identity as the Moon Empress' disciple.

Once they were completely reliant on him, he would be able to use them to learn what was exactly going on with Whale Ocean Commerce.

After lunch, Zong Ze readied himself to bid goodbye to Lin Yuan.

His bad luck was now solved, and the Fiery Sky Hou's bloodline had been purified.

Since the Fiery Sky Hou's eight high-grade strange flames had combined into one top-grade strange flame, it could now consume another seven types of strange flames.

Given that it could wield the Red Plum Falling Fire, it was only expected that the Fiery Sky Hou would also be able to control other top-grade strange flames.

If he could gain eight top-grade strange flames, the Fiery Sky Hou's combat power would shoot upward.

An idea popped into his head.

Since the eight high-grade strange flames had combined together to form a top-grade strange flame, it indicated that top-grade strange flame was the pinnacle of strange flames.

He wondered what would happen if he used the Fiery Sky Hou's Tempering of Fire to temper and produce eight top-grade strange flames.

### **Chapter 1266: The Fortune that Ji Feng Predicted Was Here!**

With this thought, Zong Ze's motivation swelled.

But even if he was Chef Supreme's disciple, it was not possible for him to obtain seven top-grade strange flames in a short period.

Hence, his venture into the abyssal world through the Class 6 abyss dimensional rift would be the crux to turn his dream into reality.

He was extremely confident about venturing into the abyssal world as Gao Feng, Long Tao, and Sun Ningxian had all played their roles well. Zong Ze also had no worries about Lin Yuan's provision of Creation Master resources.

Zong Ze would definitely be able to reap the benefits of the Class 6 abyss dimensional rift.

Even if the faction formed by him, Lin Yuan, and the rest did not manage to find any top-grade strange flames but other factions did, he could approach them and offer resources in exchange for the top-grade strange flames.

The Heaven Crimson Fire and Fiery Sky Hou needed strange flames badly.

When the Class 6 abyss dimensional rift was opened to all the factions, he would be able to increase his power rapidly using the strange flames produced in the abyssal world.

Zong Ze, who had been plagued with the curse ever since he was young, finally realized that looking forward to the future was blissful.

When Zong Ze stood to leave, Lin Yuan hurriedly rose as well to send Zong Ze to the entrance of the mansion.

The moment that Lin Yuan stepped out of the mansion, he saw a yellow avian-type fey with a delicate appearance perched on the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus.

Lin Yuan could tell that it was a type of swallow from the avian-type fey's scissor-shaped tail and nail-shaped beak.

The yellow avian-type fey looked delighted to be on the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus. Moreover, since his mansion was in the Royal Capital, rarely any wild feys visited.

Lin Yuan instinctively used True Data to check on the yellow swallow.

[Fey Name]: Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow

[Fey Species]: Feathered Swallow/ Swallow

[Fey Grade]: Silver (3/10)

[Fey Type]: Wood

[Fey Quality]: Normal

Abilities:

[Contract Fortune]: Find a plant-type fey with fortune properties and nest there. The Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow's quality will change to match that of the plant-type fey.

[Fortune Source Drain]: Consume the leaves and flowers of the plant-type fey on which Contract Fortune was used and drain the fortune aura inside the leaves and flowers into the nest. As long as the nest is not destroyed, the fortune aura within it will become increasingly concentrated.

[Explosion of Fortune]: Once the fortune in the nest reaches a certain amount, the nest will start releasing fortune into the surroundings to increase the luck of those who have been blessed.

Exclusive Skill

[Unsullied Swallow]: Before the contract with the fortune plant type fey is removed, the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow cannot form a contract with any type of lifeform. The contracted fortune plant-type fey will be able to share in the fortune aura of the nest.

When he saw the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow's True Data, Lin Yuan immediately realized that the fortune that Ji Feng had predicted would befall every person in the mansion was here.

This small yellow swallow seated on the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus was the fortune that would shine down on every person in the mansion.

Lin Yuan was shocked by the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow as he had never heard of it. He guessed that it came from a mutation of a certain type of fortune swallow-species fey.

He had come across various fortune feys in his day like the Mountain River Eternal Life Carp he had nurtured.

One of them would be able to protect an entire mountain, river, and all the creatures that lived within them.

But from the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow's abilities, it was not any weaker than the Mountain River Eternal Life Carp.

