

Merchant 351

### **Chapter 351: Lin Yuan Getting Up for Breakfast**

It was clearly just a meeting and discussion. He had only shown that he was considering accepting Listen and the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's allegiance.

However, Listen showed his full sincerity and excluded the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's chaos and instability.

After that, he showed him the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's best situation that Listen could come up with.

Rather than saying Listen was fighting for a chance of allegiance for himself, it was better to say that he was being responsible for the decision Lin Yuan would make.

After Listen finished expressing his intentions, he was a little nervous.

He heard the youth's cheerful and magnetic voice at the other end of the phone.

"Okay."

When he heard this word, the nervous Listen immediately revealed a smile.

Then, he decided to cut the Gordian knot and make a ruthless change in the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's chaotic situation as soon as possible.

After experiencing the previous incident, he understood a principle. Any unstable factors would be a fatal variable in a life-and-death situation. Even if it was favorable, that might turn out to be the most vicious stab to the core in a life-and-death situation.

After Lin Yuan hung up the phone and went to take a shower, he felt that it was time to adjust his working and resting timing.

All the things in the mansion were proceeding in an orderly manner in these two days.

Wen Yu was refining the information on the major veteran factions. Information resources were often equal to a faction's eyes and ears.

Lin Yuan's private faction had gotten almost all the information from Wen Yu, and the source of information came from the Radiant Moon Palace. This ensured the absolute accuracy of the information about the major factions.

The Radiant Moon Palace was like a manual regarding the major factions' information, regardless of whether they were rising factions or veteran factions.

But under Wen Yu's organization, all this information was organized into the best suitable way for Lin Yuan's private faction.

Lin Yuan had to go to the Radiant Moon Palace nearly every day for the past two days. He went there to have a round of question-and-answer session with his master, the Moon Empress.

During the knowledge quiz with the Moon Empress previously, Lin Yuan would mainly be asking while she would be answering.

But during this period, Lin Yuan had not gone out for training. He had spent most of the time in the Spirit Lock spatial zone to enhance feys. Therefore, Lin Yuan had not really had a lot of questions to ask the Moon Empress.

The two days of question-and-answer session had become roughly the Moon Empress asking, while Lin Yuan would be pondering.

When the Moon Empress answered, Lin Yuan would mentally note down her answer. Then, based on the questions the Moon Empress had asked before, he would think about them.

Lin Yuan asked again, and the Moon Empress answered again.

This was repeated three times. Lin Yuan basically could link together these questions.

Every time Lin Yuan left during the past two days, Mystic Moon would be a bit frightened. This was because Mystic Moon really did not understand why the Moon Empress would be so happy.

The Moon Empress had finally experienced the feeling of teaching her disciple during these two days, giving her a great sense of accomplishment.

Most of the questions Lin Yuan had asked the Moon Empress before were the problem he was currently encountering at this stage.

After asking the Moon Empress and getting answers, he immediately understood what he could not before and was enlightened.

However, Lin Yuan had encountered only a few problems, so his questions were also relatively one-sided.

During these two days, with the Moon Empress asking in the question-and-answer session, the Moon Empress had taught Lin Yuan the problems he needed to take care of or knowledge that he needed to learn and understand at the current stage. This had given Lin Yuan a new perception.

The Moon Empress had always been a very strong person in terms of character. However, when she had decided to accept Lin Yuan as her disciple, she had decided.

In her opinion, accepting a disciple was not managing the disciple, and teaching a disciple was not controlling the disciple.

Thus, after the Moon Empress learned about Lin Yuan's thoughts and persistence, she retreated behind him.

She had always been doing things for Lin Yuan as what a master should do in her own way. This was a master's respect for her disciple.

In fact, in Mystic Moon and Cold Moon's opinions, the Moon Empress had never been a person who was good at expressing her feelings.

But in almost half a year, the Moon Empress had decided to accept a disciple, become his master in a fluster, and had been able to watch her disciple grow in her own way.

This was not only Lin Yuan's progress but also the Moon Empress'.

In the Moon Empress' opinion, her disciple was also an inherited torch.

For the past few days, while Lin Yuan had been contemplating what the Moon Empress taught him, he would return to the mansion and feed the nearly 50 black Telescope Spirit-Siphon Goldfish a drop of diluted dragon blood every half a day.

It had to be known that such blood had a completely different effect from a dragon-species fey's essence blood.

For a low-grade dragon-species fey, all the blood in its body could not condense into five drops of essence blood.

There was a procedure needed for this bloodline stimulation, and it roughly took half a month to take effect.

At the same time, the huge amount of pure spirit qi in the Spirit-Siphon Goldfish raised these Telescope Spirit-Siphon Goldfish's grade and quality very quickly.

Lin Yuan had also made arrangements for Gray and the White Cloud Mountain minnow, which could not be considered a fey. It was just a fish that grew in grass ponds and had a soft spine, with flesh high in sugar. It also had an excellent effect on Gray's nutrition.

As a Grus fey, in addition to having gray feathers all over, Gray could be described to be all skin and bones. Hence, it now needed to repair its damaged genetic model and replenished its nutrition.

Lin Yuan slept very early in the past two days, so under normal circumstances, he could wake up from sleep at about 7:30 in the morning. But early this morning, Lin Yuan was still asleep when he heard a knock on the door.

This knocking sound woke him up from sleep, and before he could open his eyes, he heard the Mother of Bloodbath's voice.

"Lin Yuan, it's late. Quickly get ready and come down to eat breakfast."

Lin Yuan, who had been suddenly woken up, was still a bit confused. He answered, "Got it. I'll get ready now."

After three or five minutes, he opened his eyes. By the time he opened his eyes, his entire body had fully awakened. Lin Yuan somewhat helplessly tidied up his hair that had changed shape from being pressed on.

Upon looking at the hair standing on his head, Lin Yuan went to take a shower. After he took a shower and wiped his hair into a semi-dry state, he went downstairs.

The Mother of Bloodbath usually did not have the habit of waking people up to eat. It had now done so, meaning there was only one possibility.

## Chapter 352: Insect Queen's Flaw

Liu Jie had returned.

Otherwise, a foodie like the Mother of Bloodbath would never be so passionate about breakfast.

As expected, when Lin Yuan got downstairs, he noticed that Liu Jie was carrying out the breakfast that he had just made in the kitchen.

Before Lin Yuan could even see what was for breakfast, just from the fragrance, he knew that Liu Jie had probably steamed some soup dumplings and also crab roe dumplings.

Lin Yuan originally thought he was already fast enough, but he realized that he was the last to arrive downstairs. Hu Quan was already happily waiting for the food.

From Hu Quan's spiritual state and the completely jade-textured wooden shavings in the main hall, Lin Yuan could guess that Hu Quan had probably burned the entire night working again.

Wen Yu was helping out Liu Jie to serve the baskets of soup dumplings and crab roe dumplings on that completely jade-textured wooden dining table.

Before they could finish serving, the baskets were already stacked so high, however, no matter how many dumplings there were, it was probably not enough for the Mother of Bloodbath and Endless Summer.

Endless Summer was a Suzerain/Myth fey and required a lot of food, but it wasn't especially passionate about food.

