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Chapter 1491: Lin Yuan's Prediction

The Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce was completely different from what it used to be.

It could not even compare to a rising faction a few months ago.

Eventually, it entered the luxury resources business and managed to break into the rising faction's market.

But a few months ago, the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce took over all of the Zheng family's resources which happened to overlap with the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's role.

Now, the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce was one of the top veteran factions.

Although the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce had not changed its address in the Royal Capital and still remained in the small white house, it was not eligible to occupy a 10,000-square-meter business territory.

The Royal Capital's building department had already rushed Listen many times.

Although Listen could do anything with his connection to Lin Yuan, he still preferred to do things by the book because Lin Yuan was the same.

Listen only rushed back to the Return from Faraway Mansion when it was time for dinner.

With Listen and Endless Summer back in the mansion, the Return from Faraway Mansion was bustling with life.

Lin Yuan called Master Hong Shen, Zhang Xiaobai, Lu Pinru, Tan Ran, and Xin Ying over to have dinner in the mansion.

After dinner, Listen went over to Lin Yuan and said softly, "Young Master, I am done with all the business in Indigo Azure City."

Lin Yuan nodded. He was not going to ask Listen how he planned to handle the Zheng family.

Nonetheless, Listen said, "The Zheng family's main role is also luxury resources, and they have hired almost 4,000 Spirit Craftsmen over the years. Four of them are Class 4 Spirit Craftsmen, over 200 are Class 3 Spirit Craftsmen, and most of the remaining ones are Class 2 Creation Masters. They have six times the number of Spirit Craftsmen as the Heavenly Craft Pavilion.

"After the Zheng family fell, Zheng Kaiyan immediately took control of the Spirit Craftsmen and prevented them from leaving the Zheng family.

"When I went over to take over control of the Spirit Craftsmen, most of them had a deep resentment toward Sky City because we won them from a blood pact ultimate fight. Hence, I don't think we'll be able to make full use of them. They can only put the finishing touches on luxury goods.

“With the added labor of these Spirit Craftsmen, the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce will be able to trade on a whole other scale. The seven Class 4 Spirit Craftsmen and your rare spiritual resources will enable our auctions to gain an even better reputation.”

Lin Yuan did not express an opinion.

Zheng Kaiyan had already told Lin Yuan about the Spirit Craftsmen.

Lin Yuan was not interested in these Spirit Craftsmen despite lacking Spirit Craftsmen because they would never be loyal to Sky City.

Now that Listen had taken over control of the Spirit Craftsmen and given them suitable jobs, they were fulfilling their function.

Listen changed the topic and said softly, “Young Master, Zheng Kaiyan is very capable. After obtaining the Zheng family’s luxury goods, I left him with Indigo Azure City’s shallow sea resources so he could develop them. The Indigo Azure City’s shallow sea resources are a large treasure chest. How far it can be developed is up to Zheng Kaiyan’s abilities.”

From what Listen said, Lin Yuan could tell that he had already made his peace with his grudge against the Zheng family.

Lin Yuan did not comment on what Listen said.

The Zheng family, which Zheng Kaiyan led, was the most profitable source of income that Sky City had.

Anything that Zheng Kaiyan did would earn money for Sky City.

It was a good idea for Zheng Kaiyan to develop Indigo Azure City’s shallow sea resources. If he was capable enough to do a good job, Lin Yuan did not mind opening up another road for Zheng Kaiyan by allowing him to interact with Gao Feng and helping Gao Feng nurture aquatic feys in the shallow seas.

Although Lin Yuan had not left the mansion in the past few days or gone to the abyssal world to train, he was still very interested in the situation there.

Lin Yuan asked, “Listen, what do you think the biggest change in the federation since the opening of the abyssal world is?”

Listen was slightly stunned and thought for a while before replying, “Young Master, I have been paying attention to the situation in the abyssal world since I heard about the opening of the Class 6 abyss dimensional rift.

“My understanding is that the price of the metal-type spiritual ingredients that can be used to create the cities in the abyssal world has inflated to four times their usual price while ice-type feys that can make their environment colder are now 15 times more expensive. The plant-type feys that are resistant to heat have become at least three times more expensive as well.

“However, luxury goods are experiencing the biggest change in price. Their price has already multiplied, but I think that this is only the beginning. I predict that the price of luxury goods will reach up to four times their previous price.”

Listen’s voice became excited when he mentioned the part about the increase in the price of luxury goods.

The Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce was currently standing at the precipice of a changing generation.

Soon, Listen would be confident enough to take the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce to the level of top factions.

Lin Yuan was amazed by Listen’s response.

The price of metal-type spiritual ingredients and ice-type feys had gone up because they were badly needed in the construction of the cities in the abyssal world.

As a result, most adventuring crews would choose to enter subterranean dimensional rifts because they would be able to obtain metal-type spiritual ingredients and sell them to gain the biggest profit.

Low-class Creation Masters would invest most of their time and energy into nurturing ice-type feys. This would cause Creation Master resources for other types of feys to become scarcer and the price of feys to climb.

Spiritual ingredients came from feys. When the price of feys increased, so would the price of spiritual ingredients.

There would be countless people who would be leading harder lives due to this change.

Cultivated Garden was the Radiance Federation’s store of food and resources.

In the event of a change of times, many opportunists would try to stock up on metal-type spiritual ingredients and ice-type feys to sell them at the peak of their value.

However, Lin Yuan believed that Tian Feng would step in quickly to open up Cultivated Garden and inject resources back into the market so that the price would fall back to their original levels.

Chapter 1492: Cultivated Garden’s Sudden Declaration

However, Cultivated Garden would only release goods that spirit qi professionals and regular people commonly used.

They would not release luxury resources after an increase in the price of luxury resources because they did not affect the livelihoods of the people living in the Radiance Federation.

The price of luxury goods had reached such a high point because the factions were fighting for the sake of their pride.

Hence, the other price of luxury goods would continue to spike after the price of the other resources stabilized.

After all, the factions would have to buy new luxury goods to decorate their territories in the abyssal world. This would definitely drive the price of luxury goods even higher.

Moreover, when the opportunists found out that the regular spiritual ingredients were no longer as profitable, they would definitely set their sights on luxury resources.

Lin Yuan would wait to see how Listen could grab hold of this benefit of the changing times to propel himself to the top.

In the past two days, Lin Yuan had not heard once from Bu Po.

It was said that no news was good news.

Apparently, Bu Po did have Creation Master talent.

It was likely that Bu Po had become a Creation Master and saved himself.

In order to better understand the current situation in the Radiance Federation, Lin Yuan logged onto Star Web after he was done with work to check the forums and discussions.

Lin Yuan saw that many messages were about the inflation of spiritual ingredients.

Return to the Past: What the hell is going on? It only cost 600 Federation dollars to buy the Ice Crystal Grass yesterday. Why does it cost 8,000 Federation dollars today? With 8,000 Federation dollars, why would I buy Normal Ice Crystal Grass? I would be better off buying Bronze Ice Crystal Grass.

Lin Yuan could tell that Return to the Past did not understand the current situation.

It was reasonable that the price of the Ice Crystal Grass had increased, and it was only going to climb higher.

However, the astronomical increase in the price of the spiritual ingredients was indeed frightening to Lin Yuan.

