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Chapter 221: Source Sand Upgrading to Fantasy Breed

During the first duel for the Star Tower's promotion duels, Lin Yuan had suffered due to his insufficient spiritual power. Therefore, Lin Yuan put extra priority into the usage of spiritual power in combat.

As an all-rounded source-type lifeform, Lin Yuan would naturally be using the Source Sand frequently during combat. If spiritual power consumption could be reduced during combat when using the Source Sand, Lin Yuan felt it would be much more useful than to increase the Source Sand's attack power.

Before Lin Yuan enhanced the Source Sand, he had already tried using it. He already felt that when he was commanding the Source Sand, it felt just like a part of his body, and it was very smooth. Therefore, what would it be like if he chose the exclusive skill, Sand Control?

Finally, Lin Yuan hesitated for a moment before he made his decision to choose Sand Control. Putting aside the ability to control, just the reduction of spiritual power consumption was enough for Lin Yuan to pick the exclusive skill, Sand Control.

When Lin Yuan picked the exclusive skill, the Source Sand was now considered a Bronze source-type lifeform. At present, the Source Sand was no longer a blank slate. It might not have any abilities still, but it had its first exclusive skill.

Lin Yuan didn't rush to continue increasing the Source Sand's quality to Legend and upgrade it into a Fantasy Breed. Instead, he checked on the newly obtained exclusive skill, Sand Control, first.

After evolving into the Bronze grade, the Source Sand looked like a crystal button with distinct grains. The grains looked just like the patterns on the gravel.

Each gravel had entirely different patterns, and just by looking at this source-type lifeform, the Source Sand's distinct gravel patterns looked as though they contained all possible grain patterns that existed.

When a person looked at the Source Sand for a long time, they would feel as though they were looking at the desolate desert.

Lin Yuan commanded the Bronze Source Sand. This time, the Source Sand turned into gravels that were close to 100 catties in weight.

Lin Yuan could feel that if he allowed the highly concentrated Source Sand's gravel to dig into the ground, it wouldn't take long to produce a huge batch of fresh sand.

As Lin Yuan commanded the Source Sand to form various shapes again, he realized that it was much easier than before. Lin Yuan was using some physical movements to control the gravels previously, but now, as soon as Lin Yuan had a thought in his mind, the gravels would start to move according to his subconscious thoughts.

After some experimentation, Lin Yuan suddenly realized that his control of the Source Sand wasn't just limited to shape. He noticed he could control the gravels' density and the mutual pressure from each of the gravels.

Lin Yuan tried controlling a bunch of yellow sand to wrap around a low-grade energy ore at the side of the spirit pool. The solid and tough low-grade energy ore was easily crushed by the yellow sand that was split off from the Source Sand.

This discovery made Lin Yuan extremely delighted. He then continued to see how strong of a pressure could be produced from the yellow sand.

In the end, Lin Yuan realized that the pressure and power were directly related with the amount of spiritual power he used. At the same time, Lin Yuan realized that when he was commanding the yellow sand to change shapes, it was basically using a negligible amount of spiritual power. Only when he tried to increase the pressure between the yellow sand to crush objects, it would use up a small amount of spiritual power.

In Lin Yuan's opinion, the exclusive skill Sand Control really helped him to save up a huge amount of spiritual power consumption. At the same time, it also increased the combat capability of the Source Sand. Furthermore, the sand's increase of pressure and density was invisible to the eye and made it unexpected.

Wherever the yellow sand could reach, it would be Lin Yuan's fangs.

Lin Yuan was amazed as he looked at this amber-colored crystal button, which was more exquisite than any artwork.

The source-type Source Sand might not have any abilities, but just this single exclusive skill was enough for it to be evenly matched with other source-type lifeforms. If a serious comparison was made, the Source Sand would be superior.

For the next five days, Lin Yuan entered another state that was like seclusion. Apart from having meals with Wen Yu and Liu Jie and ensuring he had five hours of sleep, Lin Yuan would spend the rest of the time enhancing the Source Sand.

After five days of diligent work and not paying attention to anything else, the Source Sand was finally enhanced from Bronze X/Epic to Bronze X/Legend. The moment the Source Sand was upgraded from Epic to Legend, grains of gravel started to rise up into mid-air. The two Willpower Runes that were concealed inside the Source Sand started to glow.

At that moment, the two willpower runes were really fusing together with the Source Sand. It was the Yin-Yang Willpower Rune that Lin Yuan had comprehended when looking at the rise of the sun and moon and the Myriad Willpower Rune that he had comprehended when observing the changing mountains on the Dragon-Phoenix Landscape Carp's body.

The crystal button-shaped Source Sand was shining brightly with amber light.

Lin Yuan had a feeling that he was looking at a mysterious painting that existed in the desolate land. The beautiful scenery was constantly changing over countless rotations of sun and moon. At the final rotation of the sun and moon, the beautiful mountains turned into barren ruins.

There was a breeze that blew the yellow sand into the sky. From the two types of changes, be it the rotation of sun and moon, or the flowing of the mountain river, they all ended up as gravels. The gravels were then all gathered into a small artwork of an amber-colored crystal button that was extremely exquisite.

When all of the radiance gathered into the crystal button-shaped Source Sand, the yellow sand enveloped the Source Sand. When the Source Sand was revealed again, Lin Yuan realized that the crystal button was already significantly different.

The crystal button had reverted to the form when Lin Yuan just contracted it. It was simple and unadorned and very unassuming.

However, after careful observations, Lin Yuan realized that the simple-looking crystal button actually contained a world of yellow sand inside.

Lin Yuan had heard of the term 'complexity into simplicity'. It was something that Lin Yuan had never really understood. Lin Yuan had witnessed the process of how the Source Sand evolved from its initial state to become exquisite. Thus, when it finally upgraded into a Fantasy Breed and turned back into its original state again, it allowed him to understand the meaning of complexity into simplicity.

In fact, it was the same for a person. No matter how wealthy a person was, they were still mortals, but an ordinary person must not remain mediocre.

Lin Yuan held onto this crystal button-shaped Source Sand, which didn't forget its origin. He then used True Data to check on the Source Sand, which was already Bronze X/Fantasy I. After seeing the two exclusive skills comprehended when being a Fantasy Breed, Lin Yuan couldn't help raising his brows.

Because the two exclusive skills that the Source Sand comprehended were related to changes. However, the two types of changes were entirely different.

Chapter 222: Fantasy Breed's Two Exclusive Skills

At present, the Bronze X/Fantasy I Source Sand possessed three exclusive skills. Apart from the first exclusive skill, Sand Control, the other two exclusive skills were Metal Consume Manifestation and Gravel Spirit Acceptance.

Metal Consume Manifestation and Gravel Spirit Acceptance were the two exclusive skills that the Source Sand obtained when upgrading into a Fantasy Breed. Lin Yuan felt that these exclusive skills were indeed worthy for the Willpower Runes they inherited. Be it Metal Consume Manifestation or Gravel Spirit Acceptance, both of them had extreme characteristics in transformation.

When looking at the exclusive skill, Metal Consume Manifestation, Lin Yuan's eyes immediately lit up. It allowed the Source Sand to consume a type of metal and possess a part of the metal's characteristics.

In fact, during combat, the Source Sand could quickly condense the same type of metal it had consumed and form into a specific shape for offense, defense, or control. The amount of the metal the Source Sand could consume would be determined by the Source Sand's grade.

This exclusive skill allowed the Source Sand's combat style to immediately change qualitatively. The Source Sand was actually just a pile of yellow sand, and even if its attack power was strong, it was still limited.

However, the exclusive skill Metal Consume Manifestation made it no different than concealing a sharp sword within the sea of gravel, which could be brandished at any moment.

After some considerations, Lin Yuan decided that the Source Sand would use the Metal Consume Manifestation to consume the Bronze ferromanganese, a metallic spiritual ingredient, which was refined from manganese ore.

The metal that was consumed using the Metal Consume Manifestation was able to change after a certain metal type was specified. On the contrary, the metal consumed by the Source Sand could be replaced at any moment with Lin Yuan's command.

The Source Sand was only Bronze X/Fantasy I now, so the Bronze ferromanganese was definitely the most suitable for the Source Sand at this moment.

Ferromanganese's characteristics were very simple—toughness and sharpness. The ferromanganese's surface wasn't smooth, and there were plenty of jagged edges. If the jagged surface was to rub against the enemy's skin, it would be able to deal serious damage and act just like a sharp file. If the jagged edges stabbed into the enemy's skin, it would simply be a sharp object to release blood.

The Source Sand could turn itself into gravels, but they were simply produced from the soil and rocks on the ground. The Bronze X/Fantasy I Source Sand still wasn't competent enough to use highly-concentrated sand to dig deep into the ground to smash up the hard rocks during the battle and produce large amounts of tough gravel.

But if the ferromanganese was chosen for the Source Sand's Metal Consume Manifestation, it would immediately enhance the gravel's toughness and also the ability to produce more gravel. Moreover, it would allow the Source Sand's gravel to have a sharp surface.

