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Chapter 261: Strange Middle-Aged Man

Lin Yuan rubbed Little Zao's head, and just as he was preparing to stand up, he felt a gaze that seemed like it was monitoring him. It was a gaze that wasn't from a passerby. This gaze had a secretive and prying gaze.

Lin Yuan looked toward the gaze's direction and noticed a middle-aged man sizing him up. The middle-aged man looked unassuming and nearly didn't have any sense of existence.

Upon seeing Lin Yuan suddenly turn around, the middle-aged was startled as he never expected Lin Yuan to do so. He attempted to hide his prying appearance and laughed heartily as he walked over.

"Hey! Kid, you are also acting as Black, right? There are plenty of silver-masked adventurers entering this Class 3 abyss dimensional rift every day, but it seems like Little Zao is the closest with you."

Lin Yuan's face behind the mask immediately frowned. This unassuming man might be speaking in a very natural manner, but when Lin Yuan turned around, he personally saw the prying expression before it instantly changed.

Had Lin Yuan not been wearing Genius' Tool Transformation silver mask, he wouldn't have noticed this indication. When wearing the silver mask, Lin Yuan might have been looking at Little Zao, but his senses toward the surroundings were extremely sensitive.

Everything within 40 meters, including the blind spots behind Lin Yuan's head, was within Lin Yuan's sensory perception. Genius' Tool Transformation silver mask might not be able to see through the assassinations plotted meticulously by high-ranked spirit qi professionals. However, Lin Yuan was still able to sense this middle-aged man's prying eyes.

Lin Yuan had lived two lives, so he had an additional lifetime of experiences. Therefore, he was able to understand what certain expressions meant. The middle-aged man's prying eyes actually concealed a trace of anxiety. However, the anxiety wasn't because of Lin Yuan.

On the contrary, it seemed like the concealed anxiety was the reason that this middle-aged man was prying and sizing up Lin Yuan, who had just entered the Class 3 abyss dimensional rift. It also meant to say that the middle-aged man was sizing Lin Yuan to see if Lin Yuan was going to be the person that could influence the uncertainty.

The middle-aged man's appearance was unassuming, but Lin Yuan used Genius' Normal ability, Precise Memory, to memorize this middle-aged man's aura and figure.

Little Zao waved her small hand toward the middle-aged man who suddenly spoke and greeted. "Hello, Uncle."

The unassuming middle-aged man sized up Lin Yuan a few more times before he waved to Little Zao and went back to the side to size up other adventurers who had just entered the dimensional rift.

When the middle-aged man left, Little Zao then said to Lin Yuan, "Big Brother, this Uncle has been here for over two years, but this Uncle is very strange."

Lin Yuan asked softly in return, “Why does Little Zao feel that this Uncle is very strange?”

“This Uncle doesn’t have any stalls here. The other Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Uncles, and Aunties would normally purchase some things from Mother before going deeper to fight with demon baddies. But this Uncle only leaves for one or two days every time. He would be staying here most of the time.”

Little Zao then said with a little worry, “Big Brother, do you think that this Uncle isn’t able to beat those demon baddies? If that is the case, will the Uncle go hungry?”

Lin Yuan’s frown became deeper. Although this middle-aged man was indeed strange, Lin Yuan wasn’t going to investigate him.

At this controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift’s entrance, be it on the inside or outside, the Radiance Federation’s employed king-class experts were overseeing the place. Therefore, no one dared to create trouble here. If anyone caused any trouble, they would receive a corresponding punishment according to the situation’s severity.

However, the security and peace were only maintained at the Class 3 abyss dimensional rift’s entrance area. Once on the inside, life or death would be up to a person’s strength and fate.

This Class 3 abyss dimensional rift had been controlled for around eight years. It was unknown how many lives this place would consume on a yearly basis.

Of course, the loss of lives among the spirit qi professionals wasn’t just because of the demons in the abyss dimensional rift. It was also because of the humans.

There were plenty of fated opportunities in this controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift, like the encounter of rare spiritual ingredients or mystical flames. Such a fated opportunity would be accompanied with immense value, so it wasn’t strange for murders and disputes to happen when fighting over the treasures.

After the Spirit Qi Awakening, human evolution had undergone a fundamental change. Before the Spirit Qi Awakening, humans would mainly rely on wisdom instead of strength. But after the Spirit Qi Awakening, humans and all other lifeforms in the world had to face the challenge of increasing their individual strength and also evolution.

With the Spirit Qi Awakening, humans would reap great benefits by increasing their strength. One of the benefits was to extend their lifespan.

When a person was at the king-class, even if they were at the age of 100, their bodies’ cellular activity would be the same as a 20- or 30-year-old.

Lin Yuan started to move deeper into the Class 3 abyss dimensional rift from the entrance. He didn’t summon Chimey or Red Thorn along the way. The main objective of this training journey was to practice the combat skills when using the Source Sand.

Although Lin Yuan had obtained the Source Sand, he had never used it in combat. Therefore, he wanted to properly train the combat skills when using the Source Sand. The Source Sand’s exclusive skill, Sand Control, might allow Lin Yuan to control the Source Sand proficiently, but being able to control the

Source Sand like his own arm and being able to utilize it efficiently during combat were two different things.

Soon after he entered this controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift, Lin Yuan encountered a group of Class 2 demons.

Chapter 262: First Battle, Powerful Source Sand

This group of Class 2 demons was Horn Demons. Horn Demons were considered Class 2 dimensional lifeforms with the most notorious reputation in the abyss dimensional rift.

Each of the Horn Demons had a giant spiral-shaped horn with a strange fire pattern at the horn's tip. Each Horn Demon was about the size of a bull. Its thick and robust limbs allowed the Horn Demon to have shocking power when charging.

When the Horn Demon charged forward, the horn with the fire pattern would release withering sparks after smashing into the target. At the same time, the Horn Demon could also spit out flames with withering properties.

The Horn Demon had great physical strength. Even if it was only equivalent to a Silver fey, its physical strength was comparable with some of the Gold feys'. Moreover, it could spit out withering flames.

Its extraordinary physical strength and the withering flames allowed the Horn Demon to have individual combat strength that was considered at the top of all Class 2 dimensional lifeforms.

That was why the complicated genetic model of the Class 2 Horn Demons had its benefits. However, such a complicated genetic model wasn't that suitable for Liu Jie's Insect Queen and Lin Yuan's Source Sand.

If Liu Jie's Insect Queen was to consume an insect species fey with a complicated genetic model like the Horn Demon, the amount of spiritual power required to reproduce such a complicated genetic model would be significantly higher than other insect feys.

Similarly, for Lin Yuan's Gold/Fantasy Source Sand, the Gravel Spirit Acceptance could accept the Heart-Penetrating Ironline, which was equivalent to Platinum III/Flawless. However, if it accepted a Horn Demon, the Gravel Spirit Acceptance could only accept a Horn Demon that was at the pinnacle of Gold/Flawless.

The Gold/Flawless Horn Demon might be extremely powerful among the Gold/Flawless feys, but as compared to the Platinum III/Flawless Heart-Penetrating Ironline, there wasn't a need to even compare them.

The variety in attacks allowed the Horn Demon to become a dimensional lifeform that was proficient in both elemental magic and physical capability. However, the Heart-Penetrating Ironline had a very simple and single type of attack. It relied on its slender and hard ironline body to assassinate the target with shocking penetrative power.

However, Lin Yuan had to admit that the pressure coming from this small group of Horn Demons felt as though it was stronger than a small wave of insects.

It was obvious that the group of Horn Demons had noticed Lin Yuan. After seeing Lin Yuan, the bull-like Horn Demons let out strange but abnormally loud roars before they started charging at Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan calmly reached out one hand while he watched the group of around 50 Horn Demons charging toward him.

The moment Lin Yuan raised his hand, the ground underneath the Horn Demons collapsed. The purplish-black ground that was originally hard suddenly turned into something like quicksand. The quicksand immediately stopped the Horn Demons in their paths.

The Horn Demons struggled desperately to break free inside the flowing quicksand. However, Lin Yuan raised his hand and formed a fist. The moment the fist was made, all the Horn Demons let out intense and painful mourns.

Immediately after, the Horn Demons stopped struggling to break free from the quicksand. A thick and broad sword that was formed with bluish-black ferromanganese had suddenly appeared on each of the Horn Demons' backs.

