

Merchant 1411

Chapter 1411: The Sun Send Mess Butterfly's Host

After leaving the Radiance Federation, Lin Yuan saw how dark and tragic the world truly was.

The Warm Sun Fund should be ready to begin operations once he returned to the Radiance Federation.

Lin Yuan could help Little Flower because he met her by chance. However, he could not help every destitute person in every town.

He hoped that after the Warm Sun Fund started, the Radiance Federation would be free from such situations at least. He wanted a ray of sunshine to bring light to all the people cowering in darkness and give them the courage to live.

When he heard what Little Flower said, Lin Yuan decided to give two fruits to Little Flower. But before he could do so, Liu Jie handed her a chain of gold.

Little Flower was slightly afraid when she saw the chain of gold. However, she was touched by Liu Jie's kind smile and thanked him before receiving the chain of gold.

Lin Yuan thought about how he had encountered Liu Jie at the lowest point of Liu Jie's life. During that time, his eyes had been completely devoid of light.

Yet, he had still helped many orphans and set up funds for their education.

It seemed that Liu Jie really liked children!

Suddenly, Lin Yuan saw the Dark Send Mess Butterfly slowing down. It folded its wings and floated toward a dilapidated thatched house.

Little Flower gasped and exclaimed, "Big Brother, that's my house!"

Lin Yuan inhaled sharply. Could the Sun Send Mess Butterfly's host be Little Flower's younger brother?

This would explain why Little Flower needed to buy the Reducing Heat Grass. The Sun Send Mess Butterfly's host would start to burn up, and these symptoms fit the illnesses that the Reducing Heat Grass could cure.

However, the Reducing Heat Grass could not heal a host with the Sun Send Mess Butterfly living in them. Rather, the Reducing Heat Grass could cause the Sun Send Mess Butterfly to go insane and speed up the body's burning rate.

Little Flower was completely unaware of the situation. Lin Yuan turned and said to her in a grim voice, "Little Flower, when did your brother start having fever symptoms?"

She paused to look through her memories before saying, "Four days ago, a bump appeared on Little Grass' arm. I took him to ask Uncle Cow, who said that it was just a boil. I believed him and took Little Grass home. But the next day, Little Grass' arm swelled up, and thick blood started flowing out of his arm. By nighttime, he had fainted. So, I took out all the money I had to buy the Reducing Heat Grass. He woke up the next day but wasn't as chatty as he used to be."

Little Flower recounted the events to Lin Yuan in detail.

Lin Yuan and Liu Jie's expressions changed when they heard what Little Flower said. They were almost certain that Little Grass was the Sun Send Mess Butterfly's host.

He had probably passed out the second night because the Sun Send Mess Butterfly was taking control of his thoughts. By the time he woke up the next morning, he was no longer the younger brother that Little Flower knew. He was now the 'Fifth Day Disaster', Sun Send Mess Butterfly.

Luckily, Little Flower was not male. Otherwise, the Sun Send Mess Butterfly would also have taken control of her by the morning of the third day.

The Dark Send Mess Butterfly entered the house. Before Lin Yuan and the rest landed on the ground, the door to the thatched house opened.

A small boy about six years old ran out of the house.

There was a black and gold butterfly perched on his shoulder that was flapping its wings. This was the Dark Send Mess Butterfly that had just entered the house.

Little Flower anxiously shouted, "Little Grass, didn't I tell you not to leave the house? Why did you run out here? Go back in. This big brother is a healer who can heal you!"

She ran over and wrapped the little boy in her arms.

At that moment, the Dark Send Mess Butterfly shot towards Little Flower. But before it could get near to her, the 20 Hurricane Owlet Moths kicked up violent winds that formed a cage to keep the Dark Send Mess Butterfly away.

The little boy's face turned menacing when he saw this and strode toward Lin Yuan, Liu Jie, and Ji Feng.

Naturally, Lin Yuan and the rest could not allow the boy to get near them as they would fall under the Sun Send Mess Butterfly's control.

Lin Yuan did not move from where he was standing, and a swirling pool of quicksand appeared under the little boy's legs. He immediately sunk in.

A pair of hands made of yellow sand appeared out of the quicksand and trapped the young boy in their grip.

The Close Guard Sand started to move more violently and formed a smog of sand that prevented the young boy from using any special methods to touch Lin Yuan and the rest.

The Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies needed to use hosts and absorb spirit qi from nature in order to evolve. The more hosts they had under their control, the higher their grade and quality would be.

The Sun Send Mess Butterfly had only taken control of the little boy. It was Elite quality, just like the Dark Send Mess Butterfly, and could not break free of the cage that Source Sand had created.

Little Flower was astonished by what was happening. She looked between her trapped brother and the big brother who had given her fruits to eat and offered to heal her brother.

She instinctively ran away from Lin Yuan and Liu Jie to go and protect her younger brother.

Lin Yuan immediately held her back and told her about the current situation.

After understanding the situation, Little Flower pursed her lips and stared at the little boy.

Lin Yuan was feeling exceedingly conflicted.

The best way to get the Sun Send Mess Butterfly to show itself would be to damage its nest. However, he was unwilling to do so because he saw too much of himself and Chu Ci in this pair of siblings.

The thought crossed his mind many times about what he would have done if Chu Ci had become the Dark Send Mess Butterfly's host a few years ago.

It was likely he would not allow anyone to hurt Chu Ci even if he had to make an enemy of the entire world, and she had become the eye of an earth-topping disaster.

At that moment, the same thoughts were running through Little Flower's head.

Chapter 1412: Lin Yuan's Plan

Lin Yuan looked down into Little Flower's eyes and saw obstinance. He thought about the way that the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies attached themselves to their hosts and turned to ask Liu Jie, "Big Brother Liu, the Insect Queen can control insect-species carcinoma feys. Is there a way for it to suppress the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies? Half an hour will do!"

Liu Jie communicated with the Insect Queen before replying, "The Insect Queen can only suppress insect-species carcinoma feys if they have less spiritual energy than it. Once the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies attach themselves to hosts, they will take over their thoughts and memories and absorb their hosts' spiritual energy. If they attach themselves to children, I can use the Angelfish of Bliss' fish coats to replenish the spiritual energy so that it'll be able to last half an hour."

Liu Jie could guess what Lin Yuan's intention was. However, this plan was too risky. Nonetheless, this was the best option for the little girl and boy.

Lin Yuan turned to Ji Feng and asked, "Ji Feng, can the Prior Decree Sleeping Lotus plant a soul seed in a soul to heal cracks that might happen to the soul? It only needs to last for half an hour!"

Ji Feng said with confidence, "I don't need to call the Prior Decree Sleeping Lotus back for this. I can plant the soul seed myself. One soul seed will be able to hold onto the two children's souls for up to a day, much less half an hour."