In fact, to a spirit qi professional, the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow was much more useful than the Mountain River Eternal Life Carp.

After Lin Yuan witnessed Zong Ze and Wang Fuxiang's curses, he learned that bad luck truly existed.

But since there was bad luck, there had to be good luck too.

By showering good luck on every person in the mansion, the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow was essentially draping all of them in an armor of good luck and ensuring that they would have good luck accompanying them in all their endeavors.

Lin Yuan watched as the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow started piling twigs together on the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus and thought, *Is the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow planning on creating its nest on the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus?*

The Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow was so delicate that Lin Yuan would be left helpless if it did not decide to build its home in the mansion of its own accord.

Its exclusive skill Unsullied Swallow guaranteed that the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow would not be able to form contracts with any other spirit qi professional.

It was common knowledge that fortune feys were difficult to maintain, and forcing them in any way could result in their death.

Moreover, the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow needed to fill its nest with sufficient fortune aura to bless everyone in the mansion with good luck.

Even if the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow were unwilling to build its nest, eat, and stock up on fortune, it would be useless to force it.

Since the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow had reached Silver III, it had to have formed a contract with a fortune plant type fey before.

As for the reason for the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow removing the contract, it had to be that either the fortune plant type fey died or that the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow was interested in another plant type fey.

Nonetheless, the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus was the best choice for the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow as it bloomed often and flourished with thick foliage.

Since the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus was a cinnabar-species fey, it had a naturally clean aura about it.

Moreover, its calming, spirit-gathering, and evil-shielding abilities would make the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow feel comfortable. As such, there was no reason for the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow not to like the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus.

More importantly, the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus was Legend quality. This meant that when the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow used Contract Fortune to form a contract with the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus, the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow would only reach Legend quality.

The evolution of quality was appealing to any fey, and the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow was no exception.

A Creation Master needed to expend a Herculean effort into evolving a fey to Legend quality.

It would be near impossible to find a Legend fey in the wild.

Additionally, the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow did not just need any Legend fey or Legend plant-type fey but a Legend fortune plant-type fey.

The Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow must have searched for a long time before it found the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus.

Lin Yuan felt that no matter what, there was no reason for the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow to turn away the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus.

### **Chapter 1267: The Legendary Osmanthus Fey**

The blossoming springtime was slowly turning warm, and people were starting to shed their bulky insulated clothes for thinner garments.

Today's weather happened to be clear skies, and the puffs of clouds resembled cotton candy laying on the plate that was the sky.

As the sunlight pierced through the fluffy clouds, it did not feel scalding when it beat down on people's skin. Rather, the warm sunlight reflected off each person and caused them to shine with transparent light.



Lin Yuan was swathed in sunlight as he observed the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow, which peered back at him curiously.

Perhaps it was due to the fact that he had consumed the Earth Center Fine Milk and transformed his body, but the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow was not afraid of him.

It flapped its wings and flew over to his shoulder.

At first, the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow looked like an unassuming yellow swallow. It was only when it spread its wings and took to the air that it was revealed that it had about four or five light superfluous yellow feathers.

One of these superfluous feathers stood out as it was at least five times longer than the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow's body.

The light yellow superfluous feathers glinted with a crystal hue.

Lin Yuan immediately noticed a deep injury on the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow's abdomen.

This was unsurprising as an avian-type fey with no attack skills and such an eye-catching appearance would definitely attract the attention of predators. Moreover, the lovely superfluous feathers would also slow down its flying speed.

It was likely that the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow had recently been hunted, and it had flown to the mansion to seek help and healing.

Lin Yuan did not immediately turn to the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow when it landed on his shoulder because he could sense that it had not found solid footing yet, and he could not feel its weight pressing down on his shoulder.

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He was afraid that turning his head too quickly would scare the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow off.

Lin Yuan silently circulated the Jasmine Lily's Heal, and vitality flowed from his shoulder to heal the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow's injury.

After Lin Yuan made this kind gesture, the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow slowly let down its guard.

Lin Yuan finally felt the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow's weight on his shoulder a moment later. Evidently, it had finally lowered its guard!

Although the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow did not exactly trust him, it was unlikely that it would be startled if he made small movements.

Hence, Lin Yuan slowly turned his head and noticed that the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow was looking at him with its head cocked.

