

Merchant 401

### **Chapter 401: A King-Class Expert Dares to Eavesdrop With Impunity?**

The middle-aged man with a full beard picked up this piece of paper as if he was in disbelief, and after scanning it, he asked in confusion, “Big Brother, how come this is still a paper document?”

The older middle-aged man had a sarcastic smile on his face.

“The person who sent the message was afraid of leaving evidence and didn’t want to lose his loyalty to the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce on the surface.”

The middle-aged man with a full beard coughed in dissatisfaction and said, “Big Brother, don’t leave me hanging.”

Seeing that his brother was very impatient, the older middle-aged man just replied, “Besides Listen, the only person who can know such important information about the Lingerie Chamber of Commerce is the old butler, Qian De. He has been serving the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce’s presidents for three generations. Tell me, who told me this piece of news?”

The middle-aged man with a full beard became more and more surprised.

“Qian De is very loyal. I promised to give him two Bronze/Flawless feys and 200,000 Radiance dollars, but he refused to tell me about Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce’s online resources.

“I told him to quote a price, and this old man was still unrelenting. For someone like him who’s unafraid of death, how did you do it, Big Brother?”

The older middle-aged man rubbed over the wine pot with the dragon beast pattern and answered calmly, “I had Elder Fei capture Qian De’s son and two grandsons and transplant the Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu larvae into his son’s body.

“Then, I had Elder Fei let Qian De’s son return. After just three days, Qian De delivered the information himself, saying that he wanted to hand over the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce’s online resources to me.

“Qian De is not afraid of death, but he’s afraid of his son’s death and that I’ll lay my hands on his two grandsons.”

The more the middle-aged man with a full beard listened, the more his eyes lit up.

After listening to the older middle-aged man, the middle-aged man with a full beard could not help but say, “Big Brother, since we have already gotten Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce’s online resources, why don’t we have Elder Fei put Qian De’s—”

Before he could finish his words, the older middle-aged man interrupted what his brother was going to say next and said with resentment for failing to meet his expectations, “How many times have I told you? Reputation is the most important for our Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce to develop. Why haven’t you understood that yet?”

“If word spreads out about this, even the Zheng family will have scruples when investing resources in our Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce, let alone the other faction excluding us.”

Seeing that he was being lectured by his big brother again, the middle-aged man with a full beard raised the wine glass in his hand out of habit and said, “I’ve noted down your words, Big Brother. I know I was in the wrong. Cheers!”

As soon as the older middle-aged man heard this, he put the wine pot in his hand on the table with force. He only felt that there was nothing more to see in this wine pot with a dragon beast pattern.

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Lin Yuan looked at Listen, who was standing beside him, and asked, “Are you going to be unable to hold on this week?”

Listen’s eyes were red from staying up all night for the past few days, and his expression was full of fatigue.

However, after seeing Lin Yuan, a relaxed smile appeared on Listen’s face.

“It will take another three days before I can’t hold on!

“The Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce should have just grasped the resources from my side, which it can’t devour within three days.”

Upon hearing Listen’s words, Lin Yuan raised his eyebrow slightly.

“How do you know that the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce has lost all of its online resources?”

When Listen heard that, his expression became somewhat sullen and cold.

“Grandpa Qian has been supporting me all this time. I went to look for him three days ago, but he was not at the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce.

“After returning the next day, he started looking at me with a pang of faint guilt in his eyes, and he didn’t say much.

“Only Grandpa Qian and I know about the online resources.”

Listen made a point without going into details. However, Lin Yuan did not speak after listening. Instead, he looked toward Listen, indicating for him to continue speaking.

Upon seeing Lin Yuan’s eyes, Listen understood what he meant and added, “After this is over, I’ll send Grandpa Qian away from the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce to retire in Indigo Azure City. All matters regarding the chamber of commerce will have nothing to do with him in the future.”

Lin Yuan slightly raised his hand.

A Platinum fey storage box landed in front of Listen, and Lin Yuan said, “Here are 1,350 objects of various sizes. Can you hold on without the online resources and with these objects?”

Listen picked up the Platinum fey storage box, and the fatigue on his face was swept away. Although Listen had not slept and had red eyes from staying up late in the past few days, he had unparalleled confidence in his eyes at this moment.

“These 1,350 objects are akin to an injection of 13,500,000 Radiance dollars. These objects are even top resources.

“If I still can’t hold on, how will I dare to make a promise of letting the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce become a rising faction in four months?”