At present, Endless Summer was holding onto a small mirror and fiddling with its hair. Once it saw Lin Yuan coming down, it ran over and said, "Lin Yuan, the Star Web live-stream that you recommended to watch is truly brilliant! This is my first time knowing that color could give hair new life."

Lin Yuan also revealed a handsome but puzzled expression. Didn't I ask Endless Summer to watch the dressing combination? What has that got to do with the hair?

Since Endless Summer was so happy, Lin Yuan followed the topic and said, "Actually, there are times when a single color might not be as nice as imagined."

Lin Yuan recalled yesterday when Endless Summer wore an entire suit of green that made someone feel nervous, so he couldn't help but give this comment.

Endless Summer nodded excitedly and agreed. "I feel so too. It isn't called fashion without at least three colors. More than five colors is called taste!"

Lin Yuan also revealed another handsomely puzzled expression. What he said just now was to subtly tell Endless Summer that green would look much better than complemented with other colors. But if it was a simple color, there wouldn't be any problem for it to be just one color.

Furthermore, two to three colors on a dressing should be more than enough. If there were more than five colors, wouldn't it look like a Christmas tree?

The Mother of Bloodbath saw that Endless Summer still had things to discuss with Lin Yuan, so it grabbed the mirror from Endless Summer and said, "Big Sister Summer, let's eat first. We can talk about anything after eating!"

Endless Summer sat at the dining table and said to the Mother of Bloodbath, "Little Sister Blood, I have noticed a secret to fashion. Later on, we will go out, and I shall help you make a design. I promise you will like it."

Lin Yuan felt that he had merely given Endless Summer a method to dress simply, so how could there be such a great inspiration? How did she actually connect fashion with hairstyle? Could it be Endless Summer's innate fashion taste!?

It was just a live-stream on dressing combination. How could it allow Endless Summer to become 'Summer Stylish'?

Everyone had a very comforting breakfast in the manor. One had to admit that Liu Jie's culinary skills were truly brilliant.

Liu Jie had made all sorts of different fillings with the dumplings, allowing the Mother of Bloodbath to have a satisfactory meal.

Just as they were finishing the meal and when Lin Yuan wanted to ask Liu Jie about the Radiance Hundred Sequence rankings, Liu Jie spoke to Lin Yuan in a very solemn manner.

"Lin Yuan, had it not been for you who upgraded my Insect Queen into a Fantasy Breed, and allowing my Insect Queen's Platinum ability to have the genetic model of the Hurricane Owlet Moth, I might not even have made it to the top 70 of the Radiance Hundred Sequence."

Liu Jie had a very serious expression when speaking. Liu Jie originally thought that he could reserve Insect Queen's Platinum ability during the Radiance Hundred test and keep it as his trump card.

However, when Liu Jie had challenged the current Radiance Hundred Sequence #30, Invisible Twine, Lan Baobao, he had nearly messed up.

Lan Baobao's trump card, which he had never been exposed, was revealed during the duel with Liu Jie.

Liu Jie would have failed if he hadn't made a prompt decision to use the Insect Queen's Platinum ability to produce seven Hurricane Owlet Moths, allowing the moths to create a hurricane and control the duel.

This had allowed Liu Jie to realize that he wasn't the only person that had improved. His previous comrades hadn't stayed down like him for over three years and might have improved significantly.

At the same time, the duel with Sequence #30 Invisible Twine had allowed Liu Jie to feel his limitations in combat.

The limitation was the fact that Liu Jie could only contract with the Insect Queen. The Insect Queen had nearly taken up all of Liu Jie's spiritual energy, so he couldn't contract another fey or lifeform.

According to the Insect Queen's trait, Liu Jie would never be able to form a contract with another fey or source-type lifeform in this life.

The Platinum Insect Queen was powerful as it could produce five types of insects.

There was an absolute advantage in numbers, allowing Liu Jie to be like an insect swarm on the battlefield. However, as Liu Jie got stronger, he encountered stronger opponents. As such, the problem with the Insect Queen slowly surfaced.

Among the five insect species feys that the Insect Queen used as its abilities, Liu Jie might be able to choose and use them to coordinate with each other flawlessly. However, apart from the Hurricane Owllet Moth, the four other insect species feys had relatively simple genetic models.

It simply meant that they were rather weak. There were times when numbers didn't mean advantage.

When the numbers reached a standard, individual strength was also very important.

When the Insect Queen's grade got higher, its abilities' insect-species feys would get stronger as well. However, as compared to others who had multiple Fantasy Breed feys, Liu Jie would be inferior.

Therefore, this duel for the Radiance Hundred Sequence position had given Liu Jie no choice but to face his problem directly. Therefore, Liu Jie's feelings had been rather heavy until now.

If this carried on, even if the Insect Queen evolved to the Diamond grade and added on another powerful insect species fey with a simple genetic model, it might increase Liu Jie's combat strength, but it would never give Liu Jie a significant leap in strength.

### **Chapter 353: Star Web Celestial Stairway 2V2**

Such a situation was what was known among spirit qi professionals as being more powerless at the later stages. However, Liu Jie was not able to resolve such a problem.

When Lin Yuan noticed that Liu Jie's expression was somewhat ugly, he took it to heart. Everyone was at the table now. If there were really any problems, it would seem awkward if he asked Liu Jie.

Lin Yuan thought that he would ask Liu Jie what problems he had encountered after breakfast.

As long as the Mother of Bloodbath was around during the meal, it would certainly be the best eater. None of the small steamed buns and crab roe soup dumplings were left.

After eating, Liu Jie started to clean up the mess on the table. On the other hand, Wen Yu returned to her room and began to organize the intel on the major factions.

Hu Quan, who had stayed up all night, was now eating breakfast. His eyelids were closing, so he was ready to go back to his room and sleep until noon.

The Mother of Bloodbath had always been more active when going out in the past, but this time, Endless Summer had dragged it out with gusto.

Lin Yuan was sitting on the water rhinoceros-leather sofa in the hall, drinking the Three Treasures Tea that Wen Yu had brewed in the morning.

Although Lin Yuan did not really like the Three Treasures Tea's taste, when the pine nuts' secreted oil reached his stomach after drinking a mouthful of it in this early winter season, he felt a few hints of warmth.

The taste of the Buddha's hand flower was relatively bland and even a little bitter. However, the bitterness started from the tip of the tongue to the back of the tongue before disappearing. At the same time, there was a strange sweet aftertaste.

It had the sense of metamorphosis of 'There is a bright pearl within me, buried for a long time under the dust. Today, the dust is gone, and the light radiates, shining through all the mountains and rivers.'

The bitterness of the Buddha's hand flower in the mouth turned into an intense sweetness before it reached the throat.

If one tasted this sweetness after the bitterness, they could distinguish a touch of happiness from it.

This mansion was like a big family. Liu Jie took up the job of cooking and was sharing and harvesting the taste of happiness, while Wen Yu took up the job of washing clothes.

Although the Lustrous-Winged Butterflies could clean all the dust in the mansion without a speck of dust left while flying, if there was any dirt on one, they could even clean the clothes until they shone like new when they flew beside for a while.

Even if one's clothes were stained with large patches of dirt, the Lustrous-Winged Butterflies could help remove it.

Therefore, it was reasonable to say that everyone in the mansion did not have to wash their clothes or take a bath.