Fifty bull-sized Horn Demons were all wrapped around by the Source Sand's chain blade form. The quicksand could use the Source Sand's Metal Consume Manifestation to form the chain blade from the sand immediately.

The ferromanganese's surface and also the abnormally sharp edge started to score large wounds on the Horn Demons' bodies as they struggled violently. More wounds started to open as the Horn Demons continued to struggle, turning them into large pits.

The ground open pits oozed out a massive amount of purplish-red blood, which was the abyss demons' specialty. As soon as the blood flowed into the quicksand, they immediately vanished.

Lin Yuan shook his head as these Horn Demons weren't good enough as his training targets.

Lin Yuan's chain blade's chain portion was immediately tightened up with a thought.

In just a short moment, the bull-sized Horn Demons were no longer breathing. Lin Yuan stored all of the Horn Demons into his leaf-shaped fey storage box with a wave of his hand.

A mosquito might be small, but it still had flesh. These Class 2 Horn Demons just happened to be very suitable to serve as food for the Bronze VI/Epic Red Thorn.

At present, Red Thorn was no longer eating alien insects and had changed its preference to consuming abyss dimensional lifeforms. The flesh and blood of abyss dimensional lifeforms also contained powerful acidity.

However, the acidic properties were different from the alien insects' acid. Alien insects' blood contained an acid that was extremely corrosive, but the acid in the abyss demons' blood was like sulfur. Apart from corrosive properties, it also had a withering effect.

When Red Thorn was at Elite grade, there was a certain negative effect when Red Thorn consumed abyss demons with the Mouth of Relinquish. But now that Red Thorn's strength had increased, it wasn't as difficult anymore when consuming abyss demon flesh.

At the same time, the withering acid within the abyss demons' blood allowed Red Thorn's acid to have an additional effect.

Actually, when Red Thorn started to consume abyss demons in large quantities and enhanced its own acid, it developed a resistance against the abyss demons' withering flames.

As a source-type life that could only evolve by consuming flesh and blood, it was slowly developing a resistance against flames with withering properties during the consumption process. Of course, the resistance to flames was only applicable to Red Thorn's orotet.

As for the ramets and child ramets, their resistance against flames was still inferior. However, Lin Yuan believed that if Red Thorn consumed more abyss demon flesh, the withering effects, as well as the resistance to flames, would constantly be enhanced. Simultaneously, the ability obtained by consuming abyss demons' flesh might be brought out when Red Thorn released spores. The ability might be transferred onto the ramets and child ramets.

Chapter 263: The Green Flaming Light That Burst Toward the Sky

The sky within the abyss dimensional rift was constantly dark red in color, and it wasn't possible to tell the difference between day and night. As such, it was very easy to forget about time when training inside an abyss dimensional rift. One would only realize that a long time had passed when they were exhausted and needed a rest.

The ground was still purplish-black as far as the horizon could reach. Rugged rock ravines would form flat and smooth surfaces, which seemed like it was formed by lava that flowed past.

The air had a concentrated sulfur smell, and anyone who had to constantly remain in an environment with a temperature of 50 degrees would need to constantly replenish themselves with water.

Time passed by quickly, and Lin Yuan had already been training inside the abyss dimensional rift for an entire month. Lin Yuan was already used to the abyss dimensional rift's harsh environment.

A Class 4 Horn Terror Demon was struggling violently inside the tumbling quicksand. While struggling, the Horn Terror Demon would spit out viscous fluid, and it was probably fine to call it brown flames.

Class 4 Horn Terror Demons had the strength of Platinum feys. The Horn Terror Demon's viscous fluid had a brown flame that had extremely powerful withering effects.

If a Platinum plant fey were to get stained with a little of the brown flame, its roots would be immediately damaged. The stained place would start to wither. If more of the flames got onto the body, the Platinum fey's vitality would slowly get burned by the withering flames.

The Horn Terror Demon that was still struggling inside this small surging quicksand suddenly turned silent. It seemed like it was instantly killed by something aggressive and unstoppable inside the quicksand.

The Class 4 Horn Terror Demon was the evolved version of the Class 2 Horn Demon. Due to the complicated genetic model of the Class 2 Horn Demon, it had extremely high potential in evolving.

In fact, there were some Class 2 Horn Demons with extreme talent that could further evolve into the Class 5 Inferno Horn Demon.

A Class 5 Inferno Horn Demon's battle prowess was already equivalent to a Diamond fey and was already considered to be the pinnacle of combat strength in an uncontrolled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift.

The Class 4 Horn Terror Demon, which was equivalent to a Platinum fey, was still unable to resist against the Platinum III/Flawless Heart-Penetrating Ironline's all-out attack.

Lin Yuan let out a breath.

Lin Yuan had been training in the controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift for the past month. After experiencing a month of blood and flames, Lin Yuan had a clearer understanding of his own strength. At the same time, he had achieved true teamwork with the Gold I/Fantasy I Source Sand.

Given their teamwork, Lin Yuan could just use his thoughts to command the Source Sand to the greatest extent to attack, defend, or control. It was the same as when he commanded Chimey and Red Thorn in combat.

During the past month in this place, Lin Yuan had always allowed the Source Sand to use its basic ability to create sand in the purplish-black ground. Not even Lin Yuan knew how much sand the Gold I/Fantasy I Source Sand had created over this month.

The Source Sand might possess Gold I/Fantasy I strength, but it was still an elemental-type lifeform, so its intelligence wasn't high. Even as a Fantasy Breed, the Source Sand could only transmit simple and crude thoughts.

However, as the Source Sand created a larger surface of underground sand, it discovered plenty of fire-attribute spiritual ingredients through the control of the sand and spiritual power senses.

As soon as the Source Sand sensed a spiritual ingredient, it would control a flow of sand underneath the purplish-black ground and push the spiritual ingredient out onto the ground's surface. The Source Sand would then use its consciousness and wrap the spiritual ingredient before transporting it to Lin Yuan's feet.

Apart from training, Lin Yuan also had a great harvest of fire-attribute spiritual ingredients in this Class 3 abyss dimensional rift over this month. Once the Source Sand created a huge area of sand underground, its treasure-searching ability was truly astounding.

Of course, Lin Yuan had also understood a reasoning that he had never truly understood even after living two lives during this month. It was the reasoning of the human heart facing up, but the human nature was facing down. There were good and evil people, so it was the same for human nature.

A human would always want to make themselves better; therefore, the human heart would never be satisfied. As a result, the human heart would never have an upper limit.

Human nature facing down meant that a human could unconditionally lower their human nature's lower limit to fulfill an objective or achieve a goal, allowing them to satisfy their greed. As a result, human nature never had a lower limit.

When training in this Class 3 abyss dimensional rift, Lin Yuan hadn't just encountered attacks from abyss dimensional lifeforms. He had also encountered three attacks from spirit qi professionals.

Lin Yuan had been attacked by these three groups of spirit qi professionals because he didn't have any experience of training in the wilderness. When Lin Yuan had taken out food from his button-shaped fey storage box, other spirit qi professionals had seen it.

After facing the murderous attacks from the three groups of spirit qi professionals, Lin Yuan had finally understood the dangers of training in a dimensional rift. Nevertheless, Lin Yuan hadn't been merciful when facing these spirit qi professionals who wanted him dead.

Those who killed should be ready to get killed too.

Ever since Lin Yuan had been intercepted and nearly killed by Cheng Wu and Cheng Rui in the outskirts of the Royal Capital, he had made a decision in his heart. He was going to remain his same self. He would have a heart like a flower that would grow toward the sun[1].

However, when facing anyone who wanted to kill him, Lin Yuan would also use the most brutal method in response. His life belonged to him, and no one would be able to take it away. If they wished to take it, they would have to die.

All those spirit qi professionals that wanted to kill Lin Yuan had all been buried within the boundless underground sand. Lin Yuan knew that the spirit qi professionals wanted to kill him because they were targeting his wealth. As such, when the Source Sand consumed the spirit qi professionals, their wealth naturally fell into Lin Yuan's hands.

However, Lin Yuan didn't have any interest in these spirit qi professionals' wealth. All the miscellaneous spiritual ingredients and the total sum of over 100,000 Radiance dollars were nothing for the current Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan wasn't going to keep these resources. He was planning to ask Zhou Jiaxin to sell them on his behalf after he finished the training. Lin Yuan was now the shareholder of Zhou Jiaxin's Star Web store and would obtain more profits than Zhou Jiaxin when her store was making profits.