The corners of Lin Yuan’s mouth curled up.

“Hu Quan has found 27 Class 3 Spirit Craftsmen. They can create 70 pieces more than the expected 200 pieces that can be produced every day.

“You just need to develop the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce well, and I’ll solve the problems regarding martial force for you.”

Lin Yuan proceeded to start the plan of white-clothed followers.

Before opening a space tunnel to the Divine Wood Federation, the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce was the best place for the white-clothed followers to return to.

Given the current situation, the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce would be advancing toward becoming a rising faction by relying on these objects made from completely jade-textured wood powder within four months.

He didn’t know how many eyes were eyeing in the shadows and how many hungry wolves wanted to pounce on them and tear the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce’s flesh to share the gourmet feast in the cup.

At that time, without the martial force support of king-class experts, the cold stream mixed with wind and rain would soon blow the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce into pieces.

When Listen heard Lin Yuan’s words, his eyes lit up instantly, and he said quickly, “If you can ensure that the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce has enough combat power, I’m confident of letting it hit the threshold of a rising faction in three months.”

Lin Yuan did not reply. In his opinion, even with so many resources injected, it was already extremely difficult for Listen to achieve the transformation to a rising faction within four months.

The three months that Listen had proclaimed was really a bit harsh.

At that moment, the peculiar and nice voice of the Mother of Bloodbath that had not uttered a word suddenly sounded, its tone cold.

“A king-class expert dares to eavesdrop? Do you really think that the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce has no one?”

## **Chapter 402: Stripping Away the Willpower Rune**

The Mother of Bloodbath’s voice had faded for a long time, but no one responded.

Lin Yuan scanned the empty room and did not discover anything. Nonetheless, he knew that since the Mother of Bloodbath had said that, there was certainly a king-class expert eavesdropping on their conversation.

At that moment, the Mother of Bloodbath's voice sounded again. Lin Yuan could clearly hear the Mother of Bloodbath's words this time were laced with strong killing intent.

"Why? Since you're not coming out voluntarily, do you need me to invite you out?"

A black figure appeared by the window. It was a thin, black-robed old man with white hair and a beard. It was as abrupt as a bat suddenly appearing in front of a window at noon.

The old man kicked the window and jumped down into the room, looking superior. An ugly and hideous-looking insect-species fey was lying on each side of his shoulders.

Lin Yuan used Morbius' True Data to check the two ugly insect-species feys' attributes.

[Fey Name]: Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu

[Fey Species]: Bombycidae/Mind Silkworm

[Fey Grade]: Diamond (4/10)

[Fey Type]: Dark/Poison

[Fey Quality]: Fantasy II

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[Fey Name]: Blood-Toothed Cricket

[Fey Species]: Wingless Gryllus/Toothed Cricket

[Fey Grade]: Diamond (3/10)

[Fey Type]: Blood/Poison

[Fey Quality]: Fantasy III

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Lin Yuan looked at their attributes and then at this black-robed old man. He couldn't help but say inwardly, This old man's strength is not bad. One of his two poison-type insect-species fey is good at cursing, while the other is good at assassination. At the same time, they're high-grade Fantasy Breeds.

Before casting curse abilities, the Diamond IV/Fantasy II Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu must devour a large number of hearts to be able to enhance the curse effect.

The Diamond III/Fantasy III Blood-Toothed Cricket was an insect-species fey that usually needed to drink a lot of blood.

From the pairing of such insidious and poisonous insect-species feys, it could be seen that this old man was not someone nice.

“F\*ck! You have discerning eyes, little girl. You’re able to detect my presence.”

After the old man finished speaking, Lin Yuan inwardly said, This is bad.

Although the Mother of Bloodbath was a glutton and extremely friendly to the people in the mansion, it was undeniable that it was an insect-species fey and the cruelest spider fey.

The Mother of Bloodbath possessed the Blood Law Rune. Only when it truly understood the nature of blood could it dare to say that it could see through the law of blood.

Therefore, how could the Mother of Bloodbath master the Blood Law Rune without staining its hands into bloodbaths?

Surprisingly, this old man was speaking to the Mother of Bloodbath like a monk being hanged.

The Mother of Bloodbath stepped forward with a clearly interesting expression on its face.

“Hehe, you called me little girl?”

The black-robed old man had already known that the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce wasn’t presided over by any king-class experts.

Although he did not know how the woman with the strange mask with dark patterns of flowing clouds in front of him had found out about himself, so what if he had been discovered? They were just a bunch of trash.