However, bathing was never just about washing away the dust. It was a way to relax, so the people in the mansion still maintained the habit of bathing.

Although the Lustrous-Winged Butterflies could make the clothes very clean, Wen Yu still habitually washed everyone's clothes except for their undergarments.

Everything in the mansion was all in order.

In a short while, Liu Jie cleaned up the tableware used for breakfast. When he saw Lin Yuan sitting on the sofa, he walked over and sat beside him before saying, "Lin Yuan, I heard of a piece of news when I participated in the Radiance Hundred Sequence this time."

Upon hearing that, Lin Yuan asked, "Big Brother Liu, is there any change in the Radiance Hundred Sequence test this year again?"

Liu Jie was a bit surprised. He did not expect Lin Yuan would guess it so accurately.

"It's said that this year's test will undergo a huge change, but they have not notified us about the details.

"When I was participating in the Radiance Hundred Sequence ranking, I heard that other than the previous 1v1 duel format, they will also set up a 2v2 duel format on the Celestial Stairway."

Lin Yuan's eyes lit up when he heard that. He did not care about the test's change as there was nothing for him to worry about.

However, after learning that two people could form a squad on the Celestial Stairway to have a 2v2 duel, Lin Yuan's interest was piqued.

He had been watching the recent S Tournament on Star Web, even though it was not interesting. That was because the S Tournament was still in the elimination stages, and the strong teams instantly squashed the weak teams. The duels between the weak teams were roughly duels with Silver feys.

Occasionally, there would be a few duels with Gold feys, all of which were considered exciting. This had also decreased the viewership.

However, Lin Yuan would feel ardor and zeal coursing through his blood when he watched the five-vs-five duels between teams.

Most of the 1v1 duels showcased the strength between individuals, or it was better to say their feys' grade and quality. Under the premise of comparable strength, the use of intelligence would influence the victory.

In the end, the 1v1 duels were all about individual strength rather than intelligence. Nonetheless, while Lin Yuan focused on the team competition, he discovered that it mainly relied on teamwork.

Although it was said that absolute strength could crush the opposing team, there were times when teams with vastly different experiences battled, teamwork and strategy could directly affect the battle's direction.

In these elimination duels, Lin Yuan had seen many weak teams without Gold feys use intelligence to overturn strong teams with more than two Gold feys.

If Lin Yuan wanted to participate in the S Tournament, he would have to wait until next year at least.

Now, however, the Celestial Stairway was about to launch 2v2 duels. A squad formed by two people would undoubtedly allow Lin Yuan to have a two-man team battle addiction.

When Liu Jie saw Lin Yuan's expression, he knew that he was very interested in the 2v2 duels.

Liu Jie, who had seemed a little serious all morning, revealed a smile on his face.

"The difference of the squad members cannot exceed 5 Stars on the Celestial Stairway. I'm currently at Celestial Stairway 17-Stars."

Upon hearing that, Lin Yuan replied with a smile, "Then I'll be able to team up with Big Brother Liu when I reach Celestial Stairway 12-Stars."

Lin Yuan had long known that Liu Jie's was currently at Celestial Stairway 17-Stars. Liu Jie had never participated in a Celestial Stairway duel ever since his Insect Queen had recovered. He would usually be making appointments with his friends on Star Web to train himself and hone his combat skills by having private duels.



That was why Liu Jie had remained at Celestial Stairway 17-Stars. He had been at the Celestial Stairway 37-Stars three years ago.

Since he had not participated in the Celestial Stairway duels for more than three years, based on the Celestial Stairway's rules, he would drop one star every two months, which had made him drop to 17-Stars.

Liu Jie had always been considered a Sequence member who was not really keen on the Celestial Stairway duels, among the Radiance Hundred Sequence.

### **Chapter 354: Big Brother Liu, You Happen to Be Able to Use It**

Although Liu Jie had rejoined the Radiance Hundred Sequence now and even entered the top ranks, when it came to the number of stars on the Celestial Stairway, he was probably considered the lowest among the 100 Sequence members.

Lin Yuan was now only at Celestial 1-Star. If he wanted to team up with Liu Jie, he still needed to win 11 consecutive duels.

Although Lin Yuna had not wanted to challenge the Celestial Stairway again, his fighting spirit was set ablaze after he learned about the Celestial Stairway 2v2 duels.

Liu Jie clearly was excited as well. However, he was not excited because of the 2v2 Celestial Stairway duels but the fact that he could form a two-person team with Lin Yuan and fight side by side.

There was a huge difference between Liu Jie's Celestial Stairway stars and Black's. The difference was 16 stars.

However, Liu Jie did not have the thought of dropping his star ranking on the Celestial Stairway. It would go against his principle of doing things and insult Lin Yun, not to mention distrusting him.

When he thought of the scene of himself and Liu Jie fighting side by side at the 2v2 Celestial Stairway duel, Liu Jie said, "Lin Yuan, my Insect Queen's Normal ability, Bayonet Beetles, can assist in providing flesh energy for your plant fey."

Liu Jie said that in excitement, but Lin Yuan froze. Liu Jie had always been considered a power offense-type spirit qi professional. Although his source-type Insect Queen was more all-rounded, it still focused on attacking with the abilities he had chosen for it.

The Insect Queen's Bayonet Beetles may increase the speed at which Red Thorn's sea of flowers spread, but this was undoubtedly the same as Liu Jie giving up his Bayonet Beetles' attack ability.

Even though the Bayonet Beetles were insect-species feys with an embedded genetic model by Liu Jie's Normal ability, the core of Liu Jie's combat tactics was undoubtedly the Bayonet Beetles.

Due to the Bayonet Beetles' existence, Liu Jie had gained the nickname 'Heart of Insect Swarm'.

Now they had to form a two-man squad, and Lin Yuan's strength was far inferior to Liu Jie's.

Liu Jie's source-type Insect Queen was Platinum/Fantasy Breed. As a Radiance Hundred Sequence member, even if Liu Jie was Lin Yuan's retainer, he had his own pride in a battle, which drove Liu Jie not to depend on others in a battle. Unexpectedly, his mentality had changed a little now.

Lin Yuan could not help but think of Liu Jie's weird and serious expression during breakfast.

"Big Brother Liu, did you encounter any insurmountable problems in the Radiance Hundred Sequence ranking?"

Lin Yuan had sensed the change in Liu Jie's attitude, so he asked him very bluntly. This change of mentality was not a trivial thing for a spirit qi professional.

Liu Jie suddenly laughed silently. He had heard those same words before.

Liu Jie recalled the last time he heard that. It was during the king-class experts' private auction. At that time, his expression had changed when he had seen the Hurricane Owlet Moth, and Lin Yuan had also asked that in a light-hearted manner.

After that simple question, Lin Yuan had simply bought the Hurricane Owlet Moth and given it to him in the blink of an eye. The same scene was replaying itself now.

Liu Jie was frank as he explained, "Lin Yuan, I realized that as I become stronger, the Insect Queen is slowly becoming more and more limited.

"Thus, I intend to shift from a combat-type to a support-type spirit qi professional in future battles. The Insect Queen is now at Platinum VII. When it reaches Diamond, my transformation toward a support-type spirit qi professional will be able to proceed completely."