As a Bronze spiritual ingredient, the ferromanganese could be bought in the Rare Lifeform Pavilion from an auction. Therefore, Lin Yuan immediately purchased a huge supply of ferromanganese from the Star Web's Rare Lifeform Pavilion. At the same time, he ordered another huge supply of low-grade energy ores from Zhou Jiabin.

This time, Lin Yuan purchased way more low-grade energy ores and stored them in several Silver Fey storage boxes. He then put them in the Spirit Lock spatial zone. They should last for a very long period.

Lin Yuan then took out the ferromanganese. The pieces of ferromanganese were dark blue in color and had a metallic luster that manganese ores didn't have. The quality of the ferromanganese was also much tougher.

Lin Yuan immediately allowed the Source Sand to consume the ferromanganese that he had just obtained. While the Source Sand was consuming the ferromanganese, Lin Yuan was constantly observing the changes that were happening to the Source Sand. He realized that the Source Sand didn't have any obvious transformation. However, the Source Sand's toughness was constantly increasing.

Moreover, when Lin Yuan clenched a pile of sand, he could already feel that the sand felt like sharp spikes and was rather painful to the touch. He knew that the ferromanganese's metal characteristics had been transferred to the Source Sand.

Lin Yuan had purchased a huge bulk of ferromanganese, but he had still underestimated the Source Sand's Metal Consume Manifestation and the amount of ferromanganese it could consume. Lin Yuan had purchased close to 8,000 catties of ferromanganese, but there were less than 300 catties left now.

After the Source Sand consumed the ferromanganese with Metal Consume Manifestation, Lin Yuan made a careful consideration of the ferromanganese shapes he wanted during combat. The form and shape of the ferromanganese wasn't something that Lin Yuan could directly change during combat. Due to the ferromanganese's toughness, if Lin Yuan wanted to change the forms during combat, the Source Sand would have to refine the ferromanganese and turn them into the weapon of choice. It was unknown how much spiritual power Lin Yuan would need to supply.

Thus, Lin Yuan had to condense the forms and shapes of the weapons he required from the ferromanganese and allow the Source Sand to memorize it. By then, Lin Yuan only had to give the command in combat, and the Source Sand would be able to produce the weapon shape that it had already memorized.

Because the Source Sand could only memorize one weapon form, Lin Yuan had to be cautious.

There were all sorts of weapon forms. A shield could be used for defense, while a sharp sword could be used for damage. A chain or whip would be used for control.

Be it the shield, sword, chain, or whip, their effects were too simple, but Lin Yuan was a quick-witted person and quickly thought of a solution. The solution was a chain blade.

The chain blade incorporated the advantages of a sword and chain, combining attack and control. Simultaneously, Lin Yuan made the body of the blade wider, allowing it to be used as a shield.

Lin Yuan's design wouldn't reduce the combat capabilities of the weapon formed by the Source Sand's Metal Consume Manifestation. On the contrary, the ferromanganese's irregular surface allowed the body of the chain blade to become a huge file.

Once the chain blade wrapped around the target, the blade didn't have to slash; it only had to rub against the target to rip apart a layer of flesh. Simultaneously, if multiple chain blades were used, the thick body's intersection would create a giant metal prison. The target would be trapped, and once the target was controlled, the Source Sand could bury the target deep into the ground along with the metal prison. The Source Sand could then use pressure and density to suffocate the target to death underground.

After making the decision, Lin Yuan transmitted the unique chain blade's design in his mind to the Source Sand. Subsequently, the Source Sand reverted to its crystal button state.

In order to form the chain blade with Metal Consume Manifestation, the Source Sand would need to go through a memorization process. It would then be able to produce high-purity ferromanganese from the yellow sand as soon as Lin Yuan commanded and turned it into the chain blade.

Chapter 223: Second Celestial Stairway Promotion Duel

Lin Yuan had previously wanted to let the Source Sand consume a high-grade metal. Even if the Source Sand could only consume a small amount of high-grade metal, its burst damage output would be great.

However, after some considerations, Lin Yuan gave up on that. Be it the Silver/Fantasy Chimey or the Gold/Legend Acid Corrosion Queen Bee, they had terrifying singular burst strength.

Lin Yuan didn't need the Source Sand to produce extremely powerful burst damage by itself. On the contrary, now that the Source Sand consumed the ferromanganese, it gave Lin Yuan immense overall strength.

When looking at the Source Sand's second exclusive skill, Lin Yuan was already overwhelmingly satisfied. However, when Lin Yuan saw the third exclusive skill, he felt that the Source Sand was truly damn-straightforward in terms of what it comprehended from the two Willpower Runes.

Of the two types of transformation, one was related to life while the other wasn't.

The third exclusive skill, Gravel Spirit Acceptance, allowed the Source Sand to consume a type of fey or dimensional lifeform. The kind of fey and dimensional lifeform that Source Sand could consume would be determined by the energy and genetic model's complexity.

This made Lin Yuan carefully consider whether he wanted to let the Source Sand consume more types of feys and form a small army within the sand or consume just a single type of fey, allowing that single unit to reach the Gravel Spirit Acceptance skill's limits.

Ultimately, Lin Yuan gave up on the first idea.

After some experimentation, Lin Yuan realized that if he allowed the Gravel Spirit Acceptance skill to consume Class 1 dimensional lifeforms, due to the different genetic models, the Source Sand could only contain around 10 to 25 feys or lifeforms.

If the Source Sand contained so many Class 1 dimensional lifeforms, its strength would be equivalent to a similar number of Bronze feys. Having such overall strength wasn't really useful for Lin Yuan. It was actually inferior to the sea of flowers that Red Thorn could produce.

Lin Yuan realized that if the Source Sand consumed the Class 2 Horn Demon from the Abyss Dimensional Rift, it just so happened to be the Gravel Spirit Acceptance skill's limit.

Furthermore, this Class 2 Horn Demon was an all-rounded unit and had the strength of a Silver X fey. Although it was still rather meaningless, Lin Yuan wasn't reluctant to give up on the Class 2 Horn Demon.

Lin Yuan's leaf-shaped fey storage box had all sorts of dimensional lifeform corpses. Just as Lin Yuan was looking through them, he suddenly noticed a dimensional lifeform that he had personally slain. It was the Class 3 alien insect, Heart-Penetrating Ironline.

The Gravel Spirit Acceptance skill's limit was determined by that fey's or lifeform's energy and genetic model's complexity. If there was a dimensional lifeform with the simplest genetic model, it would definitely be the Heart-Penetrating Ironline.

The Heart-Penetrating Ironline may have a simple genetic model, but it was a Class 3 alien insect that its mere mention would strike people with fear. Apart from its extreme ability to conceal itself, it also had terrifying penetrative power.

If Lin Yuan made the Source Sand turn into a sea of sand, it would be enough for the Heart-Penetrating Ironline to hide as it pleased. Every patch of yellow was the optimal hiding place, and it would allow the Heart-Penetrating Ironline to easily launch sneak attacks, just like an invisible assassin.

However, in Lin Yuan's mind, the Heart-Penetrating Ironline's best attack method was to wait for the target to sink into the sea of sand first. Once the target was struggling to get out of the sea of sand, the Heart-Penetrating Ironline could find an opportunity to penetrate the heart and complete the kill.

If the chain blade formed a prison and buried the target underground, the Heart-Penetrating Ironline could simply supplement with a fatal attack.

It was truly a hidden and invisible assassin that could take lives without any sound in the sea of sand.

Lin Yuan took the Heart-Penetrating Ironline out of the leaf-shaped fey storage box, which was equivalent to a Gold I/Normal fey. He then commanded the Source Sand to use its exclusive skill, Gravel Spirit Acceptance.

Lin Yuan discovered that this Heart-Penetrating Ironline, which was equivalent to a Gold I/Normal fey, actually didn't reach the Gravel Spirit Acceptance skill's limit. Through some experimentation, Lin Yuan found out that the Bronze X/Fantasy I Source Sand could accept a Heart-Penetrating Ironline with its Gravel Spirit Acceptance skill that was equivalent to Gold III/Elite.

Lin Yuan couldn't help lamenting at the Class 3 Heart-Penetrating Ironline genetic model as it was too simple. However, it was truly useful for the Gravel Spirit Acceptance skill.

Even after the Gravel Spirit Acceptance skill consumed the Heart-Penetrating Ironline, the latter could be replaced. But now, the Source Sand was already in a hibernation state. It was memorizing the chain blade form for the Metal Consume Manifestation skill, as well as the Heart-Penetrating Ironline, which had the strength of a Gold III/Elite fey now, for the Gravel Spirit Acceptance skill.

As the Source Sand had to conduct a rearrangement to form the Heart-Penetrating Ironline, it would need to be in deep hibernation for a few hours.

At that moment, the Source Sand finally revealed its true strength when at its prime.

[Fey Name]: Source Sand (Amber Button)

[Fey Species]: Elemental/Sand

[Fey Grade]: Bronze (10/10)

[Fey Type]: Source

[Fey Quality]: Fantasy I

Exclusive Skill:

[Sand Control]: Increase the contractor's control toward the Source Sand and also reduce the spiritual power consumption when controlling the Source Sand.

