

Merchant 191

## **Chapter 191: Refusing to Accept Any Messages From Others**

Lin Yuan pondered for a moment and gave up on feys that could learn Transformation Possession to attach onto the body just like Xin Ying's contracted fey. Transformation Possession and Tool Transformation were both very rare, and one could only hope to encounter such exclusive skills.

If Lin Yuan was to enhance feys in huge quantities, it would be possible to produce a Bronze fey that awakened the Transformation Possession exclusive skill. However, given Lin Yuan's current spiritual energy, he wouldn't be able to form a contract with a Bronze fey. His remaining spiritual energy wouldn't be enough.

Therefore, Lin Yuan knew that he could only choose a source-type lifeform with great defense if he wanted to increase his survivability.

Nevertheless, source-type lifeforms were extremely rare, and every source-type lifeform had different abilities. Hence, source-type lifeforms that could be used for protection and defense were also things that one could only hope to encounter.

Even if Lin Yuan could find one, putting aside whether he could afford it, it was unknown if Lin Yuan could fulfill the conditions to form a contract with it.

Lin Yuan had only decided on a direction, and as for how he was going to obtain a source-type lifeform to protect himself, there was a need for further planning.

After finishing the duel on the 100th floor, Lin Yuan didn't immediately log out of the Star Web; instead, he clicked on the notification box that had constantly been flashing.

Lin Yuan had never checked on the notifications for Black because he didn't know a lot of people with his Black identity. The only people he knew as Black were Zhang Xiaobai, Xin Ying, Lu Pinru, and Tan Ran. Furthermore, they contacted each other with their mobile phones and not through the Star Web. Therefore, Lin Yuan felt that it was fine for Black not to reply to any of the messages.

However, when Lin Yuan logged in as his Creation Master identity, he would look at the notification box from time to time. Every time Lin Yuan logged into the Star Web as a Creation Master, he would feel that all the fans of Purchase With No Loss store were true 'warriors'. Otherwise, they wouldn't have been able to send out close to 10,000 messages in just one or two days.

,000 messages were already a lot for Lin Yuan. Nonetheless, when he checked the notification box for Black, he was flabbergasted.

Isn't this too many messages!?

Lin Yuan counted and realized the number of messages had reached six digits. These were a few hundred thousands of messages!

Not even five days had passed since Lin Yuan started using his Black identity to climb the tower. He took a glance at the messages and realized that the first message was from the Star Web officials.

The Star Web officials hoped that Lin Yuan could open up a Star Web live stream and receive an interview from the Star Web. At the same time, there was a reporter's contact information at the bottom of the message, Tian Ningning.

Lin Yuan didn't even consider and immediately closed the Star Web officials' message. He didn't have any plans to start a live stream, nor did he wish to give any interviews.

If he wanted to give an interview, he would have already given it back at Millstone Town when the reporters from Ascending Dragon City and Star Web had all been there. He wouldn't have chosen to leave with Xin Ying, Zhang Xiaobai, and the others.

After closing the Star Web officials' message, Lin Yuan continued scrolling down the list. He noticed that the next message was from Tian Ningning, the reporter the Star Web officials' message had mentioned.

When Lin Yuan clicked on Tian Ningning, he noticed that this Star Web reporter had been sending him messages since yesterday morning. She had already sent close to 20 messages. Lin Yuan didn't expect that this Tian Ningning would actually be so persistent.

Lin Yuan looked through a few other messages and noticed they were from a few guild clubs that wanted to recruit him. There was even a B-level guild club that hoped he could go to their guild club for an interview among the guild clubs. After the interview, they would make the necessary arrangements according to his needs.

Lin Yuan didn't even think about it and refused. He already planned to build his own guild club, but that thought wasn't firm yet. Otherwise, he wouldn't have bought such a huge piece of land without hesitation.

As such, Lin Yuan would never agree to join other guild clubs. The objective of joining a guild club was to compete in the S Tournament. If Lin Yuan wanted to compete in the S Tournament, he would build his own guild club and gather his own team.

The messages in the Star Web's notification box were sorted out by their importance level. In order to prevent messages from officials and guild clubs from getting overlooked, they were all pushed to the top.

After reading most of the important messages, Lin Yuan felt that these messages were similar in content. They were either requests for interviews or hoping Lin Yuan could go and join their guild clubs.

Lin Yuan felt bored and swept a glance at the messages that weren't indicated as important. He couldn't help raising his brows.

No More Sorrow: "Lord Black, can you take off your mask and send me a private photo? If you think you are ugly, then treat it as though I didn't ask."

Oh White: "Black, I wish to have a baby with you!"

Extra Dream Several Rain: "Husband, what do you like to eat? Just give me your address, and I will buy your favorite food every day!"

Finding Myself Back: “Black! I will not forgive you in this lifetime! My girlfriend broke up with me because I am not your fan! You better watch out!”

Write a Will: “. ”

Lin Yuan felt a waterfall of sweat forming on his body. What were these messages about?

When did I get married? I don’t even have a girlfriend, and someone is calling me husband? Furthermore, what does it have to do with me when your girlfriend breaks up with you? It is not as if I am breaking up with you!?

Lin Yuan paid most attention to that full stop as he had a feeling that it had a hidden meaning.

After skimming through the messages, Lin Yuan emptied his notification box and set a restriction, refusing to accept others’ messages. He then logged out of the Star Web.

Lin Yuan didn’t know the shock and commotion his 100th win created. The Star Tower’s consecutive wins board was also refreshed.

It had taken Lin Yuan only 100 duels to climb from the 1st floor of the Star Tower to the 100th floor, giving him a 100% win rate. Others might attain such a result, but at least no one had achieved it until now.

In fact, Lin Yuan had already broken the record for consecutive wins previously, but having 99 consecutive wins and 100 consecutive wins had a totally different shocking factor.

99 consecutive wins were like a flawless painting that had one of the edges torn off, but 100 consecutive wins meant that the torn edge was mended, making it truly flawless.

Black’s reputation mainly stemmed from his heroic deed when he had fought against the pinnacle Class 1 alien insect dimensional rift at Millstone Town. Subsequently, he gathered more attention because of his exposed talent when climbing the Star Tower.

Now that he reached the 100th floor with a 100% win rate and obtained the qualification for the promotion duel, he might still not be as popular as the Radiance Hundred Sequence members, but his popularity was already comparable with those celebrity contestants from the S Tournament.

Nonetheless, Lin Yuan was unaware of such things. After logging out as Black, he logged back into the Star Web with his Creation Master identity.

He then put up the Silver Usneas for sale in his store. This time, Lin Yuan set a sale restriction for these ten pots of Silver Usneas. It was still first come, first serve, but each individual could only purchase one pot.

In just three minutes, Lin Yuan realized that all ten pots of Silver Usneas had been sold!

## **Chapter 192: This Thing Is a Little Too Valuable**

As soon as the ten pots of Silver Usneas were sold, Lin Yuan noticed that Purchase With No Loss Store’s fan group had also exploded.

Lin Yuan was amazed at the speed of these fan members—they were truly fast!

The Silver Usneas might have only been on the store for three minutes before selling out, but the news of Purchase With No Loss Store selling Silver Usneas still created a commotion. When this piece of news was spread out, the store's reputation instantly burst upward.

The price that Lin Yuan had set for the Silver Usneas wasn't low. As compared to the Silver Usneas' auction price in the Rare Lifeform Pavilion, the selling price for Lin Yuan's Silver Usneas was similar.

However, Silver Usneas were simply too rare, and hardly anyone would choose to sell Silver Usneas through an auction on the Star Web's Rare Lifeform Pavilion. If the Silver Usneas branches were cut and nurtured with a special method, they would quickly grow into Elite Usneas.

The price of Elite Usneas was already rather high, so a Silver Usnea could actually be said to be a hen that could lay eggs.

Lin Yuan didn't bother about the explosive commotion after he put up the Silver Usneas for sale in the store. In any case, he wasn't planning to put up new species of rare feys in the future. But the grades of the Usneas and Spirit-Siphon Goldfish would only continue getting higher.

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Inside a high-class office building situated within the Radiance Federation's Royal Capital, a short-haired yet abnormally cute woman was sitting in a sulky mood. She was holding onto a pen and clicking on it repeatedly.

At that moment, the colleague of the cute woman walked over and asked, "Ningning, has Black not replied to you yet?"

The cute woman nodded and said, "There is still no news yet. But I can see that Black's consecutive wins are still increasing on the Star Tower."

The colleague patted on Tian Ningning's shoulder and said, "Ningning, there is plenty of news on the Star Web for you to report on. You don't have to go on a wild goose chase. If Black isn't willing, isn't it the same to find someone else for the interview?"