As Lin Yuan listened to him, he could hear his helplessness and powerlessness. At the later stages, when facing an opponent of the same level with many Fantasy Breed feys, the Insect Queen would indeed become a little restrained, and its insect swarm would no longer play a suppressive role on the battlefield like in the past.

It was not Liu Jie's fault for having such a mentality. On the contrary, Liu Jie was giving himself a way out as a spirit qi professional.

It was like an underground spring, gushing toward the ground. When it encountered hard rocks and could not break them with its strength, the spring could only switch routes to be able to gush out of the ground.

Liu Jie was making exactly one such trade-off.

Lin Yuan looked at Liu Jie and asked seriously, "Big Brother Liu, do you prefer being a combat-class or a support-type spirit qi professional?"

Lin Yuan's words caused Liu Jie to fall silent straight away.

The Insect Queen was originally a source-type lifeform that could develop in any direction. Even if Liu Jie had wanted to become a healing-type spirit qi professional, the rarest ones among spirit qi

professionals, the Insect Queen just had to use its ability to inscribe a healing-type insect's genetic model, and Liu Jie could become one.

However, he had not chosen to do so. Instead, he firmly trod the path of a combat-class spirit qi professional.

When one looked into the future, how would there be changes easily if there was a choice in the beginning?

Lin Yuan looked at Liu Jie and suddenly wore a bright smile on his face, revealing his white teeth. He then took the source-type Cocoon of Evolution out of the Diamond Fey storage box. The Cocoon of Evolution was a congratulatory gift Lin Yuan had prepared to celebrate Liu Jie's return to the Radiance Hundred Sequence.

However, the Cocoon of Evolution was more meaningful instead of being a congratulatory gift for Liu Jie's promotion to the Radiance Hundred Sequence.

If a boulder blocked a spring, the only way out would be to turn around. This source-type Cocoon of Evolution allowed this spring to move forward and smash the boulders to gush out of the ground.

If the Cocoon of Evolution could let Liu Jie find his confidence back and stick to the path he always wanted to take, he would make the best use of it.

"Big Brother Liu, I found this by chance. You happen to be able to use it."

When Liu Jie saw the source-type item, he revealed a bitter smile. After contracting the source-type Insect Queen, Liu Jie could not contract any other source-type items or feys.

How would he not know that? However, Lin Yuan handed him this source-type item, so Liu Jie hurriedly took it.

When he took a closer look at it, his eyes almost popped out. At that moment, a heartfelt elation crept up, making him choke up a little.

This source-type Cocoon of Evolution formed by white mycelium was as if it was 5,000 kilograms heavy. Liu Jie looked up and found that the youth sitting next to him was smiling brightly.

### **Chapter 355: Why Thank Him?**

Liu Jie was not a Creation Master, so he could not fully understand the source-type Cocoon of Evolution's function.

Nonetheless, Liu Jie was ultimately an experienced spirit qi professional and could feel whether he could use it or not when he obtained a source-type item.

Lin Yuan watched as Liu Jie looked up with surprise in his eyes. His hand holding the Cocoon of Evolution was trembling slightly because of the great joy. Lin Yuan then explained to Liu Jie the use of the source-type Cocoon of Evolution.

Liu Jie heard this youth with a bright smile in front of him say, "Big Brother Liu, this Cocoon of Evolution is not for you to contract. It's for the Insect Queen to contract and parasitize.

“At that time, the Insect Queen just needs to supply it the nutrients to improve its grade and quality. Every time the Cocoon of Evolution’s grade is increased, the Insect Queen’s ability can be enhanced once.”

Liu Jie had long known that he could not contract feys or source-type items after contracting the Insect Queen. However, when he got this source-type Cocoon of Evolution, he unexpectedly found that he could contract it.

This was akin to giving Liu Jie another path to tread through, regardless of whether the source-type item in his hand was very suitable for him.

However, Liu Jie’s situation made him unqualified to say that he would rather go without something than having something shoddy.

When he heard the smiling youth’s words, Liu Jie felt a bright firework explode in his mind, creating the most beautiful floating life scroll.

No one in this world knew himself and the Insect Queen better than Liu Jie. Therefore, he was well aware of what Lin Yuan meant and what this Cocoon of Evolution in his hands signified.

Not only did it mean that the Insect Queen could become stronger, but he could also follow the path he had chosen before.

The corners of Liu Jie’s eyes suddenly moistened, and a drop of hot tear diffused without a trace on the wing of his nose, as if it had never been there.

He had never shed a tear during the three years of silence and despair. If there was anything in this world that could make Liu Jie cry, it must be tears of joy.

Liu Jie’s eyes were full of gratitude, but he did not say words of thanks like before.

When he had been in desperate straits, this youth had lit up the light and saved the Insect Queen and him when they were in imminent danger.

When he had been enhancing feys, this youth had ignited the torch and given him a chance. He would not make the same mistake twice.

When he had denied himself for the first time and tried to find a way out on the path he had discarded, this youth had raised the sun and lit up the path that he could not cross so that he could firmly follow his own choice and go on.

For the grace of giving him a new lease of life twice, any kind of gratitude would seem hypocritical. Thus, Liu Jie did not say any words of thanks.

This was faith, and he intended to repay him with his life. Why did he have to thank him?

In Liu Jie’s opinion, no matter how strong he would become in the future, it was only to protect this youth in front of him.

Lin Yuan was smiling, and so was Liu Jie.

However, Lin Yuan was smiling because this source-type Cocoon of Evolution had helped Liu Jie open up his heart and be firm on the path to take. On the other hand, Liu Jie was smiling because it contained his silent gratitude and faith.

After sitting with Liu Jie for a while, Lin Yuan planned to proceed to the Celestial Stairway and grapple with his opponents.

The Celestial Stairway 2v2 duel format Liu Jie had mentioned would be announced within this month.

Lin Yuan was still a Celestial 1-Star. If he wanted to form a two-man squad with Liu Jie for this two-man team competition, he had to at least reach Celestial 12-Star from within this month.

Lin Yuan could not be sure that he could beat everyone on the Celestial Stairway as many of them were experts. If he encountered someone who was stuck at a certain star on the Celestial Stairway and doing live-streaming for effect—even if Lin Yuan now had the Gold I/Fantasy I Source Sand as his trump card—he did not dare to be sure that he could beat everyone.

He could very likely take a turn for the worse at some point, but the chances of this happening were tiny. Lin Yuan just had to have more wins than losses by 11 duels.

This time, he logged onto Star Web as Black and was ready to go straight to the Celestial Stairway for the duels.

However, he did not know that the Star Web private territory he had established with his identity as a Creation Master had become the laughingstock of the factions that had also established their private Star Web territories last night.

In fact, the veteran factions that had already established their Star Web territories were fine. The veteran factions had a deep foundation, and most of them despised the rising factions with only little foundation.

Most of the rising factions with some foundation despised the rising factions without foundation.

The chain of contempt rendered under the sense of superiority made those rising factions without foundation be at the bottom.

However, they had suddenly found a faction that had just established a Star Web territory. These rising factions without foundation were thinking of paying a visit.

Regardless of whether the new Star Web factions were strong or had a deep foundation, there was no harm for rising factions to visit them.

If this new Star Web faction was strong, they would think of it as going to build a good impression. If not, they could always work together with each other.

Lin Yuan did not block external access to the private faction.