[Metal Consume Manifestation]: Consume a type of metal into the Source Sand and allow the Source Sand to possess characteristics of the metal that was consumed. At the same time, the Source Sand can rapidly condense the metal within the gravel, forming a specified form. (Ferromanganese/Chain Blade).

[Gravel Spirit Acceptance]: The Source Sand could consume a type of fey or dimensional lifeform. The consumption would be determined by the lifeform's energy and genetic model complexity. (Class 3 Alien Insect, Heart-Penetrating Ironline).

Without Morbius' Spirit Qi Condensation to condense the spirit qi crystals, Lin Yuan would probably have to go into another month of seclusion to enhance the Source Sand from Bronze X/Fantasy I to Silver I/Fantasy I.

Thanks to the Spirit Qi Condensation, Lin Yuan didn't have to waste an entire month now.

At present, Lin Yuan's precious time would be used to increase his strength. The most important thing for Lin Yuan was to increase his combat skills and spirit qi professional rank. He would then be able to make it into the Radiance Hundred Sequence.

A single spirit qi crystal condensed by Morbius' Spirit Qi Condensation was enough for the Source Sand to upgrade from Bronze X to Silver I.

There were still two more days before the first spirit qi crystal would be formed.

After exiting his Spirit Lock spatial zone, Lin Yuan took a thorough shower and exited his room to have a sumptuous dinner with Wen Yu and Liu Jie. When the trio finished dinner, they had a casual conversation and started playing a rather popular game in the Radiance Federation—Fey Battle Chess.

During the time when Lin Yuan had been in seclusion, Wen Yu and Liu Jie had also been desperately increasing their strength.

Wen Yu was increasing her Creation Master capability, hoping she could be of better help to Lin Yuan.

After allowing the Insect Queen to consume and embedding the Hurricane Owlet Moth's genetic model, Liu Jie's Insect Queen acquired its Platinum ability. During the past five days, Liu Jie had been training with Bai Hao on the Star Web in order to perfect his ability combination and tactics.

Liu Jie wasn't like other spirit qi professionals that only had to control a few feys. He was just like a commander and had to command five different species of insects, forming an insect army. Therefore, his tactics and strategies had to be very elaborate.

Liu Jie also hoped that by becoming stronger, he could better protect Lin Yuan.

It was already deep into the night. During the past few days of seclusion, Lin Yuan had maintained a tensed-up state when enhancing the Source Sand. Thus, he really required a good sleep to recover his energy.

However, Lin Yuan wasn't in a hurry to rest, and he logged into the Star Web instead. He was preparing to fight the second Celestial Stairway's promotion duel.

Chapter 224: You Are Black?

When Lin Yuan logged into the Star Web as Black, he suddenly recalled that eight days had already passed since he had used that large batch of jade-textured red sandalwood to make the fish tank. According to the previous agreement, the Class 4 Spirit Craftsman would be delivering the fish tank to the address that Lin Yuan had stated previously.

The spirit pool within Lin Yuan's Spirit Lock spatial zone was close to 20 square meters in size, and it wasn't considered gigantic. The three Dragon-Phoenix Landscape Carps had a body length of one meter and tail fins that were also around one meter. When they were put in the spirit pool, they had already affected the large batch of Elite Five Fortune Ranchus that were evolving toward Bronze.

As for Blackie, which was rather lively and energetic, it would always go looking for trouble with the three Dragon-Phoenix Landscape Carps whenever it had nothing to do. It caused many commotions within the spirit pool.

The territorial desire of feys that had awakened dragon-species bloodline had always been aggressive. Had it not been for the Dragon-Phoenix Landscape Carps' peaceful nature that made them naturally friendly with other feys, as well as that Blackie knew Lin Yuan had placed the three Bronze X/Epic Dragon-Phoenix Landscape Carps there, Blackie would have already attacked them.

However, Blackie might not be a match for the three Bronze X/Epic Dragon-Phoenix Landscape Carps. After all, their physical sizes were significantly different. Furthermore, Blackie was a Spirit-Gather Goldfish, a support-type fey, and didn't have much combat capabilities. Nonetheless, the territorial instinct was a kind of pride that was engraved in a dragon-species fey's bones. It was something they would use their life to protect.

During this period, Lin Yuan had constantly been pacifying Blackie. But after the red sandalwood fish tank was delivered, the three Dragon-Phoenix Landscape Carps would be able to leave the spirit pool and would be nurtured in the fish tank that was going to be used as background decoration for the mansion.

By then, the Dragon-Phoenix Landscape Carps would be used as superior auspicious figures, and the exclusive skills they comprehended, Place of Life, would also be able to prevent the plants in this mansion from withering and prevent the water from freezing. It would allow all living things in the mansion to live in the most comfortable environment and would keep away diseases.

Lin Yuan was now at the Star Tower, and just as he was preparing to participate in the second promotion duel for the Celestial Stairway, he noticed he had over a dozen unread messages in his personal notification box.

Previously, Lin Yuan had set Black's notification settings to reject all messages, so he wouldn't receive any messages from strangers. Black's friend list only contained Tian Ningning. Therefore, it meant that all these messages were sent by Tian Ningning alone.

It was at this moment Lin Yuan finally recalled the Star Web reporter, Tian Ningning, who had been trying to contact him. Lin Yuan hadn't actually forgotten Tian Ningning, but during the past five days of seclusion, he hadn't had any extra time to think about anything else.

Lin Yuan was originally planning to look for Tian Ningning after finishing his second promotion duel. But seeing that Tian Ningning had already sent him so many messages, Lin Yuan opened up the notification box and checked the messages.

In the beginning, Tian Ningning had sent an article of his duel record. Afterward, Tian Ningning would send a message to ask whether Lin Yuan was around or whether he had any opinions on the article.

From Tian Ningning's attitude, Lin Yuan could feel that she truly wanted to become his exclusive reporter. He then opened the duel record article and read it carefully.

The duel record article wasn't considered long, but Lin Yuan read it for a few minutes. When comparing Tian Ningning's duel record article with other Star Web reporters' articles that added in plenty of finishing touches, her article was much duller. Nevertheless, her article was more impartial and also realistic.

Tian Ningning managed to stand in Black's shoes and stated the facts of the entire duel. Furthermore, several points of Tian Ningning's analysis of the duel amazed Lin Yuan. Everything that Lin Yuan had comprehended and learned during the duel, Tian Ningning had also been able to point them all out.

It was obvious Tian Ningning had her own understanding toward the duels between spirit qi professionals. She reported accurately on all the facts in the duel without missing out on any details.

The pursuit of facts was a reporting style that Lin Yuan truly appreciated, so he immediately sent a reply.

Black: "Your duel record article is rather good. If you can still use such a factual approach to write about my news and report on duel records, then you can become my exclusive reporter. I hope that we can have a good collaboration."

When Tian Ningning had been writing the report on the duel record, she had been very apprehensive. That was especially so when she had sent the article to Black—the apprehensive feeling had become worse. As she had not received any reply from Black, she had been in an extremely disappointed mood for the past few days.

This was a chance that Tian Ningning had pleaded for, so she couldn't help blaming herself a little. She had been thinking about why she had insisted on using such a factual method to report on this duel, wasting the chance that she had painstakingly acquired.

However, she also had a feeling of relief because her factual report on the duel was considered a justification for herself. Back when Tian Ningning used such a factual and realistic style to report on this duel, she was consoling herself mentally.

As a Star Web special columnist, Tian Ningning always had her own insistence. When imaging how Black had persevered outside Millstone Town to repel the insect tide invasion, the image of a young hero trying to resolve a crisis had appeared in Tian Ningning's mind. She couldn't bear to taint the feats of the young with pretentious writing.

But even if Tian Ningning was thinking like this, she still couldn't keep calm. She was constantly thinking why Black hadn't replied. In fact, Tian Ningning would log into the Star Web repeatedly daily to check Black's ranking on the consecutive victory rankings to see if there were any changes.

During the past few days, Tian Ningning hadn't done anything else and would be immersed in the Star Web. These five days had caused Tian Ningning to look much more haggard than before.

All of a sudden, Tian Ningning realized that the missing Black had actually replied to her message. When Tian Ningning saw the notification, she rubbed her eyes as she was afraid that she had seen it wrongly. This was the message that she had been expecting all this while, but when Black actually replied to her, she truly didn't have the courage to open the message.

Tian Ningning was afraid to see Black's rejection.

When Tian Ningning mustered her courage to open Black's message, her nose went sore, and her eyes turned moist.

"Black agreed to let me be his exclusive reporter!"

This thought was resonating in Tian Ningning's mind. She was truly grateful and excited to become Black's exclusive reporter, but what touched Tian Ningning was how Black approved of her factual writing style on the duel record.

That image of the silver-masked shining youth in black clothes and with determined eyes was now more realistic and vivid.

After reading Black's reply for a long period, Tian Ningning finally shuddered as she replied.