Fear, curiosity, and faint gratitude could be seen in its gaze.

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Lin Yuan smiled brightly when he saw the adorable Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow.

A breeze blew by and messed up Lin Yuan's hair. His hair fell over his eyes, so only his curved lips could be seen.

'When a young man smiles, a bird of fortune will descend from the sky.'

The young man's smile looked like a painted portrait beneath the sun.

Wen Yu, Liu Jie, and Zong Ze were unspeakably taken aback by this scene.

The three of them all felt that his features had suddenly become more exquisite.

At first, they thought that it was only their imagination. But after taking a closer look, even Wen Yu and Liu Jie, who saw Lin Yuan often, were certain that his appearance had transformed.

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Both his features and bone structure had noticeably changed.

Such changes were usually due to an improvement in the genetic model. As such, it was evident that Lin Yuan's genetic model had improved during his overnight stay at the Radiant Moon Palace.

Zong Ze, Liu Jie, and Wen Yu all felt pressure come crashing down on them

Lin Yuan suddenly recalled a legend as he looked at the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow.

If the legend was true, it was not the people at the mansion or the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow that would benefit the most but the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus.

According to legend, the number one fortune osmanthus fey was the Crimson Jade Osmanthus, which mutated from the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus.

In the past, this legend had led to crazy inflation in the price of the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus of upward of five times its original price.

But in the end, all the hopeful people who had bought the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus to evolve it into the Crimson Jade Osmanthus had ended up sorely disappointed as the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus stubbornly refused to show any signs of mutation no matter what was used to coax it.

That was until one Class 4 Creation Master discovered that the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus' flowers would turn redder when it absorbed fortune aura, indicating that fortune aura would be able to trigger its evolution.

By that time, the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus' value had fallen after the widespread failure of its mutation.

When the Class 4 Creation Master posted his findings in a thesis on Star Web, those who had bought the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus with the dream of nurturing it into the Crimson Jade Osmanthus started cursing profusely.

Fortune aura was fundamental to fortune feys' evolution and one of the reasons they were so expensive.

If the fortune power within fortune feys were extracted, it would be as good as killing the fortune feys.

If those who had bought the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus had the disposable income to buy large numbers of fortune feys, they would not have to try to garner wealth through evolving the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus in the first place.

Eventually, the hype surrounding the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus cooled.

The Class 4 Creation Master who had made the discovery broke his bank to buy fortune feys to extract their fortune aura and prove his finding.

Each time the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus absorbed a certain amount of fortune aura, it would transform.

Unfortunately, even after extracting the fortune aura of over 1,000 fortune feys, the Class 4 Creation Master failed to trigger the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus' evolution into the Crimson Jade Osmanthus.

The Class 4 Creation Master ended up chopping down the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus and posting the video of the chopping onto Star Web, turning himself into the laughingstock of the year.

At that time, Lin Yuan had not started using Star Web. However, mocking comments about the Class 4 Creation Master had been posted on forums that Lin Yuan frequented. Hence, he was aware of this incident.

Through the sea of knowledge that Genius had gained, Lin Yuan could guarantee that fortune aura would be able to incite the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus to evolve. Its appearance changes after absorbing fortune aura were proof of this.

Lin Yuan guessed that the Class 4 Creation Master had failed because he had not used enough fortune power.

Once the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow made its nest in the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus and used its ability to share fortune aura with the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus, the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus would have the opportunity to evolve eventually.

Lin Yuan would gain another mountain of wealth to mine if the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus could truly evolve into the number one of the ten fortune osmanthus feys the Crimson Jade Osmanthus.

### **Chapter 1268: Fortuitous Guest is Staying**

The Crimson Jade Osmanthus' flower sap could slow aging and whiten skin.

When the Crimson Jade Osmanthus' nectar was applied to one's face for an extended period, it could enable one to regain the appearance of a 20-year-old.

This effect was enough to drive any female spirit qi professional crazy.

However, it was still unconfirmed if the legend was true that the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus could evolve to the Crimson Jade Osmanthus.

Regardless, the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus' evolution was a good thing.

Since Wen Yu was a Class 2 Creation Master, she could not immediately see the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow's abilities.

On the other hand, Zong Ze was almost a Class 4 Creation Master.

The moment he realized how special the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow was, he immediately stopped Liu Jie and Wen Yu and told them to remain calm.