It was likely that the spirit qi professionals who were affiliated with ice-type feys were falling in despair now.

Even if these spirit qi professionals came from rich families who could afford the ice-type feys at their inflated price, it would still cost tens of times more to buy the ice-type spiritual ingredients necessary to nurture the ice-type feys.

It now cost tens of times more to nurture an ice-type fey than other types of feys.

No person or faction would be able to end the ongoing inflation easily.

Even if Lin Yuan spent all of Sky City's wealth, he would be helpless against the market movements that were fuelled by the changing times.

Pouring Sky City's wealth into the market would be the equivalent of pouring a cup of water into a lake.

Lin Yuan continued to read the other posts.

Shadow of Cloud Peaks: What the hell? The foundation of my garden is done, and I have hired a construction crew. The cost of materials was estimated to be 120,000 Radiance dollars. But after just one day, it has changed to 960,000 Radiance dollars. How am I supposed to build my garden now?

Spring Glow: This is so frustrating. The Creation Masters are so busy now that even money can't buy their time! Why have all the Creation Masters that I used to work with gone to Whale Ocean Commerce? Does anyone understand the situation? Why does Whale Ocean Commerce need so many Creation Masters?

Lin Yuan's eyebrow twitched.

It was understandable that Creation Master resources would be tight at this time when the 32 major cities were building mirror cities in the abyssal world.

Even if Tian Feng released many resources that allowed the price of metal-type spiritual ingredients and other feys to return to their original level, he would not be able to address the lack of Creation Master resources.

Even if the Class 6 abyss dimensional rift had not opened in the Radiance Federation, there would still be insufficient Creation Master resources in the Radiance Federation.

Now that the cities in the Radiance Federation were building mirror cities in the abyssal world, the already insufficient Creation Master resources would be even more drained.

It seemed that the price of Creation Master resources in the Radiance Federation would definitely skyrocket, and their place in society would also be raised.

As a result, top lifestyle professions like Class 5 Spirit Craftsmen and Class 5 Weavers would be relegated to share the ranks of Class 4 and below Creation Masters.

Shadow of Cloud Peaks' post linked the lack of Creation Master resources due to the changing times to Whale Ocean Commerce.

Every time Lin Yuan refreshed the page, Shadow of Cloud Peaks' post received even more likes and replies.

In less than five minutes, Lin Yuan noticed that Shadow of Cloud Peaks' post had become the most popular post on Star Web.

Whale Ocean Commerce was gathering so many Creation Masters to achieve a nefarious goal, and the sudden opening of the abyssal world was shining a blinding spotlight on them. This left them with no way of backing out.

It would be useless no matter how hard Whale Ocean Commerce tried to stop this.

After the matter, Whale Ocean Commerce would definitely receive a visit from the members of royalty.

Although Whale Ocean Commerce had not done anything this time, their previous action would still be uncovered by the Spirit Guards.

Thus, the only way out for Whale Ocean Commerce would be to take the risk in the hopes that it would lead to a miracle.

Lin Yuan never understood why Whale Ocean Commerce dared to do such a thing. Were they really confident of being able to escape after doing such a thing?

As Lin Yuan continued to read the posts on Star Web, he saw that the number of posts about the price of goods was increasing.

It could be said that the Radiance Federation was being pushed to its limits.

Now that Lin Yuan understood the situation and was about to leave Star Web, Cultivated Garden released a declaration through the Star Web officials to all of the people on Star Web.

<Cultivated Garden: With regards to the opening of the abyssal world, the major cities need to build mirror cities in the abyssal world, and the extreme heat of the abyssal world has resulted in the price of many feys and spiritual ingredients rising significantly.

Cultivated Garden has decided to release 600 million tons of Bronze metal-type spiritual ingredients, 100 million tons of Silver metal-type spiritual ingredients, 20 quadrillion tons of Gold metal-type spiritual ingredients, 10 billion tons of Platinum metal-type spiritual ingredients, and 500 million tons of metal-type spiritual ingredients.

We will also be letting out 111 trillion ice-type feys. The other spiritual ingredients and feys whose prices have been affected will also increase their supply by Cultivated Garden, so their market prices will return to normal.>

The message stated that Cultivated Garden would help to control the price of all the feys and spiritual ingredients in the market.

In 72 hours, the prices of all the feys and spiritual ingredients in the Radiance Federation would return to normal.

Any city or region whose price did not return back to normal could report this to the Star Web officials.

Chapter 1493: Cultivated Garden's Member of Royalty

Lin Yuan was shocked when he saw this message. Soon, a wave of warmth overwhelmed him and spread throughout his entire body.

What charisma and capability of a federation!

Lin Yuan had expected that Cultivated Garden would step in to stabilize the market. However, he did not expect them to act so quickly.

Two days after the incident took place and the wave of commotion on Star Web had just started rolling, Cultivated Garden had already slammed a lid down to quell the matter.

Lin Yuan was also shocked to the point of fear when he saw the resources that Cultivated Garden was going to release.

What kind of concept and wealth was this? Not even 10,000 Class 4 subterranean dimensional rifts produced so many metal-type spiritual ingredients.

Moreover, Cultivated Garden was not just releasing this amount of metal-type spiritual ingredients just once but on a monthly basis.

The 111 trillion ice-type feys could change the weather of a limited area in the abyssal world.

Cultivated Garden's action made Lin Yuan aware that he had been thinking on too small of a scale.

He had also thought about gathering resources. However, he had only thought about producing more Soldier Ration Radishes and cultivating various plants in the marsh world to corner the plant-type fey market. This should sustain Sky City for a few hundred years.

But now that they were faced with a great change of times, Sky City's original method of gathering resources was no longer effective.

Lin Yuan felt it was time for him to expand his scale and horizons by allowing Sky City to gather more resources quicker.

The Dimensional Light Moth had reached Diamond X/Legend. By eating space, it could easily open up Class 3 or 4 dimensional rifts.

Class 3 or 4 dimensional rifts were nightmares to weak factions but treasure troves to powerful factions.

The Dimensional Light Moth was the key to opening the treasure troves.

Lin Yuan did not have a lot of manpower under his control and could not harvest resources from many dimensional rifts using only the white-clothed followers.

However, Lin Yuan harnessed faith power and had many Apostles under him. These Apostles also had many believers and Favored Believers. All the Apostles could lead their believers and Favored Believers to harvest resources from various Class 3 or 4 dimensional rifts.

A few hundred Soldier Ration Radishes was clearly insufficient.

Lin Yuan planned on using the Red Pagoda's Lifeform Sacrificial Fire to roast the Soldier Ration Radishes to turn their stems wooden more quickly. He would then start splitting them into ramets.

He would build a breeding base in the marsh world. This was the best way to gather and accumulate resources from the marsh world.

Time flew by, and two days went by in the blink of an eye.

Two days later, the price of common feys in the Radiance Federation returned to normal, but the price of luxury goods had started to spike.

The Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce had received many orders for custom luxury goods, but Listen rejected all of them.

He was not afraid that this would offend the factions who had placed the orders.

The increase in the price of luxury goods was not related to Spirit Craftsmen, but the increase in the price of basic resources used to produce the luxury goods.

Thus, these factions would come to beg the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce again in the future.