Tian Ningning shook her head and pouted before replying stubbornly, "Big Sister Feng, I still wish to interview Black. I feel that Black has potential!"

Tian Ningning felt rather conflicted right now. She was one of Star Web's special columnists, whose numbers didn't exceed 300 in the entire Star Web. One could even say that every special columnist possessed a huge flow of resources on the Star Web.

As for Tian Ningning, she had just passed the test officially at the start of this year, becoming the Star Web's special columnist. During this year, Tian Ningning had written plenty of exceptional articles, but she had never found a person that she truly wanted to interview.

In fact, Tian Ningning had plenty of good opportunities this year too. Not long ago, one of the ex-Sequence members of the Radiance Hundred that had been eliminated had started a live stream on the Star Web. That ex-Sequence member wanted to invite a special columnist to be his exclusive reporter.

That ex-Sequence member had privately looked for Tian Ningning and wanted her to be his exclusive reporter, but she politely rejected him.

An exclusive reporter was a truly special existence. If Tian Ningning was to sign a contract with someone else to be an exclusive reporter, she would only be able to write reports about the person she had signed the contract with. Simultaneously, only she was eligible to write reports about the person who signed a contract with her.

Given this binding form of relationship, Tian Ningning had to be abnormally cautious when making a choice. Only when Black appeared did Tian Ningning have the intention to take the initiative to conduct an interview. However, Tian Ningning's hard found passion was facing a very realistic problem—Black not replying to her messages.

At that moment, Tian Ningning suddenly heard footsteps at the entrance, and she saw her superior walking in. Just as Tian Ningning wanted to say something, she realized that her superior walked straight toward her.

“Tian Ningning, have you scheduled for a special interview with Black?”

Tian Ningning felt dejected when she heard the question and shook her head. As a result, her superior said, “Black has already achieved 100 consecutive wins on the Star Tower. With a win rate of 100% from the 1st floor to the 100th floor, he is now qualified to participate in the Celestial Stairway promotion duels. Follow up on this. If you cannot get the special interview in another three days, I will ask someone else to follow up on this.”

Tian Ningning wasn't especially surprised to hear that Black had reached the 100th floor with a 100% win rate. After all, when Tian Ningning had been preparing the interview for Black, she had already thought of the possibility. However, when she heard the actual news, her heart still made a huge thud as she settled on something.

“Chief, if I get Black's special interview, I wish to apply to become Black's exclusive reporter.”

When Tian Ningning's superior heard the statement, he was instantly stunned.

When Tian Ningning made that statement, she felt Big Sister Feng pulling her from the side. After a moment, the superior responded, “If this is what you want, then as long as you obtain Black's approval, I can consider.”

Tian Ningning turned back to see Big Sister Feng looking at her with a disappointed expression after the superior left. “Ningning, with your capability, you can strive to become an exclusive reporter for a Radiance Hundred Sequence member. Even if Black is popular now, he has yet to climb to the Celestial Stairway. In addition, Black has never revealed his true appearance to anyone. You should know better than me that most of the fame these days is built upon heroism and mystery. Most importantly, do you know the age of the person behind that mask?”

Tian Ningning let out a sweet smile and revealed two little dimples as she said, “I know that Big Sister Feng is concerned about me. But I trust my instincts.”

Big Sister Feng couldn't help but get enraged. "Ningning, this year, the Radiance Hundred Sequence is going to be sorted out again. Why don't you make contact with the newly recruited Sequence members first? It will definitely be better than to become Black's exclusive reporter."

Tian Ningning smiled and shook her head. "Big Sister Feng, I will go to the Star Web and see if Black has replied."

After saying that, Tian Ningning logged into the Star Web to see whether there was any news from Black. After logging in, she was disappointed to see the same outcome.

Tian Ningning didn't lose heart and sent another message, only to realize that her message couldn't get through. She found out that Black had activated the reject-all-messages setting.

Tian Ningning was fretting. What should I do now?

Finally, Tian Ningning ground her teeth and thought in her heart, I don't believe that I cannot see Black even once! Black should have some ties with the Extreme Guild Club's S Tournament Reserve Team's four reserve members. Then I shall visit the Extreme Guild Club to see if I can get a chance to speak with Black through those four reserve members.

While thinking like that, Tian Ningning immediately logged out of the Star Web and exited the office building. She rode on a flying fey and flew toward the Extreme Guild Club's address.

At present, Lin Yuan was enhancing feys. He was enhancing the three fish he had found in the icy pool back then. Even with Lin Yuan's experience, the feys he enhanced still shocked him.

"These are too valuable! How can I have enhanced such a lucky thing!?" he exclaimed.

### **Chapter 193: Dragon-Phoenix Landscape Carp**

Lin Yuan had seen these three fish at the edge of the pool in the depths of the Endless Forest and felt that they were rather familiar, so he had subconsciously used True Data to check them. If he had not done so, he would not have brought them back.

The three fish looked gray and were only half a finger long, so they were simply not conspicuous in the water. But thanks to True Data, Lin Yuan found out that they were actually the legendary Myriad Form Carps.

He was familiar with them, as there were many of them in the pond in the center of the garden outside the Radiant Moon Palace. However, those fish were not ordinary Myriad Form Carps, but a famous koi-species of the Myriad Form Carps' evolution.

As the name implied, the Myriad Form Carp was a kind of carp that could evolve into different kinds of koi under the catalysis of various spiritual ingredients and spirit qi.

Koi was auspicious because it was always linked to good luck. Therefore, the Radiance Federation would also regard koi as the most inferior auspicious feys. Only ordinary koi feys were considered as inferior auspicious feys. However, this was not the case with the evolved koi in the pond in the center of the garden outside the Radiant Moon Palace.

The Pine Snow Fallen Cherry Koi, the Golden Mountain Blowing Koi, and the Nine-Patterned Dragon Koi were the finest among the koi. Each of them was extremely complex and different in the way spiritual ingredients and spirit qi catalyzed them. The spiritual ingredients used might even be hard to find.

Take the Pine Snow Fallen Cherry Koi as an example. Its body was red and white, and the gap between the colors was not that big. Rather, it was just like a cherry blossom rain on the white snowy ground.

The cherry blossom rain on the fish carried a gradation of aesthetics, as though some cherry blossoms had been buried deep in the white snow, some had fallen on the snow surface, while some were still dancing in the cold snow, unwilling to fall.

In addition, the Pine Snow Fallen Cherry Koi's red-and-white body had a light pattern of pine needles, which was very beautiful. In the water, it was also like, 'the pine needles blending with the cold snow, and the fallen cherry blossoms and snow are suddenly warm.' It was as though a sudden warm cherry blossom rain had bloomed in the water's extreme coldness.

The koi in the pond in the center of the Radiant Moon Palace's garden was not a question of whether one could get them for a price in the Radiance Federation. Many people from affluent families who loved koi feys might not even have the chance to see it once in their lives.

Even though Lin Yuan was used to seeing those koi in the pond, he was still amazed at the three koi he had evolved in the Spirit Lock spatial zone. He had never expected the three Myriad Form Carps would actually evolve into truly auspicious feys after he enhanced them.

When he used True Data to check them, he found out that they had evolved into Dragon-Phoenix Landscape Carps. Each of them was nearly one meter long, which, of course, referred to their bodies. Their elegant fishtails were even longer than their bodies, and their fins were about half a meter long. A fin cartilage supported the fin and did not look messy at all, only endlessly outstanding.

Lin Yuan placed the Dragon-Phoenix Landscape Carps in the spirit pool. Based on their swimming posture, they did not seem like they were swimming but soaring unrestrainedly. They spread their fins like a phoenix and swung their tails like a dragon. They had a very beautiful posture.

Of course, this was not the best thing about them. Their fins and tails that resembled a phoenix and a dragon accounted for the 'Dragon-Phoenix' in their name. The 'landscape' word in their name came from details on their snow-white bodies.

The details were like a few drops of pine soot in ink, and the ink would enter a clear pool, creating a 'vast landscape painting.'

The rivers and mountains were blended into one scene, the mountains and river drew an outline, the pavilions and kiosks were in myriad forms, and the myriad forms gathered in the magnificent landscape of the rivers and mountains.

The plants were decorated with various colors in the landscape, and the Dragon-Phoenix Landscape Carp was a depiction of the beautiful rivers and mountains.

The mountains and rivers did not remain motionless on the carp's body. As it swam, the details on its body would constantly change.

Despite the slow change, if one looked at it closely, one would notice the picturesque landscape's endless evolution. The worldly landscape and various scenery were all on the Dragon Phoenix Landscape Carp.

But if this was the case, even if the landscape's beautiful evolution was converged on it, its auspicious dragon-phoenix posture could still not allow it to be called a superior auspicious fey.