Tian Ningning: "Thank you."

At this moment, Lin Yuan was already waiting to be matched with an opponent for his second promotion duel. As soon as he chose to be matched, he was immediately paired with an opponent.

The promotion duels for the Celestial Stairway were just like a drainage divide. The Star Tower duelists were sorted into the upper and lower brackets. The Celestial Stairway's promotion duels' difficulty would be determined by the number of duelists stuck in the promotion duels.

Even for those duelists who were barely able to promote to the Celestial Stairway with luck, due to the Star Tower rule, they would need to go through a duel after a certain period.

Because of this rule, most of the people who were barely competent to be in the Celestial Stairway would fall off from the Celestial Stairway again.

Back when Lin Yuan had been climbing the tower, most of the duelists that he had been matched with were male duelists. This was actually the first time he was matched with a female spirit qi professional.

The female spirit qi professional standing opposite of Lin Yuan was actually preparing to say something to the air. When she noticed Lin Yuan, she was stunned. After carefully checking Lin Yuan's duel record, the female spirit qi professional gnashed her teeth and said, "You are Black? Tell me if you know the fan club leader, that dogshit, named Ancestor Peace!"

Chapter 225: He Called You Auntie Because He Is Rather Young

As the female spirit qi professional was speaking while gnashing her teeth, she suddenly waved her hand and summoned a raven that was extremely ugly and strange looking. All of its feathers were grayish-white, but the beak was long and delicate.

The moment the raven appeared, it immediately spat out a milk-like mist that was very turbid. The mist spread out and immediately enveloped the woman. It didn't allow Lin Yuan to see any trace of movements between the white mist.

Lin Yuan summoned Chimey and Red Thorn in response. Under Lin Yuan's command, Red Thorn didn't produce a huge sea of flowers this time. Instead, Red Thorn produced a small patch of flowers that surrounded five meters around Lin Yuan.

For this five-meter range of flowers, Lin Yuan didn't provide any spiritual power to Red Thorn to help it enhance the child ramets. Red Thorn was merely using its own energy to upgrade seven to eight ramets to the Elite X.

At that moment, Lin Yuan was carefully looking at the information on the female spirit qi professional he was matched with. After seeing her duel records, Lin Yuan immediately knew that this female spirit qi professional was purposely getting stuck in the promotion duels and didn't promote to the Celestial Stairway.

After climbing to the Celestial Stairway from the Star Tower, the records would be separated into three parts. The first was the first 100 floors of the Star Tower. The second would be the Celestial Stairway promotion duels, while the Celestial Stairway's duels would take one of the parts.

Name: Poison Beauty

Spirit Qi Occupation: Support-Type Professional

(Star Tower) Duels: 542, Wins: 321, Losses: 221, Highest Floor: 100

(Celestial Stairway Promotion Duel) Duels: 988, Wins: 698, Losses: 290

(Celestial Stairway) Duels: 14, Wins: 7, Losses: 7, Consecutive Wins: 7, Highest Floor: 7

The female duelist called Poison Beauty had the highest record of Celestial 7-star. Furthermore, she merely had a total of 14 duels on the Celestial Stairway. However, she had seven consecutive wins. It meant to say that Poison Beauty had started from Celestial 1-star and won seven consecutive times, reaching Celestial 7-star.

She had then lost seven consecutive duels, falling from Celestial 7-star to the Celestial Stairway promotion duels. She then continued to fight in the promotion duels and already had more than 1,000 duels.

In addition, Lin Yuan saw this Poison Beauty actually talking to mid-air when he entered. It was obvious that Poison Beauty was also a streamer, and it was easy to understand why Poison Beauty had been stuck in the promotion duels. It was probably a streaming effect for Star Tower duels.

For opponents on the Celestial Stairway promotion duels, they were probably easy to crush for Poison Beauty because of her strength. Since she was able to control all of the factors during the duel, it was easier for her to entertain the viewers, and there wouldn't be that many surprises.

There were two types of streamers on the Star Tower. One would constantly be pushing upward and challenging their limits. Those streamers would normally strive for ranks in the Celestial Stairway and hoped they would become Hall of Fame duelists.

The other type of streamers were like Poison Beauty, who would rather be stuck in promotion duels for the streaming effect, becoming a reliable goalkeeper for the promotion duels.

This was also why the Celestial Stairway promotion duels were that difficult to pass through. It was because of streamers like Poison Beauty, whose strength was already far beyond promotion duels.

When Poison Beauty saw Black summoning his feys and putting up a defense, she immediately revealed a bullied expression and said, "Black, the Star Web says you are a silent, aloof, brutal person that doesn't bother about others. However, your No.1 fan bullied me, and you must do something."

Poison Beauty was putting on a stance as though she didn't want to fight and just wanted to talk. In fact, she was already sitting on the floor.

When Lin Yuan heard Poison Beauty's statement, the face behind the mask nearly burst out. It was true that he didn't talk much when in duels, but he was here to polish his combat skills, coordination between feys and to increase his strength. Moreover, the Star Tower wasn't a place where you could talk your way to victory.

There were times when words could be used physiologically to mess up the opponent's mentality, and it was something Lin Yuan knew how to use too. However, such a combat style conflicted with what Lin Yuan wanted, which was to rely on his combat capabilities. As such, Lin Yuan had never used words in duels.

Lin Yuan could understand if he was silent and didn't bother about others. However, what was this description of being aloof and brutal? Lin Yuan was truly confused.

As for his forum and fan club, Lin Yuan had some impressions. Previously when Lin Yuan had logged in as a Creation Master and checked on Purchase With No Loss store's fan club, he had noticed the braised egghead and Zhou Jiabin mentioning it before. Nonetheless, Lin Yuan had never really minded.

As for Black's No.1 fan, Ancestor Peace, Lin Yuan didn't know anything at all.

At this moment, Poison Beauty's streaming room was bursting up. She was a veteran Star Tower Duel streamer, and she had already severed the dreams of countless people who wanted to reach the Celestial Stairway. She had sent back people to the 99th floor of the Star Tower for them to restart again.

Most of Poison Beauty's fans were loyal viewers, and even though many of them recognized Black, their topics still revolved around Poison Beauty.

Sunny Day: "Oh my, Little Poison actually encountered Black! I don't know if Black can win this time!"

Loss of Youth: "Any of you knows about the dispute between Poison Beauty and Ancestor Peace? I am in Poison Beauty's streaming room all the time, but why didn't I know of this piece of news?"

Responsible Citizen: "It seems like Poison Beauty said on Black's forum that Black doesn't look formidable and only had high-quality feys that are rather outstanding. In the end, she was given a heavy fist from Ancestor Peace."

Stranger Face: "I wish to know how Poison Beauty received the heavy fist! I am curious! I wish to give Poison Beauty a heavy fist too, but I don't dare, and I am afraid of getting banned from talking."

Deep Sea Divine Lord: "I heard that Ancestor Peace only called Poison Beauty 'Auntie', and she has not forgotten it until now."

Wind of Sleep: "Why didn't he call her Auntie Poison?"

Tsundere's Meow: "The one above is truly a warrior! Those that call Poison Beauty, Little Poison will receive love from Poison Beauty. Those that call her Big Sister Poison have all been banned, right? It is obvious how much importance Poison Beauty pays to her age."

Love Isn't Here Yet: "Is there someone who didn't follow Poison Beauty and started to tease her again?"

Just as Lin Yuan was thinking about how to reply to Poison Beauty's question, he suddenly revealed a smile behind his mask. It seemed like this Poison Beauty wasn't really acting like what she was talking like.

Poison Beauty actually had a total of four contracted feys. Excluding the raven that was spitting mist, Poison Beauty had already summoned the three other feys within the mist quietly. Had it not been for Genius that had transformed into a mask, Lin Yuan wouldn't have been able to see through this effect.

He wouldn't have been able to detect that Poison Beauty had already summoned the three other feys and was already setting up her formation.

Poison Beauty was a support-type spirit qi professional, and for support-type spirit qi professionals, preparation time was very important.

When Poison Beauty was summoning her three feys in the mist, the amber button on Lin Yuan's sleeve already fell into the flowers and vanished without a trace.

At that moment, the Source Sand had already gone deep into the soil underneath Lin Yuan and was creating a large amount of sand. Lin Yuan didn't provide the Source Sand with any spiritual power and was only using the Source Sand's fundamental ability to create sand.

Everything looked calm. While Poison Beauty was constantly talking, Black was standing there peacefully.

In fact, for Lin Yuan's Source Sand to exhibit the greatest strength, it too required time to expand its large-scale sand formation.

When Poison Beauty saw that Black didn't reply to her, she stood up and stomped her feet. "Tell me, why did your No.1 fan call me Auntie? Don't you know that age is very important for a young beauty?"

Lin Yuan was already prepared to fight with Poison Beauty mentally. He didn't really pay attention to what Poison Beauty said and subconsciously replied, "You look to be around 30, right? You already have

some wrinkles on your neck and eye corners. Perhaps Ancestor Peace is calling you 'Auntie' because he is rather young. He might only be six years old."