Lin Yuan nodded.

If the Insect Queen could suppress the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies while Ji Feng could guarantee that their souls would remain intact, Lin Yuan was confident that he would be able to use the Jasmine Lily's Severed Limbs Growth to heal them while their flesh was being damaged.

With these three conditions, Lin Yuan could proceed with what he was about to do.

He tightly pursed his lips and said to the silent Little Flower, "I know your brother is the only person who matters to you. However, he is under the control of an insect-species carcinoma fey. Even if I have a way to remove it from him, your brother will die the moment it leaves his body."

Little Flower's gaze darkened with every word that came out of Lin Yuan's mouth.

Suddenly, Lin Yuan's tone changed, and he said, "But this doesn't mean that all hope is lost. It's just that the plan I have in mind is risky. If it succeeds, both you and your brother will live. But if it fails, both of you will die."

Little Flower clutched Lin Yuan's sleeve and said pleadingly, "Big Brother, I'm willing to do it. I'm begging you. Please save Little Grass!"

The Hurricane Owlet Moths moved away, and the Dark Send Mess Butterfly immediately flew to the back of Little Flower's neck and tunneled into her body.

At first, Little Flower was still conscious.

At that moment, a pool of quicksand appeared below her feet, and she was soon trapped by a pair of hands made of sand as well.

Lin Yuan said to Little Flower, "Your younger brother will wake up from this soon. If you can handle the pain from your soul, you can try to encourage your younger brother."

Lin Yuan nodded at Liu Jie and Ji Feng.

Liu Jie gave Lin Yuan a thumbs up, and a fairy with long purple hair and wearing dark green armor made of insect shell with four wings sprouting from its back flew out of the Dimensional Light Moth. This was the Insect Queen.

The Insect Queen had fused with the Blade Queen Bee's psychotoxin, and its looks had changed drastically.

Although it was wearing armor made of insect shells, it still looked delicate and fearful of strangers.

The Insect Queen's personality did not give a clue to the fact that it was a weapon that could produce armies of insects.

Liu Jie said sternly, "Insect Queen, do your best to suppress the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies inside these two children. Try your best to lower their energy levels using psychotoxin."

The Insect Queen flew over to Little Flower and Little Grass and reached out its left hand toward them.

Its index finger lit up with a dark purple light, and the Insect Queen inserted the finger into Little Flower's neck, followed by Little Grass' right arm.

Soon, the Insect Queen's eyes turned silvery blue, and a stream of spiritual energy flowed into the two children.

The spiritual energy did not target Little Flower and Little Grass. Their bodies were like mesh that the spiritual energy flowed through to reach the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies that were hiding within the children.

However, the Insect Queen's attempt to suppress the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies was met with intense resistance.

The Insect Queen's spiritual energy reached the Dark Send Mess Butterfly inside Little Flower first, and she started to tremble.

The bump in her neck expanded, and many bloody lesions soon appeared all over Little Flower's body.

The Dark Send Mess Butterfly was trying to change Little Flower's body into its nest as soon as possible in order to fight back against the Insect Queen. But the longer the Insect Queen injected spiritual energy into Little Flower, the more sluggish the Dark Send Mess Butterfly became.

Ji Feng saw his opportunity and planted a soul seed inside Little Flower's soul to protect it.

There was still nothing happening on Little Grass' side. This meant that the Insect Queen had yet to find the Sun Send Mess Butterfly.

Little Grass' body had already been fully turned into the Sun Send Mess Butterfly's nest. Finding the Sun Send Mess Butterfly inside its nest would take time and patience.

The Dark Send Mess Butterfly had only just entered Little Flower's body, so her situation would be easy to address.

However, it would be a much more difficult task when it came to Little Grass.

Inside the nest, the Sun Send Mess Butterfly was sapping Little Grass' spiritual energy and could fight back against the Insect Queen's spiritual energy. Even with the help of the psychotoxins, they would have to grapple for some time.

Lin Yuan summoned the Jasmine Lily and instructed it to use the Bud of Mountain Jade on its head to use Heal on Little Grass.

When Lin Yuan ordered the Bud of Mountain Jade to bloom, a beam of green light shot out and landed on Little Grass to form a belt of vitality.

Chapter 1413: Accidental Soul Fusions

The Jasmine Lily quickly healed the lesions and pustules on Little Grass.

At that moment, the Insect Queen's spiritual energy caught hold of the Sun Send Mess Butterfly. The Sun Send Mess Butterfly thrashed about within Little Grass' body.

The eggs it released hatched and produced a large number of Sun Send Mess Worms. These worms were the beacon that the Dark Send Mess Butterfly had followed.

The Sun Send Mess Worms burst out from Little Grass' skin, causing new wounds that were open to infection by the bacteria in his surroundings. But the moment the wounds appeared, the Bud of Mountain Jade healed them.

Even if the Sun Send Mess Worms continuously destroyed his organs, the Bud of Mountain Jade would be able to use Severed Limbs Growth to change his genetic model and enable his organs to regrow rapidly.

During this cycle, the Sun Send Mess Butterfly would be affected by the Insect Queen's psychotoxins and slowly become suppressed by its spiritual energy. Eventually, Little Grass lost consciousness.

When Little Grass regained his consciousness, Ji Feng implanted a soul seed in him. Otherwise, the soul seed would have been planted in the Sun Send Mess Butterfly's soul.

Once the soul seed was utilized, the energy could not be recalled. Hence, Ji Feng could not allow a mistake on his part to jeopardize the entire operation.

Little Grass started to cry once he regained consciousness, and his soul started to feel the pain of being mutilated and healed over and over. Without the help of the soul seed, Little Grass would have fallen into a coma.

Little Grass spotted Little Flower and reached out a trembling hand toward her as though he was drowning, and she was a piece of plywood he could cling to for survival, albeit Little Flower was only a young girl of only 13 years of age.

Little Flower fought against the pain and started to explain the situation to the newly conscious Little Grass.

The two of them were about to enter the most dangerous point, which was the last-ditch retaliation from the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies.

Little Flower did not have time to fully explain the situation to Little Grass, but Lin Yuan had already prepared for this.

Lin Yuan said to Genius, "Genius, use Connected Tails."

Genius swung its tails, and one of them turned into a white and shimmery belt. The belt fell from Genius' body and formed a link between Little Grass and Little Flower.

At that moment, Little Flower and Little Grass' memories were connected. When the siblings let out a pained cry, Lin Yuan hurriedly told Genius to stop using Connected Tails.

Although using Connected Tails on the siblings would allow them to encourage each other, it would also cause them to feel each other's pain.

One person's pain was difficult enough to handle. But the agony of two people's pain would be too much for the souls of two children.

Once their souls sustained injuries that were overly serious, even a soul seed planted by a pinnacle emperor-class expert like Ji Feng would be useless.

The Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies started to attempt their final assault against the Insect Queen.

The psychotoxins caused the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies to feel as though death was creeping up on them. They decimated Little Grass and Little Flower's bodies with their last vestiges of strength.

The impact was so strong that it put pressure on the Jasmine Lily's healing. This was because tens of thousands of Dark Sun Send Mess Worms hatched at the same time.

If the Jasmine Lily stopped healing for even a moment, Little Flower and Little Grass would burst like balloons.

In order to stabilize the situation, Ji Feng planted another soul seed in Little Flower and Little Grass' souls.

As time ticked by, Liu Jie's expression became more strained, and beads of cold sweat dripped down his face.

The Insect Queen was usually more than capable of suppressing one insect-species carcinoma fey. However, Liu Jie had never tried suppressing two at once.

Although both of these insect-species carcinoma feys came from the same source, they had two sets of spirits and souls. Moreover, one of them had already stolen the spiritual energy of a six-year-old child.

Liu Jie took out numerous sets of fish coats and gave most of them to the Insect Queen. He left two or three for himself and quickly munched down on them. When his body digested the fish coats, his spiritual energy was replenished.

Just as Lin Yuan sensed that the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies were about to breathe their last breaths, they gathered their soul power and crashed into Little Flower and Little Grass' souls.

Lin Yuan thought that the soul power would be an attack on the siblings' souls, and the soul seeds would heal the damage.

However, Lin Yuan was surprised to see that a portion of the soul power slowly started to fuse with Little Flower and Little Grass' souls.

While the souls were fusing, the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies immediately felt the healing effects of the soul seeds. They stopped damaging Little Flower and Little Grass' bodies.

The Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies destroyed the Dark Sun Send Mess Worms before flying out of Little Flower and Little Grass' bodies.

Due to the Insect Queen's presence, the Elite quality Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies dared not take flight. They remained perched on the siblings and flapped their wings in apprehension.

This change caused Lin Yuan, Liu Jie, and Ji Feng to be stunned. The three of them formed the same guess.

Could the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies have somehow fused with Little Flower and Little Grass' souls and become their feys?

It did not take long for their guess to be confirmed.

When Little Flower and Little Grass opened their eyes, the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies started to fly around them with an air of affection.

Due to the soul fusions, Little Flower and Little Grass now felt affection toward the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies, which had just been hurting them.

Lin Yuan dispersed the quicksand that trapped Little Flower and Little Grass, and the siblings fell to the ground.

The moment Little Flower landed on the ground, she lunged at Little Grass and wrapped him in a tight embrace.

Little Grass reached his arms out to her as well.

But the moment her arms enveloped him, he let out a cry of pain. Little Flower immediately removed her accessories made of hemp leaves before giving him another hug.

Little Flower and Little Grass had just overcome a major trial.

After hugging Little Grass for three minutes, a thought suddenly struck her. She pulled Little Grass up with her and said with immense gratitude to Lin Yuan, Liu Jie, and Ji Feng, "Big Brothers, thank you for saving us. Thank you."

Chapter 1414: Accidental Miracle

Little Grass tentatively emulated Little Flower and said thankfully, "Thank you, Big Brothers!"

While she was thanking them, Little Flower suddenly thought about how much better life would be if she could continue staying by Lin Yuan's side instead of continuing the life she was used to.

But when she thought about her circumstance and status, she was at a loss about how she should voice this wish. She was terrified of being rejected.

At that moment, Lin Yuan placed his hand on Little Flower and Little Grass' heads and gently stroked them. He looked at their tattered clothes and was about to give them two new sets of spirit qi clothes when he realized that he did not have any children's clothes.

Thus, he took out the fur of a Gold Blue Brocade Fox and two bunches of silk and started to sew them together.

He had learned how to do simple sewing work when he and Chu Ci had been fending for themselves. They did not have many clothes between them or money to buy more. Hence, Lin Yuan had no choice but to sew the clothes himself.

It did not take him long to produce two sets of white outfits.

Lin Yuan split the Blue Brocade Fox's fur into two and turned them into two simple fur cloaks.

As the sole Young Master of Sea Sky Nurture, Ji Feng had no idea how to sew. However, Liu Jie squatted down and joined Lin Yuan. He picked up the two sets of spirit qi clothes and fixed the rough seams. Soon, the spirit qi clothes looked exquisite.

As Lin Yuan watched Liu Jie work, he was surprised that Liu Jie had talents besides cooking.

If Wen Yu had not been around, Liu Jie would probably have become the Return from Faraway Mansion's housekeeper.

Neither Little Flower nor Little Grass was stupid, and they could tell from the size of the clothes Lin Yuan and Liu Jie were making that the clothes were for them.

Little Grass had always been under the care of Little Flower, and he could always rely on her.

But for as long as Little Flower could remember, she had been beaten by their alcoholic father and had to keep their household afloat. She always had to come up with ways to find alcohol for her father.

But when their father left and never returned, Little Flower was free. With one less mouth to feed, the two siblings had more to eat than before.

Thus, Little Flower had never experienced care from another person or received custom-made clothes.

In fact, the materials used by Lin Yuan and Liu Jie were better than those used by the children of elite families.

Fear gripped Little Flower's heart. She would rather not wear the clothes and stay with her brother by Lin Yuan's side instead.

Little Flower was afraid that she and her brother would be abandoned once they accepted the spirit qi clothes.

Lin Yuan observed the two Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies while he was making the spirit qi clothes.

Little Flower and Little Grass ignored the two Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies, and the feys quietly rested on the siblings.

Lin Yuan handed a set of spirit qi clothes to each of the siblings and asked, "Can the two of you control the butterflies?"

Little Flower looked at the black and gold Dark Send Mess Butterfly before she replied, "Big Brother, I can control the black and gold butterfly and make him do anything I want."

Little Grass also nodded and looked at the white and gold Sun Send Mess Butterfly on the tip of his finger and said, "This white and gold butterfly listens to me well too!"

Lin Yuan looked at Little Flower and Little Grass with a troubled expression.

Liu Jie's Insect Queen could control insect-species carcinoma feys due to an accidental mutation, and this ability could not be cloned.

The Prior Decree Sleeping Lotus' Parasitic Soul Dead Seed and the Jasmine Lily's Severed Limbs Growth were not completely unique exclusive skills. But it had to be said that Lin Yuan had never encountered others with such abilities.

It could be said that the combination of the three abilities created a miracle and a living and breathing 'Fifth Day Disaster' that could be turned on and off. As long as Little Flower and Little Grass willed it, they could launch a disaster.

Additionally, they could blend in with people and form perfect shelters for the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies.

The carcinoma feys deemed as 'Fifth Day Disasters' by the Spirit Guards could affect more than just the main world.