In fact, the Dragon-Phoenix Landscape Carp's exclusive skill was the key as to why Lin Yuan had defined it as a superior auspicious fey.

[Place of Life]: Plants do not wither, water does not freeze, and everything that grows under Place of Life would be in the most comfortable environment and away from disease.

Since ancient times, people had been debating about what were auspicious signs and had different definitions on them. Plums, orchids, bamboo, and chrysanthemums were elegant and not considered auspicious.

The osmanthus' fragrance contained a touch of nobility, and it could be used as an antidote. Therefore, after the Spirit Qi Awakening, it was reasonable for the osmanthus to be treated as an inferior auspicious thing.

But with the evolution of living things containing spirit qi, many rare and exotic alien beasts, such as dragon-like snakes, phoenix-like birds, cranes, and turtles, were not truly auspicious. Thus, people were now having more and more debates about auspiciousness, with increasingly harsh judgment on it.

Because of this, auspicious creatures were also becoming more and more precious. However, one part of the definition of true auspiciousness that had not changed since ancient times was that those being born as auspicious could protect other living things.

This Dragon-Phoenix Landscape Carp's exclusive skill could protect the living things and set the meaning of landscape beauty.

Since Lin Yuan had only enhanced the three fish swimming freely in the pond to Bronze X/Epic, the Place of Life could not show much power. If the Dragon-Phoenix Landscape Carps were raised in Lin Yuan's manor, they could ensure that the grass, trees, river, and pond within three kilometers outside the manor would be under their exclusive skill.

The air in Redbud City was dryer and not humid, unlike the air in Redbud City, so it was not suitable for bamboo feys' growth, which was a type of fey that loved the humidity.

If Wen Yu had not buried 250,000 kilograms of high-grade energy ores in the 3,000-meter bamboo forest behind the manor, the bamboo leaves would have long dropped due to the dry air.

Due to Place of Life, the manor would remain lush and verdant even in midwinter, and the man-made lake would not freeze and would still be surging.

At that moment, a Dragon-Phoenix Landscape Carp suddenly jumped out of the water. Its sudden posture was like the flood dragon coming out of the water and the phoenix breaking through the clouds.



As Lin Yuan looked at it suddenly leaping out of the water, he felt that the moment it did that, a part of its details changed suddenly.

The corner of the outlined mountains and rivers turned into a rustling river. When he looked at the change, he suddenly felt amazed.

#### **Chapter 194: Lin Yuan's Anguish**

Lin Yuan suddenly felt as if a magnificent landscape of mountains and rivers had appeared before his eyes. The mountains and rivers were flowing and changing, and the mountains, rivers, canyon, and ocean were changing with the world's transformations.

He looked at the ink-dyed rivers and mountains on the Dragon Phoenix Landscape Carp that had leaped out of the water, as though 10,000 years had passed in one glance. But when he returned to his senses and looked at the time, he found that only a few seconds had passed.

At that moment, Lin Yuan felt a Willpower Rune that seemed to have a layer of ink-color, flowing and changing in the pure whiteness, emerge in his spiritual energy. It was the Myriad Form Willpower Rune.

He could not help but touch the back of his head. How had he comprehended a Willpower Rune by just looking at the Dragon Phoenix Landscape Carp that had leaped out of the water?

He had heard people say that it was very difficult to comprehend a Willpower Rune, but he really did not feel that way now.

Lin Yuan had comprehended a Willpower Rune from watching the green hills that had been burned by the blazing fire but still grew out new plants. This Willpower Rune had fused with the Jasmine Lily and allowed it to become a Fantasy Breed.

The second Willpower Rune had formed as the wolves' pack was hunting and massacring the alien insects under the dark night. This Willpower Rune also long belonged to Red Thorn.

He had comprehended this third Yin-Yang Willpower Rune on the way to the Royal Capital with Ling Xiao. He had just been sitting on the Blue Jade Pegasus and observing the alternation between day and night. Lin Yuan had not given this Yin-Yang Willpower Rune to any of his feys.

He had comprehended the fourth Twilight Willpower Rune from watching the dawn outside Millstone Town and had fused it with Chimey, allowing it to become a Fantasy Breed Twilight Starbird.

At present, this Myriad Form Willpower Rune was his fifth one. The acquisition of this Willpower Rune made him fall into contemplation.

Among his feys, the Spirit-Gather Goldfish, Blue Flash Purple Butterfly, and Genius still did not have suitable Willpower Runes yet.

This Willpower Rune had an all-embracing sense and seemed to have some versatility. It seemed that Genius, the Spirit-Gather Goldfish, and the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly were suitable with it. However, if he had to choose among them, it was very obvious that Genius was more suitable.

The manifestation of nature itself meant encompassing everything, just like Genius' intelligence.

After Lin Yuan carefully comprehended this Myriad Form Willpower Rune, he found that it was perfectly compatible with Genius because this Willpower Rune caused more of a change in appearance rather than knowledge.

If other people comprehended a Willpower Rune that had something in common with their fey, they would be happy to use it immediately. But for his contracted fey, especially Genius, which was the first fey to accompany him, he did not want to be negligent on the Willpower Rune's choice.

In Lin Yuan's opinion, he should pair it with the most suitable Willpower Rune to evolve it into a Fantasy Breed.

If other spirit qi professionals knew about his thoughts, they would probably kneel on the floor and call him 'Boss'.

Comprehending a Willpower Rune could not be controlled, and it was always a kind of natural gift. The kind of Willpower Rune one would comprehend was always an unknown.

Hence, after most spirit qi professionals comprehended a Willpower Rune, they would look for a Bronze fey with high quality that was compatible with their comprehended Willpower Rune and nurture it. However, such feys were very rare.

Therefore, if spirit qi professionals could come across a high-quality Bronze fey that was somewhat compatible with their Willpower Rune, most of them would consider it to be a stroke of luck. Not anyone could be like Lin Yuan, who wanted to match his fey with a perfect Willpower Rune.

Lin Yuan was now somewhat helpless, as he did not know when Red Thorn would evolve into Legend, so he still could not use the Willpower Rune he had comprehended from the massacre.

Although the Yin-Yang Willpower Rune and this Myriad Form Willpower Rune were two completely different kinds, they were essentially related to change. But so far, Lin Yuan simply did not have such change-related feys or source-type lifeforms to go with these two Willpower Runes.

He could not help but mumble, Having too many Willpower Runes is really sweet anguish.

If it was said before that, the other combat-class spirit qi professionals would kneel and call him 'Boss'. Then, after they heard his words, they would probably want to fight him.

As Lin Yuan looked at the three Bronze/Epic Dragon-Phoenix Landscape Carps in the spirit pool, he had his own plans. They were superior auspicious feys without any combat abilities. He did not intend to contract them, nor would he sell them away. Instead, he planned to raise them in his own manor.

With the Place of Life, he would no longer need to take care of the flowers and plants. He made up his mind. When he became a spirit qi professional of a higher class, he would evolve the three Dragon-Phoenix Landscape Carps from Bronze/Epic to Bronze/Legend.

Regarding such superior auspicious feys that could protect a party of living things, Lin Yuan planned to evolve them into Fantasy Breeds.

Of course, with Lin Yuan around, they did not need to rely on themselves to raise their quality or grade, as he could solve that.

Therefore, the hurdle that the three Dragon Phoenix Landscape Carps needed to overcome would depend on whether they could comprehend the Willpower Rune at Diamond X/Legend and reach Suzerain. Of course, it was still too far to say this right now.

Lin Yuan stroked his chin, looked at the three Dragon Phoenix Landscape Carps, and pondered for a while before leaving the Spirit Lock spatial zone. He did not intend to keep the carps in the manor's pond but raise them in the manor.

The change of the details on their back was just like looking at three great ages constantly changing. As the saying went, 'Myriad colors are not as good as ink.' Only when the Dragon Phoenix Landscape Carps that swam like a dragon and phoenix were raised in the manor could he regularly observe them and enjoy their elegance.

The manor had a total of three floors, and the kitchen, dining hall, and living room were interconnected. Therefore, it was good to set up a fish tank that could be used as a wall decoration to separate the kitchen and dining hall from the living hall.

Lin Yuan roughly measured the wall's length and realized it was not much different from the fish tank he imagined. He planned to set up a 9.9-meter-long and two-meter-wide fish tank as a wall decoration.

Its length was 0.1 meters away from a whole number. When life was too complete, it would not last, so with less of a perfection, it was more in line with being auspicious.

The two-meter-wide fish tank could also completely let the three Dragon Phoenix Landscape Carps swim and be used to raise them. As for the water in the tank, he could just connect it to the man-made lake outside.