When he saw the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow let down its guard with Lin Yuan, Zong Ze said, "Ah Yuan, congratulations on having such a fortuitous guest visit your mansion."

Lin Yuan replied with a smile, "I have you to thank as well. If you hadn't decided to leave at the right time, this little fella and I wouldn't have been able to cross paths."

Lin Yuan was not speaking superficially but rather voicing his true thoughts.

The Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow's abdomen was injured, but the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus' abilities could only target the spiritual level. Hence, it would not be able to heal the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow's physical injury.

In order to speed up the healing of the injury, it was likely that the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow would leave the mansion to find a way to heal itself.

Even if the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow imprinted on the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus and came back eventually, it was likely that the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow's superfluous feathers would attract trouble to it.

If the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow died someplace else, all the fortune that was supposed to descend on the mansion's people would be gone.

After sending Zong Ze off, Lin Yuan activated the Source Sand.

The Source Sand produced many black feathers that formed a pair of wings on Lin Yuan's back.

Lin Yuan flapped the wings and carried the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow with him to the main branch of the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus.

He determined the most stable spot on the branch and tried to grab the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow from his shoulder.

But before his hand even touched the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow, it hopped onto the branch itself.

Lin Yuan realized that although the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow was no longer wary around him, he still needed to maintain a safe distance from it.

Lin Yuan did not mind this and picked some suitably-sized branches and used one of his feathers to cut the branches into seven or eight-centimeter twigs.

He used these branches to create a simple nest before returning to the ground and retracting the black feathers.

Lin Yuan knew that the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow would not live in the nest he had built. Still, he had done so as a gesture to show the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow that it could live comfortably without a worry in the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus.

He also wanted it to know that it could go to him if it had any problems.

The Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow was an exceedingly cautious avian-type fey and would not build its nest while being watched.

As such, Lin Yuan dragged Liu Jie and Wen Yu back into the mansion.

When Lin Yuan saw Liu Jie and Wen Yu's astonished expressions, he explained the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow's abilities to the confused pair.

Liu Jie and Wen Yu did not expect such a huge opportunity to unfold right under their noses.

If Lin Yuan had not discovered this opportunity and Zong Ze stopped them from doing anything, they might have accidentally scared it away.

Liu Jie thought, *?It truly is easier for Creation Masters to seize opportunities.*

Meanwhile, Wen Yu once again realized how vast the gap between her and Lin Yuan's Creation Master levels was.

She needed to touch feys in order to sense their abilities, while Lin Yuan only needed to look at them.

After night descended, Lin Yuan walked out of the mansion with light footsteps and saw that the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow had kicked the nest he had made to the ground.

A nest made of broken branches and light yellow feathers sat where the nest he had made used to be.

Lin Yuan did not disturb the Fortuitous Blessing-Carrying Swallow that was happily consuming the Cinnabar Sweet Osmanthus' nectar and turned to return to the mansion to hit the sack.

The next morning after breakfast, Lin Yuan went to Star Web and saw Qi Heng and Qi Haitao, who had been waiting for a day.

He put on a resolute face and cut straight to the chase. "Yesterday, the two of you told me to make any request I want and promised to fulfill it. Does that still stand?"

Qi Heng and Qi Haitao exchanged a look, and Qi Heng took a step forward and said, "City Lord, you're right. Please feel free to make any request you want. The Sea Bliss Clan will do our best to meet your request."

While Qi Heng spoke, he kept a smile hanging off his face. Yet, his gaze was stony.

From the way Lin Yuan spoke, Qi Heng could tell that Lin Yuan had lost patience with the Sea Bliss Clan and was definitely not going to give the Sea Bliss Clan any room for negotiation.

He was exactly right as Lin Yuan said, “If so, give all of the Sea Bliss Clan’s properties and resources to Sky City. As the City Lord of Sky City, I promise you that I will win the blood pact ultimate fight against Connected Beast Park on your behalf, thereby allowing you to continue living. You can decide what you will do from then on yourselves. Regardless, you just have to hand over everything the Sea Bliss Clan has to me.”

Qi Heng was dumbfounded by what Lin Yuan said.

He had assumed that Lin Yuan would allow every person from the Sea Bliss Clan to remain there at least to continue managing the Sea Bliss Clan.