This black-robed old man had a teasing face. He looked at Lin Yuan, Listen, and the Mother of Bloodbath like they were three funny toys.

“You’re so young, yet your ears don’t work well. Are you maybe not a little girl but a sissy dressed in female clothing?”

Lin Yuan had actually wanted to tell the Mother of Bloodbath not to launch a vicious attack, but since this old man had spoken like that, he could no longer stop the Mother of Bloodbath. After all, dignity was always what mattered to experts.

The old man’s words had obviously touched the Mother of Bloodbath’s bottom line.

The Mother of Bloodbath suddenly laughed. However, its nice voice was filled with extreme evilness. The frequency of this laughter was vaguely the hissing sound spider feys let out when they were hunting for food.

For some reason, this black-robed old man with a white beard and hair felt a chill in his body after hearing the Mother of Bloodbath’s laughter.

Goosebumps immediately crawled all over him, and even the age spots on his face were uneven due to the goosebumps.

An inexplicable sense of crisis emerged in his heart, and the old man shouted, “Blood-Toothed Cricket, kill this woman with Blood Poison Stabbing Teeth!”

The Blood-Toothed Cricket was only half the size of a palm, with a blood-red color throughout its body. However, its blood-red body was covered in black patches and brown-green prickly hair, which was very ugly.

When the Blood-Toothed Cricket received the old man's command, it stared at its powerful hind legs, thinking of pouncing at the Mother of Bloodbath. At the same time, two fangs formed by blood energy appeared in front of the Mother of Bloodbath.

The front end of the fangs also contained green venom that emitted a dark-black glow. At that moment, the aura that the Mother of Bloodbath always restrained dispersed the Blood-Toothed Cricket's Blood Poison Stabbing Teeth in one blow.

An aura of a sovereign descending the world radiated from the Mother of Bloodbath's body. However, it controlled this aura within the house.

At the same time, the aura also emitted a kind of evil coldness. It was as if this bright house had instantly turned into a dark crypt for a spider to hunt all of a sudden.

The Blood-Toothed Cricket landed on the ground from mid-air and twitched violently. A blood-red luster flickered on its body, and a will similar to blood suddenly appeared.

"Hehe, this Fantasy Breed Blood-Toothed Cricket and this Blood Poison Willpower Rune really match! It's interesting to have a small Fantasy Breed insect attack me with its blood-type ability."

When the Mother of Bloodbath's words just fell, this Blood Poison Will energy was stripped away from the Blood-Toothed Cricket's body. Then it slowly fused into the Mother of Bloodbath's body. The Mother of Bloodbath's body swirled with a scarlet blood-like luster.

After the Blood-Toothed Cricket's Blood Poison Willpower was stripped away, it fell from a Fantasy Breed into a Diamond III/Legend fey.

This black-clothed old man suddenly exclaimed, "A Suzerain/Myth Breed fey!"

The old man's words were filled with astonishment and fear, and even his voice trembled.

The Mother of Bloodbath approached the fallen Blood-Toothed Cricket step by step and said, "You're a little knowledgeable. You even know about Law Stripping and Same-Type Control."

When this old man had ordered his Blood-Toothed Cricket attack the Mother of Bloodbath, Listen's heart had tightened.

He couldn't be any more familiar with this old man. He was precisely the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce's third authoritative figure, Fei Qianqiong.

### **Chapter 403: Let's Break the Contract!**

Fei Qianqiong could definitely be called a veteran king-class expert. As someone with the third-highest ranking in the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce, he had a notorious reputation outside.

Just as the Mother of Bloodbath had suddenly revealed its aura, Listen and Fei Qianqiong were shocked as well. However, Listen's shock was different from Fei Qianqiong's. Fei Qianqiong was in panic and fear, while Listen was pleasantly surprised.

Listen looked at Lin Yuan and realized that he was sitting there indifferently, without the slightest change in his expression. It was as though the king-class expert's sudden attack was merely the wind brushing past and wasn't worth mentioning.

Previously, Listen had only seen Lin Yuan inadvertently reveal the foundation of his resources.

However, when Fei Qianqiong shouted, 'A Suzerain/Myth Breed fey', it was enough to prove that Lin Yuan's foundation in terms of martial force was even deeper than that of resources.

Listen moved his gaze away from Lin Yuan and once again glanced at the Mother of Bloodbath and the Blood-Toothed Cricket, which was twitching and struggling on the ground.