Since the Dragon Phoenix Landscape Carps could purify water, if he connected the fish tank and the man-made lake, the man-made lake's water quality could also be improved most perfectly. But such an enormous fish tank was not readily available and needed to be custom made.

At present, Lin Yuan's manor was filled with an ancient feeling.

In the past few days, Wen Yu had purchased many compatible appliances with the manor, and together with the jade-like furniture, the house looked rather appealing.

Although Lin Yuan did not have OCD, he did not want to use something out of place to destroy the mansion's overall beauty, so he did not intend to custom-make a huge metal fish tank. Instead, he decided on the fish tank material.

## **Chapter 195: How Pretentious**

There were many jade-like wooden materials and red sandalwood in the Spirit Lock spatial zone. Lin Yuan had gotten the completely jade-like sandalwood when he had cleaned up the backyard in the Xia Region's fey store and disassembled the old shelves.

When he had taken over the store, there had been six shelves in the store. He then later supported the store alone, and due to health reasons, only one shelf was left.

After disassembling the five shelves, he had gotten a huge batch of red sandalwood and placed them in the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

At present, the red sandalwood had turned into a jade-like red-purple color, with a faint red sandalwood grain on it. The grains made it seem as though a faint purple cloud was vaguely rising, looking like a propitious omen.

As Lin Yuan looked at this jade-like red sandalwood material and the rising purple cloud, he felt it was a wonderful message. These red sandalwood materials were worthy of the three superior and auspicious Dragon Phoenix Landscape Carps.

At that moment, Wen Yu was instructing some gardeners, who were taking care of the mansion greenery, to plant some Normal plant feys in the various parts of the mansion.

With the 250,000 kilograms of high-grade energy ores and the protection from the Place of Life, perhaps after some time, these Normal plants would have the opportunity to become Elite.

Liu Jie went out to buy spiritual ingredients at that moment. Ever since Lin Yuan had put that pot of White Jade Snow Orchid in the kitchen, he particularly liked to buy a bunch of spiritual ingredients and put them on the kitchen shelves.

Anyway, with the White Jade Snow Orchid around, these spiritual ingredients would not deteriorate. Even if some plant spiritual ingredients had their roots broken, they would still become fresher the longer they were kept.

Lin Yuan called a Speed-Hoofed Donkey Car and headed toward a very famous Spirit Craftsman store in the Royal Capital. He preferred to travel in the Royal Capital with a Speed-Hoofed Donkey Car than a flying fey.

The Speed-Hoofed Donkey Car could let him experience the bustle and noise in the Royal Capital, feel the earthly food fragrance, and let him calm down.

The driver chatted with Lin Yuan about his family's daily life along the way and was very enthusiastic. The car was traveling on the road when a young girl about the same age as Chu Ci ran on the side of the road and reached out to stop it with a particularly anxious look.

The middle-aged driver turned around and looked at Lin Yuan, which was him asking Lin Yuan. If there were passengers on the Speed-Hoofed Donkey Car and the driver wanted to take another passenger on the way, they had to obtain the passengers' consent.

Lin Yuan naturally would not mind it, so he waved his hand and said, "Uncle, I have no opinions."

The driver was actually very willing to take another passenger, as this was akin to earning more money. He stopped at the side of the street, and the young girl got in the car and hurriedly thanked them, "Thank you, Uncle, Young Brother."

She was very cheerful, and after she got in the car, she no longer looked anxious. It was difficult to get a car here, and one had to wait for some time, even if they booked one on the Star Web. The young girl was now relieved.

Lin Yuan noticed that she was carrying a frog-shaped school bag and thought that she was a student.

After the young girl thanked them, she immediately looked at Lin Yuan and asked pleadingly, "Young Brother, can you let the driver take me to the Royal Capital Spirit Qi Intermediate Academy for lessons first? Last night, my mother got drunk and forgot to wake me up this morning."

Lin Yuan did not expect this young girl to be a student of the Royal Capital Spirit Qi Intermediate Academy.

It was an academy affiliated with the Spirit Qi Advanced Academy. Most of the students who graduated from the Spirit Qi Intermediate Academy could go straight to the Spirit Qi Advanced Academy.

"No problem. The place I'm going to happens to pass by the academy."

Then, he said to the middle-aged driver in front, "Sir, she looks quite anxious. Send her directly to the Royal Capital's Spirit Qi Intermediate Academy's teaching building before dropping me at my place."

The academy allowed Speed-Hoofed Donkey Cars that had been certified in the Royal Capital.

Because the academy was huge, students who went to school by the Speed-Hoofed Donkey Car were allowed to drop at the teaching building entrance.

Upon hearing Lin Yuan's words, the middle-aged driver smiled and replied, "Young Brother, you're so nice."

Lin Yuan could not help but feel a little dumbfounded. He should not be considered being nice, as he was on his way. People would always meet with difficulties outside, so they needed to understand each other. Why did this driver deem him as a nice person?

Lin Yuan looked at the young girl sitting next to him, who was holding a frog school bag, and thought, This young girl is pretty quiet. Such girls tend to calm down when they learn some theoretical knowledge.

At that moment, a cell phone rang in her little frog bag. The young girl took out her cell phone and looked at it before roaring, "Fatty Wang, you bastard! We'll just break up! Why did you have to use my account to scold our teacher-in-charge?"

When Lin Yuan heard this, he quickly erased his earlier thoughts. How did she have a quiet character?

Then, the young girl said, "My mother drank too much. When she saw me looking at the information of a Spiritual Ingredient Analyst, she beat me up, with the reason that I was too pretentious. Let me tell you, Fatty Wang! I'm in a very bad mood now. When I reach school, I'll find your teacher-in-charge and tell him that I was the one who helped do all your homework before."

Lin Yuan almost snorted out loud. The reason of her being pretentious was acceptable!

She already had a partner, and they were torturing each other. Young people nowadays were really not simple.

At the teaching building entrance, the young girl bade farewell to Lin Yuan and the driver before she rushed in with her frog school bag.

Lin Yuan could not help but be dumbfounded. Her speed could probably reach an Elite Black Back Mountain Boar's.

Soon, the Speed-Hoofed Donkey Car sent him to his destination, which was a very famous Spirit Craftsman store in the Royal Capital.

There were many kinds of Spirit Craftsmen. A Class 4 Spirit Craftsmen team had built Lin Yuan's mansion based on the blueprint.

There were more of such Spirit Craftsmen who did construction, while those manufacturing small pieces of furniture and ornaments were relatively rare because rough carving was simpler.

Besides carving an ornament into an exquisite shape, one also had to pay attention to depicting the demeanor, texture, and style.

The Class 4 Spirit Craftsman in this store specialized in manufacturing furniture and ornaments. However, the reviews of this Spirit Craftsman store on Star Web were very extreme.

One-tenth of the people expressed that the store's items were great, while the remaining people said that the store owner was a lunatic.

When Lin Yuan was about to enter the store, he noticed two people coming out. They looked rather annoyed and muttered, "He's really crazy!"

Lin Yuan now knew how those ratings that the store owner was a lunatic had come about. When he walked into the store, he realized that the store was simply jaw-dropping. He was not amazed at how exquisite the store had been built, but because the store was built exactly like a KTV studio.

## **Chapter 196: Crane Shadowed Censer**

Lin Yuan couldn't help lamenting as to what kind of taste the owner had to design the store in this manner. He was looking at the hanging lamp that was shining with seven different colors in broad daylight. When he exchanged looks with the burly man that was seated on his recliner, the burly man let out a sinister smile and said, "Gather at the village entrance! Bring along your own cement!"

The burly man didn't even take a look at Lin Yuan, who had just walked in and used his most accustomed greeting. "Today's rule is to prepare your own spiritual material. If the spiritual material reaches my standard, each carving I make will be 100 Radiance dollars. If the spiritual material is bigger than this piece I have on my hand, I will carve it for you for free. But the shavings shall be left behind as my compensation."

After speaking, the burly middle-aged man lifted his hand and placed an abnormally exquisite censer on the table. Lin Yuan actually doubted this burly man's sense of beauty at first, but he was immediately attracted after seeing the censer. The craftsmanship on this censer was truly too detailed.

The censer looked as though it was carved with 1,000 Red-Crowned Cranes that were ready to take flight. When illuminated by the lamplight, it looked as if crane images were flying out of the censer. If some agarwood incense and swirling with white smoke, along with the crane images, were added to the censer, it would truly be graceful.

Lin Yuan didn't waste any time and took out a piece of red sandalwood that had turned jade-like in texture. It was glowing with reddish-purple luster and looked as though it was wrapped in a bundle of purple aura.