However, Lin Yuan had deemed every member of the Sea Bliss Clan as useless and only wanted the resources.

This meant that even if Sea Bliss Clan won the blood pact ultimate fight against Connected Beast Park, they would still be kicked to the streets.

Qi Heng anxiously said, “City Lord, why don’t you—”

But before he could finish speaking, Lin Yuan cut in and said, “The condition I stated is my final offer. If you find it unacceptable, you can face the blood pact ultimate fight against Connected Beast Park yourselves. Once your blood pact ultimate fight is over, Sky City can just issue another blood fight ultimate fight challenge to Connected Beast Park. Then, all your resources will still be mine. Meanwhile, I’m sure you’re aware of what state all of you will be in.”

Lin Yuan stood up and looked as though he was about to leave.

Qi Haitao instantly fell to his knees and spoke to Lin Yuan.

### **Chapter 1269: Possibility of the Floating Island Whale’s Early Hatching**

“City Lord, we see your requests and will do everything as you say. However, I have a piece of news. May I trade this information with you for enough resources that will allow the Sea Bliss Clan to rebuild?”

Lin Yuan lowered his head to look at the kneeling Qi Haitao. He became interested as Qi Haitao had to have a big piece of news to muster up enough courage to propose a trade.

“If this news is valuable, I will give the Qi family 5,000,000 Radiance dollars to rebuild when you leave the Sea Bliss Clan,” said Lin Yuan nonchalantly.

Qi Haitao’s eyes flashed.

The last time he had come to Sky City’s Star Web private faction territory, he had been discussing business with the City Lord as an equal.

But now, they were desperate beggars before the City Lord.

It was not up to Qi Haitao but Qi Heng whether he would accept Lin Yuan’s offer.

As such, Qi Haitao fixed his gaze on Qi Heng.

Qi Heng nodded helplessly.

The source of information came from the few islands that the Sea Bliss Clan had bought.

Sky City would discover this secret once they took possession of the islands. If they revealed it now, they would be able to receive resources in return. Hence, this was the best option.

However, 5,000,000 Radiance dollars was too little. One Bronze/Epic fey was already worth 30,000,000 Radiance dollars.

Given that Qi Heng was a Class 4 Creation Master, he would be able to generate 5,000,000 Radiance dollars' worth of income in one or two days.

Essentially, he could not accept Lin Yuan's offer.

However, Qi Heng knew that the Sea Bliss Clan was in no position to negotiate with the City Lord of Sky City. If he tried to negotiate and ended up aggravating the City Lord, he might decide not to help the Sea Bliss Clan at all. The Sea Bliss Clan would be well and truly finished if that happened.

Qi Haitao said, "City Lord, a huge whale fall took place not long ago near the islands our Sea Bliss Clan bought."

Lin Yuan's eyes immediately widened.

Damn! What was going on? Why was he running into one opportunity after another these days?

A whale fall was a naturally-occurring source of nourishment for the ocean.

One small whale fall would be like a feast to the creatures on the seafloor, much less a large one.

When hundreds of whales died, and their carcasses were left at the bottom of the seafloor, it would result in an unimaginable amount of nourishment for the ocean. It would be enough to turn the area into a super fish farm for deep-sea fish-species feys. Any fish-species fey living in the area would grow up rapidly.

As the carcasses of the whale-species feys decomposed, the currents would propel a large amount of nourishment to the surface of the sea. This nourishment could even trigger mutations in the aquatic feys living at the surface of the sea.

However, a large whale fall was not solely beneficial for fish-species feys but could even provide a major opportunity for the Floating Island Whale in the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

If Qi Haitao was speaking the truth, his Floating Island Whale could use this opportunity to use the energy from the whale fall and hatch sooner than expected.

He would also be able to obtain many unhatched Island Whales from where the whale fall was.

Lin Yuan looked at Qi Haitao solemnly and said, "If you're telling the truth and there truly is a large whale fall near your islands, I can promise to keep the Qi family safe for three years. Three years is enough time for the Qi family to rise from the ashes and start another rising faction. At that point, your enemies will have to issue another blood pact ultimate fight challenge to you if they want to go after you. This way, you'll have time to prepare."

Qi Haitao and Qi Heng were utterly confused as they did not understand what Lin Yuan meant.

Once Sky City destroyed Connected Beast Park, the Qi family would still retain their combat power despite losing all their resources.