Although Listen had never heard of a Myth Breed fey's Law Stripping and Same-Type Control toward a Fantasy Breed fey, his grandfather had shared some things with him.

Law Stripping referred to the Law Rune stripping away the willpower within the law that belonged to a Fantasy Breed fey.

Same-Type Control referred to the superior same-type fey dominating the inferior one.

Although Listen did not know what species of fey the Mother of Bloodbath was, from the fact that it could strip away the Blood-Toothed Cricket's bloodline and was able to use Same-Type Control, it was evidently a Suzerain/Myth Breed insect-species fey that controlled the blood law.

Fei Qianqiong could now clearly sense that he had lost control of the Blood-Toothed Cricket, but the Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu on his other shoulder was still under his control.

He vaguely glanced at the youth sitting on the sofa without uttering a word. At the same time, he took a heartbreaking glance at the Blood-Toothed Cricket on the ground. Its Willpower Rune had been stripped away, and its quality was no longer Fantasy Breed.

A hint of madness flashed in Fei Qianqiong's eyes.

He did not know about the identity of the youth sitting on the sofa. However, just by looking at the style of the mask on his face, he could tell that his status was clearly higher than this Suzerain/Myth fey in its human form.

Just then, Fei Qianqiong heard a peculiar and pleasant voice ring beside his ear.

"You've raised the Blood-Toothed Cricket well. Even if it has been demoted, this Diamond IV/Legend Blood-Toothed Cricket is still somewhat useful.

"So destroy your spiritual energy fragment to break the contract and let this Blood-Toothed Cricket become a wild fey."

The tone in which the Mother of Bloodbath said this was as if it was talking about a very common thing. However, these words were like a command to Fei Qianqiong that carried weight.

Although Fei Qianqiong had been prepared not to leave this room alive and a hint of madness flashed in his eyes, he couldn't help but shiver after hearing the Mother of Bloodbath's words.

What was the difference between self-destroying one's spiritual energy fragment to break a contract with a specific fey and letting a spirit qi professional die?

After the fey and the contractor formed a contract, it was akin to a lifetime bond. However, if a spirit qi professional destroyed the spiritual energy fragment in their mind with a specific fey, it would be akin to breaking the bridge of the previous contract with the particular fey, and the contracted fey could regain its freedom by doing so.

Furthermore, it would be akin to him seriously injuring his spiritual roots, which couldn't be healed. This meant that the spirit qi professional could never contract a fey again in the future. In serious cases, it might even affect the contract of the other feys.

It wasn't unheard of for spirit qi professionals to destroy the spiritual fragments with a particular fey and break the contract with it.

However, this was usually the case when a spirit qi professional was facing a desperate situation and knew that they couldn't survive. Thus, they would destroy the spiritual fragment with the contracted fey, allowing it to revert to a wild fey. This would prevent the fey from losing its life due to the contract when he died.

However, how could Fei Qianqiong be willing to destroy the spiritual fragment between him and the Blood-Toothed Cricket obediently?

When the Mother of Bloodbath saw that Fei Qianqiong was not moving, it reached out toward the air and gently touched it. The moment it did that, its nails turned as red as sticky blood plasma.

While the Mother of Bloodbath reached out to touch, Fei Qianqiong's miserable howl sounded in this room. It was unusually harsh, as if he had been subject to the cruelest punishment in the world. It only lasted for a moment, and Fei Qianqiong could no longer howl as his body continued to twist into a strange arc on the ground.

The Mother of Bloodbath walked up to Lin Yuan and said, "This old man still has a Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu that can be used. Just now, he refused to destroy the spiritual fragment obediently, so he must still be thinking of using the Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu for ill intentions."

After saying that, the Mother of Bloodbath grabbed the fat red-gold Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu. Its red-gold body looked very smooth, covered with dark-red spots.

Every time the Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu used its larvae to parasitize the target's body to control their lives, a dark-red spot would appear on its back. The red spots were packed together, almost in patches.

There were at least 1,000 of them. In other words, thousands of people's lives were in the hands of Fei Qianqiong now.



If he wanted those controlled people to die, he would only need to give the Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu a command. The larvae lurking in the target's body would penetrate through the target's heart.

Lin Yuan looked at the rolling Fei Qianqiong, whose body was twisting into a strange shape on the ground, without feeling the slightest pity for him.

If the Mother of Bloodbath were not more powerful than Fei Qianqiong, it would've died thanks to the Blood-Toothed Cricket's abilities.

The Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce had been targeting the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce, and the latter had always been in a passive position.