Chapter 226: Dumbstruck Liu Jie

Just as Lin Yuan was dueling on Star Web with Poison Beauty as Black, due to Black's legendary achievements and high popularity, while the viewers in Poison Beauty's live-streaming room were fangirling her, they also did so for Black. Therefore, their duel between them spread.

At that moment, many viewers frantically entered her live-streaming room, causing it to become lively.

Cold Wind: "I'm here to cheer on my dream guy! What is Auntie Poison Beauty constantly blabbering about? Just fight if you want to!"

Wandering Soul: "Poison Beauty is showing her skills more. It's simply a piece of art. If she didn't do this every time she's matched with an opponent, I nearly would have believed it!"

I Have a Story So Prepare Your Wine: "Black has almost angered Auntie Du to death. He's really a man who fails to understand women. He really doesn't know how to speak."

What Do You Want From Me: "Poison Beauty is a support-type spirit qi professional. After the mist, she should have pulled apart the formation. I'm really anxious for Black. I wonder if he knows."

Are You Stupid: "The commenter in front must be Old Lady Du's viewer. You even understand the setup so clearly."

At that moment, Long Tao was supposed to be leading the Dragon Gate Guild Club's main players and reserve team members to the guidance battle. When he heard the people say that Black had gone for the second matchup in the Celestial Stairway promotion duel, he immediately ended the guidance battle and dragged them to the viewing room to watch it.

Long Tao had not been able to get in touch with Black. Although he knew that there were members of the Extreme Guild Club S Tournament reserve team who knew Black, everyone was preparing for the tournament at this stage.

As an A-level Dragon Gate Guild Club main team's captain, he would not rashly contact the B-level guild club's S Tournament reserve team members. If people disseminated this news, it would probably cause a big storm in the Tournament Season.

Long Tao naturally hoped to contact Black. Whether he succeeded or not, he at least needed to talk to him face-to-face.

For Long Tao, Black's second Celestial Stairway promotion duel was akin to observing Black and allowing him to better understand Black's strength.

Besides wanting to interview Black, Long Tao also felt Black had a familiar aura as if he had seen him somewhere before. This sense of familiarity made him be at a loss and had driven him mad.

The Dragon Gate Guild Club's members had been training like crazy during this period, and Black's name was what they had been hearing the most during this period of boring training. Therefore, they had a deep impression of Black and were very curious.

Chen Hongfeng had also lost to Black in his previous promotion duel. He still felt unresigned at his loss and thought that if he had known that Black had a Blue Flash Purple Butterfly, he would have been able to take precautions and not let it control his Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard.

Thus, Chen Hongfeng was very interested in Black's second Celestial Stairway promotion duel and wanted to see whether he had lost unjustly.

Compared to Poison Beauty's strength, Chen Hongfeng was not as powerful as her. After battling for 20 minutes, she would have exhausted him to death.

However, Chen Hongfeng felt that he was seven or eight years younger than her. Sometimes, youth was capital. He was confident that when he was at the same age as her, he could shake her off.

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After playing the Fey Battle Flag game with Liu Jie and Wen Yu, Lin Yuan had returned to his room and had not chosen to sleep. Instead, he had logged onto Star Web.

It was the same for Liu Jie, who logged onto Star Web to train with Bai Hao. He had become more and more proficient with his Insect Queen's combat system thanks to these few days of training. However, when Liu Jie looked for Bai Hao this time, Bai Hao sent a reply.

Ranger-Bai Hao: "Wait a while for me. I'm going to watch the live stream."

Upon seeing Bai Hao's reply, Liu Jie could not help but feel speechless.

Heart of Insect Swarm-Liu Jie: "It's that host Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess, who blocks her face again?"

Ranger-Bai Hao: "You're not allowed to insult her! What's wrong with blocking her face? Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess hopes we can pay more attention to her singing than her visuals, which shows that she isn't a superficial person, but a person with great inner qualities and picturesque charm!"

Liu Jie was somewhat speechless. What did he even say? He had said nothing at all! Brainless fans sure are scary!

Heart of Insect Swarm-Liu Jie: "What hosts are you watching if it's not the Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess? Hurry up and train."

Ranger-Bai Hao: "I went to watch Black's live-streaming duel. His avian fey has an exquisite voice, which makes me feel like I'm listening to the Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess singing! Since the Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess isn't live-streaming, I went to listen to Black's avian fey's voice and treat it as my yearning for the Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess."

Liu Jie felt brainless fans were not scary. A brainless fan called Bai Hao was.

Liu Jie had seen great changes before, so he was not that curious. He had heard something about the recent emergence of Black. Many people had compared Black's heroic deeds at Millstone Town with his own heroic deeds.

Liu Jie did not know what Black had done at Millstone Town, but he knew that it was hard to be a hero because when deciding to be a hero, he should already have the awareness of sacrificing for the sake of glory.

In his opinion, it was probably the same for Black at that time!

Since Bai Hao went to watch Black's live streaming, Liu Jie thought he would simply follow as well. He told Bai Hao to send him the link to Black's live-streaming room and entered it.

When the Radiance Hundred Sequence people entered Star Web's live-streaming room, there would be a special notification.

If Liu Jie were to return to the Radiance Hundred Sequence, he would have to pass a special test within the Radiance Federation this year and join the Radiance Hundred Sequence rankings.

Before the true ranking of the Radiance Hundred Sequence started, he could compete for one of the Sequence based on his strength.

This was a privilege given to Liu Jie as a hero who had been seriously injured and had retired but was now back in the Radiance Hundred Sequence.

Since he was not a Radiance Hundred Sequence member yet, there was no special notification when he entered Poison Beauty's live-streaming room.

However, it was different for Ranger Bai Hao, Radiance Hundred Sequence #87. When he entered Poison Beauty's live-streaming room, he attracted countless people's attention. The attention shifted from the topic of the duel between Poison Beauty and Black to Bai Hao.

Countless people flooded the screen to greet him and flooded the screen with 'Good evening, Lord Ranger!'. This was enough to explain the status and prestige of the Radiance Hundred Sequence in the Radiance Federation.

However, Liu Jie did not care about this at all, as he was focused on the fluttering azure blue bird above the silver-masked youth. The moment he saw this bird, he was dumbstruck. He was simply too familiar with his azure blue bird.

Chapter 227: Illusory Mist Western Jackdaw and Poison-Weaving Dark Spider

Wasn't this azure blue bird Lin Yuan's contracted Silver/Fantasy Breed fey?

Liu Jie had become very familiar with Chimey during this period. Since Chimey knew that Lin Yuan was usually close to Liu Jie, it was also rather close to Liu Jie and would occasionally eat the Usnea Liu Jie fed it.

Now that Liu Jie had seen Chimey in Black's Celestial Stairway promotion duel, Black's identity was self-explanatory.

Before Liu Jie had become Lin Yuan's retainer, he knew that Lin Yuan had his bottom line and persistence, as well as his own perception and views on things. He was also very hardworking usually.

Lin Yuan had always been an impenetrable mist to Liu Jie. At first, Liu Jie only knew that Lin Yuan was a Class 2 Creation Master. However, the more he had interacted with Lin Yuan, the more he would feel that Lin Yuan was even more mysterious when he felt that he should have already understood him.

Liu Jie unexpectedly learned about Lin Yuan's identity accidentally—the rising youth hero in the Radiance Federation, Black.

Liu Jie remembered he could always hear people comparing Black's achievements and his. He had an instinctively favorable impression about Black. Perhaps this was like a type of acknowledgment between people with the same beliefs. However, he did not expect his allegiance was both to Lin Yuan and Black.

Liu Jie recalled all his interactions with Lin Yuan. It was such a youth that had made the same choice as him in times of peril.

As Liu Jie looked at Lin Yuan and the support-type spirit qi professional Poison Beauty, he could not help but feel a little anxious.

Given Liu Jie's combat experience, at a glance, he naturally saw that Poison Beauty was stalling for time, trying to get her own support-type fey to expand the attack.

Thus, Liu Jie was a little worried about Lin Yuan at this moment, afraid that he would lose this promotion duel because he let Poison Beauty have a lot of preparation time.

Although Liu Jie knew that Lin Yuan had a Silver/Fantasy Breed, Chimey, he never knew how strong he was as a combat-class spirit qi professional.

When Poison Beauty had actually gotten up from the ground, her four contracted feys had fully drawn their stance. She was now trying to find ways to converse with Black for entertainment effects and forcibly suppress her excitement.

As a host who had always been stuck at the Celestial Stairway promotion duels, Poison Beauty could not have been unaware of the popularity caused by Chen Hongfeng's and Black's duel. This popularity had made the viewers in Chen Hongfeng's live-streaming room increase by over ten times than before.

Poison Beauty was very envious of his popularity. She had been imagining how good it would be to encounter Black in the promotion duels. In the duel between Black and Chen Hongfeng, she had carefully studied Black's combat power, and the conclusion she got made her envious of Black.