During this period, Lin Yuan's Purchase With No Loss store had also earned a fair amount of money. However, if Chimey saw the amount of money Lin Yuan's store earned and looked at its streaming room's profits, it would surely think that Lin Yuan's earnings were nothing.

The first kill had given Lin Yuan a particularly uncomfortable feeling. However, that feeling gradually vanished when Lin Yuan started to digest the information.

Lin Yuan looked at the purple-red sky in the Class 3 abyss dimensional rift and said softly, "In order to shake the world, I will need to make a commotion in the normal world."

Since Lin Yuan had already decided to establish his own private faction, it was inevitable to have kills along the way when his private faction was rising up. A rise of a faction would never be calm.

However, Lin Yuan had his own ideas on how to develop his private faction. He knew about his advantages. It was the unending amount of concentrated spirit qi in his Spirit Lock spatial zone, as well as his ability to enhance feys.

Therefore, Lin Yuan was planning to gather resources and wealth. He didn't wish to build a private faction that had plenty of members. He wanted to build a faction where each individual was an absolute elite.

Lin Yuan had read plenty of comics when he was young in his previous life. He wanted to create a faction that was like "Akatsuki" from Naruto or "Espada" from Bleach.

Lin Yuan's private faction would be constructed on the back of the Floating Island Whale, hiding within the clouds and being like the floating clouds in the sky. The floating clouds in the sky would always be indifferent and were rarely affected by the mortal affairs.

Other factions would be like a thunderstorm that created huge commotions, allowing them to be known in the world. However, no matter how loud a thunderstorm was, it would still ultimately be for an instant.

However, if anything dared to touch the floating clouds hidden in the sky, the clouds would tumble, and the sky would change.

At that moment, Lin Yuan's brows suddenly raised up. According to the Source Sand's scouting, it sensed something that contained an extremely massive amount of spirit qi. Furthermore, it felt like a plant.

From what the Source Sand sensed, Lin Yuan knew that this lifeform had extremely long roots in the ground. After multiple information relays from the Source Sand, Lin Yuan finally determined that it was a small-sized plant with a massive amount of spirit qi.

It was so small that it wouldn't be as big as Lin Yuan's fist.

As such, Lin Yuan gave the Source Sand a command to bring the plant over.

The Source Sand sensed Lin Yuan's will and immediately acted according to Lin Yuan's command. However, Lin Yuan felt at that very moment that the Source Sand was facing an abnormally strong obstruction.

Lin Yuan immediately injected spiritual power toward the Source Sand and commanded it to use Metal Consume Manifestation. The sea of sand produced feathers that were made of Day and Night Spirit Silver and started to strike and excavate at the strong obstruction.

Every time the Source Sand clashed with the obstruction, a flaming green light would burst into the sky. The influence of the flaming green light was truly astonishing. It immediately dyed the Class 3 abyss dimensional rift's purple-red sky with a tint of green!

Chapter 264: Lifeform Sacrificial Fire

Lin Yuan looked at the flaming green light that burst into the sky in the distance and felt the tinge of green that had dyed half of the Class 3 dimensional rift's purple-red sky. He furrowed hard.

Although his elemental source-type lifeform's intelligence wasn't high and its thoughts were relatively one-sided, Lin Yuan found many abnormal points through the images the Source Sand transmitted through its connection with his mind.

This was definitely not simple.

After the Source Sand had dug through the still-hard barrier, it had immediately transmitted a burning sensation.

Lin Yuan knew that the Source Sand was being attacked either by a demon with flames or the flames from the plant that contained a huge amount of spirit qi.

However, after he sensed the Source Sand's burning sensation, he was certain that this flame could not have come from any of the abyss dimensional rift's demons.

This was because the burning sensation did not contain the power of destruction and wilting. Instead, it gave off strong vitality. It was as if the burning sensation itself was creating life.

The abyss dimensional rift would also have some spiritual materials that were almost all of the fire element, so Lin Yuan was not surprised at all of this.

He sensed the rich unconcealable vitality in the flaming green light that burst into the sky and then compared it with the flame in contact with the Source Sand and the properties contained in that burning sensation.

Lin Yuan speculated that the flaming green light that rose in the distance had been released after he had ordered the Source Sand to dig through the not-so-solid barrier.

He sensed Source Sand's current state, and after a moment of thinking, he told it to continue to bring the fist-sized plant that contained a huge amount of spirit qi.

When the Source Sand received Lin Yuan's command, it immediately started to move. Suddenly, he sensed pure fire-element energy through the source-type Source Sand.

Just after he sensed this, a flaming red light burst into the sky and covered up the flaming green light, which had already dyed half of the Class 3 dimensional rift's purple-red sky.

After this dense flaming red light burst into the sky, a heavy crimson vortex appeared in the sky that was filled with a crimson flowing flame, composed of huge amounts of fire elements in the Class 3 abyss dimensional rift.

It quickly absorbed the fire-element energy in the surrounding space. In an instant, Lin Yuan felt that the temperature in this Class 3 dimensional rift seemed to have lowered due to the huge amount of fire elements drawing away the heat.

The sand grains that the Source Sand created to wrap the plant containing a huge amount of spirit qi dissolved into fluids the moment the crimson flaming light shot up in the sky.

However, the Source Sand itself did not suffer any substantial damage. After all, the sand grains were just a drop in the bucket from the gravel it had broken under the earth layer.

At that moment, Lin Yuan commanded the Source Sand again to bring over the barrier debris that the Source Sand had spent a lot of effort to break through with its Day and Night Spirit Silver form.

Lin Yuan's expression turned solemn as he looked at the distant red flame vortex. He could not help but think of the seventh of the world's most precious ten fire-element spiritual materials— the Liform Sacrificial Fire!

His master, the Moon Empress, had mentioned it before when talking about fire-element spiritual materials during the question-and-answer session.

Lin Yuan had also carefully memorized the Liform Sacrificial Fire's characteristics. The current situation, the vitality in that flaming green light, and the pure fire-element energy in the flaming red light were very consistent with the knowledge of the Liform Sacrificial Fire that the Moon Empress had mentioned.

Lin Yuan let out a deep breath. If this flame was really the Liform Sacrificial Fire, he had to get it no matter what.

The Liform Sacrificial Fire was ranked seventh in the world's fire-element spiritual materials because it could be used as a tree core to reshape the second life of a dying plant fey.

It could be said that the Liform Sacrificial Fire was a kind of sacred item that could give a second life to a dying plant.

However, Lin Yuan was currently not at the bottom of the red flame vortex, so he could not use Morbius' True Data to check whether this was the Liform Sacrificial Fire.

If this flaming green light containing a powerful liform aura was the Liform Sacrificial Fire, the flaming red light that had burst into the sky must be from a legendary plant. It must be a kind of fey only able to be born in this majestic, pure fire-elemental environment. This succulent fey should be the Red Pagoda.

This Liform Sacrificial Fire, ranked seventh among the world's fire-element spiritual materials, was created by the legendary plant Red Pagoda after exhausting all its body energy.

Lin Yuan did not immediately rush toward the red vortex but stood in place, silently waiting.

The purple-black land under Lin Yuan's feet caved in a short while, forming a bucket-sized vortex of quicksand. A piece of yellow metal that was held up by the quicksand in the vortex. It was filled with cutting marks.

Lin Yuan squatted and carefully examined this strange yellow metal and then stood up. This strange yellow metal was very common in the Radiance Federation. It was a fey-trapping metal, the primary material to make the fey storage box, and its only metal characteristic was that it could isolate the aura of feys.

Lin Yuan thought, I was indeed right. There's really a huge problem.

A metal like this fey-trapping metal would not be found in a Class 3 abyss dimensional rift. At the same time, there was an issue with the flaming green light that had burst into the sky containing the aura of lifeforms and the flaming red light that could form a flame vortex. Under normal circumstances, precious spiritual materials like the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire or the Red Pagoda fey should have long been discovered by the adventurers who had come to train in this controlled Class 3 dimensional rift.

This also meant that someone had deliberately used this metal fey-trapping metal to do something. No matter who this person was, they were certainly not a good person.

The reason was simple. If the demons roaming in the controlled Class 3 dimensional rift discovered a fey containing such potent energy and placed it on the central hub where the Source Seed communicated with the abyssal world... Then, this controlled Class 3 dimensional rift, which was now a pinnacle Class 2 dimensional rift, would revert to a Class 3 dimensional rift.

In the worst case, the hub that was connected to the abyssal world might expand due to the huge amount of energy, causing this controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift to become a Class 4 abyss dimensional rift.