The dimensional world also had male and female genders. If Little Flower and Little Grass went to the dimensional world, they would also be able to bring the same disaster there.

It would not be an overstatement at all to say that Little Flower and Little Grass were a pair of strategic weapons with the power to wreak havoc.

Given the circumstances, Lin Yuan needed to ensure that Little Flower and Little Grass stayed on the course of righteousness.

Lin Yuan looked at the siblings who were staring at the spirit qi clothes with conflicted gazes and said, "These clothes made by this other Big Brother and me aren't the best. If you stay with me, a Big Sister will make clothes for you in the future. She makes all of our clothes."

Little Flower looked up into Lin Yuan's eyes. She looked like a flower bud that had spontaneously bloomed. At that moment, her happiness was unparalleled.

She held Little Grass' hand and said, "We're willing to go with you. However, we are dirty and will dirty your clothes if we put them on."

Lin Yuan could use Dark Blue to clean up Little Flower and Little Grass. However, it would not be appropriate to do so.

He gently patted Little Flower's hair and said, "Don't worry, and just put them on. It doesn't matter if the clothes become dirty. You'll get clean ones to change into when we get back."

Little Flower gratefully led Little Grass into the thatched house and put on the clothes.

When they walked out, the dirt on their faces still covered most of their features, but they still looked much more presentable.

Lin Yuan took out two towels and did a cursory clean-up for them.

Once he was done wiping their faces, he realized that they had pleasing features. Their large eyes were full of life.

However, they were still covered with scars that represented the hardship they had gone through.

Chapter 1415: What's Wrong? Are You Scared?

However, the scars and calluses on Little Flower's hands could be removed with just half a bowl of the Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia nectar.

Little Flower and Little Grass were normal people without spirit qi professional talent. They were only able to form contracts with the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies due to an accidental miracle. As such, neither of them had spiritual spatial zones.

Hence, Lin Yuan hung Diamond fey storage boxes in the shape of hanging pendants around Little Flower and Little Grass' necks.

Suddenly, a team of spirit qi professionals dressed in black uniforms ran over. They summoned their feys when they spotted Lin Yuan and the rest.

Little Flower's thatched house was at the border of the city's slums. Hence, this group of people could only be here for Lin Yuan and the rest.

At first, Lin Yuan thought that they were members of a robber group. But when he saw their feys, he knew that he was wrong.

Their feys consisted of Gold VII/Flawless Sword-Toothed Brilliant Cat, Platinum I/Flawless Poison Powder Calamus, and the Platinum II/Flawless Dark Corrode Ghost-Faced Fly.

Robbers could never possess such feys.

This group of people and feys had the ability to wipe out the entire Oak City. These people were considered the best of Oak City.

Lin Yuan was curious about who they were. Were they here because of the Dark Sun Send Mess Butterflies?

Carcinoma feys were not banned in the Divine Wood Federation, and an Elite quality insect-species carcinoma fey would not draw the attention of many experts.

Or could it be that someone had recognized the Dark Send Mess Butterfly? Lin Yuan did not think that this was likely.

The Divine Wood Federation did not have Star Web, and they lacked access to knowledge.

The Class 2 and 3 Creation Masters in the Radiance Federation could concoct Grade 2 and 3 spirit fluids. However, Class 2 and 3 Creation Masters in the Divine Wood Federation had limited knowledge, and they only knew how to concoct a few types of spirit fluids.

Although Creation Masters from the Divine Wood Federation and Radiance Federation had similar abilities, they were on completely different levels.

Even the president of the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce had not recognized the Dark Send Mess Butterfly, much less the passersby on the street.

If they had truly recognized the Dark Send Mess Butterfly, which could bring forth disaster, they would have reported the sighting to the main Class 4 Creation Master family in Oak City, who would send out their best experts.

Little Flower and Little Grass retreated when they saw these people. Lin Yuan and Liu Jie noticed this and pulled the siblings behind them.

Liu Jie asked, "Lin Yuan, what are we going to do with these people?"

Lin Yuan shook his head at Liu Jie.

Lin Yuan planned on waiting for these people to reveal their aim before making plans for his next step.

When Lin Yuan shook his head, Liu Jie decided against instructing the Insect Queen to produce the Flesh-Mincing Blade Insects.

Ji Feng took a step forward until he was in front of Liu Jie and Lin Yuan. He maneuvered himself into a guard pose.

At that moment, the 40 spirit qi professionals dressed in black suddenly moved apart, leaving a gaping hole in the middle.

An open-air carriage pulled by four Platinum Patrol Wind Horned Horses with a fat man sitting in it rolled into Lin Yuan's line of sight.

The fat man was glowering at Lin Yuan.

There were young and beautiful girls seated on each side of the fat man.

Each of them was holding a tray. One of the trays had bottles of alcohol and cups, while the other had roasted meats and fruits. The trays were held aloft for the fat man's convenience in case he wanted to consume anything.

Lin Yuan looked suspicious. He had no memory of this fat man.

While Lin Yuan was thinking, an arrogant and ear-piercing fat man bellowed, "You are the peasants that hit me! You, yes you. Bring your eight-tailed cat over here. If I'm in a good mood, I might be willing to spare your lives."

When Lin Yuan heard what the fat man said, he immediately realized that this fat man was the person who had tried to catch the Dark Send Mess Butterfly from off the street and ended up being hit by Genius.

Clearly, this man had come all this way to save his pride.

Moreover, he wanted to take Genius away and kill the rest of them.

When Lin Yuan did not reply, the fat man assumed that Lin Yuan was stricken with terror.

Hence, he said in an even haughtier voice, "What's wrong? Are you afraid? Even if you are, it's no use. You must die for having the audacity to hit me!"

While Lu Kun was speaking, the elderly man next to him had a look of disbelief that came from the discovery that the white eight-tailed cat was a Diamond/Fantasy fey.

Who was this person? He was able to carry about a Diamond/Fantasy pet around with him.

It looks like Lu Kun is about to trip himself up! Luckily, as a pinnacle king-class expert, my Ancient Tree Dragon Python can easily kill this Diamond/Fantasy eight-tailed cat. However, is this eight-tailed cat truly the extent of this young man's power?

Lin Yuan looked at Lu Kun and said calmly, "Murderers always end up being killed themselves. I'm sure you're aware of this."

Lu Kun looked even more enraged when he heard what Lin Yuan said.

But at the same time, the elderly man's heart skipped a beat.

This young man was way too calm. Even the two other men looked completely nonchalant.

Just as the elderly man was about to give Lu Kun a suggestion, Lu Kun berated Lin Yuan.

Chapter 1416: Lin Yuan is Livid

"I'm from the Lu family. The entire Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce belongs to the Lu family. In Oak City, I am all-powerful."

Lin Yuan was irritated by Lu Kun. It was clear that Lu Kun had already branded them for death.