In her opinion, even though Black was rather strong, most of his true strength stemmed from his feys' extremely high quality and their species.

Poison Beauty felt that based on Black's strength with the duel with Chen Hongfeng, she could likely have an absolute victory in this duel with Black.

However, she had never expected that she would be lucky enough to meet Black when she matched with an opponent on the Celestial Stairway promotion duels for live-streaming.

Poison Beauty had a feeling that she would get ten times more viewers in her live-streaming room than before. She even thought of defeating Black with a magnificent stance. She believed that as long as she could defeat Black, she could become a top-rated Star Web duel host with absolute topicality and popularity.

When she heard Black's words, she felt furious, but she did not show it. She just stood there, looking overbearing. At a closer look, she said with a comical look, "Black, I'll magnificently end your legend of being undefeated today."

Lin Yuan felt that he really could not understand this old woman called Poison Beauty.

How could someone be so delusional? He had only won some consecutive victories on Star Tower, but how had he become an undefeated legend?

What the hell was ending it magnificently? Did she not know how ugly her contracted feys were?

At that moment, he ignored her. He used True Data with the mask Genius had transformed into to check Poison Beauty's four summoned feys.

[Fey Name]: Illusory Mist Western Jackdaw

[Fey Species]: Feathered Crow/Common Raven

[Fey Grade]: Gold (9/10)

[Fey Type]: Water/Poison

[Fey Quality]: Elite

Abilities:

[Crow Caw]: Produced violent caws that can cause the target to feel irritable and annoyed.

[Turbid Mist]: Releases thin mist that contains a large amount of water vapor with a hallucinogenic effect. Upon inhalation, it will put the target in a confused state.

[Eroding Cold Mist]: The icy mist will gradually slow down the target and speed up the rate of energy loss in the cold mist.

[Flaring Poisonous Mist]: When a healthy target absorbs it into the body, it will not cause any damage, but when the target has wounds, it will rapidly draw the target's vitality into the mist.

Exclusive Skill:

[Mist of Illusion]: Causes the mist produced to turn into illusory white, which can perfectly isolate the target's vision in the mist. The target's visibility in the mist will reach the lowest level.

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[Fey Name]: Poison-Weaving Dark Spider

[Fey Species]: Theridiidae/Stemonyphantes

[Fey Grade]: Gold (7/10)

[Fey Type]: Poison

[Fey Quality]: Flawless

Abilities:

[Spider Silk Spray]: Spray sticky spider silk at the target that will greatly adhere to the target's body surface.

[Poisonous Spider Web]: The Poison Web it spits out does not contain toxicity, but if the air contains toxicity, the spider web will quickly absorb the toxicity. At the same time, it will purify the toxicity in the air and attach it to the spider web.

[Misty Spider Web]: The unformed spider web in the spinneret can be dispersed into the air into a misty spider web. It can survive in the air for a short while.

[Web Attachment]: After the unformed misty spider web comes into contact with toxicity, it will rapidly absorb the energy from the toxicity and form a complete Poisonous Spider Web.

Exclusive Skill:

[Web Attraction]: The sticky spider silk has an innate attraction on the Poisonous Spider Web. After the Adhesive Spider Web is formed, it will automatically cover the sticky spider silk.

Upon seeing Poison Beauty's four contracted feys' True Data, Lin Yuan immediately deciphered her combat style as a support-type spirit qi professional. She was truly a spirit qi professional who had matched her feys completely for the Star Tower duel.

Her contracted feys were not only unsuitable for field battles alone, but they were also unsuitable for a team. This was because if combat-class spirit qi professionals formed a team with her before they started the combat, they would be affected by her feys and get poisoned when they stayed near them.

Besides having two Gold feys, Poison Beauty also had two Silver/Elite feys. One of them was a Silver X/Elite Carrion Parasol Mushroom that could release a large amount of fungus that accelerated the festering of wounds and toxins that caused healthy skin to fester and bleed.

These fungi and toxins would be in the air when released.

Except for the contractor Poison Beauty, other feys, including her other contracted feys, would be affected by the Carrion Parasol Mushroom's poisonous gas when they were within the range.

Chapter 228: The Twilight Starbird With the Willpower of the Sun

Fortunately, Poison Beauty had poison-type feys, so the Carrion Parasol Mushroom had less effect on them.

Her fourth fey was an earth-element Silver X/Elite Tainted Toad. It was her second Silver fey, and it could pollute a small area of land, leaving the land with strong toxicity. If a fey stepped on it, they would be poisoned instantly. Upon contact with this contaminated land, their body would fester and bleed.

In fact, this fey's land pollution was considered Poison Beauty's means of defense against land feys.

Lin Yuan had seen her talents now. She was a spirit qi professional with compatibility for support poison-type feys.

Such a talent was strong, but her choice and combat style of her contracted feys made Lin Yuan feel she was making an unconventional gambit and going down the wrong way. This was simply letting down her rare talent, as a spirit qi professional could not only be a Star Tower duelist.

The Gold IX/Elite Illusory Mist Western Jackdaw spewed out a milk-like mist that should be mixed with the three kinds of poisonous mist from the Turbid Mist, Eroding Cold Mist, and the Flaring Poisonous Mist. Coupled with its exclusive skill, Mist of Illusion, it could provide a very good control and weakening effect.

There were many kinds of control effects. The Gold IX/Elite Illusory Mist Western Jackdaw's control effect was controlling the vision through the thick mist, and its Flaring Poisonous Mist could also be used with the two Silver feys.

The Silver X/Elite Carrion Parasol Mushroom or the Silver X/Elite Tainted Toad's abilities would cause the target's body to fester and thus destroy the body surface.

With the target's body surface destroyed, the Flaring Poisonous Mist could rapidly draw vitality from the target's body into the mist.

At the same time, the Illusory Mist Western Jackdaw, Carrion Parasol Mushroom, and the Tainted Toad could work extremely well with the Gold VII/Flawless Poison-Weaving Dark Spider.

These toxins overflowed in the air and paired with the Poison-Weaving Dark Spider's Silver ability, Mist Transformation Spider Web, and Gold ability, Web Attachment.

The unformed spider webs in the Poison-Weaving Dark Spider's spinneret could absorb the poisonous mist in the air without restriction, allowing its spider webs to be distributed in any location where the poisonous mist could reach. This combination gave it a superb group control ability.

After the venom on the spider web and sharp spider silk dealt damage to the target, it would form a perfect match with the Illusory Mist Western Jackdaw's Gold ability, Flaring Poisonous Mist.

The Poison-Weaving Dark Spider's basic ability, Spider Silk Spray, and exclusive skill, Web Attraction, allowed it to turn its group control ability into a powerful single-target control.

Lin Yuan had to admit that given Poison Beauty's strength, she was indeed qualified to obtain notable achievements. After analyzing her contracted feys, he formed plans for this duel.

In this duel, Red Thorn and the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee could not play much use. Red Thorn's current grade was too low, so it could only control in the tower-climbing duel.

The Star Tower's duels were unlike the real world's dimensional rift, where there was so much flesh energy for Red Thorn to spawn the sea of flowers without holding back.

When Poison Beauty was setting up the field behind the mist, Lin Yuan could see that she should not be a C-rank spirit qi professional through the mask that Genius had transformed into. Instead, she should be a B-rank spirit qi professional. Otherwise, the field range laid by her feys would never be so large.

Thus, if Red Thorn's sea of flowers competed against Poison Beauty's feys in terms of consumption, Lin Yuan would be the one who would be killed first.

Besides, if the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee did not hide in Red Thorn's flowers, it could not achieve such a stealthy killing effect.

Moreover, there was the Gold VII/Flawless Poison-Weaving Dark Spider. Coupled with the toxins scattered in half the field, it could absorb enough energy from the toxins to generate the Poisonous Spider Web. These obstacles would impact the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee's sting greatly.

Thus, Lin Yuan only had one way out. Despite setting up an image for a long time and saying many harsh words, Poison Beauty noticed Black was still indifferent and ignoring her, which caused her to feel awkward right away.

She considered herself to be a wonderful actress, but no matter how superb her acting skills were, if her opponent did not act along with her, it was also a waste. This had instead made her look like she was doing monodrama like a drama queen.

Poison Beauty's gaze changed, and she asked, "Black, do you know you're really weak?"

Actually, when she had provoked him before, her live-streaming room had been in turmoil, as most of the people who had flocked into her live-streaming room were Black's fans.

Poison Beauty had said that Black was very weak and had been provoking him, so it naturally caused great discontentment among Black's fans.

She also knew that her provocation of Black would cause this situation, but this could really bring her a lot of popularity. As a Star Web host, Poison Beauty had been scolded a lot when she had been stuck at the Celestial Stairway promotion duels.

In her opinion, Black's popularity was also a kind of popularity. Only when she was popular could she obtain a large sum of Radiance dollars to enhance the Gold VII/Flawless Poison-Weaving Dark Spider into Epic.

Lin Yuan raised his brows when he heard Poison Beauty's words. Since she had always wanted to screw his mentality, he would play along with her. However, he believed that Poison Beauty was going to get her mentality screwed instead.