If this really happened, it would be a disaster for the adventurers training in this abyss dimensional rift and the Radiance Federation.

This controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift opened in the Royal Capital's suburbs, not far away.

If it turned into a Class 4 dimensional rift and caught the Radiance Federation unprepared, the large number of demons would rush forth from it.

In that case, even if the Radiance Federation's top experts were to take action, the Radiance Federation's outskirts would be turned into scorched earth under the Class 4 abyss dimensional rift's sudden opening.

Class 6 dimensional lifeforms existed in the Class 4 dimensional rift, and they had the strength equivalent to Suzerain feys.

Moreover, this Class 4 dimensional rift was an abyss dimensional rift, in which the demons' genetic model was complicated. They had the strongest single-target capabilities among the dimensional lifeforms of the same class.

Even if a Class 5 demon ran out, it would turn the Royal Capital's outskirts into a place of disaster, not to mention a few Class 6 demons that were akin to Suzerain feys.

Lin Yuan did not choose to hide his strength this time. He used his spiritual power, and the purple-black earth within 100 meters of him instantly turned into a quicksand vortex. The center of the quicksand vortex condensed a pair of huge half-arms that made a lifting action.

Lin Yuan stepped on the palm, standing proudly. The quicksand vortex within 100 meters instantly churned, and thousands of black feathers formed by the Day and Night Spirit Silver separated from the quicksand vortex.

These thousands of black feathers formed four elegant black wings on Lin Yuan's back.

Lin Yuan flapped the wings and headed to the distant red flame vortex!

Chapter 265: The Dark Federation's Signature Fey

Lin Yuan flapped his four wings and flew very skillfully in the air. This was not his first time using the Day and Night Spirit Silver-feathered wings to fly.

During the previous month or so of training, he had not only mastered the skill of manipulating the source-type Source Sand, but he had also learned how to use its Metal Consume Manifestation wings to fly.

At that time, he had chosen the Day and Night Spirit Silver as the second metal for the Source Sand's Metal Consume Manifestation to consume partly because it was almost weightless.

The Day and Night Spirit Silver wings could allow Lin Yuan to fly faster and save more spiritual power while flapping them.

At present, the Day and Night Spirit Silver feathers differed greatly from before. After referencing many avian feys, Lin Yuan had decided on the feather shape of the Platinum avian fey, Divine Travel Black Swallow.

It had to be said that although it was uncomfortable sitting on the Divine Travel Black Swallow, its feather shape determined its specialty at flying.

Of course, Lin Yuan had also made certain improvements to the Divine Travel Black Swallow's feathers. He had reduced the thickness at the edge of the feathers so that the feathers became sharper, and many bubble-shaped hollow parts were created in the feathers.

These improvements could allow the limited one cubic meter of Day and Night Spirit Silver to spawn more feathers.

After Lin Yuan injected spiritual power, the feathers' hollow parts would turn from black feathers to white feathers. This could greatly increase the white feathers against external attacks and provide cushioning protection due to the Day and Night Spirit Silver's metal characteristics.

Lin Yuan's current flight speed was extremely fast, almost as fast as an ordinary Gold avian fey. However, he needed to consume a certain amount of spiritual power for such flights.

Even though he did not channel the spiritual power to the Day and Night Spirit Silver to allow the feathers to become white, flapping these four wings still consumed spiritual power.

It was unlike the many sand grains the Source Sand had created under the ground that could be freely controlled with its consciousness.

While Lin Yuan was flying, the Source Sand was also rapidly creating sand grains. At the same time, the previous yellow sand gathered toward the flame vortex's direction.

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Back when the flame that contained the lifeform aura had shot up to the sky, the middle-aged man at the entrance of the dimensional rift, spying on the adventurers who had entered the dimensional rift, looked appalled and horrified.

At that moment, almost all the adventurers who were training in the Class 3 dimensional rift saw the flaming green light burst into the sky. They also saw the flaming red light that covered the flaming green light, forming a flame vortex.

In the abyss dimensional rift, such a situation would only be possible because of the abyss dimensional rift's strange flames. However, they had never heard of any strange flames that could cause such a degree of dimensional rift mutation.

Many adventurers or small groups of adventurers in the abyss dimensional rift thought they had the ability to head toward the crimson flame vortex. Of course, there was no lack of adventurers trying to take their chances.

However, most of them wanted to leave this controlled Class 3 dimensional rift. This was because those with a discerning eye could see that due to the dimensional zone's mutation, it had become a place where they were apt to get into trouble.

The speed at which this crimson abyssal vortex was absorbing this Class 3 dimensional rift's flame energy was simply too fast.

The year-round 50 degrees in the controlled Class 3 dimensional rift had become less than 20 degrees, which was not even as high as that of the Royal Capital's late autumn.

This made the adventurers who were used to the abyss dimensional rift's temperature feel a chill all over their bodies. Many of them were ready to leave this controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift.

But suddenly, they discovered that the Class 3 abyss dimensional rift had undergone mutation because of the crimson flame vortex absorbing the fire elements, causing the dimensional rift entrance to be closed.

In other words, it had formed into a no-entry and no-exit zone. Any means of communication were unavailable in the dimensional rift, including the Star Web Card. Such a situation caused the adventurers at the entrance of the abyss dimensional rift to panic.

At that moment, the king-class experts sent by the Radiance Federation's Spirit Guards to this controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift stepped forward and controlled the situation.

The controlled dimensional rift in the Radiance Federation was usually under the Spirit Guards' control. Every ten years during the active period of the dimensional rift, the Spirit Guards would close the previously controlled dimensional rift.

Once the active period passed, the Spirit Guards would once again select a suitable dimensional rift to control.

This was a resource for the Radiance Federation's younger generation to train and for the Guild Alliance's registered spirit qi professionals to maintain their livelihood.

The fact that the Spirit Guards had arranged for Zhao Jianqiang to guard the controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift on the Royal Capital's outskirts showed that he was highly valued and must also be extremely strong.

After becoming a king-class expert, the Class 3 abyss dimensional rift beneath Zhao Jianqiang's feet was no longer the first Class 3 dimensional rift he had guarded.

However, even if he was strong and knowledgeable, it was the first time that he had seen this happen before his eyes.

Just as he was controlling the overall situation and pacifying the adventurers, the middle-aged man who usually stayed at the entrance of the dimensional rift all day unknowingly left the rift entrance and headed toward the crimson flame vortex in a hurry.

Fear slowly covered the shock in the middle-aged man's eyes, whom the others would not take a second glance at. He hesitated for a long time and finally reached out to take off his thin mask.

After the mask was taken off, it slowly turned into a fat brown worm that was like soft mud.

If Zhao Jianqiang, the strongest member of the Spirit Guards who was guarding the controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift, saw this brown, fat, soft mud-like worm, he would have exclaimed in surprise.

This was because this fat brown worm was not a fey produced by the Radiance Federation's sphere of influence.

Such a fey came from the Dark Federation region, which was very far from the Radiance Federation. It was considered the Dark Federation's signature fey.

This middle-aged man had a very strange charm on his face after he removed the mask that seemed to have formed a rather eerie-looking crow.

He took out a crystal bottle containing a drop of black blood and was at a loss for a while. He finally smeared the black blood on the strange charm on his face while trembling. His gaze became disorientated, just like death, in an instant.

Just as the middle-aged man was about to fall to the ground, a scarlet color suddenly emerged in his black-green eyes. This scarlet color had a triangular pattern in his eyes that was like a crow's beak.

At that moment, the middle-aged man's aura completely changed. When he came back to his senses, he crushed the soft mud-like fat brown worm in his hand and said in a gloomy voice, "Useless thing. You can't even do what I told you well. You're worthy of being a piece of trash that incompetent Cheng Wu had trained. I would like to see who is actually going to touch my Lifeform Sacrificial Fire."

Chapter 266: Dragon Gate's Appearance

There was a youth wearing dark blue traditional clothes. He was standing on a piece of protruding purple-black rock and facing the scarlet red whirlpool that was rapidly absorbing fire elements.

There was one red and one blue jellyfish floating in midair and revolving around the youth in dark blue clothes. A youth with bowl-cut hair commanded a giant stingray, which was entirely dark blue and had some strange light blue patterns.

The giant stingray was rapidly slaughtering a group of Class 3 abyss lifeforms, Horn-Tailed Demons. They were considered the demons among the Class 3 demons to have the toughest physical defense.