It was impossible that anyone would target them at that point.

Hence, both Qi Haitao and Qi Heng did not take Lin Yuan's words seriously.

Nonetheless, they both looked at Lin Yuan with gratitude.

Now that the matter was settled, Qi Heng and Qi Haitao prepared themselves to leave.

But, Lin Yuan said, "Connected Beast Park has struck up a relationship with Whale Ocean Commerce, and they are currently working together. You must have heard that Whale Ocean Commerce already has two experts with immortal power.

"Don't reveal the news that Sky City is helping the Sea Bliss Clan with the blood pact ultimate fight. It'll be best if only the two of you know and return home acting as though Sky City rejected you. The more people are involved, the looser their lips will be. If the Sea Bliss Clan leaks the news and Connected Beast Park catches wind of it, they can go to Whale Ocean Commerce for help. If that happens, your ending can only be death even if Sky City helps you."

Qi Haitao and Qi Heng immediately understood what Lin Yuan meant.

The Sea Bliss Clan was currently a wreck, and some might have joined the Miao family secretly.

If Connected Beast Park heard about this, the results would be disastrous.

However, Lin Yuan's tone was too merciless! He only mentioned that the Qi family would end up dead. Wouldn't the thearch-class experts dispatched by Sky City to help the Sea Bliss Clan be killed too? Or could it be that the City Lord did not care if his faction's thearch-class experts lived or died? Was it because Sky City had so many thearch-class experts that it did not matter if a few died? Or was it that the City Lord was just downright evil?

The misunderstood Lin Yuan was not afraid of Connected Beast Park seeking help from Whale Ocean Commerce at all.

This was because he had received word from the Invisible Demon before he came to Star Web that it hoped to go through the Source-type Cleansing as soon as possible to evolve into a Class 12 dimensional lifeform.

There was only one day left before the blood pact ultimate fight between the Sea Bliss Clan and Connected Beast Park, which was more than enough time for the Invisible Demon to go through the Source-type Cleansing.

Thus, the Invisible Demon would have reached immortal level when it was helping the Sea Bliss Clan with their blood pact ultimate fight.

Even if the news was leaked at that time and Connected Beast Park went to borrow immortal experts from Whale Ocean Commerce, the Invisible Demon would still stand a fighting chance.



Lin Yuan would recall it back into his shadow if it really could not hold out.

Given the Invisible Demon's hidden abilities, even experts of the same level who were skilled at investigating Immortal Breed feys would find it difficult to detect the Invisible Demon.

### **Chapter 1270: The Invisible Demon is About to Transform**

Even if the news that Sky City was helping the Sea Bliss Clan in their blood pact ultimate fight was leaked and Connected Beast Park went to borrow experts with immortal power from Whale Ocean Commerce, Lin Yuan would not be afraid.

Qi Heng hurriedly said, "Don't worry, City Lord. It is the Sea Bliss Clan's greatest honor to receive your help. Naturally, we won't cause Sky City any trouble. When we return home, I'll say that Sky City rejected our plea for help. I'll fill in three random names on the list of members who'll be participating in the blood pact ultimate fight. When Lord Gu Han asks if these are the confirmed participants, I'll swap out Haitao at the last minute with your expert. I'll also be able to use the opportunity to see which members of the Sea Bliss Clan are loyal."

At this point, Qi Heng no longer cared about the Sea Bliss Clan's original honor. Instead, he was focused on coming up with a way to rebuild after the blood pact ultimate fight.

This disaster would also be the Sea Bliss Clan's touchstone through which Qi Heng would be able to look into the hearts of all the members of the Sea Bliss Clan.

Connected Beast Park had issued the blood pact ultimate fight to the Sea Bliss Clan because Qi Wangyang was too arrogant to see the situation for what it was.

Even if Connected Beast Park lost two thearch-class experts to Sky City and received crushing public criticism from the public afterward, the Sea Bliss Clan was a mere veteran faction that should never provoke the top-faction Connected Beast Park under any circumstances.

Yet it was ironic that as the leader, Qi Wangyang did not understand that even if the elites were somehow slipping, they would still remain as his betters.

Qi Haitao's adaptable nature made him appear more suited to be the Sea Bliss Clan's leader in Qi Heng's eyes.

Qi Wangyang should have taken responsibility for his mistake after that incident.