After all, the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce had no lack of resources that could be used to produce luxury goods. This was Listen's biggest secret weapon during these changing times.

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There was a palace that resembled a pagoda on a mountain in Ascending Dragon City.

This palace had 33 floors, and there was a wheat-shaped carving on the tip of each curved edge protrusion that was sandwiched between each floor. This made the pagoda appear both exquisite and humble.

There were also patterns of various delectable fruits all over the pagoda.

A hungry person would probably start salivating immediately the moment they laid eyes on the pagoda.

When one drew near, they would see a large farm around the pagoda.

There was Cultivated Garden's specialty crop Sky Fragrance Rice planted on the farm.

According to legend, eating one grain of Sky Fragrance Rice could fill one's stomach for ten days. Moreover, one would experience a continuous recovery of spiritual power during the ten days.

However, all of the members of royalty in the Radiance Federation knew that the owner of the Sky Fragrance Rice was a miser. Thus, even they had only been able to eat the Sky Fragrance Rice less than a handful of times.

A chubby and sour-faced middle-aged man was swinging around his hoe as he hoed the furrow between two Sky Fragrance Rice.

He was extremely hardworking and dug out neat furrows that looked as though they had been measured out using a ruler.

At that moment, a young man walked over. He took care not to step on the furrows that the rotund man had just created. He stood at the edge of the fence and shouted, "Tian Feng, we have sent out all the resources! According to our investigation, the prices of the various resources have returned to their original levels."

Tian Feng set the hoe to the side and touched one of the Sky Fragrance Rice before walking out of the field with a satisfied look on his face.

As he walked, he said, "The amount of resources we sent out this time differs greatly from the deficit reported by the Guard Captains. Cicada Song's men are detailed workers, and a situation like this where resources differ by 10,000% has never happened. Have you found out the cause of this?"

The young man frowned and said, "We have found out that there are two reasons for this situation. The first reason is that the Guard Captains of Indigo Azure City and Raging Waves City have saved a large amount that they used to buy up resources they can use to build their mirror cities. These two cities forgot to include these resources when they balanced their accounts. It is a mistake on their part. The second reason is that Whale Ocean Commerce has recruited many Creation Masters of various classes in the name of doing some kind of test."

Tian Feng frowned and roared, "Nonsense! Only two days have passed. What does inflation have to do with the lack of Creation Masters? This difference occurred because the Guard Captains of Indigo Azure City and Raging Waves City forgot to include their accumulated resources. For now, keep a close watch on the market's pricing changes. Once the market stabilizes, I will go and ask Di Wantian why the hell he needs so many Creation Masters."

Chapter 1494: Call to Mystic Moon

The young man was confused by what Lord Tian Feng meant by 'nonsense'. Was he referring to the Guard Captains of Indigo Azure City and Raging Waves City or Whale Ocean Commerce?

The matter should be over once the two Guard Captains gave their reports.

However, if Tian Feng interrogated Whale Ocean Commerce, it would eventually lead to an investigation by the Spirit Guards.

But Whale Ocean Commerce had kept such a low profile over the years that there should be no problems even if the Spirit Guards investigated them.

It would take at least ten days for all the prices of spiritual ingredients to stabilize.

During this time, the young man needed to pull his socks up to keep himself from being reprimanded by Tian Feng.

When the young man turned to return to work, a question appeared in Tian Feng's mind.

The opening of the Class 6 abyss dimensional rift had been a last-minute decision by the members of royalty.

Otherwise, the Class 6 abyss dimensional rift should have opened after the Radiance Hundred Sequence.

It was impossible that Whale Ocean Commerce was recruiting Creation Masters because they had heard about the opening of the abyss dimensional rift in advance.

Thus, why did Whale Ocean Commerce need so many Creation Masters?

Moreover, the imperial court had placed a restriction on all the top factions to prevent them from using resources and casually affecting the situation in the market.

It would be fine if Whale Ocean Commerce was only recruiting high-class Creation Masters, but recruiting many low-class Creation Masters would prevent these low-class Creation Masters from being

used by smaller organizations. Countless chambers of commerce and Star Web stores would crumble because they were unable to hire these low-class Creation Masters.

Tian Feng had an urge to investigate Whale Ocean Commerce, but he pushed it down quickly because he had a more important thing to do over the next few days as a member of royalty. He needed to maintain the stability of the prices of the goods in the Radiance Federation to protect the regular people and spirit qi professionals from being affected by the changing times.

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It was soon time for Lin Yuan to participate in Whale Ocean Commerce's test as a Class 2 Creation Master.

Lin Yuan had woken up at the crack of dawn.

He put on a plain gray set of spirit qi clothes and looked out the window.

It was a beautifully sunny day, but puffy clouds were obscuring some of the sunlight. But it did not take long for the sunlight to evaporate the clouds into a mist that spread out across the sky.

Lin Yuan started to think as he stared at the thick clouds.

If his guess about Whale Ocean Commerce was true, this was an earth-shattering matter that concerned the Radiance Federation's well of Creation Master resources.

Ever since he met Ji Feng and understood his circumstances, Lin Yuan could not help but speculate about the Whale Ocean Commerce's recruitment of Creation Masters.

As a top faction that had been formed from three families, the three families should share a close relationship.

Moreover, Sea Sky Nurture's role was Creation Masters and should be the most active of the three families.

However, Ten Thousand Flags Trading had exterminated Sea Sky Nurture.

Even if they had a deep grudge, Whale Ocean Commerce needed Creation Master resources in order to expand themselves.

Lin Yuan had heard from Miao He when they went to Connected Beast Park's residence that the number of Island Whales that Whale Ocean Commerce had had not increased.

This meant that Ten Thousand Flags Trading already had a large number of Creation Masters even before they killed the Sea Sky Nurture's Creation Masters.

Suddenly, Lin Yuan felt as though he had just stumbled on a key point that he had missed up till now.

Creation Master resources? What kind of Creation Master resources needed to be replenished using the lives of Creation Masters?

Lin Yuan should tell the Moon Empress about this matter.

He had not done so because the Moon Empress had locked herself away to train.

If Lin Yuan told Mystic Moon about this matter, he would undoubtedly tell the Moon Empress about it and disturb her training.

Once the training of a top expert was disturbed, it would be challenging for them to return to that state of mind.

On the other hand, this matter was a guess that Lin Yuan had come up with after putting together all the information he had gathered.

If his guess was wrong and the Moon Empress caused a huge commotion by launching an investigation, it would turn the situation into a joke.

Lin Yuan was going to act on his own and decided to give Mystic Moon a call before he acted.

Lin Yuan was now the Moon Empress' disciple, and anything he did was a reflection of the Moon Empress.

Telling Mystic Moon in advance would enable him to react if anything happened.

Previously, Lin Yuan had used faith power to enhance White Speak, and White Speak's power had reached pinnacle Immortal.

Recently, the comments on Star Web had exploded, and Lin Yuan's faith power had almost doubled. Hence, White Speak would become even more powerful if Lin Yuan stepped in to enhance it again.

Lin Yuan did not think that Whale Ocean Commerce had an expert more powerful than the pinnacle Immortal White Speak. However, there was no guarantee.

A wise man would predict and prepare to mitigate possible risks.