Lin Yuan couldn't help but be doubtful. The Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce was already a rising faction, so it would be more profitable just to do something than to target the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce.

Why did the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce continue to pursue the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce, which had only an empty shell left?

#### **Chapter 404: Lin Yuan's Hot Potato**

If the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce did not have any feud with the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce to the bitter end, it would be a losing deal to spend so much effort to target its online resources.

Since the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce's third highest-ranking person was now before them, this was clearly an excellent opportunity to know why.

Lin Yuan glanced at the Mother of Bloodbath that was standing beside him. The Mother of Bloodbath was playing with the Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu that was struggling violently in its hand, and its fingertips exerted force from time to time.

The Mother of Bloodbath watched the Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu with interest as it was slowly being on the brink of death.

Upon seeing Lin Yuan look at it, the Mother of Bloodbath said, "This old man is now experiencing the pain of the blade condensed by blood carving into every bone, and he no longer has the slightest possibility of being able to resist!"

Lin Yuan turned to Listen and said, "Why has the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce been targeting the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce? I guess you should have a lot of things to ask, right? You might as well ask about it."

Listen's expression froze, and then he looked at Lin Yuan with a grateful gaze. Lin Yuan didn't say anything else. He just gently patted Listen's shoulder and gave him an affirmative look.

When Listen glanced at Fei Qianqiong, his gaze became sharp, while his expression was becoming gloomier and gloomier.

But during this month or so, it was the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce's relentless suppression and harsh attacks that had almost put the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce on the verge of collapse.

Without Lin Yuan's support, the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce would no longer exist in this world when the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce controlled its online resources three days later.

After receiving Lin Yuan's encouragement and tacit consent, Listen approached and looked at the struggling Fei Qianqiong at his feet with mixed feelings.

He had countless questions to ask Fei Qianqiong—why did the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce not let the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce off and forced it to a dead end? What kind of benefits had the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce given his uncles that they left Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce without even saying goodbye?

However, all these words were stuck in Listen's throat when he wanted to ask.

It was now his first time to have a condescending look at someone from the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce as someone powerful, and this person was the third highest-ranking person.

Listen was not a fool. He knew that the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce must be scheming against the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce by treating it this way for this month or so.

No matter how Listen thought about it, he didn't know what he possessed that made the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce covet them.

Listen watched Fei Qianqiong struggle for a long time with a cold expression, not uttering a word. When Listen showed a condescending look, Fei Qianqiong's eyes betrayed his pleading emotions.

At that moment, Listen said coldly, "Fei Qianqiong, do you have anything to say about the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce?"

Fei Qianqiong was unable to make a sound due to the intense pain, but he nodded vigorously as if in a frenzy.

When he nodded madly, the Mother of Bloodbath's eyes flashed with a blood-red luster.

At that moment, although Fei Qianqiong was still in pain and could not stand up, he was able to suppress the pain and speak barely.

"I don't know why the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce is targeting you. I take orders from the two brothers, Bi Chenghu and Bi Chengxiong."

As soon as Fei Qianqiong spoke, he heard a peculiar and pleasant voice speaking playfully. "Hehe! Take orders?"

"So it seems that you're just an underling who does what you're told to do! In this case, you're no longer useful. The feeling of the blood carved on each bone still seems too light. Why don't—"

Before the Mother of Bloodbath could finish speaking, Fei Qianqiong's last trace of mental defense collapsed.

"It's Young Master Zheng. It's Young Master Zheng of the Zheng family who's behind all this."

When Listen suddenly heard the name Young Master Zheng, he subconsciously asked, "Indigo Azure City's Zheng family?"

Fei Qianqiong hurriedly nodded. Since he had divulged the matter, he also had no worries.

“Although I don’t know why Young Master Zheng wants to lay his hands on the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce, this order was issued a month and a half ago.

“Don’t you know exactly why people in Indigo Azure City are targeting the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce?”

As he spoke, Fei Qianqiong only felt a little aggrieved.

Listen’s eyebrows furrowed.

Lin Yuan couldn’t help but raise his eyebrows.

Young Master Zheng? Zheng family?

Lin Yuan had also been caught up on the information about the large and small factions in the Radiance Federation at Wen Yu’s place during this period.

Although he had finished cramming up on the larger factions, there were simply too many small factions. Thus, he hadn’t had the time to start going through the information.

The information related to the small factions was simply too much. Lin Yuan intended to let Genius write down the information of those small factions. This was no different from him understanding the information.