She was worried that Black would not take up the fight, but it made her feel relieved when he suddenly spoke. Nonetheless, after she heard his words, she immediately turned silent before exploding after a short period.

Black faintly said, "There shouldn't be any team willing to want you, right?"

These words were like a sharp knife stabbing into the everlasting pain in her heart. She hid in the mist and replied, "20 minutes from now is when you fall off the Star Web's streak list!"

Lin Yuan had only started to screw her mentality, but she had exploded. He still had a lot to say, but it seemed that he would not have the chance to say so.

"Don't worry. Even if I fall off the streak list, I'll still be the first unless you can win 102 duels in a row and squeeze me down."

Suddenly, he heard teeth gnashing and could not help but think, How angry is Poison Beauty to be gnashing her teeth so hard from such a distance?

Given her mentality, she still wants to play a mind war?

Poison Beauty's indignant voice came from the mist. "Black, the poison and spider web will teach you what torture means in a moment."

Lin Yuan glanced at Chimey, which was flying in the air. When his eyes behind his mask met its eyes, their gazes instantly became firm.

He said clearly, "No need for a moment. Chimey, use Clear Sky."

Chimey flapped its wings and made a clear chirp high in the sky. The chirp was so clear and pleasant that it made Bai Hao, who was in Poison Beauty's live-streaming room, feel goosebumps from listening.

After Chimey's clear chirp, it was as if a rising sun appeared in the sky. The searing sun scorched the milk-like poisonous mist and instantly evaporated it.

Chimey's Clear Sky had restrained the Illusory Mist Western Jackdaw's poisonous mist.

The Illusory Mist Western Jackdaw was a poison- and water-type fey. The mist contained a large amount of water, which was evaporated by the burning sunlight.

However, the toxins still remained in the air. They had only weakened a lot after the water element had been drawn away.

After Chimey used Clear Sky, Lin Yuan shouted at the sky, "Chimey, use Radiant Body."

At that moment, Lin Yuan had only 1/10 of spiritual power in him and gave the rest of it to Chimey to help its Radiant Body absorb sunlight and accumulate energy.

The sun had appeared in the sky because of its exclusive skill, and all that sunlight fused into Chimey's petite azure blue body.

As it absorbed the golden sunlight, all the feathers on its body instantly turned into a light golden color the moment the sunlight fused into it. This faint golden glow was as if it was more dazzling than the blazing sun.

The cloud patterns on Chimey's back produced ethereal clouds, and the stars shone brightly in the clouds.

As Chimey constantly absorbed the sunlight into its body, the stars in the cloud gathered into a glorious sun. Its body instantly ignited, just like the sun's glazed flames.

Its body size had also grown to one meter long, and it was now like a magnificent divine bird adhering to the willpower of the sun.

At that moment, Chimey flapped its golden wings and ignored any barrier as it flew straight toward Poison Beauty.

Chapter 229: Breaking All Laws With One Force

Chimey's body was burning with a glazed flame like a clear glow, just like a divine bird that had added radiance to its body. It had turned from an azure blue sparrow into its current state in just a moment.

This instant was so fast that Poison Beauty could not react in time, nor could she command any of her contracts feys.

While Poison Beauty was stunned, the Gold VII/Flawless Poison-Weaving Dark Spider instinctively used its Silver ability, Mist Transformation Spider Web, and Gold ability, Web Attachment, to produce Poisonous Spider Webs to protect itself and its contractor.

It wanted to use the Poisonous Spider Webs to stop the momentum of Chimey's impact, but the glazed flame on Chimey's body was simply too hot. Coupled with the fact that it had been releasing Scattered Light while charging over, the burning Scattered Light and the glazed flames on its body caused these Poisonous Spider Webs to be burned to ashes immediately at ten meters away from it.

The Silver X/Elite Carrion Parasol Mushroom was desperately releasing fungi and toxins into the air. But before any toxins could get close to Chimey, the glazed flame had burned them into nothing.

As a duelist who had experienced 1,000 Star Web duels, Poison Beauty had come back to her senses.

Two words flashed in her mind—Fantasy Breed!

This petite azure blue sparrow fey had not exerted its full strength in the previous Celestial Stairway promotion duel but had instead used its body to help Black block the energy beam. However, it was actually a Fantasy Breed.

Poison Beauty no longer had the mood to think so much. She relied on her deep combat consciousness and commanded the Tainted Toad by her side, "Swallow me and then quickly jump away."

The Tainted Toad's limbs were buried deep in the land beneath it, incessantly polluting the land. When it received Poison Beauty's order, it shot out its tongue and swallowed her into its stomach. She had discarded this Tainted Toad at this moment.

In this duel, she wanted to use this Tainted Toad as a meat shield to protect herself. It was a kind of lifeform very good at jumping. It could jump dozens of meters due to its hind legs' strong muscles.

Poison Beauty believed that as long as the Tainted Toad could jump away, she could still survive even if she was severely injured. However, when it was about to pull out its limbs from the polluted land and jump to the side, it found that its limbs were firmly locked in the soil and could not move at all.

There was no time for the Tainted Toad and Poison Beauty to think. The Twilight Starbird, Chimey, was burning with glazed flames as it crashed into the Tainted Toad that had swallowed Poison Beauty.

Such a collision was not bloody because when the Tainted Toad and Chimey made contact, the Tainted Toad's body also ignited with glazed flames just like the sun's clear glow.

Under this glazed flame, it was as though the dirty and ugly Tainted Toad was purified. It vanished into the air with Poison Beauty.

At this point, Lin Yuan's second Celestial Stairway promotion duel came to an end. He had now ascended the Celestial Stairway and climbed to the top of the Star Tower.

Lin Yuan looked at where Poison Beauty and the Tainted Toad had vanished and said in a clear and cold voice, "Breaking all laws with one force."

He was not saying these words in order to show off the victory he had obtained. Rather, he wanted to let Poison Beauty be inspired if she could once again watch this duel in the live-streaming room.

Not only was her fey pairing not good for a team and would not be accepted by any teammates, but as a support-type spirit qi professional, she also did not have a pillar in her lineup that could carry the battle. It was up to her to think about the fey to fill in this position as the pillar.

In a combination without a pillar, she could not make effective moves during a sudden attack and could only bear with it. This would prevent her from displaying her strength.

Poison Beauty's current flaw was the same as his flaw he had exposed during the last Celestial Stairway promotion duel.

In fact, the Gold IX/Elite Illusory Mist Western Jackdaw's mist could not effectively protect her. It was just that before this duel started, Lin Yuan had made up for his missing defensive ability from his last duel.

By the time he left the dueling ground, Poison Beauty's live-streaming room was in a buzz, with the entire screen being flooded with six words: "Breaking all laws with one force!"

This phrase perfectly explained how this heroic silver-masked young man had revered the battle with absolute power in a flash.

There were occasionally one or two comments saying, "Why was there some flash where Poison Beauty had disappeared?"

However, they were soon drowned by the countless 'Breaking all laws with one force' comments.

Lin Yuan would certainly give a knowing smile if he saw these comments.

The soil's reflective part was due to the sand created by the Source Sand that was baked into glass by the glazed flame on Chimey's body.

The unsolidified glass reflected the residual light left by the Scattered Light in the polluted soil.

The Radiance Hundred Sequence #87, Ranger Bai Hao, was staring at Poison Beauty's live-streaming room, feeling dumbfounded.

He suddenly felt gloomy. Since he had felt that the azure blue bird's chirp was pleasant, was that considered mentally cheating on the Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess?

He was the Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess' top fan! How had this happened!?

Bai Hao felt guiltier and guiltier. Thus, he entered the Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess' live-streaming room. Even if she was not live-streaming, he still gnashed his teeth and rewarded her with the remaining 5,000,000 Radiance dollars in his Star Web Card.

As he looked at himself at the top of the list and the huge gap from the second top-contributing fan, Bai Hao felt comfortable.

In the Dragon Gate Guild Club's viewing room, Long Tao glanced at Fang Duoduo after watching Black's duel, and he said, "I misjudged the last time. This avian fey is actually a Silver Fantasy Breed."

Fang Duoduo gulped and nodded with great difficulty.

Black had displayed two Silver Fantasy Breed feys. Regardless of his talents or whether his two Silver/Fantasy Breed feys were source-type lifeforms or feys, he could be called the Radiance Federation's true pride with the ability he was revealing now.

Although Black's current strength was infinitely higher after this Silver/Fantasy Breed avian fey had launched its power, there was still a considerable gap between him and the Radiance Hundred Sequence members.

At present, he did not even qualify to enter the Radiance Hundred Sequence without a Platinum combat ability. Of course, if he had a Gold/Fantasy Breed fey, that would be another story.

Long Tao pondered for a while and replied, "We'll settle with the current members of the guild club's main team. If Black joins the team, the main team of this year's S Tournament will bring him along. If he doesn't, Little Feng will join the main team. For this year's S Tournament, we'll continue with our five outputs fiercely."