If Whale Ocean Commerce happened to hide an expert who had Eternal power, telling Mystic Moon in advance would allow him to step in to help if the situation called for it.

But when he called Mystic Moon, the call was not picked up even when the call rang to its end.

Lin Yuan could not help but frown.

This had never happened when Lin Yuan called Mystic Moon. The latter would always pick up after three rings or less.

Lin Yuan did not wait for Mystic Moon to call him back. Instead, he called Mystic Moon again.

When the call rang to its end, Mystic Moon hurriedly picked up and said apologetically, "Young Lord, I am currently upgrading Star Web with two other members of royalty and did not have my phone with me. I was only just informed of your call."

Mystic Moon knew Lin Yuan well. If Lin Yuan called him twice in a row, it meant that something urgent had to have happened.

When Lin Yuan heard that Mystic Moon was upgrading Star Web, he hurriedly said, "Uncle Mystic, how long do you need to upgrade Star Web?"

Mystic Moon replied honestly, “Young Lord, thanks to you, my sacred source lifeform has gained another Star and my power has crossed that rut. My sacred source lifeform and spiritual energy make up 1/3 of Star Web. When my spiritual power and I gain an increase in power, Star Web’s spirit sensing net will also be fundamentally improved. Since the upcoming Radiance Hundred Sequence will be taking place on Star Web, Star Web’s upgrade will be completed 10 days before the Radiance Hundred Sequence if I work hard alongside the two other members of royalty.”

Chapter 1495: Night Leaning Moon’s Cooperation

Lin Yuan frowned when he heard what Mystic Moon said.

Upgrading Star Web was important to the entire Radiance Federation.

This matter involved two other members of royalty besides Mystic Moon and was of utter importance.

However, Lin Yuan’s situation was just as paramount.

After pondering for a few moments, Lin Yuan still decided to tell Mystic Moon about his hypothesis. However, he told Mystic Moon a summarized version.

Mystic Moon froze, and his breath hitched.

He turned to look at the other two members of royalty and said, “Young Lord, Night Leaning Moon has been staying at the Radiant Moon Palace recently. I will call her and ask her to cooperate with you as well as protect you from the shadows. You can take the lead on this matter, and she will accommodate you.”

Mystic Moon paused before adding, “Before the Moon Empress closed herself off to train, she told you to go ahead and do everything and anything that you want. She will always support you.”

Lin Yuan hung up the call and waited for Night Leaning Moon to call him.

Although Night Leaning Moon was Liu Jie’s Master and was not considered an outsider, Lin Yuan did not want to involve Liu Jie in this matter.

Liu Jie was also going to try to become a Radiance Envoy.

If Lin Yuan’s guess was wrong, involving others would only cause their reputation to take a hit.

Although a tarnished reputation would not have any effect on the Radiance Hundred Sequence selection, any spot on one’s reputation during the Radiance Envoy selection could cause one to lose many votes.

As such, Lin Yuan was going to shoulder this matter on his own.

Lin Yuan’s phone rang in less than five minutes. When he picked it up, he saw that it was coming from a foreign number.

Lin Yuan’s phone rang very rarely, and any call that he did receive came from people he knew. Hence, it was likely that this foreign number was a call from Night Leaning Moon.

When Lin Yuan picked up the call, he heard a hoarse and cold voice say, "Little Yuan, this is Night Leaning Moon. I'm a friend of your Master. Let me know if you need me to do anything, and I will get right on it."

Lin Yuan was slightly stunned.

He was not stunned by Night Leaning Moon said that she was going to cooperate with him because Mystic Moon had already assured him that she would do so. He was surprised by the way that she had introduced herself.

It would have been expected for her to introduce herself as the Chief Guard of the Spirit Guards or Liu Jie's Master. Yet, she introduced herself as a friend of his Master.

This meant that the Moon Empress was extremely important to Night Leaning Moon.

However, Lin Yuan had heard from Mystic Moon that the Moon Empress rarely interacted with the Spirit Guards.

Since Night Leaning Moon said that she was going to help him, he told her about his plan, "Chief Guard Ye, let me tell you what I think is happening."

He proceeded to tell her about his guess in detail, including the tragedy that happened to Ji Feng and the entire Sea Sky Nurture.

After listening to Lin Yuan's hypothesis, Night Leaning Moon fell silent for a moment before she replied, "Even if Whale Ocean Commerce's plan doesn't involve killing tens of thousands of Creation Masters, Ten Thousand Flags Trading's massacre of Sea Sky Nurture is already a major crime.

"Little Yuan, once you act, I will station 5,000 Spirit Guards outside Whale Ocean Commerce's residence to watch over you. I will also give you a Night Jade. The Night Jade will form a shield around you if you are ever attacked. If the Night Jade is shattered, I will automatically be transported to where the night jade is.

"Once you infiltrate Whale Ocean Commerce's residence, you can investigate as boldly as you like without worrying about safety."

Night Leaning Moon had already heard the news that Whale Ocean Commerce was recruiting Creation Masters for a test.

Although she did not think that a top faction that had established itself as a top faction decades ago would cause problems, she still intended to send two Guard Envoys to investigate.

But due to the fight with the sea clans, Night Leaning Moon had to send many Guard Envoys and Spirit Guards to the seaside cities to prevent the sea clans from causing trouble.

As a result, there were not many Spirit Guards left in the Royal Capital.

Night Leaning Moon had been staying at the Radiant Moon Palace and addressing documents sent from the various regions.

Zuo Ming and You Zhe had also been beside themselves with work. It was only natural for Night Leaning Moon to work harder than them.

Night Leaning Moon felt that Lin Yuan's guess was pure conjecture.

But since he was going to put himself in danger to investigate for the sake of the Radiance Federation, it was evident that he had the character of a Radiance Envoy.

Night Leaning Moon had started being friendly with Lin Yuan because of his relationship with Liu Jie, and she wanted to extend her affection to the people that Liu Jie cared about.

But now, Night Leaning Moon genuinely admired Lin Yuan.

Compared to her disciple, who was preoccupied with being a Protector, Lin Yuan was more focused on the big picture.

Lin Yuan's face lit up with joy. He was not afraid that he would be in danger, but that White Speak would be unable to protect the thousands of Creation Masters on its own.

But now that there were going to be another 5,000 Spirit Guards standing by, they would be able to step in to protect the Creation Masters if an accident took place.

Lin Yuan replied with gratitude, "Thank you, Chief Guard Ye."

Night Leaning Moon replied with a smile, "Little Yuan, you can call me Auntie Night. You don't have to call me Chief Guard Ye in private."

Night Leaning Moon hung up the call.

Soon, Lin Yuan saw a blanket of darkness creeping over the bright sun.

The blanket of darkness entered the mansion and his room before arriving at his palm. It turned into a square jade pendant.

This was probably the night jade that Night Leaning Moon had mentioned!

This method of delivering the Night Jade allowed Lin Yuan to understand the concept of being a member of royalty.

What Night Leaning Moon just did was beyond Lin Yuan's previous comprehension.

Lin Yuan saw that it was almost time to leave.

It was at this moment that he received another call. He saw that it was coming from another unknown number that was different from Night Leaning Moon's.

Nonetheless, Lin Yuan instinctively assumed that the call was still coming from Night Leaning Moon.