The Horn-Tailed Demon's strongest attacks would be to brandish the three scale-armored tails with spikes to lash and sting. When being lashed by this scale armored tail, even Silver metals would be broken. If the spikes on the tail were to sting, most of the Silver metals would be immediately penetrated.

However, this small group of Horn-Tailed Demons, equivalent to Gold feys, was easily sliced up into countless pieces by this giant stingray. The group of Horn-Tailed Demons was desperately lashing their tails on the giant stingray. However, even with all the tails' spikes, they weren't enough to harm the giant stingray.

In fact, when the tails lashed on the water barrier around the stingray, there weren't even any obvious ripples.

This youth with the bowl-cut hair was none other than Fang Duoduo.

The Dragon Gate Guild Club had entered this controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift for over a month. During this period of time, a total of nine members from both the main team and reserve team had been training on the battlefield and building teamwork with their feys.

For individual combat, one would need to consider how to fight efficiently with multiple feys. The distribution of spiritual power, combination of abilities, and exclusive skills between each fey would decide on the combat power and combat style.

For a group of spirit qi professionals, the consideration during combat wasn't that big a difference. It was still the combination and coordination of abilities and exclusive skills between multiple feys. However, instead of an individual's strength, it would be a group's strength.

When a veteran spirit qi professional team was in combat, they wouldn't summon all of the feys. Each individual would only summon two feys or even just one main fey to coordinate.

They would try to distribute most of the spirit qi to their strongest fey, allowing for the best efficiency in the usage of spirit qi. During special circumstances, they would then summon other feys to counter or respond.

In many situations during team combat, those feys that weren't the main force would block damage or use attacks that inflicted negative statuses.

At this moment, the Dragon Gate Guild Club's original nine members were now left with four. One of the main team members had brought four reserve members to return to the Royal Capital's Dragon Gate Guild Club's main base. They were going to conduct the final enhancement to their feys' quality and grade before the tournament season.

Fang Duoduo raised his head and looked at Long Tao. "Boss, this side is already finishing. There isn't much to control with these Horn-Tailed Demons."

Long Tao didn't reply after listening and merely nodded before he continued to observe the scarlet flame vortex that had suddenly appeared in the sky. It looked as though he was trying his best to recall something in his mind.

Once Fang Duoduo kept his Platinum II/Fantasy II Rapid Fear Ray back into his spiritual spatial zone, he saw Zhao Xiaochun holding an orange. As soon as Zhao Xiaochun finished peeling the orange skin, she placed a huge piece of orange flesh into her mouth and enjoyed the fruit.

Fang Duoduo quickly leaned over and said, "Those who see shall have a share. Zhao Xiaochun, you need to share half of your remaining orange with me."

Zhao Xiaochun quickly lowered her head in response and stuffed the remaining half of the orange into her mouth. She then looked at Fang Duoduo with a pleased expression. Her eyes were implying, 'This lady peeled this orange, what rights do you have to eat it!'

Fang Duoduo immediately felt wronged and took a glance at Chen Hongfeng, who was controlling the Huge-Tailed Swamp Lizard to finish off the Class 3 Horn-Tailed Demons that were all on the verge of death.

Subsequently, Fang Duoduo climbed up to the protruding rock that Long Tao was standing on and chuckled as he said, "Boss, your Platinum/Fantasy Deep Blue Dragon Jellyfish are really getting stronger."

Long Tao couldn't help rubbing his temples. "Fang Duoduo, what do you wish to say?" he asked helplessly.

When Fang Duoduo heard that, he responded immediately, "Boss, Zhao Xiaochun has been slacking off. During the last few waves of demons, she didn't even do anything. She's just peeling fruits!"

Zhao Xiaochun, who was still chewing on the orange, was nearly choked to death by Fang Duoduo's words.

Zhao Xiaochun had a preference for sour taste, so she would buy very sour oranges. When the orange juice flowed into her nasal cavity, her tears nearly burst out.

Long Tao felt his temples twitching with pain as he looked at Fang Duoduo, who was seriously making a complaint and at the choked Zhao Xiaochun, who was coughing violently.

During this month of training, Fang Duoduo and Zhao Xiaochun had never stopped quarreling. Long Tao felt that even if he encountered a group of Class 4 demons, it might not be as intense as the quarrel between Fang Duoduo and Zhao Xiaochun.

At this moment, Zhao Xiaochun snuck a glance at Chen Hongfeng and gave him an eye signal.

When Chen Hongfeng received the eye signal, he immediately said, "Boss, Fang Duoduo made Big Sister Xiaochun cry earlier."

Long Tao placed his hand on his forehead as an indication that he didn't wish to speak.

Zhao Xiaochun immediately threw an orange to Chen Hongfeng and gave a praising look.

Fang Duoduo felt even more wronged and immediately jumped off the rock to quarrel with Zhao Xiaochun. He then requested for an orange.

At that moment, Long Tao's stern voice echoed. "Duoduo, Xiaochun, Ah Feng, a treasure probably appeared in this controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift. This treasure might be an abnormal flame that has never been mentioned. Let's go over and take a look."

Zhao Xiaochun, Fang Duoduo, and Chen Hongfeng immediately stopped fooling around when they saw that Long Tao was serious.

They rode on Fang Duoduo's Platinum II/Fantasy II Rapid Fear Ray and flew toward the scarlet flame vortex.

When sitting on the Rapid Fear Ray's back, Zhao Xiaochun felt an abnormally low temperature within the abyss dimensional rift. Therefore, she quickly tightened her clothes. She then took a pork trotter out of her drumstick-shaped fey storage box. It was glistening with grease, and she started to gnaw on it.

When the pork trotter was taken out, Fang Duoduo couldn't help swallowing his saliva. Seeing the situation, Long Tao couldn't allow this to continue. He then said to Zhao Xiaochun, who was enjoying her food, "Xiaochun, give one pork trotter to Fang Duoduo too. Look at the gluttonous Fang Duoduo. He can't even fly the Rapid Fear Ray properly."

Zhao Xiaochun reluctantly tossed one pork trotter to Fang Duoduo and said, "You better taste it slowly. This is something that I won from a buffet. In the future, you will not be able to eat this pork trotter anymore."

Fang Duoduo couldn't understand. "What can't I eat with money?"

Zhao Xiaochun spoke in a regretful tone. "After the eating competition, I would go over to the shop to support it. After supporting it for a month, it is unknown why that shop closed down one month later."

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Lin Yuan was now in the vicinity of the scarlet flame vortex. He had especially found a secluded place to land. After landing, Lin Yuan withdrew the four wings, causing the thousands of black feathers to fall on the ground.

Once the feathers fell onto the ground, a sand whirlpool instantly fused the black feathers into the sand.

At that moment, the Mother of Bloodbath's peculiar and pleasant voice suddenly echoed in Lin Yuan's ears. After hearing what the Mother of Bloodbath said, Lin Yuan's eyes violently contracted.

Chapter 267: The Presence of a Suzerain/Myth Fey

The Mother of Bloodbath's pleasant voice carried a trace of doubt and seriousness. "Lin Yuan, I can feel the presence of a Suzerain/Myth fey."

Lin Yuan asked subconsciously, "Is it a Suzerain/Myth fey or a Class 6 demon that has a Suzerain fey's strength?"

“The presence doesn’t have any flame or sulfur, so it shouldn’t be a presence from a demon.”

Lin Yuan was rather anxious when the Mother of Bloodbath suddenly spoke. However, after the Mother of Bloodbath confirmed it wasn’t a Class 6 demon, he felt relieved.

If a Class 6 demon actually appeared in this controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift, then a huge problem would be bound to occur.

However, Lin Yuan still frowned slightly and pondered. The strongest abyss lifeform in this Class 3 abyss dimensional rift should only be a Class 4 demon. The strength of a Class 4 demon was only equivalent to a Platinum fey. Logically, there was nothing to attract the attention of a Suzerain/Myth fey in this place.

The Radiance Federation did have Suzerain/Myth feys. When some of the wild feys evolved into Suzerain ones, they would choose to report to the Spirit Guards. Therefore, such feys were considered an officially recognized expert of the Radiance Federation.

Those wild Suzerain feys that chose to serve the Radiance Federation’s Spirit Guards would receive great benefits and treatment. They didn’t really have to fret about resources when progressing. At the same time, they would receive help from Class 4 or even Class 5 Creation Masters.