When these rising factions without foundation saw that Lin Yuan's faction's exterior remained unchanged at the time of opening, it was as though they had discovered a new continent and finally found the target of their contempt.

The construction of private Star Web faction territories was a kind of diplomacy with other factions to show their foundation.

Lin Yuan's newly established private faction territory had been treated as a talking point by these rising factions as a show of superiority. However, those rising factions did not take Lin Yuan's private faction seriously.

After all, if these rising factions with some foundation wanted to find a sense of superiority, they could do so from those rising factions without foundation.

It was like a person could find superiority over someone who was slightly worse. But with someone who was too superior, this sense of superiority would have been very faint. After all, the difference was vast.

### **Chapter 356: Lin Yuan's Private Faction Equals 'Country Bumpkin'?**

Such a sense of superiority also existed when the difference between each other was not huge. If the difference was too great, this sense of superiority would change into a sense of distance.

Factions that were not on the same level were worlds apart in terms of their energy and the resources they possessed.

This was why those rising factions without foundation had not been able to gain the veteran factions' recognition.

The veteran factions could not even bother to despise them. It could be said that Lin Yuan had done nothing after establishing his private Star Web faction territory.

Since he had not used the second right after establishing the private territory, his faction had become a 'country bumpkin' in the eyes of those rising factions without foundation.

However, this also allowed his private faction to gain a lot of attention that was filled with contempt and curiosity.

These rising factions without foundation were unaware a pot of Bronze/Legend Oath Lily of the Valley, which they would not even dare to think about, was placed in the 'country bumpkin' they could not enter.

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Lin Yuan was unaware that his Star Web faction territory had been labeled as a 'country bumpkin'. Even if he knew about it, he would only feel amused.

When he logged onto Star Web as Black, he saw a message from Tian Ningning.

Tian Ningning: "Black, I heard that the Celestial Stairway is going to add a new kind of Celestial 1-Star duel format, but I'm not sure what kind it is."

Lin Yuan could not help but raise his eyebrows when he saw Tian Ningning's message.

Based on what Liu Jie had said just now, the new 2v2 duels on the Celestial Stairway was a piece of news that circulated at the Radiance Sacred Hall.

Although this was not a piece of confidential news, only a few hours had passed since Liu Jie had learned about it. Tian Ningning had already heard of the news, even though it was not comprehensive enough.

However, Tian Ningning's identity as a Star Web special columnist allowed her to get some of the latest news very conveniently.

According to the timing now, Tian Ningning must have told him immediately after hearing the news. This made Lin Yuan sigh. Having an exclusive reporter on Star Web was really a very convenient thing.

Ever since Tian Ningning had become Lin Yuan's exclusive reporter, the only thing he needed to do was to leave everything on Star Web to Tian Ningning,

His duel video had been recorded in Star Web's video library when he had ascended to the Celestial Stairway. Tian Ningning had helped Lin Yuan handle various matters regarding the proceeds of the duel video, which had saved him a lot of trouble.

Lin Yuan replied to Tian Ningning.

Black: "I know. I'm going to have a Celestial Stairway duel. Do you want to watch it from a first-person perspective?"

When Tian Ningning saw Lin Yuan's reply, she was a little confused and shook her ponytail tied at the back of her head.

Tian Ningning did not know if Black's 'I know' was actually referring to what she had just said or about the news of the Celestial Stairway's duel format.

Besides Tian Ningning, a lot of people on Star Web were speculating about Black's identity. If Black was just an ordinary spirit qi professional, how could he be equipped with so many high-quality feys, let alone contracting a source-type item among his feys?

High-quality source-type items and high-quality feys were different. One could buy a ready high-quality fey and contract it, but high-quality source-type lifeforms belonged to the ability of Class 4 Creation Masters.

Black's identity had become the 'husband' of many girls on Star Web.

Although Black had always been wearing Genius's Tool Transformation mask, his misunderstood aura of being cool had attracted the attention of many fans who went after visuals.

Since Black had been identified as a youth, his fans were mostly mother fans, including those male mother fans who crazily supported Lin Yuan.

Tian Ningning was puzzled, but she would not ask Lin Yuan such a personal question. This was because she knew what to say and whatnot.

As Black's exclusive reporter, Tian Ningning had always been doing her work well and trying her best to maintain Black's image and interests. Based on Lin Yuan's request, she reported all the news about Black truthfully.

However, when she saw that Black was going to have a Celestial Stairway duel and asked her whether she wanted to watch it from a first-person perspective, she was immediately elated and replied to him without hesitation.

"Yes! I want to! I really want to!"

Tian Ningning's reply puzzled Lin Yuan.

There's only one place for a first-person perspective. I can't give you three places!

Lin Yuan began matching with an opponent on the Celestial Stairway and shared the first-person perspective with Tian Ningning.

If there was anywhere Black was the most popular on Star Web, it would undoubtedly be Black's official fan club and the official forum. But his third most popular area on Star Web definitely had to be the Celestial Stairway's achievement platform.

As early as 20 days ago, when the Star Web officials had set up Black's virtual image on the Celestial Stairway's achievement platform, it had set off the Celestial Stairway.

The Celestial Stairway Hall was a place that only Celestial Stairway 50-Stars and above experts could enter. Even those experts had all set their eyes on Black.

Obtaining an exclusive achievement on the Celestial Stairway, setting up a virtual image on the Celestial Stairway achievement platform, and allowing those on the Celestial Stairway to venerate was not something that could be done casually.

There were only nearly 200 virtual images on the Celestial 1-Star achievement platform, including Black's, over the past 100 years.

Obtaining an exclusive achievement and setting up a virtual image on the achievement platform did not mean strength. However, those spirit qi professionals that could do so must have something unattainable for ordinary people.

Mostly some experts of the old generation could be found in the Celestial Stairway Hall.

These experts rarely paid attention to the gossip on Star Web and would not visit the forums or join fan clubs. They were absolute big brothers in reality.

The vast majority of the factions were at pinnacle king-class, so even if Lin Yuan had previously guarded Millstone Town, these experts on the Celestial Stairway Hall had only heard about him.

However, when Black's virtual image appeared on the achievement platform, Lin Yuan was considered walking into the Celestial Stairway Hall's experts' line of sight.

## **Chapter 357: An Unexpected Opponent**



The Celestial Stairway Hall's experts could not help but click their tongues at Lin Yuan's duel record—consecutive wins all the way until he reached the Celestial Stairway.

Star Web didn't lack experts—there were many of them—but those who could ascend the Celestial Stairway undefeated had never appeared except for Lin Yuan so far.

In fact, it was not a good choice for Lin Yuan to take part in the Celestial Stairway duel now, as Chimey was still sleeping on the Phoenix Perching Chinese Parasol Tree in the Spirit Lock spatial zone.

Lin Yuan could not risk summoning it out and waking it up to fight. This might undoubtedly affect the purification of its bloodline and the promotion of its quality. Even if there was only a 1 in 10,000 chance of affecting it, Lin Yuan would not do it.

His feys that had played an attacking role were only Chimey, the Source Sand, Red Thorn, and the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee. Thus, he could only choose the combination of Red Thorn and the Acid Corrosion Queen Bee or the Source Sand to attack in the Celestial Stairway duel.