But when he picked up, a male voice said, "Is this Chu Yuan? I'm from Whale Ocean Commerce. You are expected to be at the meeting point in an hour. I'm calling to remind you not to be late. Moreover, you don't have to bring anything additional with you. When you arrive, Whale Ocean Commerce will provide

you with everything. Additionally, the pinnacle Class 4 Creation Masters from Sea Sky Nurture have all expressed the desire to accept disciples. So you should grab the opportunity.”

Chapter 1496: Why Are You Staring at Me?

Lin Yuan was so angry that he almost started to laugh.

It was clear that there was a motive behind the call, and it was that Whale Ocean Commerce hoped that everyone who registered would turn up. Thus, they sent an attendant over to tempt the Creation Masters.

The people from Sea Sky Nurture were dead, except for Ji Feng.

Whale Ocean Commerce was using dead people as bait to reignite the motivation of the Creation Masters to turn up.

Lin Yuan saw no need to tear into this attendant and said, “I will head to the meeting point now.”

He forced a voice of excitement out of himself and talked to the attendant a while more before the attendant hurriedly hung up the call to contact other applicants.

Lin Yuan did not ride Blackie in the Royal Capital because it was too eye-catching.

Lin Yuan, who looked different thanks to Faceless Paper’s transformation, called for a Silver Divine Travel Black Swallow.

He rode the Divine Travel Black Swallow all the way to Whale Ocean Commerce’s meeting point.

He arrived at the meeting point 40 minutes early, but it was already crowded there.

Whale Ocean Commerce’s meeting point was currently the most crowded place in the entire Royal Capital.

Lin Yuan noticed that all of the Creation Masters had flushed faces of excitement.

Some of them were hopeful that they would be able to join Whale Ocean Commerce, while others wanted to be picked by Sea Sky Nurture’s pinnacle Class 4 Creation Masters.

A few of them were also feeling rivalrous toward the younger and more capable Creation Masters.

Lin Yuan could not help but be displeased by this.

At that moment, he would prefer that his guess fell flat over discovering Whale Ocean Commerce’s secret. However, it would be impossible for everything to be nothing more than his conjecture.

The attendant’s call proved that there were problems.

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Just as Lin Yuan was about to wait for the right time to investigate the situation in the surrounding stores, he realized that most of the Creation Masters around were looking at him.

He was surprised by this because he had used Faceless Paper and even looked in the mirror before he left. He had also put on a very plain set of spirit qi clothes.

Could overly plain looks also attract attention?

I couldn't look more average! Why are you staring at me? If you find me ugly, most of you have even plainer looks than me.

Lin Yuan grumbled to himself.

However, he neglected the fact that Faceless Paper could change one's appearance but not one's bone structure or aura.

The beauty of one's bone structure and aura was usually in contrast with one's features.

People who had more pleasing features usually had less remarkable bone structures and auras.

Now that Lin Yuan's appearance was suppressed to its full extent, his perfect bone structure was like a large cannon for his aura. However, he was completely unaware of this.

At that moment, an elder Creation Master who had been surrounded by a group of fawning younger Creation Masters walked toward Lin Yuan and said haughtily, "Buddy, are you also here to take part in Whale Ocean Commerce's test?"

Lin Yuan smiled and nodded.

The elderly man looked at Lin Yuan's chest and saw no Creation Master crest. Hence, he asked, "You seem young. You can't be older than 18 years old. Are you a Class 1 Creation Master?"

With Lin Yuan's face shape, he could continue to look like he was in his 20s well into his 30s and 40s.

He had always been frustrated by his youthful looks.

Despite being over 18 years old, he still looked like he was 16 years old.

The Faceless Paper had only changed his looks and not his bone structure. Hence, he still looked rather young.

When the elderly man mentioned the Creation Master crest, Lin Yuan took out his Class 2 Creation Master crest and placed it over the left side of his chest.

The Creation Master crest was the most obvious way to display one's Creation Master status.

Given Lin Yuan's current age, he would receive many questions if he did not wear his Creation Master crest.

It went without saying that he did not put on the Class 2 Creation Master crest that the Moon Empress had given to him because Whale Ocean Commerce would discard their plans when they saw it, regardless of how desperate they were.

The elderly man gasped when he saw Lin Yuan's Class 2 Creation Master crest, and the Creation Masters around them also turned to look at him in shock.

After all, it was rare to see a Class 2 Creation Master who was only around 16 years old.

Only veteran and top factions could produce such talented descendants.

After a short pause of surprise, the elderly man exclaimed, "It really is true that the best comes from the young. I was more than 30 years old by the time I became a Class 2 Creation Master. If I became a Class 2 Creation Master at your young age, I would probably be a higher class Creation Master now."

Lin Yuan could tell from the Creation Master crest on the elderly man's chest that he was a Class 3 Creation Master. He was very close to becoming a Class 4 Creation Master.

Normally, people who became Class 2 Creation Masters before they reached 20 years old would become Class 4 Creation Masters by the time they reached 80 years old as long as no accidents happened along the way.

The average age of king-class experts in the Radiance Federation was almost 200 years old, so they were considered middle-aged at 80 years old.

Zong Ze and Gu Lang were already pinnacle Class 3 Creation Masters, and they could temporarily concoct Grade 4 spirit fluids using special methods.

However, neither of them chose to take the Class 4 Creation Master test. This was not because they were unwilling to do so but because the Class 4 Creation Master test was not as simple as the Class 3 Creation Master test.

The Class 4 Creation Master test lasted for a full week. During the week, they would draw questions and fulfill the tasks seven times. This meant that they would have to concoct seven bottles of Grade 4 spirit fluids.

Zong Ze and Gu Lang could easily concoct one bottle of Grade 4 spirit fluid with special methods, but it would leave them drained.

If they were overly drained, their roots would be damaged.

Chapter 1497: Appearance of Fangs

Lin Yuan had participated in the Allstar Match and was chosen as the lucky member of the audience who challenged the Savage Snake Guild Club. As such, his face was known throughout the Radiance Federation.

However, no one had linked him to the Moon Empress' disciple.

After the Radiance Hundred Sequence selection ended, Lin Yuan was confident that Black's popularity would dominate every person who participated in the Radiance Hundred Sequence selection until he became the trending topic on Star Web.

Black's trending topic would need a competitor. Otherwise, the commotion would end quickly.

As such, Lin Yuan planned on taking the Class 3 and 4 Creation Master tests after the Radiance Hundred Sequence selection was over and releasing the news that he was a Class 4 Creation Master.

This way, his two identities would be able to fight for popularity on Star Web again, and Lin Yuan would be able to harvest even more faith power.

Frankly, Lin Yuan did not have a strong Creation Master ability, and he did not use traditional Creation Master techniques. Instead, he used his special abilities and the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

In the past, Lin Yuan would not have the courage to take the Class 3 Creation Master exam, much less the Class 4 Creation Master exam.

It would be fine if he drew a question that involved evolving a Bronze and Silver fey's quality.

But if he drew a question that involved evolving a Platinum fey to Diamond, it would be easy for a Class 3 Creation Master, but Lin Yuan would be stumped.

Now, he had Genius, and it would be able to easily handle the Class 4 Creation Master test.