If such Suzerain feys wanted to obtain resources by themselves, they would normally venture into dimensional rifts that were opened suddenly and not yet controlled. They would then be able to obtain the source-type items in those dimensional rifts. This was the best method for Suzerain feys to obtain resources.

Therefore, Lin Yuan couldn’t understand.

“Mother of Bloodbath, are Suzerain/Myth feys able to sense each other within a certain range?”

The Mother of Bloodbath’s pleasant and peculiar voice sounded again. “The presence of a Suzerain/Myth fey can only be sensed by another Suzerain/Myth fey. If one of the parties intentionally withdrew their presence, the other party would have a very hard time finding the hidden fey unless the Suzerain/Myth is innately adept at those observations. However, I am adept in offense and not observation.”

Lin Yuan was certain about something after hearing the answer. This Suzerain/Myth fey shouldn’t be a Path Protector like the Mother of Bloodbath. It wasn’t protecting a young generation member who was training in this Class 3 abyss dimensional rift.

Those prestigious clans might arrange a Path Protector for their descendants who were in the midst of development, but most Path Protectors were only king-class experts or pinnacle king-class experts. It was rare for any of the Path Protectors for these prestigious clan descendants to be at the Suzerain grade.

Even if there was any, it should be a human expert that was above the king-class and at the Suzerain grade. It shouldn’t be a Suzerain/Myth fey. In other words, if the Mother of Bloodbath was able to feel the presence of this Suzerain/Myth Breed fey, it meant that the other party wasn’t concealing its presence.

Lin Yuan muttered for a moment before asking, "Mother of Bloodbath, did you feel this Suzerain/Myth fey's presence before the appearance of the flame vortex or after?"

The Mother of Bloodbath replied in a firm tone, "I felt its presence not long after the appearance of the flame vortex. However, this Suzerain/Myth fey's presence has some problems."

The Mother of Bloodbath paused for a moment before speaking again, "This Suzerain/Myth fey's presence is very weak. It is so weak that it doesn't feel like a real Suzerain/Myth fey. The presence might be weak, but it is very pure."

Lin Yuan noted down the Mother of Bloodbath's words but still couldn't understand what was going on. However, he was now 120% cautious.

If this Suzerain/Myth fey's presence appeared only after the flame vortex's appearance, it meant that the Suzerain/Myth fey was attracted to the abnormal flame underneath the flame vortex.

Lin Yuan felt his Gold I/Fantasy I Source Sand constantly creating sand, and it was nearly covering the entire ground underneath his feet. Lin Yuan couldn't help lamenting how different his Source Sand was as compared to other feys.

In over a month, the Gold/Fantasy Source Sand had created an unknown amount of sand. Every portion of sand would increase the Source Sand's strength.

Lin Yuan rapidly injected spiritual power into the Source Sand, which was inside the purple-black ground. He ordered for the Source Sand to create sand rapidly to fill up the underground area where the Red Pagoda might be inside.

As Lin Yuan injected his spiritual power, the Gold/Fantasy Source Sand, which had been gradually creating sand, finally revealed its outstanding ability.

Every grain of sand underground that contained ferromanganese's metallic properties was rapidly smashing rocks in the ground. Once the Source Sand received Lin Yuan's spiritual power, massive amounts of sand were being produced, rapidly spreading out with the flame vortex at the core.

Lin Yuan raised his hand and used the Bronze X/Legend Spirit-Gather Goldfish's Spirit Injection to replenish his exhausted spiritual power.

Since Lin Yuan was preparing to seize this treasure that was mutated by the natural world, he naturally had to maintain his prime in order to face any danger or challenge.

As Lin Yuan walked toward the valley where the flame vortex was, he noticed plenty of spirit qi professionals at the entrance of the valley. However, these spirit qi professionals didn't move forward as they were all stuck outside the valley.

Lin Yuan looked around the valley and noticed it was filled with flowing flame-like fire-element energy. He couldn't help being silently amazed as the flowing flame energy had nearly covered the entire interior part of the valley.

The flame energy was the same as a pinnacle Silver fire-type fey showing its attack prowess.

Most of the spirit qi professionals that were inside this Class 3 dimensional rift to train or for adventure would mostly have Gold feys. It was rare for anyone to possess a Platinum fey.

Chapter 268: Four Wings of Protection

Those spirit qi professionals with Platinum feys might be able to enter. In fact, they could also bring in two companions with pinnacle Gold feys. But for those spirit qi professionals who didn't have Platinum feys, nor companions with Platinum feys, they would be stuck outside the valley. They weren't even qualified to enter the valley.

Lin Yuan's arrival attracted plenty of attention from the adventurers and the youths that were here to train.

"Kid, don't go forward, just watch here. There is someone selling snacks over there, but the price is a little high."

Lin Yuan looked to the side and noticed a fatty holding a pile of resources and hawking for sales. There were also a few other young people who were of similar age to the fatty. They were hawking and helping the fatty to sell the huge pile of resources.

The hawking calls made the atmosphere rather lively. Those that didn't know would think there was a gathering for a performance.

Lin Yuan didn't know whether to say that this fatty had a business mind or that he was too silly and reckless.

Lin Yuan walked to the valley entrance, which had a barrier made with the flowing flame-shaped fire element energy. Just as he was about to enter, a middle-aged adventurer pulled back Lin Yuan and said, "Do you wish to die!? A few fellows earlier were confident in their strength, but after just a few meters, they were all burned to death by the fire element energy. In the beginning, the fire element energy in the valley might only be the standard of a Silver fey's attack, but now it already has the power of a Gold fey's attack."

As soon as this adventurer finished talking, another adventurer said, "Do you really think you are Black just because you are wearing a mask!? Even if you are Black, that strange plant and Silver/Fantasy avian species fey would only allow you to enter the valley filled with fire element energy."

Lin Yuan raised his brows. *This brother seems to be very knowledgeable! If I use Red Thorn and Chimey, it is true that I would not be able to enter this valley that is filled with fire element energy. However, I don't plan to use Red Thorn and Chimey to enter.*

If Lin Yuan wanted to enter this valley, he had two methods.

The first method was to summon the Silver/Fantasy Jasmine Lily and ask it to use its Heal ability on him. He would then fill his body with vitality energy to walk through forcefully. Even if the flowing flame energy injured him, the Jasmine Lily's concentrated vitality energy would immediately heal the wounds. But if that was the case, Lin Yuan would have to burn off a layer of skin, grow a new layer of skin, and repeat the process of torture.

Lin Yuan felt that it was truly too forceful, and he wouldn't be so cruel to himself.

However, Lin Yuan had a second method—that was to use the Source Sand to bury underground and travel until he was right underneath the flame vortex. The Source Sand had already scouted the road ahead for Lin Yuan. The flowing flame energy inside the valley may have the Gold Fey's attack power, but the temperature inside the purple-black ground wasn't considered high.

Furthermore, when it was closer to the fist-sized plant that contained massive spirit qi, the temperature would be the same as the temperature outside the valley. It might even be colder. Therefore, traveling underground was the best choice.

Earlier on, the two adventurers who spoke to Lin Yuan had turned around, and when they turned back, they noticed that Lin Yuan was already missing. The duo quickly looked at each other and swallowed their saliva.

One of the adventurers said with astonishment, "Oh my god, that kid got burnt too quickly, right!?"

The other adventurer realized that what he wanted to say had been said first. Therefore, he felt choked up. After a long time, he finally said, "They said that women are made of water. That masked kid wouldn't be made of oil, right!?"

At that moment, the duo suddenly heard an exclamation from the side. There was a middle-aged auntie who wore pelt armor and looked rather wealthy. She was covering her mouth and screaming, "Mmmfff, Mmmfff."

After a long period of muffled screams, she then shouted, "That kid got eaten by the ground!"

Lin Yuan was now five meters underground. However, he wasn't miserably squeezed between the sand. He was inside an iron cage that was made by the chain blade.

Lin Yuan stood in this chain blade made with ferromanganese and didn't even dare to move an inch. Even though Lin Yuan was the Source Sand's contractor, the ferromanganese's metallic properties wouldn't recognize its owner. A random movement would allow Lin Yuan to feel how a potato got its skin peeled.

Soon enough, Lin Yuan was lifted up to the surface by a giant hand that the Source Sand formed. The moment he left the ground, the chain blade quickly fused back into the sand.

Right at the moment of imminent peril, Lin Yuan suddenly felt something. The Source Sand instantly formed 1,000 pieces of feather made with the Day and Night Silver and formed four wings.