Lin Yuan turned and said, "Ji Feng, I'll leave this to you. Little Flower and Little Grass are here, so keep it clean."

Ji Feng nodded and summoned the Karma Sword Lily with a wave of his hand.

A white-haired man with gray eyes appeared in the air above Lu Kun's group. It was clear that he was not human.

The elderly man next to Lu Kun ventured a guess and could not help but shout, "Young Master Lu Kun, that is a Myth II fey! They have an emperor-class expert amongst them!"

A cold voice sneered, "You're wrong. You can't even tell I'm a plant-type fey. How stupid."

The Karma Sword Lily swung its sword, and sparks imbued with karma power swallowed the sky and earth. A moment later, the sparks dissipated.

At that moment, it was as though the group of people and feys had never appeared before Lin Yuan.

The sparks from the Karma Sword Lily's sword cut up everything into dust, including the ground below them.

Once the Karma Sword Lily was done, it walked over to Lin Yuan and bowed as it said, "Lord, I did it cleanly like you asked."

Lin Yuan had helped the Karma Sword Lily breakthrough Myth III. Hence, it had a deep respect for Lin Yuan.

The Karma Sword Lily was a support-type fey and did not usually engage in combat.

Now that it was facing an enemy more than one grade below it, it finally experienced the adrenaline rush of battle.

The Karma Sword Lily thought, "If the Prior Decree Sleeping Lotus was here, she would be so impressed by me!"

Lu Kun had said that he was from the Lu family who controlled the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce.

This meant that the Lu family was a secret elite family from the Great Lush Federation.

However, Lin Yuan could not see the glamor of an elite family from Lu Kun's demeanor and dressing. This meant that he was probably not a direct descendant of the Lu family.

By killing Lu Kun, Lin Yuan had made an enemy of the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce.

The people Lu Kun had brought with him had not been with him on the street. Otherwise, the pinnacle king-class elderly man would have stepped in when Genius hit Lu Kun.

This meant that the elderly man and the spirit qi professionals dressed in black uniforms were from the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce's Oak City branch.

The Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce would eventually sense that something was wrong when these people did not return.

Lin Yuan had planned on using his connection with the Sincere Merchant Group and helping them raise their rank within the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce so that he would be able to use them to exchange for resources with the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce.

As long as Lin Yuan did not personally expose his connection with the Sincere Merchant Group, he would not affect them in any way.

However, from what Lu Kun did and the way that the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce sent out its members to support him, Lin Yuan saw the ugly underbelly of the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce. He felt that they were not a good collaborative partner.

Lin Yuan planned on calling Mr. Zhao from the Sincere Merchant Group to see if he and the rest of the Sincere Merchant Group were currently in Oak City.

Meanwhile, at one of the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce's treehouse hotels...

Mr. Zhao was holding a baby and allowing him to play with his beard. He was not reading a story to the baby like he usually did.

The middle-aged man next to him frowned and asked, "Dad, our Item-Storing Walnuts full of resources have been taken by the manager. However, more than a day and a half has passed, and there hasn't been a response. Do you think there's a problem?"

Merchant groups lived a dangerous life of buying and selling. They ran into many robber groups during their trips.

Mr. Zhao immediately sensed that something was wrong. He took a deep breath and said to the middle-aged man, "Jiazhi, hold Bean for a while. Let's go downstairs and call for a gathering of the members. We'll go and ask the manager if we manage to trade for the alcohol and plants."

Although the elderly man said this, he had a growing bad feeling.

The manager should have handled their resources within an hour or two and offered them an appropriate trade. It should not take more than a day.

There were many merchant groups under the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce that were more powerful than the Sincere Merchant Group. However, they could most settle their resources' processing in four hours.

Mr. Zhao thought about the person in the tent who never said a word, and he felt more at ease.

He remembered Lin Yuan saying that this person could protect the Sincere Merchant Group.

When all the Sincere Merchant Group members gathered, Mr. Zhao walked over to the man and told him about the situation in detail. However, he did not receive any response. If he had not seen this person walking, Mr. Zhao would have mistaken him for a mannequin.

A few months ago, there was a rumor in Oak City that many merchant groups under the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce had disappeared without a trace.

But rumors were just rumors, and Mr. Zhao did not put much stock into them.

But now that he thought more about it, he realized that all the merchant groups that had disappeared had hit the jackpot.

A chilling feeling gripped Mr. Zhao and sent a shiver up his spine.

However, he could not tell the rest of the Sincere Merchant Group about his thoughts because it would only lead to panic, and nothing would be solved.

If his guess was right, they could flee, but that would mean that all the resources that Lin Yuan had given them would go to waste.

Lin Yuan was the Sincere Merchant Group's savior. He had brought them hope and the resources to climb the ranks. Mr. Zhao could not fail Lin Yuan no matter what.

Mr. Zhao forced himself to calm down as he led the members of the Sincere Merchant Group to the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce's entrance.

This was when he realized that the guards did not stop them like they usually did.

Chapter 1417: Furiously Burning the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce

They were not told that only two of their members were allowed to enter to handle administrative matters. Instead, all of them were allowed in.

Mr. Zhao suddenly had a bad feeling and became more certain that his guess would turn out to be confirmed.

He led the Sincere Merchant Group members to the manager's office with a nervous heart. But when they arrived, they were told that the manager was not present.

The employee in the manager's office led the Sincere Merchant Group members to the eighth floor of the tree castle and walked down the single corridor there.

No goods were displayed on the eighth floor, and Mr. Zhao had never been here before.

As they were walking, Mr. Zhao noted the complete lack of people.

The walls around them had iron boards nailed to them, and there was soundproofing Vibrating Gold embedded into the iron boards.

This did not look like a place where the manager handled administrative matters at all.

Just as Mr. Zhao was about to call the Sincere Merchant Group members to stop walking and ask the employee what was going on, the attendant who was leading them suddenly released a dark green and wart-covered toad.

When the toad appeared, the Sincere Merchant Group members sucked in cold breaths.

The pressure from a Diamond/Fantasy fey pressed down on all of them.

The attendant looked amused. It was like a stray cat that had just spotted a trembling mouse.

Mr. Zhao fixed his eyes on the attendant and forced himself to say with feigned calmness, "What are you doing? Take me to see the manager now. We need to set off soon!"

The attendant instructed the toad to move in front of Mr. Zhao and said, "The manager noticed that your Sincere Merchant Group has struck gold and wants me to send you into the Spiked Skin Tongue Toad's belly for a good rest as a reward for all the hard work you've put in."

Suddenly, the attendant's tone changed, and he said sternly to the Spiked Skin Tongue Toad, "Spiked Skin Tongue Toad, swallow all of them."