During the test, the spirit fluids being concocted were so special that the test was not supervised.

Although Lin Yuan's methods were special, no one could refute him that Genius and the Hundred Questions Beasts were part of his power.

After pinning the Class 2 Creation Master crest on, he could sense many Creation Masters around him looking at him warily and with slight resentment. Evidently, they saw him as their rival.

The elderly man who struck up a conversation with Lin Yuan was now observing him carefully.

Judging from the spirit qi clothes that Lin Yuan was wearing, the elderly man was certain that this talented Class 2 Creation Master did not have anything special up his sleeve.

People with special abilities would not choose to put on spirit qi clothes woven from the Bronze Sand Silkworm.

"Buddy, you will probably catch the eye of someone from Sea Sky Nurture and might even become the disciple of one of the pinnacle Class 4 Creation Masters."

The elderly man's words only attracted more hatred for Lin Yuan.

However, there were more Creation Masters who admired him than envied him.

Creation Masters might hold a very different position from other lifestyle-class spirit qi professionals, but there was also a distinct pyramid amongst the Creation Masters.

A pinnacle Class 3 Creation Master had already praised Lin Yuan in the few short minutes since his arrival. This was proof of his power.

There was a high chance that his plain-looking young man could be picked and accepted as a disciple by one of Sea Sky Nurture's pinnacle Class 4 Creation Masters.

As such, many Class 1 and 2 Creation Masters walked up to Lin Yuan to introduce themselves in the hopes of becoming acquainted with him.

There was an attendant from Ten Thousand Flags Trading nearby who was verifying the Creation Masters' identities.

When the attendance was almost full, the attendant summoned a light green elemental-shaped object that let out a piercing shriek that morphed into a humanoid voice.

The shrill and hoarse voice said, "Everyone, get ready. The Floating Light Feather Cranes will be here to fetch you to the residence soon."

Lin Yuan used True Data to check on the light green elemental-shaped object.

He saw that it was the source-type item called the Elemental Wind.

However, it had been nurtured in a horrible way.

Using mottled wind-elemental energy to nurture the Elemental Wind was a waste.

However, it was more effective to use the Elemental Wind than a trumpet.

All the chatter died down when the Creation Masters heard what the attendant said.

Their eyes lit up with the hope that this journey would take them to a brighter future.

Even if they could not be accepted as a disciple by one of Sea Sky Nurture's Class 4 Creation Masters, it would also be a good opportunity to join Whale Ocean Commerce.

After all, having the support of a top faction was better than having to fight on their own.

Besides, they were mere employees who only had to concentrate on work and would receive wages higher than what they earned freelancing.

In less than three minutes, Lin Yuan saw the shadow of a large crane appear in the distance.

The Floating Light Wings Crane was a crane-species fey with an extremely strong bloodline.

The wind- and light-type Floating Light Wings Crane was comfortable to ride and was the fastest Diamond avian-type fey.

Only a top faction like Whale Ocean Commerce could send out more than 10 Diamond Floating Light Wings Crane.

Before Gray became a Heavenly Family Fey, it was also from the winged crane species.

This was enough to indicate the Floating Light Wings Crane's value.

Many Creation Masters smiled when they saw that Whale Ocean Commerce was willing to send out the Floating Light Wings Cranes to fetch them because it showed how sincere they were.

After climbing aboard the Floating Light Wings Crane, Lin Yuan noticed that the attendants who had come to receive the Creation Masters were all very friendly to the Creation Masters, while the riders looked extremely composed.

Lin Yuan could also see a hint of amusement in their calm eyes.

As such, he thought, *It looks like very few people within Whale Ocean Commerce know about the plan.*

If a person was accustomed to treating Creation Masters as prey, they would not respect Creation Masters at all, regardless of how high their class was.

This was not surprising because Whale Ocean Commerce's plan involved taking lives, and it would be bad if many people knew about it. It was likely that only the higher ranks knew about it.

Since this rider was aware of the situation, Lin Yuan walked up to him, intending to get some information out of him.

But when Lin Yuan drew near, the person spoke before Lin Yuan could get a chance to.

"Before I came, the head of the family gave me a mission. Whale Ocean Commerce's test is very important, and you are not allowed to bring your phone to the test. Please hand all of your phones over to me. You will get them back after the test."

Lin Yuan halted when he heard what this person said, and the faces of the Creation Masters behind him fell.

Phones were personal items that were directly linked to the owner's privacy.

Even a regular person would be unwilling to have their phone taken away, much less an arrogant Creation Master.

Chapter 1498: The Sacred Source Lifeform Decay Body Flesh Ginseng

However, Lin Yuan knew that they would not allow him to keep his phone even if he protested.

Whale Ocean Commerce could not give the Creation Masters a chance to leak information.

When the man turned around, Lin Yuan felt a strong heft of pressure that he had experienced from Duan He and Ji Feng in the past.

This meant that the rider that Whale Ocean Commerce sent to steer the Floating Light Wings Crane was an emperor-class expert.

If they did not hand over their phones, it was likely that blood would be spilled. After all, it was always a good idea to punish one person to make an example out of them.

If there were emperor-class experts amongst the Creation Masters, a fight could break out between the two sides and result in the Floating Light Wings Crane being unable to return to Whale Ocean Commerce's residence.

This would cause Lin Yuan to be unable to carry out his plan in Whale Ocean Commerce.

Lin Yuan decided that he did not want this to happen, so he was the first to give up his phone.

He had contacted Night Leaning Moon once after boarding the Floating Light Wings Crane, and she told him that the 5,000 Spirit Guards were already at their stations. They were waiting for him to give the signal by shattering the Night Jade.

People were fundamentally all sheep. When Lin Yuan took the initiative to give up his phone, the other unwilling but weak-willed Creation Masters also gave up their phones. When the strongly resistant Creation Masters saw that more than half of the Creation Masters had given up their phones, they also gave up.

Soon, every Creation Master had handed their phones.

The other Floating Light Wings Crane did not have someone like Lin Yuan to get the ball rolling, and the process of collecting the phones did not go well. Fights had already broken out.

However, they were still in midair and had not arrived at Whale Ocean Commerce's residence, and the Creation Masters could escape if they summoned their feys.

The greeters from Whale Ocean Commerce played good cop while the riders of the Floating Light Wings Cranes played bad cop. After bringing up the possible benefits that came with being under a top faction like Whale Ocean Commerce, all the phones were finally collected.

At that moment, many Creation Masters frowned as they sensed that something was wrong.

Unfortunately, they had already arrived at Whale Ocean Commerce's residence.

Lin Yuan looked around at the surroundings and saw that the residence was beautifully decorated and looked like a sprawling natural scenery. It made one feel completely relaxed.

From the way that the interior of the residence was decorated, it could not be more clear that Whale Ocean Commerce was one of the top three top factions.

Meanwhile...

In Whale Ocean Commerce's study room, Di Wantian and Di Wancheng were standing next to a person wrapped in a black robe.

The usually strict Di Wantian said to the black-robed person in a gentle voice, "Third Sister, you shouldn't be under sunlight in your current condition. However, we are running out of time. I didn't expect the Class 6 abyss dimensional rift to open so quickly. We are taking a risk by recruiting so many Creation Masters for a test.