Chen Hongfeng should be hoping that Black would not join the team in any case when he heard Long Tao's words so that he could enter the main team. However, the showdown sincerely convinced him that he had lost fairly to Black previously.

Even though he wanted to enter the main team and gallop around the dueling ground, he knew he was a Dragon Gate Guild Club member.

Chen Hongfeng knew that if Black joined, he would be much more useful to the team than himself, given his healing abilities.

As a spirited young man, Chen Hongfeng might be an utilitarian or jealous of geniuses similar to himself, but he also had a sense of honor and mission as a Dragon Gate Guild Club member. Such a sense of honor and mission made him hope more that Black could join the main team.

Although this sense of honor and mission seemed very weak, there was actually a faint radiance hidden in it.

Fang Duoduo touched the back of his bowl-cut head and asked, "Boss, can you get in touch with Black?"

Upon hearing that, Long Tao shook his head and answered, "I'll think of a solution. You don't have to worry about this."

Then he added seriously, "Review the duel between Black and Poison Beauty first. I feel that there's a problem with the land under her feet. After watching it, we'll no longer train in the training room. There's still more than a month to the S Tournament opening. We'll go to the Class 2 dimensional rift to undergo real training."

Chapter 230: Why Did You Call Me?

After Bai Hao rewarded the Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess with the remaining 5,000,000 Radiance dollars in his Star Web Card, he contacted Liu Jie right away.

Liu Jie, who had been urging him for duel-training, unexpectedly said that he had some matters to attend to and then logged off Star Web. He stood by the window, looking at the night as a decision emerged in his heart.

As Liu Jie's retainer knight, he would have to seek Lin Yuan's opinion for any decisions he made. Liu Jie intended to train in the wilderness because only when he experienced life and death would it be the most effective way to improve his strength.

It was just like how some people could hear the voices in their hearts and act on them, who either became crazy or legends.

The same was true for a spirit qi professional's improvement. Only when they were in the midst of a crisis could their potential burst forth with the fiercest sparks and be transformed into a strength that they could grasp in their hands.

That night, Liu Jie had gone to bed early and had a dream. He tried hard to become a barrier that could block the danger in front of the youth in his dream, but the youth's figure was getting further and further. That barrier was a little too weak. The sense of oppression in his dream made Liu Jie frown, which showed how eager he was to improve his strength.

After this second Celestial Stairway promotion duel, Lin Yuan had truly ascended to the Celestial Stairway. He had received a system message from the Star Web's officials. At a glance, he knew that since he had ascended to the Celestial Stairway with consecutive wins, he had qualified for the Celestial Stairway's achievement.

The Celestial Stairway achievement was a kind of very prestigious honor. There were unknown numbers of Celestial Stairway experts working hard to break the Celestial Stairway's record and wanted to obtain the Celestial Stairway's achievement.

Any holder of the Celestial Stairway achievement would have a virtual image on the Star Tower and stand on the Celestial Stairway achievement altar for the duelists to look up to.

Lin Yuan could not help but feel dumbfounded that he had earned such a Celestial Stairway achievement for winning back-to-back duels.

His personal identity card changed at that moment.

Name: Black

Gender: Male

Height: 178cm

Weight: 61kg

Star Tower Floor: Celestial Stairway 0-Star

Spirit Qi Occupation: Healing-Type Professional

Occupation Rank: C-Rank

Contracted Feys:

Morbius (Bronze X/Legend)

Thousand Questions Beast (Bronze I/Legend)

Twilight Starbird (Silver I/Fantasy I)

Red Thorn (Bronze V/Epic)

Acid Corrosion Queen Bee (Gold I/Legend)

Source Sand (Bronze X/Fantasy I)

Duel Record:

(Star Tower) Duels: 100, Wins: 100, Losses: 0, Highest Floor: 100

(Celestial Stairway Promotion Duel) Duels: 2, Wins: 2, Losses: 0

(Celestial Stairway) Duels: 0, Wins: 0, Losses: 0, Highest Floor: 0

Lin Yuan nodded in satisfaction as he looked at his refreshed personal identity card. However, he did not plan to participate in Celestial Stairway duels any time soon.

He was not afraid he might encounter strong opponents, causing him to lose the duels and fall back into the promotion duels. Rather, it was because Lin Yuan felt that honing his skills and combat consciousness in the Star Tower came to be too shallow after all.

Previously, he had still not been strong enough to walk recklessly in the endless lands of the Radiance Federation. But now, he felt that he was primed to have such ability.

Lin Yuan, who had lived two lives, had seen the prosperous world of flowers in his previous life. In this life, he also wanted to see this world's splendor, as well as the good and evil.

Lin Yuan noticed Tian Ningning's message and simply asked her to sign the contract as his exclusive reporter. If she became his exclusive reporter, she would write all his news and combat records on Star Web.

As his exclusive reporter, Tian Ningning could only write for him. This made Lin Yuan feel as if he could indeed save a lot of unnecessary trouble.

After sending a message to Tian Ningning, Lin Yuan arranged to meet her on Star Web Center.

The Star Web Center on the Star Tower and the Royal Capital was the same, except that the one on the Star Web was much more convenient and efficient.

Since Lin Yuan had negotiated the terms with Tian Ningning, the process of signing the contract of an exclusive reporter was very simple.

In the contract, it was stated that he still would not give any interviews. At the same time, Tian Ningning also promised to write all the news about Black with true writings, regardless of whether it was his combat record or news report.

Lin Yuan also needed to make a corresponding commitment to Tian Ningning. For example, when there were some major events, she could directly learn about the actual situation.

To put it shortly, the terms of the signed contract were completely biased in favor of Lin Yuan, with the main reason being Tian Ningning did not use the speaking rights. Instead, she was doing her best to meet his demands.

It was not because she was deliberately ingratiating herself to become Black's exclusive reporter. Rather, it was because she preferred to believe in this youth who had once clad in radiance in Millstone Town.

After Lin Yuan logged off Star Web, he washed up and went to sleep. Five consecutive days of enhancing the source-type Source Sand and this Celestial Stairway promotion duel had made him somewhat exhausted.

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A room that was decorated in a very stylish and magnificent way was empty. The window was completely opened, and the autumn breeze poured into the room through the window, creating a layer of chill in the room that would make people's hair immediately stand up.

Countless crows with scarlet eyes and black bodies flew in through the window, and they gathered together to become a middle-aged man with a triangular scar at the corner of his eye.

The moment he appeared, he closed the window and respectfully knelt on the ground and said to a pot of golden thorn apple in full bloom on the table, "Chanter Crow greets Lord Seventh Page War."

After the middle-aged finished speaking, the golden thorn apple that was in full bloom emitted a powerful and desolate intent that contained death, upheaval, unpredictable darkness, and chaos lurking in the darkness.

The man with the triangular scar at the corner of his eye immediately hid his head lower when this desolate intent appeared, and a fine layer of cold sweat broke out on his back.

At that moment, a majestic voice that seemed to show pity yet endless mockery said, "Why did you call me?"

The man with the triangular scar at the corner of his eye did not dare to raise his head and could only lower his head so that his voice could be maintained at being more and more respectful.

"Lord Seventh Page War, in the current Radiance Federation's dimensional rifts that have yet to be closed, I've placed the source-type items that can increase the cracks in all the dimensional rifts."

He then paused and cautiously added, "But Cheng Wu has been killed. I don't know if he has exposed the plan and whether it will affect your next arrangements, my lord."

Suddenly, the man with the triangular scar at the corner of his eye only felt a burst of pressure coming toward him, causing him not to even have the courage to breathe.

At that moment, the voice that betrayed pity and mockery said, "Oh? He has been killed?"

The man with the triangular scar at the corner of his eye hurriedly replied, "The Radiance Federation's Moon Empress killed him."

After a long time, just when the man with the triangular scar at the corner of his eye felt that his heart was almost up to his throat, he heard the voice again. However, it carried a tinge of deep fear.

"The Moon Empress killed him? So she's the one who did it! Put a halt to our plans concerning the Radiance Federation."

"Lord Seventh Page War, what should we do about the plans for the ocean?"

"Continue as usual."

That voice suddenly carried a hint of ruthlessness.

"You're the leader of this operation in the Radiance Federation, but it went wrong. You've been stuck at Suzerain/Myth II for a long time, right?"

The man with the triangular scar at the corner of his eye suddenly turned pale and answered while trembling, "Yes, my lord."

An endlessly contemptuous peal of laughter boomed—it desolate and ruthless. "Heh, well done. As one of the Eight Pages and the Lord of the Tower of War, I can grant you a position as the Twelve Lead Chanters of the Tower of War. But if you can't get this done, you'll be deemed useless. Useless people will be destined to be reduced into dust under the iron hoofs of war."

As this voice fell, the pressure completely disappeared, and that golden thorn apple that had bloomed also instantly withered.

The cold sweat on the forehead of the man with the triangular scar at the corner of his eye had dripped to the ground. Even though the pressure had disappeared, he was still kneeling on the ground, not daring to get up, even when it was dawn the next day.