As soon as Lin Yuan took out this jade-textured red sandalwood, the burly man who was originally reading his book jumped off from his recliner and said, "It is actually red sandalwood that has complete jade texture! This is a precious item that is very rare! Tell me, what do you wish to carve?"

Lin Yuan wasn't in a hurry to reply. Instead, he pointed at the crane shadowed censer and asked, "Senior, how many carves did it take you to make this censer?"

The burly man immediately replied. "I used 30,000 carves."

While speaking, he picked up the crane shadowed censer and rubbed it with his palm. It was obvious that he was fond of this crane shadowed censer.

Lin Yuan didn't expect that just the craftsmanship of this crane shadowed censer cost 3,000,000 Radiance dollars, and the material cost wasn't even factored in yet.

,000,000 Radiance dollars wasn't a small sum, and it was enough to purchase a regular Platinum fey. No wonder this burly man was a Class 4 Spirit Craftsman; the price of his craftsmanship was truly extraordinary.

When the burly man noticed that Lin Yuan didn't talk after hearing the price, he said, "If you use this jade-textured red sandalwood as the base, I can carve one for you for free. But the shavings of the jade-textured red sandalwood will be left for me."

Lin Yuan shook his head in response, as he had other use for the shavings of this jade-textured red sandalwood. When building the fish tank with this jade-textured red sandalwood, the amount of carving required would certainly produce plenty of shavings. If all the shavings were left for this burly man, Lin Yuan felt that he would be making a loss.

In addition, Lin Yuan was planning to use the shavings of this completely jade-textured red sandalwood as a decoration at the fish tank's bed.

Lin Yuan extended his hand to break off a piece of this jade-textured red sandalwood, which was the size of half a fist, and said, "I can give senior this piece of jade-textured red sandalwood as compensation. I wonder what the senior thinks?"

The burly man's eyes nearly popped out when Lin Yuan broke off a piece of this completely jade-textured red sandalwood. If this piece of jade-textured red sandalwood belonged to him, he would have already beaten up Lin Yuan.

In the eyes of a Spirit Craftsman, for any kind of material, the bigger the size of the material, the better it was to create exquisite designs. As for small-sized materials, the design would be restricted. However, the burly man didn't have any opinion in regards to Lin Yuan's proposed compensation.

Even as a Class 4 Spirit Craftsman, the burly man might be rich, but if he wanted to get his hands on materials like this jade-textured red sandalwood, he would have to depend on his luck as such things were always rare in supply. Every usage would only decrease the overall supply.

On the market, most of the products were already carved and sculpted. It was very rare to find such a material that wasn't carved at all. As for this small piece of jade-textured red sandalwood that was only the size of half a fist, it shouldn't be a problem to carve out two signets.

In this burly man's heart, he might still think that the youth's suggested compensation was too much, but he wouldn't refuse such an offer. However, the burly man quickly understood why he deserved such compensation as it was simply a huge project.

When Lin Yuan saw the burly man nodding, he immediately took a huge batch of jade-textured red sandalwood out of his Diamond fey storage box.

Even though the burly man was experienced, knowledgeable, and had carved all sorts of rare materials, he was still dazzled by this batch of jade-textured red sandalwood that took up a fifth of his store's space.

If he didn't support himself by holding onto the table, he would have fallen back into his recliner.

When so much jade-textured red sandalwood was brought out, it immediately overwhelmed the seven-colored hanging lamp and covered the entire store with a purple aura.

After a long period, the burly man finally came back to his senses but was still unable to make a single statement. Lin Yuan then informed the burly man of his request for the fish tank. Subsequently, he weighed this batch of jade-textured red sandalwood together with the burly man before signing an agreement for this project.

For precious materials like the jade-textured red sandalwood and in such huge quantities, the agreement for the project was extremely harsh. Therefore, Lin Yuan wasn't afraid that this Class 4 Spirit Craftsman would violate the agreement and embezzle his material. If the Class 4 Spirit Craftsman did so, what awaited this Class 4 Spirit Craftsman wouldn't just be a review of being lunatic by 90% of the customers. He would really be facing a reputation default.

At the same time, he would have to repay the debt and be punished severely.

Lin Yuan had plenty of requests for the red sandalwood fish tank and had discussed the details with the burly man.



As Lin Yuan continued to look at the crane shadowed censer, he couldn't help but feel it was extremely exquisite and increasingly pleasant to the eyes. He then asked the burly man, "Senior, I wonder if you have any plans to sell this crane shadowed censer?"

If anyone else asked like this previously, the burly man would have chased them out of his store. This crane shadowed censer was the burly man's adored masterpiece, as he had carved it when he became a Class 4 Spirit Craftsman. He had always cherished it like a treasure.

However, after seeing so much jade-textured red sandalwood, the burly man was tempted and finally gnashed his teeth before saying, "Give me another piece of jade-textured red sandalwood of the same size, and you can take this censer."

Lin Yuan picked up this crane shadowed censer and observed it. He realized that the material used to carve this censer was the Dragonblood Golden Silk Bamboo that wasn't completely jade-textured. Lin Yuan had to admit that carving Red-Crowned Cranes on the Dragonblood Golden Silk Bamboo was truly fitting for the concept.

While the cranes rested in the bamboo forest, their shadows were so relaxed.

Furthermore, the Dragonblood Golden Silk Bamboo was a wood material that was more precious than the red sandalwood. In terms of value, the Dragonblood Golden Silk Bamboo, which wasn't completely jade-textured, wasn't as valuable as the jade-textured red sandalwood that had the same size. However, the price difference wouldn't be too significant.

Moreover, Lin Yuan could see that the Class 4 Spirit Craftsman was rather hesitant to sell this crane shadowed censer. Lin Yuan knew that if he continued hesitating, this burly man might just change his mind, and Lin Yuan would lose the chance of owning this crane shadowed censer.

The lesson Lin Yuan had learned when purchasing the butterfly cocoons was something that he had yet to forget, so he accepted the deal decisively.

This crane shadowed censer might not be completely jade-textured, but it was a small matter for Lin Yuan. As long as he placed it in the Spirit Lock spatial zone for some time, the Dragonblood Golden Silk Bamboo used to carve the crane shadowed censer would undergo a transformation.

After making the arrangements, Lin Yuan left his address. The burly man would deliver the fish tank to Lin Yuan after half a month.

After completing his objective, Lin Yuan returned to the mansion. He was preparing to challenge the promotion duel after reaching the Star Tower's 100th floor.

## **Chapter 197: Source-Type Lifeform Earth Rush Golden Lotus**

When Lin Yuan returned to the manor, he noticed that Wen Yu was holding a sprinkling can and watering an Earth Rush Golden Lotus that was planted in front of the manor. This Earth Rush Golden Lotus wasn't a decorative fey for the manor, but in fact, it was a source-type lifeform contracted by Wen Yu.

Wen Yu originally didn't have the Earth Rush Golden Lotus. However, after becoming Lin Yuan's assistant, in order to allow Wen Yu to be of better help to Lin Yuan, the Moon Empress had bestowed this precious source-type lifeform, Earth Rush Golden Lotus, to Wen Yu.

This Silver/Flawless Earth Rush Golden Lotus could be said to be an exceptional helper for Creation Masters, but it had a habit, and that was to bask in at least six hours of sun every day. The Earth Rush Golden Lotus would only develop well only with six hours of sun a day. If it didn't have at least six hours of sun, the Earth Rush Golden Lotus would look like it was going to wither and lifeless.

As for the Bronze/Epic White Jade Snow Orchid and Lin Yuan's Silver/Fantasy Jasmine Lily, those were plants that didn't have an especially high requirement for sunlight.

The indoor refraction of light was already enough for the White Jade Snow Orchid and the Jasmine Lily.

Recently, Lin Yuan didn't release all of his feys on the outside and allowed them to live in the mansion. The Silver/Fantasy Jasmine Lily, the Silver/Fantasy Chimey, and the Bronze IV/Epic Red Thorn all required to increase their grade and evolve.

Therefore, Lin Yuan had placed the Jasmine Lily and Chimey into the Spirit Lock spatial zone. The high concentration of spirit qi in the Spirit Lock spatial zone was able to constantly enhance the Jasmine Lily and Chimey. As for Red Thorn, Lin Yuan placed it inside the leaf-shaped fey storage box, allowing Red Thorn to pick its preference among the dimensional lifeforms to consume and evolve itself.

As of now, Lin Yuan truly didn't have any method to enhance Red Thorn, so it was the slowest to advance in grade among his feys. Red Thorn's evolution speed was even slower than Chimey's and the Jasmine Lily's, even though the two latter feys were Silver/Fantasy.

If Lin Yuan wanted, he could enter seclusion for a few months and would be able to upgrade Chimey and the Jasmine Lily from Silver I to Silver II.