"Now that the market is so volatile and Creation Master resources are so scarce, many people on Star Web have linked the matter to us. No matter how busy the members of royalty are, they will definitely come and visit us in a week's time. It will be up to you whether we succeed!"

A weak voice said from within the black robe, "Big Brother, I can do it. Four Beasts Territory is a top faction supported by Furnace Stone Metal.

"Furnace Stone Metal does not have strong Creation Master resources and has invested a lot into building up Four Beasts Territory's Creation Master resources. Thankfully, Stone Furnace Stone Metal

aims to enable Four Beasts Territory to dominate the beast-type fey market. Otherwise, I would not have been able to absorb so many knowledge-filled bodies.

“I am almost done absorbing Four Beasts Territory’s Class 4 Creation Masters. I have not been able to start absorbing their Class 3 and below Creation Masters. You can send them to the dark room alongside the Creation Masters who arrived a few days ago and those who will be arriving today. I am confident that I will be able to absorb half of their bodies and become a Class 5 Creation Master.”

Di Wantian immediately sent Di Wancheng off to make preparations.

Di Wancheng had been panicking ever since the morning.

Although he had already reached Immortal, this matter was extremely important and involved not just Whale Ocean Commerce’s honor and glory but also the lives of thousands of Creation Masters.

When Third Sister said that she only needed to absorb half of the Creation Masters’ bodies to become a Class 5 Creation Master, Di Wancheng said, “Third Sister, if you only need half of the Creation Masters’ bodies, what do you plan to do with the other half?”

The weak voice replied menacingly, “Second Brother, I can continue to absorb the bodies full of knowledge after I become a Class 5 Creation Master. They can be like my dessert. I will only be able to become a Class 5 Creation Master because of my mutated soul and sacred source lifeform. The Decay Body Flesh Ginseng has reached pinnacle 7 Stars. The thousands of Creation Masters can enable the Decay Body Flesh Ginseng to evolve to 8 Stars this time.”

Di Wancheng and Di Wantian were shocked.

They were still under the impression that Third Sister’s sacred source lifeform was 6 Stars and was in its adolescent stage.

When did it reach its mature age of pinnacle 7 Stars?

Despite being the head of Whale Ocean Commerce and an Immortal expert, Di Wantian’s sacred source lifeform had only just reached 7 Stars.

If Third Sister’s sacred source lifeform reached pinnacle 7 Stars, her power would reach an unimaginable level.

She only mentioned that her sacred source lifeform reached 7 Stars today. Could she be hiding more things from Wancheng and me?

However, Di Wantian did not have the time to ask these questions. It was more important for Third Sister to become a Class 5 Creation Master because that was the only way she would be able to save Whale Ocean Commerce from the members of royalty and open the gates of glory for them.

Di Wancheng and Di Wantian were so busy fussing about that they completely missed the spot of darkness in the girl’s gaze.

The darkness encompassed detachment and derision.

It was the look of a higher being sneering at mortals.

The girl's lips curled when she thought about the feast that she was about to dig into.

Chapter 1499: The Fight that was About to Break Out

At first, the Creation Masters assumed that they would be able to enjoy good food and lodging when they arrived at Whale Ocean Commerce's residence.

They thought that Whale Ocean Commerce would hold a banquet that night to welcome all of them and that the pinnacle Class 4 Creation Masters would be in attendance.

After all, there were almost 10 Class 4 Creation Masters amongst the thousands of Creation Masters who had signed up. Two of them had also reached advanced Class 4 Creation Master, while one of them had reached pinnacle Class 4 Creation Master. They were very notable personalities in the Radiance Federation.

Any pinnacle Class 4 Creation Master would be a hot commodity in a top faction. If a pinnacle Class 4 Creation Master joined a rising faction like Dark Clouds Bird Shrine, they would immediately be given the rank of an Elder.

This pinnacle Class 4 Creation Master was named He Ji, and she was one of the rare female Creation Masters.

She had come to Whale Ocean Commerce because she was old friends with a few of Sea Sky Nurture's Creation Masters. However, she had not seen her friends or heard a whiff of their news in over a decade.

She was more here to visit friends than to participate in Whale Ocean Commerce's test.

At that moment, all of the expectations of the Creation Masters fell flat.

Whale Ocean Commerce seemed to be in a rush. An Elder from Ten Thousand Flags Trading appeared and said to the group, "All of you are the last batch of Creation Masters to arrive at Whale Ocean Commerce. The earlier batches have already started working. We have also hired Four Beasts Territory's high-class Creation Masters. Please go and meet up with the other Creation Masters, and we will assign you tasks."

The faces of many Creation Masters fell. He Ji was the most disappointed of them all.

She took a step forward and asked the Elder haughtily, "Di Zhanhong, you probably recognize me. Are you in such a rush that you can't even give us time to settle down?"

Di Zhanhong looked at the person who spoke, and alarm bells rang in his head.

He Ji had a bad temper. Moreover, she had gained a sharper mind with age and was not easily fooled.

But at this point, Di Zhanhong could not be bothered to try and explain the situation to He Ji. Thus, he cobbled together a lie and said, "We have encountered some problems, and all the Elders from Sea Sky

Nurture are working overtime to address the issues. Senior He Ji, it's a good thing that you're here. With all these Creation Masters here, we were planning to ask all of you to help with the issues."

Ever since the Creation Masters' phones were taken away on the Floating Light Wings Crane, He Ji sensed that something was definitely wrong.

Sea Sky Nurture's Creation Masters were all very knowledgeable.

The First Elder of Sea Sky Nurture had only been a step away from becoming a Class 5 Creation Master. If he could not settle the problem, she would be helpless as well.

The Class 1 and 2 Creation Master would also only be able to stand by and watch without offering any actual help.

How was one supposed to concoct spirit fluids when there was a group of Creation Masters huddled together? One sneeze and all the spirit fluids would fail.

Moreover, Sea Sky Nurture's First Elder was friendly and loved hosting. Given his personality, he should have arranged for many attendants to welcome all these Creation Masters rather than what was happening now—they were not even given accommodations!

Suddenly, He Ji felt as though they were a herd of the Black Back Mountain Boars who were currently being herded to slaughter.

Ever since their phones were taken away, a fire of rage had been lit within many of the Creation Masters.

Now that He Ji had spoken first, a few Class 3 Creation Masters started to speak up. "I like working in a quiet environment. If even Sea Sky Nurture's Elders and Four Beasts Territory's high-class Creation Masters can't solve the problem, we won't be of any help either. I need to make a call and contact my student. Since the test hasn't started and I still have no idea what the test entails, it should be fine for me to make a few calls."

Many Class 1 and 2 Creation Masters let out voices of agreement.

The other Class 4 Creation Masters besides He Ji frowned. They looked determined to receive an explanation from Di Zhanhong.

Since they had become Class 4 Creation Masters, they did not need to worry about offending any faction.

If something did not work in one place, it could work in another. If this faction did not give them proper treatment, other factions would be willing to do so.

Creation Masters were a key source of production.

Since Whale Ocean Commerce was treating them in such a manner, the Class 4 Creation Masters decided to give up and leave.

When Lin Yuan saw how volatile the situation was becoming, he had a bad feeling.

Although they had arrived at the Whale Ocean Commerce's residence, they had not met up with the other Creation Masters who had arrived in advance.