As soon as the four wings were formed, Lin Yuan immediately injected spiritual power, transforming the black wings into pure white wings. The white wings wrapped around and protected Lin Yuan in the center.

Subsequently, three violent energy blasts struck Lin Yuan's white wings. Even with the Gold I/Fantasy I Source Sand's strength, along with the Day and Night Silver's shock absorption properties, Lin Yuan still felt a significant impact.

This impact made Lin Yuan feel pain in his innards. The impact might have inflicted pain to Lin Yuan, but there wasn't any physical damage.

Had Lin Yuan not been constantly thinking about the fey-trapping metal shards and being 120% cautious, this surprise attack might have dealt severe injuries even with the defenses.

During this month, Lin Yuan was already used to the ruthless methods of how people were killed to obtain treasures. However, he didn't expect anyone to be ambushing here within the valley and killing adventurers that just arrived.

At that moment, Lin Yuan could hear three coarse voices from outside.

"Big Brother, is that kid dead yet? His reaction was truly fast."

"Not dead yet. Didn't you see the white wings are still closed?"

"Big Brother, what is that fey? How is it able to grow wings on a person? I have never heard of it before."

Lin Yuan's white wings immediately received more attacks from fey abilities.

The three voices were obviously from three spirit qi professionals of the same team. The attacks received earlier were from two pinnacle Gold feys and one Platinum II/Elite fey.

Since it was an ambush, then it was obvious that the trio had used at least 80% of their strength.

Lin Yuan's cold voice suddenly echoed under the white glistening wings. "Flare up, Source Sand!"

Once Lin Yuan gave the command, the purple-black ground within the valley collapsed and formed a quicksand that was close to one kilometer in radius. All of the quicksand formed layers that were constantly pushing downwards.

As the quicksand was stirring, it felt as though everything was going to be pulled close to 100 meters underground.

Upon hearing the three coarse exclams, Lin Yuan's pure white wings opened up and instantly turned black again.

Chapter 269: Twin Red Pagoda and Disk

The black wings were absorbing the light within the valley that was already scarce. It felt like an ink-colored ripple that was devouring the light in the air.

Before Lin Yuan received the attacks from the trio, he had constantly been cautious and on guard. Then now, the trio was truly caught unprepared by Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan flapped the four black wings and stood on the palm that lifted him above the sea of sand. The palm had been blasted by the attacks earlier and was only left with the middle finger. Lin Yuan stood there and controlled the Source Sand to attack.

The three spirit qi professionals were currently struggling to break free. The two spirit qi professionals who had pinnacle Gold feys had encountered some terrifying attacks under the quicksand. All of their screaming and shouting had instantly vanished while their vitality sank into the quicksand.

The spirit qi professional with the Platinum fey quickly yelled, “Don’t, don’t, don’t kill me! Spare my life! I will do whatever you want me to do in the future!”

Lin Yuan heard the response. The icy cold eyes behind the mask were now flickering with murderous intent. “You don’t even have a Willpower Rune. How are you going to pledge your allegiance?”

Lin Yuan’s words stopped that spirit qi professional from speaking any other words to ask for mercy. Without any Willpower Rune, there wasn’t a way to swear an oath with the Willpower Rune. Without the Willpower Rune to bind one’s words, then there wasn’t any credibility.

Lin Yuan’s icy cold eyes looked at the spirit qi professional and his Platinum fey, Saber-Tooth Hunched Wolf, struggle in the sand.

Towards anyone who wanted to kill him, Lin Yuan would never be merciful. Even if this spirit qi professional possessed a Willpower Rune and wanted to pledge his allegiance, Lin Yuan wouldn’t hesitate to kill him.

Anyone who had ideas of killing him, Lin Yuan would never spare that person. Therefore, he would never allow those who wanted to kill him to stay by his side as a servant.

Now that the Source Sand had created and accumulated sand for over a month, its strength was already far beyond the Source Sand’s regular strength.

The Gold I/Fantasy I Source Sand’s regular strength was already equivalent to a Platinum fey. Now that the Source Sand was able to control a massive amount of sand that was boundless, its strength was already far beyond the limits of a Platinum fey.

As long as it wasn’t a flying Platinum fey, any fey that got trapped in this boundless quicksand wouldn’t be able to escape. Only Diamond feys would have the possibility of breaking free.

When the Source Sand created a huge amount of sand to form the quicksand, it was no longer a simple attack method. The elemental source-type lifeform had used its characteristics to form a natural disaster.

The spirit qi professional and its Platinum fey rapidly exhausted their spirit qi due to the struggling in the sea of sand. At present, they no longer had any spiritual power to prevent themselves from sinking into the quicksand.

The spirit qi professional accidentally swallowed a few mouthfuls of sand during the struggle. As the sand contained the ferromanganese’s properties, it caused the spirit qi professional’s vocal chord to be shattered from all the grinding.

The spirit qi professional couldn’t even speak now. All of a sudden, the spirit qi professional heard an icy cold voice. “How many have you ambushed before me?”

The quicksand that had Lin Yuan’s spiritual power was the same as Lin Yuan’s eyes. He could feel there were plenty of spirit qi professionals and feys that had just died recently within the quicksand. All these spirit qi professionals and feys were all killed with a single strike from sneak attacks.

It was obvious that the trio had been ambushing several adventurers who entered this place.

The spirit qi professional with the Platinum fey that had already lost all strength to struggle resentfully glared at Lin Yuan with bloodshot eyes.

Lin Yuan saw the spirit qi professional's resentful eyes, so he responded by gently moving his finger. The spirit qi professional's Platinum Saber-Tooth Hunched Wolf was only able to let out half a groan before it was buried silently into the quicksand. The Saber-Tooth Hunched Wolf's contractor was in instant agony as big beads of sweat rolled down his forehead.

This was the real world and not the Star Web. When the fey perished, there would be a spiritual backlash to the spirit qi professional.

Lin Yuan said indifferently, "Those who kill should be ready to get killed too. I originally wanted to ask why you were ambushing other adventurers, but you swallowed the sand with ferromanganese properties and broke your vocal chord. I am now unable to ask for any answers too."

Lin Yuan then said softly, "Source Sand, devour him."

Once the spirit qi professional sank into the quicksand along with his Platinum Saber-Tooth Hunched Wolf, Lin Yuan was the only person remaining in the underground cave under the flame vortex.

Lin Yuan asked the Source Sand to extend the quicksand range and turned a two-kilometer radius from the cave into a quicksand region. He then used the sand to block up all the entrances from the cave to the valley.

Lin Yuan was stepping on the moving quicksand and walking toward the fist-sized plant that was enveloped in the flame vortex.

Lin Yuan realized the fist-sized plant was indeed a scarlet red succulent plant. Its color was truly pure red, and it was even purer than cinnabar.

Eight fang-like leaves were growing together, forming the shape of an elegant lotus. Each of the fang-like leaves was striking in color, but they weren't dazzling.

It might be of an extreme red and should be dazzling like the radiant sun, but at this moment, the redness was particularly reserved. It wasn't even as dazzling as the flowing flame energy that it was absorbing.

Lin Yuan felt that the fang-shaped leaves looked like the fangs of a dragon species fey. However, when the leaves were all placed together in a formation, it gave off an unspeakable delicate beauty.

This succulent plant that wasn't even the size of a fist actually possessed a motherly radiance that would accept all life.

Each of the dragon fang-shaped leaves was totally scarlet red; only the base of the leaf would have a tint of green. When all the green tints were gathered together, it looked like a green flame.

The green flame was totally enveloped by the red flame and didn't even reveal any presence. The red flame was burning violently, but when Lin Yuan walked closer, he couldn't feel any temperature.

The flame vortex was absorbing all the fire elements and fusing them into the red flame. But the red flame didn't seem to be growing, only the core of the red flame. The green flame was constantly dancing.

As the green flame was dancing, one could visibly see that it was getting more sparkling and translucent, just like a burning jade.

Lin Yuan was now almost certain that this succulent scarlet plant should be the heaven and earth fey, Red Pagoda. The green flame that was wrapped inside the red flame should be the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire that was ranked seventh among all fire attribute spiritual ingredients.

Lin Yuan used Morbius' True Data to check and found out that this succulent scarlet plant was none other than the Red Pagoda, just as he imagined. However, this scarlet succulent wasn't just a regular Red Pagoda.

When under True Data's display, this scarlet succulent plant's name was called Twin Red Pagoda.