Just as Mr. Zhao and the Sincere Merchant Group members were about to enter the final moment of their lives, the unassuming man raised his hand abruptly, and a howl of pain from a toad soon followed.

This was when Mr. Zhao saw the dark green toad's body being engulfed by a brilliant red flame. There seemed to be flowing dark red lava at the base of the flame.

It did not take long for the dark red lava to burn the Spiked Skin Tongue Toad into ashes. Then, the lava swiftly moved on to the attendant and stole his life as well.

The fire did not disappear after devouring the Spiked Skin Tongue Toad and the attendant. Instead, it started to spread in all directions.

All of a sudden, the 400-meter-tall tree castle that housed the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce's Oak City branch was transformed into a furiously burning tree.

Mr. Zhao had assumed that his life was about to end in the pits of the dark green toad's stomach and that the rest of the Sincere Merchant Group would be killed in this narrow corridor.

He had been enraged, sorrowful, and self-reproachful. If only he had considered this possibility at the beginning, come to the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce on his own, and told Zhao Jiazhi to take the Sincere Merchant Group away from Oak City once he could not reach his father, the other Sincere Merchant Group members would not have died here.

On the way to the Iron Hammer Federation, Mr. Zhao was excited about the future. He thought that he would be capable of bringing a bright future to the Sincere Merchant Group and living up to Lin Yuan's hopes for them. He even had hopes of Bean's first fey being Bronze/Flawless instead of Bronze/Normal or Elite quality.

Alas, the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce turned out to be a demon hiding in the shadows that wiped out merchant groups in order to take over their resources.

Unfortunately, the Sincere Merchant Group did not have the power to fight back against the behemoth that was the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Zhao had never encountered a Platinum/Fantasy fey.

He also never expected the person Lin Yuan had placed by their side to be useful against such a strong enemy. After all, Lin Yuan's attendant, who wore silver armor, had only possessed the same power as this attendant.

When Han Tianhe attacked, Lin Yuan found out about the situation through Red Thorn. Lin Yuan had fueled Han Tianhe's attack.

The Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce's tree castle was one of the tallest buildings in Oak City. It was only 15 meters shorter than the residence of the Class 4 Creation Master family.

By now, everyone in Oak City had spotted the blazing Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce. It came as a shock to all of them that the wealthy and almighty Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce would end up being set on fire.

Besides the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce members, there were also customers and members of merchant groups who had come to trade within the building.

Lin Yuan had no grudge against these people. Hence, the fire only set the building itself alight.

If Han Tianhe had summoned the Earth Core Dragon Snail and used its Creation Breed world power, the entire Oak City would have been reduced to ashes.

Mr. Zhao, Zhao Jiazhi, and the rest of the Sincere Merchant Group looked with silent astonishment at the man who had killed a king-class expert with a raise of his hand and without uttering a single word.

At this moment, a furious voice bellowed from within the tree castle, "Who is the one that had the audacity to set fire to the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce? Hurry up and put out the fire. Don't forget to save the precious furs from the flames. Even if you need to sacrifice your bodies, make sure you protect them."

Almost immediately after, a gust of coldness burst out from within the tree castle that slowly started to extinguish the flames.

The heat and cold produced a carbonizing effect. The giant tree castle that had turned to carbon started to disintegrate.

All the customers and members of merchant groups within the tree castle fled toward the exit in a frenzy.

The man who had caused the fire was completely unperturbed as he trailed behind the Sincere Merchant Group as they ran out.

This was because Lin Yuan had ordered Red Thorn not to use the Tongue of Relinquish to control Han Tianhe to continue his attack.

At that moment, Lin Yuan, Liu Jie, Little Flower, and Little Grass were rushing toward the tree castle.

Chapter 1418: Four-Sided Gathering, Eight-Sided Actions

The people that Lu Kun had brought with him had tried to kill Lin Yuan, but he only assigned blame to Lu Kun instead of letting his grudge spread to the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce.

Yet, the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce had tried to kill the entire Sincere Merchant Group over resources. This made it personal for Lin Yuan.

He used to run a small spirit lifeform store. Although the merchant groups were doing a different form of business, they were fundamentally the same.

In fact, the merchant groups had to put their lives on the line more often in their day-to-day lives in order to make their living.

Moreover, these merchant groups were very reliant on the chambers of commerce. If the chambers of commerce were unscrupulous, the small merchant groups could do nothing about it.

When he ran the spirit lifeform store, Lin Yuan had also been bullied by suppliers. He knew what it was like to be too helpless to even try to resist.

It was clear from the way that the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce was willing to kill for a few million Great Lush dollars worth of resources that they were despicable and evil.

When he sensed from Red Thorn's sensing of Han Tianhe that the attendant had led the Sincere Merchant Group members to the eighth floor to massacre them, it was clear that the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce had already done away with many merchant groups before.

Lin Yuan felt that there was no need for the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce to continue existing.

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When Lin Yuan was about to leave the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce, Li Wan had a thoughtful expression on her face.

She picked up the pair of Bronze/Epic Item-Storing Walnuts and started to play with them.

This set of Item-Storing Walnuts should have ensured that the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce's auction would be a success. They were so impressive that they would enable the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce's reputation to rise to a whole new level.

Yet, she was not happy at all. Instead, her mind was filled with thoughts about Lin Yuan.

She wondered why Lin Yuan left the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce immediately after seeing the black and gold butterfly insect-species carcinoma fey.

He had not even left his number before he left.

The only thing that was setting Li Wan's mind at ease was that he had left ten million Great Lush dollars as a down payment with her. With this down payment here, he was sure to return to the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce.

Suddenly, Li Wan felt a sting in her throat and started to cough violently. During her fit of violent coughing, she spat a mouthful of blood out that splattered all over the table in front of her.

The elderly man standing next to Li Wan immediately handed her a handkerchief.

Her coughing fit lasted almost two minutes before she stopped while gently patting her chest.

She took the handkerchief from the elderly man and gently wiped away the blood near her mouth.

The elderly man cleaned the table while saying to Li Wan with a worried tone, "Young Lady, your body isn't fit enough for all the hard work you've been doing. If you need anything done, tell me to do it. If you continue coughing in such a way, even the medicine left behind by the previous head of the family won't be enough to quell your worsening condition!"

Li Wan did not look troubled by what he said.

"I'm aware of my condition. I'm close to becoming a B-rank spirit qi professional. Once I'm a B-rank spirit qi professional, my body's overall condition will improve, and this coughing problem should be alleviated. At that time, I'll be able to consume less medicine while still being able to live for more than ten years. I have to save and secure the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce during that time by cultivating an outstanding successor. This is the only way I'll be able to keep from disappointing Dad."

Li Wan's gaze softened, and she said, "Let's not talk about this. Elder Duan, go and contact the Class 2 and 3 Creation Master families we're working with and send out the order for the items that Young

Master Lin needs. Make sure to get them even if it means we have to spend a little more. Try to prepare all 120 weather-producing plants within the next month.”