Lin Yuan had the Source Sand, but he had never used it in the Celestial Stairway duels. During the previous duel with Poison Beauty, Lin Yuan had used the Source Sand to restrain her toad fey in the dark without anyone noticing.

He had done so because he wanted to use the Gold I/Fantasy I Source Sand as his trump card. However, since he wanted to reach Celestial Stairway 12-stars, he could not hide his Source Sand anymore.

Moreover, he had used it in the battle against the controlled Class 3 abyss dimensional rift's demons. The Web of Life the Source Sand had formed in that battle had saved the lives of many spirit qi professionals.

Therefore, these adventurers had learned that Lin Yuan had contracted a fey that could manipulate gravel. This matter was also a big piece of news in the Radiance Federation after those adventures spread it.

At the same time, people in Black's forum and fan club were passionately discussing what the fey that could manipulate gravel was. But the debate had been endless, and they did not manage to conclude.

Based on what the adventurers, who had come out of the Class 3 abyss dimensional rift, had said, this fey that could control gravel was most likely a source-type item that could play a defensive or support role.

This was because these adventurers did not see exactly what kind of fey was manipulating the gravel. Instead, it was like a rare elemental source-type item among the source-type lifeforms. However, their opinions differed, and there had not been a definite answer.

In Lin Yuan's opinion, something that could be called a trump card must be something completely unknown to outsiders. Only in this way, when he pulled out the trump card, the others could not take the corresponding precautions.

Since the others roughly knew about his Source Sand, Lin Yuan felt that there was no harm in exposing it. In contrast, Lin Yuan felt it was more appropriate to choose the Silver I/Fantasy I Red Thorn as his trump card now.

Although it was only at Silver I/Fantasy I, its true strength was in the wild when facing many lifeforms. Only then could Red Thorn display its full power, which was simply akin to a 'dematerializer'. The weak only deserved to become fertilizer in the sea of flowers and brutally eaten by the nibbling vines.

Due to the venue's limitations, Red Thorn had not been able to display its full strength in the Celestial Stairway duels.

There was only a limited effect, and this control effect also overlapped with the Source Sand. If they were at the same level, the control effect of Red Thorn's sea of flowers would be higher than that of the Source Sand's.

At present, the Source Sand was a grade higher than Red Thorn, so it had a stronger control effect. Therefore, Lin Yuan intended to have his Fantasy Breed Red Thorn, which had experienced a radical change, as his hidden trump card.

He would reveal the Source Sand that had been speculated but had yet to be conclusive. If he did not reveal it, Lin Yuan was unsure if he could reach Celestial Stairway 12-Stars.

During the Celestial Stairway duel, Lin Yuan effortlessly defeated three duelists he had been matched with using the Source Sand and was promoted from Celestial 1-Star to Celestial 4-Stars.

Each of his battles was so fast that Tian Ningning did not even get a clear look at what was going on before the battle was over. She would only see an amber object fall to the ground from Lin Yuan's cufflinks.

Then within just a minute, a vortex of quicksand would appear under the feet of the opponents and their summoned feys.

Tian Ningning was overexcited. She was already thinking about how she should go about writing the next combat record.

She had already determined why Black could control the gravel. It was because he had contracted an elemental source-type lifeform.

Although he had never revealed it on the Star Web duels, it now seemed that this source-type lifeform was undoubtedly the strongest card that Black had revealed so far.

Within just a few minutes of that battle, Tian Ningning discovered that the quicksand, which did not seem to be anything difficult to break free from, would be the most ruthless place once the spirit qi professional and fey's legs were trapped.

Their miserable howls and wails seemed like they had experienced inhumane pain. Nevertheless, the howls would only last for a moment, and Lin Yuan would win the Celestial Stairway duel directly.

This made Tian Ningning, a knowledgeable Star Web reporter, fail to see clearly this elemental lifeform that Lin Yuan manipulated and how he had taken away the lives of the opposing spirit qi professionals and feys.

Even so, Tian Ningning could discern that it was a one-hit kill. Otherwise, Lin Yuan would not have won the moment the miserable howls disappeared.

Since Lin Yuan wanted to reach a higher star on the Celestial Stairway, he did not hold back while battling.

As long as the Source Sand's quicksand vortex controlled the spirit qi professional and fey, the ferromanganese chain blades would instantly emerge from the sea of sand and bind the opponents' legs with chains.

When the spirit qi professional and fey sank into the yellow sand, the ferromanganese chain blade hidden within would not hesitate to constrain and squeeze against the feet entangled by the chains.

At the same time, the Source Sand's Gravel Spirit Acceptance's Heart-Penetrating Ironline, which was equivalent to a Platinum III/Flawless fey, was akin to an invisible demon in the sea of sand, invisibly harvesting the spirit qi professionals and feys' lives.

After three Celestial Stairway duels, Lin Yuan did not feel tired at all.

It had to be said that even if he reached Celestial 4-Stars now, the spirit qi professionals he was matched with also had not summoned Platinum feys. The strongest fey Lin Yuan had ever encountered was only a Gold VII/Flawless one.

His Gold I/Fantasy I Source Sand had reached the strength of a Platinum fey. Hence, his current battle was akin to a crushing duel.

After he won this duel, he reached the Celestial 5-Stars. Just as Lin Yuan was ready to participate in the next duel, the person he was matched with made him raise his eyebrows in surprise.

### **Chapter 358: This Auntie?**

Lin Yuan did not expect that when he was being matched with Celestial 5-Stars opponents, the person he was matched with would be someone he knew. She was Poison Beauty, who he had met during the Celestial Stairway promotion duels previously.

Although most of the spirit qi professional on the Celestial Stairway had now joined the guild clubs and become a member of the main teams or reserve teams, it was now the start of the S Tournament.

These Celestial Stairway experts that joined the guild clubs would usually put their energy into the competition and group training.

There were definitely many on the Celestial Stairway that had yet to join a guild club, and Lin Yuan had surprisingly been matched with Poison Beauty.

It could be said that they were fated.

After Lin Yuan was matched with Poison Beauty, he raised his eyebrows lightly behind the mask and did not have any more reactions.

As long as Lin Yuan was wearing his silver mask, nobody could see the expression on his face, even if he had any.

After matching with an opponent, Poison Beauty did not immediately check her opponent's information. Instead, she said to the air, "Your Beauty is on an infinite rampage."

"Those brothers in the live-streaming room, after I've started climbing the Celestial Stairway, no longer stuck at the promotion duels, you guys have not been rewarding as much as before."

"Hurry. Everyone, reward me a superpower pill now. I'll pick a person among those who do so for a prize, which is being banned from speaking for a month."

The viewers within Poison Beauty's live-streaming room interacted with her, even if she could not see it in the Celestial Stairway duel.

Who Is Smaller In the Family: "Don't say anything. I support you, Poison Beauty, but I'll certainly reward the superpower pill next time."

Jealous Me: "I'll reward you with a big mouth. Climb it."

Low-Key Pageboy: "To be truthful, the Star Web live-streamers I follow are of low quality."

Heart Born Myriad Phase: "I came to Little Poison's live-streaming room for a meal."

Blood-Red Tango: "Have you guys paid attention to who is on the opposite side? This will be a massacre."

Green Light From Both Eyes: "F\*ck! Poison Beauty has actually met Black! Black, go for it! I'll cheer for you!"