However, Red Thorn could only rely on itself to consume massive amounts of flesh and blood in order to evolve. In fact, Red Thorn's progression was the normal progression of a spirit qi professional's fey. Nonetheless, Red Thorn's progression should still be significantly faster than other feys. At the very least, Red Thorn didn't need to fret about not having even blood and flesh from dimensional lifeforms.

At present, Red Thorn was consuming massive amounts of Class 1 dimensional lifeforms and consuming small quantities of Class 2 and Class 3 dimensional lifeforms.

The corpse of a Class 3 dimensional lifeform was already equivalent to a Gold fey corpse. Therefore, Red Thorn's daily food expenses would be at least 500 Radiance dollars. This was because Red Thorn was only eating the cheaper Class 3 dimensional lifeforms first.

After days and months, it was unknown how much more resources Red Thorn would require. Such a supply of food and resources was something that many regular spirit qi professionals wouldn't be able to provide.

Thus, it was easy to see how difficult it was for regular spirit qi professionals to upgrade the grade and quality of their feys.

Since Red Thorn was in the leaf-shaped fey storage box, as Red Thorn's tenant and also no.1 bootlicker, the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee was naturally staying in the same place as Red Thorn. For the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee, any place with Red Thorn was paradise.

The Acid-Swallowing Larvae was already absorbing massive amounts of acid from Red Thorn and starting to produce and store Acid-Swallowing Larvae.

Genius, the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly, and the Spirit-Gather Goldfish, couldn't upgrade into a Fantasy Breed because of Willpower Runes. Although he had to stall their quality and grade, they were all getting busier with their lives.

Recently, Chimey had always been around Genius and researching something. Every time he saw Genius and Chimey together, he would be able to feel Chimey's expectation and excitement while also feeling Genius' helplessness.

As for the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly, ever since the Jasmine Lily had upgraded into a Fantasy Breed, the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly would land on the jade-colored flower of the Jasmine Lily whenever it had nothing to do. It was truly living a carefree and peaceful life.

On the other hand, the aloof and tyrannic Spirit-Gather Goldfish, Blackie, was now constantly fetching the Butterfly Shells at the bottom of the spirit pool to feed the female Five Fortune Ranchu in order to gain its favor.

Upon seeing that his feys were getting busier, more carefree, and more loving, Lin Yuan was rather delighted as their contractor.

Wen Yu saw Lin Yuan and immediately put down her sprinkling can. She smiled and said, "Young Master, I just boiled a pot of tea. It is on the table."

Lin Yuan nodded. The tea leaves in this mansion weren't bought by Lin Yuan; they were delivered from the Radiant Moon Palace. These tea leaves were planted by the tea attendants in the Radiant Moon Palace to make spirit tea.

There was quite a mix of the Platinum Dark Dream Fragrant Tea's leaves among the tea leaves. In this deep, chilly autumn, when drinking a sip of the tea that was fused with Platinum Dark Dream Fragrant Tea, it would immediately expel the chilly feeling from the body and invigorate the spirit.

After entering the house, he poured a cup of spirit tea. The teapot that was made of Dehua porcelain didn't have any traces of patterns, giving it a clean and comfortable feeling. A glazing color also accompanied it.

The teacups were also made of the same Dehua porcelain material. This clean teacup was poured with amber-colored tea. When the tea emitted that elegant fragrance, it was truly soothing.

Lin Yuan took out a piece of ink-black jade-textured agarwood. He then put some shavings of the jade-textured agarwood into the Crane Shadowed Censer before lighting up the shavings.

When put together with the jade-textured furniture, the censer was emitting a gentle halo. It looked as though shadows of cranes were flying around in a lively manner. The crane shadows had a sunset color and were spiraling upward.

It was unknown if the sunset color was fusing into the smoke, or the smoke was fusing into the sunset color.

The spiraling of smoke and sunset color mixture gave off a feeling that was close to being an illusion. This illusory feeling from the crane shadows made it feel as though one was ascending to immortality.

The smell of agarwood was mixed with the fragrance from the Dark Dream Fragrant Tea. This mixture and fusion didn't have any conflict, as though the calm and steady agarwood was placed in a dream-like place. It was totally able to let a person's tense up mind relax.

Once the fragrance entered the nose, it would disperse the entire body of fatigue.

It just so happened that when Liu Jie came out of the kitchen, he saw this scene. After the repeated surprises, Liu Jie was already accustomed, and his eyes were already opened up significantly. However, when seeing this scene, Liu Jie couldn't help being amazed again.

Instead of being amazed, it was better to say he was intoxicated.

As the crane shadows swirled with the sunset color, one could only describe this scene as 'seagulls and herons flying freely without worries'.

When Lin Yuan saw Liu Jie, he conveniently poured a cup of spirit tea for Liu Jie in the Dehua porcelain teacup. Liu Jie then put down the spoon sweets<sup>1</sup> that he had just prepared in the kitchen.

## **Chapter 198: A Duel**

The spoon sweets were made with dozens of different Silver ingredients mixed with the Gold Elder Maple's maple syrup. It was a kind of extremely nutritious pre-meal dessert.

Liu Jie took the tea from Lin Yuan and said, "Lin Yuan, I've already received the invitation to the private auction that I mentioned previously. It will be held at seven o'clock in the evening three days later on the third floor of the Rare Lifeform Pavilion."

Lin Yuan nodded and asked, "Has news of the source-type creatures spread?"

Liu Jie nodded solemnly and said, "The reason why the private auction is held is that two of the five members of this king-class team have comprehended a Willpower Rune in a Class 3 dimensional rift. In order to gather resources to exchange for high-grade feys that are suited to one's Willpower Rune, I heard that a total of three source-types items will be put on auction."

Liu Jie's words immediately piqued Lin Yuan's interest.

Lin Yuan had thought that there would only be one source-type item at this private auction.

It was normal to use source-type items as an attraction to promote this private auction.

However, he never expected that this private auction would auction off a total of three source-type items.

Lin Yuan thought that even if he couldn't obtain the source-type items that could provide him protection, at the very least, he could see if any spiritual energy items were suitable for the additional Willpower Rune in his spiritual energy.

As for this king-class team, others might not be able to produce Bronze feys with high quality, but for Lin Yuan, it was just a piece of cake.

Since the king-class team had chosen to auction these three source-type items, it meant that the conditions for the contract were not compatible with the king-class team.

However, the conditions of contracting each source-type creature were completely different.

These three source-type items weren't compatible with the king-class team, but they weren't necessarily incompatible with others. Lin Yuan wasn't too worried about this.

After lunch, Lin Yuan returned to his room.

Just as he was about to log in to Star Web, Lin Yuan's phone rang.

Lin Yuan picked up the call when he saw that it was from Zhang Xiaobai.

The moment he picked up the phone, Lin Yuan heard Zhang Xiaobai say:

"Black, do you have any exclusive reporters from Star Web?"

When Lin Yuan heard Zhang Xiaobai address him in that manner, he knew that it had something to do with his identity as Black.

If he called him in private, Zhang Xiaobai would directly call him Lin Yuan.

After hearing Zhang Xiaobai's words, Lin Yuan probably knew that it was because he had set up an automatic rejection of everybody on Star Web.

Star Web couldn't contact him, but they knew that he was familiar with Zhang Xiaobai and the others because of the battle outside Millstone Town. Thus, they sought him out through Zhang Xiaobai and the others via the Extreme Guild Club.

"I don't have any exclusive reporters, but I don't accept any interviews. It's too troublesome."

Zhang Xiaobai strongly agreed with him and said, "I think so too. Interviews are too troublesome."

At that moment, Lin Yuan heard Zhang Xiaobai exclaim right on the heels of Xin Ying taking the phone.

"Lin Yuan, I'm Xin Ying. You've already started the advancement matches for the Celestial Stairway. After you get on the Celestial Stairway, there will be recordings of your Star Web Tower battles in the Star Web Tower's video library. An exclusive reporter isn't just doing interviews, but is also responsible for all the news articles and combat reports related to you."

Xin Ying said it very seriously.

This was because there were less than 300 special columnists in the Star Web Tower.

If Lin Yuan could have such a Star Web column reporter and have them become an exclusive reporter, it would undoubtedly help his future development.

Furthermore, with an exclusive reporter, it could reduce a lot of unnecessary trouble for Lin Yuan.

Xin Ying treated Lin Yuan as a friend, so she naturally had to consider many things from his perspective.

Xin Ying was a carefree person, but she was also meticulous, so she didn't want Lin Yuan to suffer from missing opportunities.

Lin Yuan thought for a moment and said, "Sister Ying, help me reply to that Star Web reporter. I'll contact them on Star Web in a few days."