The elderly man hurriedly replied, “Young Lady, I will be sure to perform this task to perfection!”

After witnessing Li Wan and Lin Yuan’s interaction, the elderly man could tell that she wanted to establish a long-term working relationship with him.

It was possible that she had another motive in mind as well.

From the way that Lin Yuan could casually produce the Item-Storing Walnuts, the elderly man knew that Lin Yuan was powerful and wealthy.

Thus, he already regarded Lin Yuan’s order as extremely important even before Li Wan’s reminder.

The elderly man thought about how Li Wan struggled to hold up the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce on her own and said softly, “Young Lady, do you think it’s possible that Young Master Lin will be willing to become our partner?”

Li Wan looked up, and she seemed to have a response in mind. But instead of voicing it, she asked, “The Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce and Profit Source Chamber of Commerce—”

Before Li Wan could finish speaking, the enormous burning tree in the distance caught her attention.

This sight left both Li Wan and the elderly man stunned. But soon, delight spread across their faces.

Li Wan recognized the burning tree castle as the building that housed the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce’s Oak City branch.

The Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce was the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce’s competitor.

The Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce and Profit Source Chamber of Commerce had joined forces to conquer the rest of the chambers of commerce in Oak City.

As such, there was also deep resentment between the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce and the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce besides the usual tension of competition.

No matter what the reason was, Li Wan was elated.

She stood up and said to the elderly man, “Let’s go and see what’s happening from up close. We should take a look at who the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce has offended.”

There were experts in the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce. Hence, it should have been impossible for the entire tree castle to be set alight no matter what could have happened.

As such, the person who set the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce’s tree castle ablaze could only be one of their enemies.

As the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce’s partner, the Profit Source Chamber of Commerce would definitely have sent a representative to the site of the fire.

Li Wan also wanted to see how the Profit Source Chamber of Commerce would react toward the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce.

At that moment, four groups of people were moving to Oak City.

Two experts flew out of the Class 4 Creation Master family who lorded over Oak City and headed toward the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce's tree castle.

A large group of people and horses charged out of the Profit Source Chamber of Commerce's tree castle.

The person leading them was a young man with average features and dressed in green clothes.

This young man looked at the burning tree castle with a grim expression as he wondered what had happened at the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce.

They were in Oak City. Who was the person capable of setting fire to the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce's tree castle?

Chapter 1419: Everyone Takes Responsibility

A middle-aged woman walked over to the young man and said respectfully, "Young Master Zhuang Bei, it's likely that the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce has run into a big problem. How many people do you think we should take with us?"

The young man looked at the middle-aged woman and said, "You're the Vice President of the Profit Source Chamber of Commerce, so you can decide the organization of manpower. No matter what reason the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce gives, our experts don't have to interfere in this matter. If something has truly happened at the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce, I can ask the elders in my family to take the contract to the Lu family for a negotiation."

The middle-aged thought, "Young Master Zhuang Bei had argued with Young Master Lu Kun when they were signing the contract. It seems like Young Master Zhuang Bei isn't over it. If something has really happened to the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce and they give some reason for not being able to go through with the collaboration, Young Master Zhuang Bei is going to ask his family to go to the Lu family and demand compensation."

Song Dingzhen loved wealth, but she was not the type to go searching for trouble.

Who knew what trouble Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce could have run into to lead their tree castle to be set on fire.

Besides the Class 4 Creation Master family, the Profit Source Chamber of Commerce, and the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce, many members of the three Class 3 Creation Master families, 17 Class 2 Creation Master families, and almost 300 Class 1 Creation Master families headed toward the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce's tree castle.

The Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce's tree castle had essentially turned into the eye of a storm.

When everyone inside the tree castle fled, Song Dingzhen wanted to tell the guards to use iron vines to secure the tree castle. However, the fire was too serious and the carbonized tree castle soon crumbled into a pile of ash.

The plume of dust and ashes obscured the sight of the people around.

Faced with the wreck, Song Dingzhen shrieked with rage, "Who set fire to the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce's tree castle? Show yourself!"

A murderous aura shot out from Song Dingzhen's eyes.

The Lu family had placed Song Dingzhen as the Vice President of the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce's Oak City branch. She was going to be berated now that the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce had been burnt to the ground.

If Lu Kun had been in the tree castle, he could have shared the responsibility with her.

But since he was not, she could not push the blame onto him and would have to shoulder it all on her own.

However, she could not bring herself to accept all the blame.

The three elderly men next to her released their feys. One of them was a large red-haired wolf that let out an ear-piercing howl. The second was a banana-shaped plant that pierced the street. Its leaves started flapping until numerous vortexes were formed. The third was a ladybug with seven stars imprinted on its body. Its flapping wings let out a roaring buzz. The yellow substance flowing out from its posterior left several people coughing.

All three feys were Diamond/Fantasy.

The pressure of the Diamond/Fantasy feys pressed down on every person in the area, and many of the onlookers felt as though they were being suffocated by a large rock weighing down on their chest.

A few of the timid regular people fainted out of fright.

But no matter how much Song Dingzhen shouted, she received no reply.

Suddenly, Bean started to wail in Zhao Jiazhi's arms, and the sound attracted Song Dingzhen's attention.

At that moment, the expression of a middle-aged man dressed in a black uniform changed, and he ran over to Song Dingzhen. He pointed at the Sincere Merchant Group members and mumbled something into Song Dingzhen's ear.

Soon, Song Dingzhen's expression changed as well.

She looked at the manager and wondered why he had not sent anyone to attack the Sincere Merchant Group members.

At that moment, the manager was searching for the king-class expert he had dispatched in the crowd. However, he realized that the king-class expert was nowhere to be found. The Sincere Merchant Group members had all run out of the tree castle, but the king-class expert he had sent after them was gone.

This caused all the hair on the manager's hair to stand on end. He was about to tell Song Dingzhen about this situation when a gruff voice said, "What's going on with the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce? Why did the building suddenly burn up?"

Song Dingzhen turned her head. When she saw the source of the voice, she immediately rushed up to greet him and said, "Lords Ding, I offer you my greetings. I am investigating the reason behind the fire but have not found anything yet."

Song Dingzhen was utterly repulsed. If she knew the reason behind the fire, she would have stopped it before it took place. Why would she have allowed the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce to burn to the ground?

However, Oak City was in the palm of the Ding family's hand as they were the only Class 4 Creation Master family in Oak City.

Not even Lu Kun dared to act up in front of the Ding family.

If the Ding family was angered, they would block the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce from opening a branch in Oak City. It would do no good even if the Lu family begged them.