After Poison Beauty's infinite rampant words to the live-streaming room, she looked at the opponent she had matched with and said, "Ouch, ouch, ouch."

Poison Beauty said that in a very strange tone—it contained a lot of untold stories. It was just like a desperate girl, who a scoundrel had been chasing for 30 meters, came to the small river and was ready to jump to her death.

But at that moment, it was like she realized the scoundrel had disappeared and realized there was an infinite amount of gold coins in that river. She was 10% scared, 20% gnashing her teeth, 30% excited, and 40% impatient.

Poison Beauty looked at Lin Yuan and said, "Black, I did not expect that you couldn't forget me! You're meeting me so quickly again."

Lin Yuan felt that his face behind the mask was about to split open. He had no idea what Poison Beauty was talking about and why it sounded strange.

What the hell is this auntie's expression? Why do I feel like she's going to eat someone!?

Soon, an amber-button-shaped thing fell to the ground from the cufflinks on his wrists. It turned into quicksand without a ripple and drilled into the ground below.

Everyone was focused on the silver mask on Black's face, so none of them noticed this scene. The amber-button-shaped Source Sand had secretly started creating sand.

When Poison Beauty finished speaking, comments flooded her live-streaming room right away.

Old Man Born After 2,000: “Ah! I’m watching Little Poison’s live-streaming and actually saw her duel with Black! What kind of divine destiny do they have!?”

Soft Diamond: “The commenter above, are you trying to put together a CP? You’re a ruthless person!”

Shadow: “F\*ck! Is Auntie Poison going to eat him?”

Three-Year-Old Ze: “Poison Beauty is too offensive. I can’t stand it! I want to meet her offline. Why doesn’t she say such teasing words to me?”

Traverse and Crevice: “Do you want to be swallowed into the stomach by her Tainted Toad? How dare you meet with her?”

Falling Into Your Eyes: “One click to rule mercy, and one click to bury despair! Poison Beauty, wait to be punished by the will of Ancestor Peace.”

Little Student Is Scared: “F\*ck! Poison Beauty, let off our Black! We male mama fans cannot stand this aggravation! I’m pissed off!”

If it were to be said that all the duelists got a lot of attention on the Celestial Stairway, the number of Lin Yuan’s videos in the video library had undoubtedly reduced the huge amount of attention he had.

It could be said that he had easily won those few Celestial Stairway duels, and they were not exciting at all.

However, Black’s had very high popularity in the Celestial Stairway video library—any teenage fans and mama fans repeatedly paid to watch it and brought about the popularity.

Thanks to the many mother fans, Lin Yuan’s combat video from Celestial 0-Star to 1-Star had reached the top ten most popular on the Celestial Stairway video library.

Although there was a rotation, most of them were dominated by the duel videos of the Radiance Hundred Sequence members and the experts on the Celestial Stairway Hall.

Black’s instakill victory duel video had appeared on such a ranking. It was very abrupt, without a doubt.

Based on common sense, only the kind of duel video that was evenly matched with a narrow victory was worth watching and learning repeatedly.

It was not cheap to watch a Celestial Stairway expert’s duel video, as one had to pay once every time they watched. There was no such thing as buying it and paying to watch it again and again. This also greatly proved the combat power of Black’s fans.

Based on this alone, it was enough to see how popular Black was on Star Web. The opponents that Lin Yuan had battled earlier were not hosts, so they could not immediately attract attention to the duel.

However, the video in the Celestial Stairway video library was synchronized instantly after the duel was over. This made the fans, who were daily watching Black's duel videos, find out that Black was frantically having Celestial Stairway duels at the moment and had won four duels in a row.

Upon seeing those four duel videos in Black's Celestial Stairway video library, his fans' eyes lit up. The most exciting thing for them was not watching Black's duels on Star Web. It was the chance to see the fey that Black had never used in his previous Star Web duels, the one that was rumored to be able to manipulate gravel.

### **Chapter 359: What's the Antonym of Local Death?**

If something about a person could attract extra attention, it was undoubtedly their strength, identity, fame, wealth, and visuals. Regardless of which one it was, it could cause an extremely powerful attraction to someone.

But the attraction of such things had to take a back seat in front of some attraction. This fascinating thing that people could not help but want to explore was undoubtedly the sense of mysteriousness, which Black was constantly showing.

A heroic youth who had previously caused a sensation on Star Web due to his winning streak had actually achieved such a duel record without even using his strongest fey.

Moreover, nobody could be sure this fey that could manipulate sand was Black's most powerful fey.

News spread quickly on Star Web, let alone during noon when there were many people. Therefore, when Black encountered Poison Beauty, this piece of news immediately spread from her live-streaming room.

A lot of Black's fans went into Poison Beauty's live-streaming room, causing it to break through its previous limit and reach a new number.

In fact, it was reasonable to say that even if the news on Star Web spread fast, it should not have been at such a speed.

The reason it had been so fast was that after Black and Poison Beauty's last duel, some of Black's fans had entered her live-streaming room, becoming her anti-fans.

After that, while being Poison Beauty's antis, they came to like her. Therefore, when they usually had nothing to do, they would stay in Poison Beauty's live-streaming room and watch her live-streaming.

Although basically no teams would be willing to accept Poison Beauty due to her feys, so she had never been involved in a team battle, she was still very hardworking in the live-streaming of her solo duels on Star Web.

Star Web duel hosts usually would live-stream for five or five hours a day on average, but Poison Beauty could even do live-streaming as long as 12 hours a day.

In addition, Poison Beauty was doing her job in the live-streaming like an artist. From time to time, she would angrily scold the audience in the live-streaming room and even recklessly ban them from speaking.

Poison Beauty's top contributing fan had rewarded hundreds of thousands of Radiance dollars, hoping that she could break down her duels.

However, after asking her a few questions that she deemed 'retarded', she actually angrily scolded the top contributing fan. All kinds of actions made her more and more hateful and popular.

Although her previous live-streaming were quite joyful and some old fans liked to watch them, her actions in the live-streaming room were definitely not as impressive as now.

Poison Beauty had done so because, during her previous duel with Lin Yuan, she had said some rampant words and was eyed by Black's fans.

At first, she had been a little distressed, but a few days later, she suddenly found that she had received more attention for being hateful and had even become popular.

Thereafter, Poison Beauty unleashed her nature, just like a wild horse off the reins, never returning on the road to integrity.

As Lin Yuan looked at Poison Beauty's 'auntie got her own way' expression, he forgot how to speak.

Someone was talking to him, and it was the opponent he had encountered before, so Lin Yuan should greet her. However, he did not know how to pick up from what Auntie Poison had said.

When Poison Beauty noticed that Black did not bother about her, she was not anxious and frustrated at all. Now, she did not hope that she could interact with Black as before because she had understood the true meaning of being an actress.

If a good actress that Poison Beauty understood before was the need for superb acting skills and unleashing her acting skills to the fullest when her opponent was acting a scene with her, she now felt that a true actress should be able to act a scene with herself when acting.

Even when a person was acting alone, they had to be able to create the feeling of two people comparing their acting skills. Such an actor could be called a good actor. Better actors had to be able to sing an opera troupe's play by themselves.

Poison Beauty raised her hand again just like last time and summoned her feys.