When Xin Ying heard that, she said, "The column reporter for Star Web is called Tian Ningning. I'll tell her to wait a while. When the time comes, if you and Tian Ningning have any requests you find disagreeable when discussing private, just reject them. Choose your exclusive reporter. The decision of the conditions is in your hands."

Xin Ying was previously afraid that Lin Yuan would miss the opportunity.

But now, Xin Ying was afraid that Lin Yuan would be at a disadvantage when discussing the exclusive reporter contract with Tian Ningning.

After hanging up the phone, Lin Yuan couldn't help but give a knowing smile.

In the life-and-death battle under Millstone Town, perhaps Lin Yuan's greatest gain was four friends who had experienced life and death with him.

During the conversation he had with Xin Ying on the phone just now, Lin Yuan could sense that Xin Ying was concerned and considerate for him.

Lin Yuan didn't care much about the matter regarding an exclusive reporter.

However, since this Star Web column reporter named Tian Ningning had gone all the way to the Extreme Guild Club, she had already shown her sincerity.

Putting aside the matter of signing the contract, it was not a big problem to discuss it on Star Web.

After hanging up the phone, Lin Yuan logged into Star Web.

Lin Yuan was already prepared for the Celestial Stairway advancement match. This was likely the biggest challenge since he had started climbing the tower.

When Lin Yuan arrived at the advancement zone, which was over 100 levels in Star Web Tower, he directly did a match-up.

There were a total of three rounds in the advancement match in Star Web Tower. Lin Yuan only needed to win two rounds to directly ascend the Celestial Stairway.

Soon, Lin Yuan was matched to his opponent.

Lin Yuan took a look at the other party's information and couldn't help but feel that the Wang Shuai he had met before couldn't be considered a Liver Emperor.

The person called Chen Hongfeng was the true Liver Emperor.

Lin Yuan was observing Chen Hongfeng's Star Web battle results, while Chen Hongfeng was also observing Lin Yuan's results.

Chen Hongfeng couldn't help but curse.

"You're Black! How did you achieve a 100% win rate? Have you never climbed Star Tower before?"

With that said, Chen Hongfeng looked up and said to the air, "Hey guys, I've encountered Black. Boss, I've encountered Black! This is awesome!"

At that moment, in the meeting room of the Dragon Gate Guild Club, Long Tao asked the bowl-cut Fang Duoduo, "Duoduo, who's Black? Why is Little Feng so agitated?"

Fang Duoduo, who was chewing on his chewing gum, couldn't help but roll his eyes when he heard Long Tao.

Boss, how long has it been since you went on Star Web to read the forums? Now, how many people who browse the forums on Star Web wouldn't know about Black?

However, Fang Duoduo naturally didn't say those words. Therefore, he chose his words carefully.

### **Chapter 199: Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard and Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard**

Fang Duoduo had a sudden inspiration, and his eyes lit up as he said, "Boss, I heard that he's a healing-type spirit qi professional who has reached the Star Tower's 100th floor with a 100% winning rate and obtained the qualification for the Celestial Stairway promotion duels."

When Fang Duoduo said this, he emphasized the words 'healing-type spirit qi professional'. It was as though he was reminding Long Tao that he had told him about this before.

However, Long Tao did not get Fang Duoduo's meaning and said with considerable interest, "A healing-type spirit qi professional can climb the tower with a 100% winning rate? That's interesting!"

As soon as Long Tao spoke, Fang Duoduo could not help but ridicule, "How is that interesting? It's simply too interesting!"

Then, Long Tao suddenly asked, "Didn't I let Hongfeng hone his combat skills lately? How would he know Black?"

Fang Duoduo chuckled and replied, "How would I know? But Chen Hongfeng is very hardworking."

Despite saying so, he was already observing a moment of silence for Chen Hongfeng.

Chen Hongfeng was the Dragon Gate Guild Club S Tournament reserve team member. As the Radiance Hundred Sequence #3, Long Tao was the Dragon Gate Guild Club S Tournament Team's captain. Long Tao thought highly of Chen Hongfeng, who was currently in the reserve team and planned to focus on his training.

However, in Fang Duoduo's opinion, whoever Long Tao thought highly of and wanted to train was simply unlucky.

Chen Hongfeng used to be such an affable fat nerd. In four months, Long Tao had trained him into a skinny nerd.

Sure enough, Long Tao said, "He's not serious in his training. After he logs off Star Web, tell him to train with another 100 duels."

Fang Duoduo silently lit a white candle for Chen Hongfeng in his heart.

At that moment, Long Tao exclaimed, "How come he looks so familiar?"

Long Tao looked at Black, who was standing opposite Chen Hongfeng, and felt that this silver-masked person's aura made him feel like he had a deep impression of him. It was as if he had seen him somewhere before.

Fang Duoduo interrupted, "You've trained Chen Hongfeng for almost six months. Of course, you're familiar with him."

Long Tao looked at Fang Duoduo as though he was looking at an idiot. Then, he ignored Fang Duoduo and looked at Chen Hongfeng's live-streaming room.

Regardless of whether this silver-masked Black had a familiar aura, Long Tao would really like to see how a healing-type spirit qi professional had reached the Celestial Stairway promotion duels with a 100% winning streak.

When Fang Duoduo received Long Tao's gaze, he shuddered. Why did I have to slack off and watch Chen Hongfeng's live streaming with Long Tao?

Wouldn't it have been good if I had gone to train with my teammates in the training room?

After Chen Hongfeng had said that to his live-streaming room, he completely ignored the fact that he was live streaming. Instead, he focused all his energy on the duel at the moment. However, his live-streaming room was in an uproar.

Breeze Supporting the Willow: "Just now, Chen Hongfeng shouted 'Boss'. Does it prove that Sequence #3 Lord Overflowing Sea is also watching this live stream? I can actually watch a live stream with Lord Overflowing Sea! This is really too blissful!"

Dark Moon Falling Wind: "Ahhh! It's Lord Black! I want to see how strong he is!"

Your Little Fairy Is With Me: "I can't deal with this! I'm going to faint from excitement!"

Why Is Chemistry So Hard: "That's nothing! I've already peed my pants! I didn't even move and was ready to watch this duel first."



Chen Hongfeng did not rush to summon his fey. He looked at Lin Yuan and said, "Black, I'm going to end your winning streak after this duel."

Lin Yuan did not say a word and summoned Chimey and Red Thorn. The moment he did that, Chen Hongfeng also summoned his two feys.

Lin Yuan's pupils contracted upon seeing that. These two feys were lizards. One of them had blue-and-black skin, with teeth baring outward. Each of its teeth was over four inches. Its body was as strong as a giant elephant, with thick and strong limbs. This was a humongous hideous-looking lizard with an eight-meter body and four-meter height. Its body seemed to be brimming with energy and a burst of power.

The other fey was a strange-looking lizard over one meter. Its entire body was covered with dark-green-and-brown stripes. It had a huge tail on its back like a shield protecting the front of its body. This lizard's body was only the size of a watermelon, but its tail was over ten times larger than its body.

Lin Yuan used True Data to check these two feys' data.

First fey:

[Fey Name]: Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard

[Fey Species]: Toothed Lizard/Monitor Lizard

[Fey Grade]: Gold (6/10)

[Fey Type]: Water

[Fey Quality]: Flawless

Abilities:

[Tragic Claws]: Rapidly swing claws. While it tears the target, the claws' mucus will penetrate the target, causing blood retention.

[Smooth Tooth Tear]: After biting the target, it will quickly shake its head and tear the target while rotating its body to twist off large pieces of flesh.

[Oily Mucus]: The body secretes a lot of Oily Mucus, which can effectively resist physical damage.

[Wave Stepping Strike]: Stimulate the water-element energy in the body to smash with full strength.

Exclusive Skill:

[Blood Burning Strike]: Burns all the water-element energy and blood in its body to launch a fatal attack through its tongue. It will enter a near-death state after the attack.

Second fey:

[Fey Name]: Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard

[Fey Species]: Tailed Lizard/Scaled Lizard

[Fey Grade]: Gold (8/10)

[Fey Type]: Water/Earth

[Fey Quality]: Flawless

Abilities:

[Stinky Mud]: Shoots out highly corrosive and stinky mud containing pathogenic bacteria.

[Stinky Swamp]: Creates a stinky swamp within a small area around itself. If a target steps on it, he will be dragged deeper into the swamp by the sinking force.

[Mud Evasion]: Can hide in the stinky swamp and rely on it to avoid damage.

[Corrosive Mud Downpour]: Channels the earth-element and water-element in the body to make a downpour formed by Stinky Mud.

Exclusive Skill:

[Broken Tail Regrowth]: When the Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard faces a fatal attack, it can use its tail to block the damage. It will break its tail and escape before rapidly using its body's energy to grow out a new tail.