A few days after Qi Wangyang went after Connected Beast Park, Qi Heng became certain that it was not Connected Beast Park that had bought up all the Aurora pollen on the market.

Connected Beast Park was always at odds with Condense Fairy Orchard, and plant-type feys were Condense Fairy Orchard's role.

Thus, Connected Beast Park did not have much authority in the plant-type fey market.

After some investigation, Qi Heng unearthed that Condense Fairy Orchard was the one who had been controlling the supply of spiritual ingredients like Aurora pollen and using their expansive storage to create the farce that there was still sufficient Aurora pollen in the market.

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This was why the Sea Bliss Clan, who had been focused on their far-off fish farms, did not notice that something was off about the supply of Aurora pollen in the market.

Qi Heng also realized that besides Condense Fairy Orchard, the Purchase With No Loss store, which was popular on Star Web, was also involved.

This Star Web store used blind trading to secretly increase their store of Aurora pollen.

There was no point for a faction to buy so much Aurora pollen unless it bred Angelfish of Bliss. Moreover, even if they did breed Angelfish of Bliss, they would not require such a humongous amount of Aurora pollen.

Additionally, it was not easy to store Aurora pollen as it would get moldy after two years.

If a fey as delicate as the Angelfish of Bliss consumed moldy Aurora pollen, it would quickly fall sick and die.

Hence, it was all but certain that the shortage of Aurora pollen in the market was part of a scheme conducted by both the Purchase With No Loss store and Condense Fairy Orchard.

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After Qi Heng found this out, he had not even had time to become enraged at Condense Fairy Orchard, and the Purchase With No Loss store before Connected Beast Park issued a blood pact ultimate fight challenge to the Sea Bliss Clan.

Now that Sky City's City Lord promised to help the Sea Bliss Clan, the matter was all but settled.

Qi Heng thought that he would move on to hating Condense Fairy Orchard and the Purchase With No Loss store. However, he felt intense terror instead.

Despite all that had happened to Condense Fairy Orchard over the last few years, they still steadfastly held onto their status as a top faction. This meant that they had to have a thearch-class expert holding down the fort.

Moreover, the Sea Bliss Clan had personally witnessed Sun Ningxiang standing amongst the disciples of the members of royalty at the Guard Ye Banquet.

No matter how brave Qi Heng was, he would not dare to cross such a person.

Since Condense Fairy Orchard was willing to collaborate with the Purchase With No Loss store, it meant that there was an extremely important person behind the Purchase With No Loss store.

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It was also no secret that Condense Fairy Orchard and Sky City were on good terms.

If Qi Heng went after Condense Fairy Orchard for revenge, Sky City might step in to end the already doomed Qi family to protect Condense Fairy Orchard.

Qi Heng only hoped that Condense Fairy Orchard and the Purchase With No Loss store would let the Sea Bliss Clan off when they tried to rebuild and stop scheming against them.

He was even willing to personally beg Condense Fairy Orchard and the Purchase With No Loss store for forgiveness if they felt that the problem lay with him.

At the brink of life and death, Qi Heng realized that even a veteran faction that he had been proud to be a part of was actually much less impressive than he had initially thought. If they crossed people they had no business crossing, they would be wiped from existence as well.

Now that Qi Heng understood what he meant, Lin Yuan gave the order to kick them out.

Lin Yuan's focus was on the Invisible Demon's imminent breakthrough.

If the Invisible Demon could evolve to Class 12, Lin Yuan would finally gain immortal power under his control. This would allow Lin Yuan to do whatever he wanted in the future without needing the Moon Empress' help.

Immortal power was considered peak combat power in the Radiance Federation.

Moreover, the Invisible Demon would not just be evolving to a Class 12 dimensional lifeform. When 9,900 units of source-type power was used on the Invisible Demon during its Source-Type Cleansing, its life would reach a whole new level.

Once the Invisible Demon became an Apostle, it would gain a second natural skill, and both its power and abilities would be transformed.

When Qi Haitao and Qi Heng left Sky City's private territory, Lin Yuan removed the access prohibitions and left Star Web.

He returned to his room and flashed himself into the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

Lin Yuan said to the waiting Invisible Demon, "Shadow, I've prepared the source-type power needed for your Source-Type Cleansing. From now on, it's all on you. Given my current power, I might not be able to help even if you run into danger during the transformation."