Lin Yuan realized that these feys were still the same as when he had fought against her before.

She had not improved at all. It was still the Gold IX/Elite Illusory Mist Western Jackdaw, Gold VII/Flawless Poison-Weaving Dark Spider, Silver X/Elite Carrion Parasol Mushroom, and Silver X/Elite Tainted Toad.

After summoning her feys and vaguely spreading out the formation, Poison Beauty said, "Black, I know you missed me. Otherwise, you wouldn't have matched with me when I was matching against someone.

"Black, tell me quickly if you've also joined my live-streaming room and secretly watching me!"

She said all these to bring more attention to herself and attract some of Black's fans.

Only when there was attention on her could she earn more money. During this period, Poison Beauty had been working hard to improve the Poison-Weaving Dark Spider's quality. She wanted to raise her Gold VII/Flawless Poison-Weaving Dark Spider into Gold VII/Epic through her own efforts and had almost saved up the money.

As Poison Beauty said such words, the viewers in her live-streaming room were furious.

When Lin Yuan heard Poison Beauty's words, the corners of his mouth could not help but twitch. He helplessly replied, "What's the antonym of partial death?"

Lin Yuan did not give Poison Beauty enough time to react. The viewers in Poison Beauty's live-streaming room only heard a pleasant, clear voice of a youth. His deep and attractive voice seemed to be able to make people look back for a long time.

Although Black's fans were condemning Poison Beauty in her live-streaming room, the viewers in it, especially Black's mother fans, grew excited.

This was because Black had never uttered a word in any of his videos in the Star Web's video library.

It was said that during Black and Poison Beauty's duel, he also had verbal communication with her. However, that duel video was not recorded in the video library. As a result, Black's only words were recorded into the Celestial Stairway video library after the duel. It should be considered to be the only audio material of Black on Star Web.

### **Chapter 360: All Good**

Poison Beauty did not feel good now. She had racked her brain to make up a script within just a few minutes just now and completely thought about what she was going to do—how she was going to speak later, add drama to herself, make the acting better, and also make her own self-directed script reach the climax.

However, Poison Beauty had never expected that Black would speak, which was not the same as in her own script.

Isn't Black aloof?

Isn't he not good with words?

Why did he talk?

Poison Beauty, who was plotting a script in her heart, did not respond for a very long time after hearing Black's question.

She could not help but be a little nervous and asked, "What's the antonym of partial death?"

She only heard the youth's cold voice again.

"All alive!"

But after that, Poison Beauty's violent temper instantly rushed forth.

Have I been mocked?



She only felt her teeth tighten and needed a good bite to be able to relieve it.

Poison Beauty, who had been a Star Web host for very long, could completely think of the viewers' responses in her live-streaming room.

Although she, an experienced actress, felt that she had been insulted, she also knew that such a situation was beneficial to her live-streaming room. It could completely bring about a huge wave of popularity.

The popularity from the last duel with Black had mostly disappeared in the past nearly two months. Encountering Black again now would undoubtedly bring another wave of popularity to her live-streaming room, and she might even have the foreshadow of her previous popularity.

This time, Black would also bring an even bigger boost of popularity to her. Poison Beauty was thinking if she did not have the quality of an actress, she would probably have trembled from joy. This was because she knew that encountering Black again was completely different from the other time.

When I was matched with Black the last time, it was only in the Celestial Stairway promotion duel, so it was not stored in the Celestial Stairway video library.

But now, this duel will undoubtedly be stored there.

Given Black's popularity, if his male mother fans get this video to the top 10 most popular of the Star Web video library, won't it be the same as me entering the top ten as well?

Whether I win or lose, I will have this chance just because I'm matched with Black.

Lin Yuan was standing there, commanding the Gold I/Fantasy I Source Sand to create sand, when Poison Beauty said, "Black! Last time, it was because I didn't dodge your fatal blow. I won't be so careless this time.

"Why don't we start five minutes later? If you're an expert, wait until I'm ready before we face off."

Upon hearing Poison Beauty's words, Lin Yuan only felt that she was crazy! Star Web duels were not a child's play. It might seem easy between losing and winning, but it was actually the result of deliberate planning.

It was just like how Poison Beauty had said so much to delay for time during the last duel just so her feys would spread their formation.

Lin Yuan had not made a move in the last duel but waited for Poison Beauty to do so before returning the attack. Back then, he needed Source Sand to create a large amount of gravel underground to control Poison Beauty at the critical moment.

Although it seemed to be the work of Chimey alone that he had been able to defeat Poison Beauty, it was the result of the teamwork between Chimey and the Source Sand.

Without the Source Sand controlling the Tainted Toad, if the Tainted Toad had jumped away when Chimey was attacking, even if Chimey could kill the Tainted Toad, it might not be able to kill Poison Beauty, who had been swallowed into its belly and used the toad as a meat shield.

Chimey was now sleeping. Under the situation that he could not summon it and could only use the Source Sand, if he did not let the Source Sand create sand in large amounts and reveal Red Thorn, it would be hard to beat Poison Beauty, an unconventional long-range poison support-type spirit qi professional.

If it were a usual duel, Lin Yuan might have attacked the moment his opponent summoned their feys, finishing the duel early. However, he was standing there and letting Poison Beauty perform.

This was because his spiritual power was being channeled to the Source Sand underground through his feet.

When the Source Sand received Lin Yuan's spiritual power, it created sand faster than usual.

Soon, Poison Beauty let her feys lay out the formation. Although Poison Beauty had said five minutes, she needed far less time. She had perfectly shown her formation within two minutes.

She had said five minutes because she hoped that more people would enter her live-streaming room. That way, she would have higher chances of receiving gifts and increasing her fanbase.

After five minutes, Poison Beauty jumped onto the Silver X/Elite Tainted Toad's back and ordered the Gold VII/Flawless Poison-Weaving Dark Spider to create layers of Poisonous Spider Webs within 20 meters around her before commanding it to stay on those Poisonous Spider Webs around her, ready to protect her.

This time, Poison Beauty did not let the Gold IX/Elite Illusory Mist Western Jackdaw spit out a large amount of poisonous mist.

Due to her previous duel experience, she knew that that layer of glazed flame on Black's Fantasy Breed avian fey could evaporate that poisonous mist.

Thus, Poison Beauty was not going to spend spiritual power to let the Illusory Mist Western Jackdaw release the poisonous mist. Instead, she channeled more on the Gold VII/Flawless Poison-Weaving Dark Spider and Silver X/Elite Carrion Parasol Mushroom.

She would let the Carrion Parasol Mushroom spread the fungus, which could make wounds rot quickly, all over the place little by little.

Compared to the mist poison, the fungal poison was undoubtedly much more resistant to high temperatures.

Although Poison Beauty knew that her duel with Black could bring her popularity, she was still unresigned because he had beaten her in the previous duel.

Last time, she had not figured out why the Tainted Toad had sent her consciousness feedback that it had been bound by the ground beneath and was unable to jump up at the critical moment.

Since she could not figure it out, Poison Beauty had blamed it all on the fact that the Tainted Toad happened to get its feet stuck in the earth at the time when it was using its land pollution ability.

When the Tainted Toad used that ability, the land would indeed become as sticky as mud when it was covered in poison.