Firstly, Lin Yuan was still unsure of Whale Ocean Commerce's goal.

Secondly, he was afraid that he would be unable to protect the Creation Masters who were present if he stepped in now.

Hence, he needed to prevent a fight from breaking out between the Creation Masters and the people from Whale Ocean Commerce and convince them to agree to meet up with the other Creation Master. This was the only way that they would be able to push Whale Ocean Commerce into revealing their hidden fangs and enable Lin Yuan to discover Whale Ocean Commerce's true scheme.

Lin Yuan elbowed his way to the front and said, "Why don't we go and take a look at the situation first? I am friends with Sea Sky Nurture's Young Leader Ji Feng. The main reason for me being here is to visit him."

Lin Yuan turned to Di Zhanhong and asked, "Ji Feng should be at the test location, right?"

Di Zhanhong looked deeply into Lin Yuan's eyes for a moment before he replied, "You're right. Young Master Ji Feng and the other Elders of Sea Sky Nurture are at the test location. If you're here to visit him, you will be able to meet with him at the test location."

The word 'meet' reverberated in Lin Yuan's head.

Ten Thousand Flags Trading had personally killed all the Elders of Sea Sky Nurture.

Ji Feng, who had managed to escape, was no different from a dead man in the eyes of Ten Thousand Flags Trading.

By meet, they meant that he was going to die along with the rest of them.

When He Ji heard Di Zhanhong say that the Elders of Sea Sky Nurture were all at the test location, she took a step back. She decided to ignore Di Zhanhong's disrespect and put a pause on any decisions until she met up with the Elders of Sea Sky Nurture.

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Although He Ji had acquiesced, the other Class 3 and 4 Creation Masters had no intention of doing so.

Hence, the situation was still extremely tense.

But without He Ji representing them, the other two Class 4 Creation Masters did not voice out their thoughts.

Clearly, the scales of power in the situation were tipping toward Di Zhanhong.

At this moment, a deep voice said, "Apologies, everyone. Whale Ocean Commerce has been swamped with work because of the test, so we haven't had the time to provide you with the best conditions. Why

don't you head to the test location with me first? After all of you gather together, we will hold a giant banquet to welcome all of you."

A tall man with a light gold shirt walked toward the group. He had a pair of phoenix eyes that gave him a sinister look.

However, Lin Yuan could tell that there was a hint of solemnness and hesitation in his expression.

Di Zhanhong hastily dipped his head and said, "Second Young Master."

Di Wancheng waved at Di Zhanhong to dismiss him.

Recently, Di Wancheng had become a hot topic amongst the factions.

Ever since Whale Ocean Commerce exposed Di Wancheng, Whale Ocean Commerce gained the chance to get a leg up on the Cage of Brahma Insects and Rhine Lifeform.

Now that Di Wancheng had gained Immortal power, the Class 3 Creation Masters had no choice but to back down.

He Ji was the only one who had the right to talk to Di Wancheng as an equal, but she was intentionally remaining silent now.

Hence, the resistant Creation Masters also lost the courage to fight back.

Di Wancheng started by nodding to He Ji before he walked over to greet her.

During this time, his gaze landed on Lin Yuan, and his eyes immediately narrowed.

Lin Yuan's aura was indeed special. However, Di Wancheng could sense that Lin Yuan was only a B-rank spirit qi professional and was not capable of making any significant waves.

Di Wancheng could see through Lin Yuan immediately because he had asked the Sacred Sword Wielding Queen to stop blocking his grade.

If Di Wancheng could not see through him, he would definitely become suspicious.

When Lin Yuan thought that Di Wancheng was about to turn his gaze away, Di Wancheng said, "Did you say that you're good friends with Feng? He has been laying low alongside the other Elders of Sea Sky Nurture for over a decade. You were probably just a young child ten years ago."

Upon hearing that, Lin Yuan replied with a smile, "The friendships you make in your youth are the deepest. I remember that Di Hao once announced his friendship with Ji Feng on Star Web. Unfortunately, I can't compete with their friendship since they were able to see each other over the last ten years."

When Lin Yuan mentioned Di Hao, Di Wancheng's expression changed. Lin Yuan noticed this.

Di Wancheng looked at Lin Yuan as though he was looking at a dead man and said to the crowd, "Follow me. This test is so important that we built a special location for it. When you enter through the underground palace, stay neatly lined up and don't make too much noise."

If Di Zhanhong had been the one who said this, the Class 2 and 3 Creation Masters would have immediately been displeased.

However, it was Di Wancheng who had spoken.

Lin Yuan decided that he would blend in with the crowd.

But just as he was about to join the group of moving bodies, He Ji grabbed his wrist and whispered into his ear, "Walk next to me. You're from Whale Ocean Commerce, right?"

Lin Yuan's lips twitched, but he immediately realized why He Ji had come to such a conclusion.

He remembered that he had been on the same Floating Light Wings Crane as He Ji.

It had been evident that the greeter attendant and the Floating Light Wings Crane's rider had been playing good cop and bad cop. When this plan did not work, they needed someone to pretend to take advantage of the situation to enable Whale Ocean Commerce to reach its goal.

Lin Yuan should be the mole planted amongst the crowd who would help Whale Ocean Commerce when things were not going their way.

However, Lin Yuan had done all this to achieve his goal, and the results were coincidental.

Naturally, Lin Yuan could not tell He Ji about this. He did not nod, nor did he deny it. Instead, he cupped his hands together and followed her submissively.

This caused a wave of anger to bubble up within He Ji, and it almost erupted. She felt as though this young man next to her was like a brick wall that was impossible to get through.

Soon, Di Wancheng led the group to the underground palace that was built in the mountain behind Whale Ocean Commerce.

This underground palace looked similar to the one in the Return from Faraway Mansion.

This was because Whale Ocean Commerce could also afford to instruct the Spirit Craftsmen to use Suzerain metal-type and spatial-type spiritual ingredients to turn the basement into a cage that was blocked off from the world. No one on the surface would be aware of what happened inside the basement.

Di Wancheng opened the door to the basement with one hand.

Lin Yuan immediately caught a whiff of the faint odor of decay.

Creation Masters were very used to this stink because many spiritual ingredients were more effective after they rotted.

They walked through the door into a long tunnel lined with lanterns containing strange flames. As such, the tunnel was as bright as the surface.

Di Wancheng did not walk in. Rather, he stood by the entrance and watched as all the Creation Masters marched in.

When the last Creation Master stepped through the door, Di Wancheng walked in and locked the door behind him.

He smiled like a hungry beast, and the Creation Masters at the back of the line felt a chill go up their spines.

Lin Yuan and He Ji were walking at the front. He lost track of how many flights of stairs he had descended.

He estimated that he had been walking for 20 minutes ever since he entered the tunnel. As for the height, he was at least 800 meters underground now.

As for the height, he was at least 800 meters underground now. This was much deeper than the Return from Faraway Mansion's basement.

At this moment, an angry cry of desperation screamed, "What has Whale Ocean Commerce done to my grandfather, father, and uncle? Why haven't I seen them in four days? Why did you have to kill the Class 3 Creation Masters from Four Beasts Territory? Are you trying to end Four Beasts Territory!?"