Upon seeing these two feys' data, Lin Yuan knew that he was about to face an arduous battle. They were very outstanding in terms of abilities and exclusive skills.

One of them had returned to its ancestry line, while the other had undergone spiritual mutation. They were an excellent match with their control and burst of power.

Lin Yuan knew that if he made a mistake or was careless, he would lose this duel. But at the same time, this disadvantageous battle made him ignite his warm blood. This fervor was just like when he had resisted the insect tide outside Millstone Town.

On the dueling ground, Lin Yuan commanded Red Thorn to launch an offensive attack.

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Red Thorn spewed a huge amount of spores out of its spore cavity and formed a large sea of flowers thanks to its energy transmission.

It was not stingy with its energy for this duel. Under Lin Yuan's command, it had spread the sea of flowers as much as possible to cover the dueling ground.

The Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard was not idle either. It had used its ability, Stinky Swamp, to create a swamp nearly ten square meters. Since it was a spell-type unit, this ability allowed it to hide and avoid damage. That way, it could constantly use Stinky Mud or Corrosive Mud Downpour to attack from the back.

It lifted the mud toward Red Thorn's child ramets, but what happened next secretly surprised Chen Hongfeng.

Its highly corrosive mud caused little damage to the sea of flowers. Lin Yuan did not find this surprising, as everything was within his expectations.

Red Thorn had to devour a large amount of dimensional lifeforms' flesh daily. So far, it had devoured much flesh from Class 3 dimensional lifeforms, which were equivalent to Gold feys. This included the highly corrosive Class 3 alien insect, Acid Tapeworm. It had eaten the Acid Tapeworm with relish, without being affected at all. Therefore, its child ramets and ramets had high immunity against corrosion.

At that moment, the Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard wanted to expand the swamp into the sea of flowers. It jumped to the edge of the sea of flowers and was prepared to use its Gold ability, Corrosive Mud Downpour.

Just then, Lin Yuan immediately summoned a fey that he had never summoned in the duel, the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly. He had released its skill, Silence Scale Powder, through Morbius on his wrist in the past.

Unfortunately, Morbius' Silence Scale Powder was not as powerful as the one the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly released.

Once the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly appeared, a blue-purple glow flashed. As it flashed a few times, it disappeared into the sea of flowers. The scattered scale powder appeared as though it had created a light-purple mist. However, this magnificent mist was a complete disaster for the spiritually mutated Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard.

The adhesive Silence Scale Powder landed on its body. As a result, the Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard tried to form the Corrosive Mud Downpour but failed.

As soon as the Silence Scale Powder came in contact with it, it caused it to lose its sensing ability of the water and earth elements.

The Blue Flash Purple Butterfly, a legendary lifeform that had only existed in ancient texts, appeared for the first time in this duel before everyone's eyes. It set off a storm no less than when Black had appeared.

After the Spirit Qi Awakening, the top ten most beautiful feys would be evaluated every year. The Blue Flash Butterfly could have been in the top five based on its beauty, but due to its weak ability at high grades, it had been ranked ninth.

Now that Lin Yuan had summoned the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly, it proved that the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly did exist among the Blue Flash Butterflies. At the same time, it also confirmed the authenticity of the ancient texts.

This year, the Blue Flash Butterfly might even have the qualification to reach the top three among the ten most beautiful feys.

When Chen Hongfeng saw the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly, he fell in a daze.

At that moment, Lin Yuan controlled Red Thorn to transmit most of its energy near the Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard that the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly's Silence Scale Powder had controlled.

Soon, Red Thorn's most powerful ramets quickly spawned. The ramets' vines grabbed the Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard, which had been controlled by the Silence Scale Powder and could not sense the water and earth elements.

Chen Hongfeng had come back to his senses from his trance. Upon seeing that the vines had thorns, he felt things were bad.

The Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard was a helpless target. If it was dragged into the large sea of flowers, how could it still make it out alive?

Thus, he shouted and ordered the Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard to use its exclusive skill, Broken Tail Regrowth. After breaking its tail, it immediately became the size of a watermelon, and its tiny body scurried back into the swamp it had spawned. The swamp was slowly dispersing the Silence Scale Powder on its body.

At that moment, Lin Yuan supplied his spiritual power to the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly, which immediately released a large amount of Silence Scale Powder. This light-purple mist was like cherry blossom snow in the midsummer.

The scale powder fell with a unique halo, reflecting the swamp like a fairyland.

Lin Yuan used the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly to seal the Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard's movements.

The swamp that the Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard had created was too small, and its body had been covered with the Silence Scale Powder, so it could not create the swamp again.

Therefore, the entire stinky swamp, which was less than ten square meters, was heavily mixed with the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly's Silence Scale Powder, causing it to become a forbidden ground that isolated any elements. This forbidden ground had restricted its movements.

Red Thorn's sea of flowers had surrounded this swamp, and a large number of Elite ramets encircled it.

Although the Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard was a Gold VIII/Flawless fey, it did not have a powerful defense. If it scurried out, it would not have so many tails to break in the sea of flowers. Thus, it would be torn apart by the large sea of flowers into pieces.

Chen Hongfeng had a hideous expression at present, as he had not expected that Black would cripple his fey. It made him feel very passive. Likewise, Lin Yuan did not have it easy either.

Since Lin Yuan did not use the Spirit Qi Imprint, he had almost used up his body's spiritual power. He had supplied a large amount of spirit qi to the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly and Red Thorn's ortet, which allowed the Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard to be sealed.

Although he could solve this problem with the Spirit-Gather Goldfish's Spirit Qi Imprint, he did not plan to use it in any of the tower-climbing duels. Once he used the Spirit Qi Imprint and the spiritual power inside was released, it could only be stopped after exhausting all the spiritual power.

The Spirit Qi Imprint was one of Lin Yuan's trump cards to survive in the real world. If he had not unsealed the Spirit Qi Imprint, he would not have been able to create a sea of flowers at Millstone Town that was enough to fight against the pinnacle Class 1 insect tide.

Thus, up to now, this duel was his real tough battle.

Chen Hongfeng's remaining Gold VI/Flawless Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard was a fey that relied on brute force. Although it would enter a near-death state after using one of its exclusive skills, Blood Burning Strike, its burst of power would likely finish off Lin Yuan.

Chen Hongfeng had commanded the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard to charge toward Lin Yuan and Red Thorn's ortet.

Even though the small sea of flowers that Red Thorn had spawned could cause damage to the Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard, it could do nothing about the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard, which had returned to its ancestry line.

Lin Yuan could even vaguely sense a trace of a dragon-species fey from the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard's body. It seemed that this Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard's body vaguely had the possibility of returning to its ancestral line of a Liopleurodon.

The Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard used its Gold ability, Wave Stepping Strike, and dashed. Just as it was running, it suddenly experienced intense pain and roared in pain.

Lin Yuan's Gold I/Legend Acid Corrosion Queen Bee had been hidden in an inconspicuous child ramet. When the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard was close, the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee used Wing Stealth, allowing it to cover her tracks silently and use Two-Strike Kill on the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard's abdomen. Two long, slender abdominal stingers stung into the abdomen and injected venom into the body.

The Acid Corrosion Queen Bee's two abdominal stingers contained two kinds of acid-corrosion venom that instantly disintegrated the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard's abdomen into a bucket-sized hole. As soon as this hole appeared, many of its internal organs were affected by gravity and congested in this hole.

The Acid Corrosion Queen Bee's sudden attack had completely caught the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard off guard.

Even though the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee had gotten an advantage, it did not retreat right away. Instead, it stung the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard's weakest organs congested in the hole.

It was still not over yet, even when it had shattered the organs. It even cruelly gave birth to a Parasitic Pupa.

When the Smooth-Toothed Elephant Lizard roared in pain and swept over with its tail, the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee used Wing Stealth to dodge into the flowers.

This large sea of flowers was the best battlefield and most helpful protection for the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee.

Because of the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee's set of abilities, the spirit qi in Lin Yuan's body had almost reached rock bottom. If it wasn't for Red Thorn's thornless vine supporting Lin Yuan, he would have instantly collapsed to the ground due to the spirit qi's exhaustion that caused him to be weak.

As Lin Yuan used the last bit of spiritual power in his body to use the Spirit-Gather Goldfish's Spirit Injection, he commanded Red Thorn to use its vines to block the action of him doing so.

At that moment, Chen Hongfeng did not worry about the Smooth-Tooth Elephant Lizard's injuries. Instead, he suddenly wore a smile on his face, showing that he was determined to win, and said, "It's close enough. Black, you've been fooled!"