At first, Song Dingzhen wanted to sniff out the arsonists and punish them severely. However, no one stepped up to admit to the act.

By this time, the team from the Profit Source Chamber of Commerce had arrived.

The young man dressed in green did not speak, but the middle-aged woman knew what his thoughts were and asked Song Dingzhen, "Vice President, the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce has just signed a contract with us. Yet, you've already tried a trick like this."

Song Dingzhen hurriedly replied, "We will find the reason behind the fire and rebuild the tree castle immediately. The collaboration with the Profit Source Chamber of Commerce won't be affected."

The young man dressed in green snarled, "You make it sound so simple, but the entire building has been burnt to the ground. How can the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce continue to maintain its hold on Oak City? I want to request for the Profit Source Chamber of Commerce to take the lead in our collaboration while the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce cooperates with us."

Song Dingzhen's frown deepened, and she thought, *If only Lu Kun was here. He's the only one who can stand toe to toe with Zhuang Bei.*

Zhuang Bei was from a secret elite family, and Song Dingzhen lacked the authority to speak up against him because she was not a member of the Lu family.

Song Dingzhen looked at the customers and members of merchant groups that had just fled out of the tree castle and yelled, "Since no one will admit to it, all of you shall bear the responsibility of burning the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce's tree castle."

Chapter 1420: Insect Army's Feast

After Mr. Zhao escaped out of the tree castle, he fixed his eyes on the silent man.

Mr. Zhao had never attended a gathering of so many Oak City elites and felt his legs go slightly soft.

However, there was no way he was going to expose the silent man either.

The man that Lin Yuan had sent to protect the Sincere Merchant Group was able to kill Platinum/Fantasy feys. However, there was no guarantee that he would be able to defeat Diamond/Fantasy feys as well.

However, the Ding family also had emperor-class experts. Emperor-class experts were the stuff of legends!

When no one responded even after some time had passed, Song Dingzhen shrieked, "You three, go and kill every person who just ran out of the tree castle."

The tree pinnacle king-class experts were about to instruct their feys to attack when a clear voice rang out from the crowd. "I was the one who set fire to the tree castle. But I'm sure you know why the tree castle started burning."

The people present all widened their eyes as they were taken aback by what they had just heard.

Even the two experts from the Ding family assumed that Song Dingzhen was about to end the lives of the people who had just escaped from the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce to conclude the matter.

After all, someone would have to shoulder the responsibility of destroying the tree castle, and the people who had just escaped from the tree castle were the best scapegoats.

The two experts from the Ding family had silently permitted this conclusion.

A few of the customers who had just escaped were members of the elite. However, they did not wield much power, and their deaths would not be a great loss.

Yet, someone had just volunteered to shoulder the responsibility for this incident.

Was this person a moron? Did he not know that admitting to being the perpetrator in front of so many people would bring the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce's wrath crashing down on him? Was he not afraid of the three terrifying Diamond/Fantasy feys?

From what he said, it also seemed as though there was a secret behind the burning of the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce.

Besides Song Dingzhen, Li Wan was the person with the biggest reaction. Li Wan could not be more familiar with this voice.

It was the voice of Young Master Lin, who had left the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce not long ago.

As worried as Li Wan was for Lin Yuan, she was also secretly glad.

The enmity between the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce and the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce could not be resolved.

If Lin Yuan and the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce became enemies, he would be on the same side as the Prosperous Chamber of Commerce whether he formed an alliance with them or not.

Song Dingzhen was boiling with rage. When she heard Lin Yuan's voice, she bellowed, "The person who just spoke, show your face this instant! Let me see what's so great about you that you have the audacity to burn the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce to the ground!"

From the moment Lin Yuan spoke, the people around him immediately backed away, fearing that they would be seen as his companions and dragged into the matter.

As a result, a path opened among the crowd of people.

Lin Yuan carried Genius in his left hand and held Little Flower's hand in his right hand.

Liu Jie had the Dimensional Light Moth flying on his right while he held Little Grass' hand in his left hand.

Ji Feng walked in front of Liu Jie and Lin Yuan to clear a path for them.

Lin Yuan's group had everyone's eyes on them. The crowd was silently shocked by Lin Yuan's group's charisma and good looks. But at the same time, they saw this group as walking toward their deaths.

From their features, they all seemed to be from the Great Lush Federation besides the two children.

It would be fine if they were native elites from the Divine Wood Federation. But why would a group of people from the Great Lush Federation have a bone to pick with the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce? Could they be unaware of the power that the Lu family held in the Great Lush Federation?

The three king-class experts directed their Diamond/Fantasy feys to charge at Lin Yuan's group. They intended to kill these five people to save the Deep Freeze Chamber of Commerce from further humiliation.

At that moment, the Dimensional Light Moth above Liu Jie's head flapped its wings and formed ripples in the space that spread out rhythmically.

Suddenly, numerous groups of ten Diamond V/Fantasy I Flesh-Mincing Blade Insects appeared and surrounded the three Diamond/Fantasy feys.

A feast for the insect armies soon appeared.

When the groups of Flesh-Mincing Blade Insects appeared, they immediately swarmed the three Diamond/Fantasy feys.

It did not take long for the small Flesh-Mincing Blade Insects to climb all over the red-haired wolf. The Flesh-Mincing Blade Insects rapidly moved their feet, causing the wolf to let out a startled cry of pain.

The Flesh-Mincing Blade Insects quickly broke through the wolf's skin and entered its body.

This sight left chills running up and down the backs of the people around.

As more and more Flesh-Mincing Blade Insects crawled into the wolf's body, it started to thrash about even more violently. Alas, this did not help in the slightest.

The Diamond/Fantasy wolf was a blood-type fey that used its body during combat. Now that the throngs of Flesh-Mincing Blade Insects suddenly overran it, it was completely helpless and unable to remove them from its body.

However, the plant-type fey with waving leaves that could produce tornadoes could use the strong winds to keep the Flesh-Mincing Blade Insects at bay.

The flying ladybug was completely unaffected by the Flesh-Mincing Blade Insects as they were terrestrial insect-species feys that could not attack the air. Rather, there were seven Flesh-Mincing Blade Insects that were burnt by the yellow substance spraying from the ladybug's posterior.

The Dimensional Light Moth continued to flap its wings and viciously disturbed the space around it.

At that moment, five Diamond X/Fantasy III Hurricane Owlet Moths appeared from a rift in space. The Hurricane Owlet Moths' grades and qualities were all higher than that of the plant-type fey that could control wild winds.

The five Hurricane Owlet Moths took control of the wind and sent gusts slashing at the Diamond/Fantasy plant.

The gusts of wind formed a chain that immediately restrained the ladybug fey.

Without the strong wind's protection, the Flesh-Mincing Blade Insects could crawl all over the plant-type fey.