Lin Yuan conducted a detailed observation and discovered that this Red Pagoda didn't have just one flower. When tracing from the roots, Lin Yuan realized that the two flowers' bigger flower had nearly withered due to unknown reasons. Only the core of the main flower was emitting a very weak red flame.

It was hidden with a few traces of green flame within the red flame. Had it not been for the support flower protecting and nursing the main flower's final tinder, this main flower would have already withered.

Lin Yuan immediately noticed something wrong. As a Creation Master, he had a deep understanding of all lifeforms.

For the Red Pagoda, a heaven and earth fey, it wasn't logical for the support flower to be lively while the main flower was withering in its natural habitat.

Lin Yuan placed his hand away from the Red Pagoda first before releasing pure spiritual power. Once the Red Pagoda felt the pure spiritual power, the scarlet leaves suddenly turned bright.

After a moment, Lin Yuan attempted to use his hand to touch the Red Pagoda's main flower that was basically withered. He then released pure spirit qi towards the main flower.

All living things had a spirit. As a heaven and earth fey, the Red Pagoda naturally had its own intelligence. Although the Red Pagoda's spiritual wisdom was limited due to being a plant-species fey, it could still feel others' help.

The growth of a heaven and earth fey was to strive for life against heaven. When being helped with such pure spirit qi, the Twin Red Pagoda released a friendly aura to Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan then injected more of the pure spirit qi toward the Twin Red Pagoda. It was already treating Lin Yuan as its kin. However, Lin Yuan felt something wrong as he continued pouring pure spirit qi toward the main flower.

Lin Yuan placed his palms on the Twin Red Pagoda and sensed that the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire that the Twin Red Pagoda was nurturing had already matured.

Logically, after the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire was matured, it should naturally dissipate. The Red Pagoda was a kind of flower that would use its entire life to nurture a fire.

Now that the Twin Red Pagoda absorbed so much of fire elements, it had nearly dried up the fire elements within this Class 3 abyss dimensional rift. But if the fire elements absorbed weren't used to nurture the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire, where did they go?

Lin Yuan didn't command the Source Sand to excavate toward the roots of the Twin Red Pagoda. Instead, he was digging it personally. The Twin Red Pagoda had already treated Lin Yuan as its kin, so it didn't make any defensive actions.

After digging for a moment, he realized that the Twin Red Pagoda's roots were planted in an exquisite clear gold disk.

Chapter 270: The Strange Object In the Disc

Lin Yuan could sense that the golden disc was madly absorbing the fire-element energy that had been drawn from the entire Class 3 abyss dimensional rift from the Twin Red Pagoda through the roots of its main flower.

He perceived that this fire-element energy was not channeled directly into the golden disc but accumulated in the Twin Red Pagoda's body.

However, the huge amount of spirit qi contained in these fire elements was completely absorbed by the golden disc without a drop left.

This huge amount of spirit qi was transformed by the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire after absorbing the fire-elemental energy.

The huge amount of spirit qi in the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire had been absorbed by this golden disc. As the Twin Red Pagoda's support flower that produced this Lifeform Sacrificial Fire, it naturally had to desperately absorb the fire elements to fill in the huge spirit qi consumed to produce the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire.

The Twin Red Pagoda's support flower was akin to the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire's mother in a way. This was also why the Twin Red Pagoda's support flower had clearly produced the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire and completed its mission but still had not withered.

At that moment, a more magnificent red color than the Twin Red Pagoda's leaves shone up in this cave. The red-crystal-like luster condensed into a red-haired and red-eyed woman clad in crimson leather.

As soon as Lin Yuan saw this woman, he asked with a smile, "Mother of Bloodbath, why did you suddenly turn into a human?"

Lin Yuan had watched the Mother of Bloodbath advance from Suzerain/Myth I into Suzerain/Myth II and receive the World Cleansing.

If he had not unlocked the Spirit-Gather Goldfish's Vitality Imprint and used Morbius' Pure Land of Bliss to help the Mother of Bloodbath heal its damaged roots at that time, it could likely have perished in that World Cleansing.

However, even a long time after it had been promoted to Suzerain/Myth II, besides turning into its human form after completing the World Cleansing and receiving the World Grace, it had always remained in its fey form.

This was Lin Yuan's second time seeing the Mother of Bloodbath taking the initiative to turn into a human form.

The Mother of Bloodbath's peculiar yet pleasant voice was filled with solemnity. "Lin Yuan, you can recognize the metal disc and the metal inside it?"

Lin Yuan nodded but then shook his head. He was familiar with this golden metal. It was the fey-trapping metal, which was usually used to make fey storage boxes.

It was the main material for fey storage boxes of Normal, Bronze, to Diamond. It was just that the lower the grade of the fey storage box, the lesser the fey-trapping metal was added.

As he looked at the disc mostly formed by the fey-trapping metal and the other metals inlaid in the various engraved symbols, he was puzzled as to what the golden disc formed by this fey-trapping metal was for.

Although the golden metal disc looked like a piece of spatial equipment similar to the fey storage box, it was still different.

The Mother of Bloodbath looked up at that crimson flame vortex in the sky and said in a cold voice, "I've never imagined a Dark Federation's spatial item to appear in the Radiance Federation and inside the controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift near the Royal Capital."

When Lin Yuan heard the Mother of Bloodbath's words, he immediately recognized the matter's seriousness.

The Mother of Bloodbath's red eyes suddenly seemed to burn, and its body instantly flickered with a crystal-red blood luster. A spider about two centimeters in size carved like a red crystal appeared in the Mother of Bloodbath's hands.

The Mother of Bloodbath placed it in Lin Yuan's hands and immediately said, "I'm going to take a look in the Class 3 dimensional rift connected to the abyssal world's hub. Since someone is conspiring in the dark, they are unable to do so now. Because this flame vortex has appeared, and this matter has been exposed, they won't be able to take it lying down."

Lin Yuan nodded and replied, "Mother of Bloodbath, go ahead. I'll wait for your return outside the mountain valley after I'm done collecting the Lifeform Sacrificial Fire."

The Mother of Bloodbath's ice-cold red eyes flashed with a hint of warmth while looking at him. "When you encounter danger, inject spiritual power into this red spider."

After saying that, the Mother of Bloodbath's figure suddenly vanished in the cave, like a broken red-crystal mirror.

Lin Yuan checked the golden disc in his hand. It was really his first time seeing it, but he knew a lot about the fey storage box.

When Lin Yuan had become the Moon Empress' disciple, he had asked her about the fey storage box during the first question-and-answer session.

Thanks to the Moon Empress' explanation, he then knew that Ostrich Logistics was not a big player that monopolized the Radiance Federation's logistics industry. It was actually a special organization that the Radiance Federation's officials supported in the dark.

It was responsible for manufacturing all spatial equipment used to carry feys and spiritual materials in the Radiance Federation. The spatial equipment had a unified design specification, which was the fey storage box.

The only spatial equipment in the Radiance Federation was those Normal, Bronze, to Diamond fey storage boxes produced by Ostrich Logistics.

The fey-trapping metal was something rare, but under the Radiance Federation's control, other than Ostrich Logistics, other logistics industries were not allowed to produce spatial equipment.

If one wanted to use spatial equipment, they could only order the fey storage boxes they needed from Ostrich Logistics.

The fey-trapping metal and some special technology to create spatial items could lead to a variety of shapes and functions.

From the Mother of Bloodbath's words, Lin Yuan knew that this golden metal disc was spatial equipment from the Dark Federation.

The territory within the Radiance Federation was really too big. Lin Yuan did not dare to say that he knew about certain things within the Radiance Federation very well. Thus, he had hardly asked the Moon Empress about things outside the Radiance Federation.

The only thing he knew was the Freedom Federation and the Azure Federation, as these were the only ones that could compete with the Radiance Federation in this world.

This huge world's structure was the three major federations—Radiance Federation, Freedom Federation, and Azure Federation.

Hundreds of small federations had formed themselves into a huge world map. Only those with world-class strategic resources, like the Floating Island Whale, were qualified to stir up the storm in this huge world.

This was indeed Lin Yuan's first time hearing of the Dark Federation.

He tried to inject spiritual power into this golden metal disc, and he suddenly found it had quite a big space inside. Although this space was not as large as the Diamond fey storage box, it also had an area comparable to the Platinum fey storage box.

As Lin Yuan looked at this golden metal disc, he saw a half-meter-tall small tree that looked elegant yet strange.