Although Lin Yuan had only gone through the information of the larger factions, he was aware of the Zheng family.

The Zheng family was one of the three major families in Indigo Azure City that equally shared three parts of the city. It could be said that they were all equally excellent.

The Zheng family was a rich and powerful family and a veteran faction without a deep foundation.

In terms of martial force, all the veteran factions had emperor-class experts. Therefore, Lin Yuan had no advantage compared to the Zheng family in terms of top combat power.

Other than the two top experts, Endless Summer and the Mother of Bloodbath, Lin Yuan didn’t have other powerhouses.

He only had a king-class expert at the moment. And that was Hu Quan!

However, Hu Quan was only good at Spirit Craftsmanship, and his contracted feys were all meant to assist a Spirit Craftsman. If they were really to fight, Hu Quan would not be able to beat Liu Jie.

It could be said that Lin Yuan had weak king-class combat power or not even any.

In terms of resources, although the Zheng family, a family that could preside over a third of Indigo Azure City and was inferior to the Gao family, when Lin Yuan recalled that the Gao family could take out resources like the Island Whale and the Elemental Shellfish, the Zheng family’s foundation became evident from the comparison.

Lin Yuan didn't expect this hot potato to land in his hands after taking over the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce.

However, Fei Qianqiong had said that the Zheng family's Young Master Zheng was behind all this, rather than the Zheng family.

The Zheng family and the Gao family were different, as the Gao family's only descendant was Gao Feng. It could be said that Gao Feng would be able to have an absolute say in the family after a few decades, but the Zheng family had many descendants.

In the Zheng family's younger generation were nine fellows that could be called Young Master Zheng, of which there were only three direct descendants.

#### **Chapter 405: Fei Qianqiong's Submission**

Any rich and powerful family valued one's background very much. The direct descendants' words could represent the family, while indirect descendants could only represent themselves.

"Fei Qianqiong, is the Young Master Zheng that you're talking about the direct descendant of the Zheng family of Indigo Azure City?"

Lin Yuan's clear voice sounded next to Fei Qianqiong's ears. Fei Qianqiong did not dare to be the least bit slow, but he felt somewhat awkward due to Lin Yuan's question.

"Only the two brothers, Bi Chenghu and Bi Chengxiong, have seen Young Master Zheng. I've not seen what he looks like, so whether he's the Zheng family's direct descendant, I..."

Fei Qianqiong knew that the youth who had asked him was the most significant person in this room. When the Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu was still under Fei Qianqiong's control, crazy ideas had flashed in his head, but the Blood-Toothed Cricket was now struggling on the ground without being under his control at all.

The Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu was also on the brink of death in the hands of the Suzerain/Myth Breed humanoid fey.

Fei Qianqiong simply did not have the ability to go crazy even if he wanted to. It was an instantaneous decision when one was unafraid of death. However, when making this decision and after experiencing the line between life and death, almost everyone would change their mind and become afraid of death. Fei Qianqiong was no exception. What he wanted most now was to be able to live.

When Fei Qianqiong finished speaking, Lin Yuan pondered. When he looked up, he saw Listen's eyes looking at him, clearly waiting for him to make a decision.

Lin Yuan knew what was in Listen's mind. When facing a veteran faction, most people would not hesitate to leave behind an empty shelf with nothing like the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce.

Listen was now like a deer that had just found its way in despair. However, this deer was worried that the direction it was searching for would regard him as a burden and leave him behind.

Just as Listen felt that the air was getting thinner and felt vaguely stuffy in his lungs, he saw Lin Yuan throw over something. Listen hurriedly went to take it, which felt warm in his hands.

At a glance, he found that it was a piece of wooden token made of completely jade-textured wenge, carved with 'Quan' on it.

At that moment, Lin Yuan said, "In the future, I won't send those objects mixed with completely jade-textured wood powder. Take this token and pick them up at the Spirit Craftsman Association at a certain time every day."

Listen tightly clenched the token in his hands. This token and Lin Yuan's words showed Lin Yuan's attitude toward himself and the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce.

Fei Qianqiong suddenly held his breath. He could sense from the masked youth's words that he had not given up on supporting the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce because of Young Master Zheng. This at least showed that he was unafraid of Young Master Zheng.

People with extremely high emotional intelligence like Listen were rarely emotional. However, after hearing Lin Yuan's words, Listen needed a long time to calm down before whispering, "Okay."

After a moment of deliberation, Listen said, "The only thing left in Indigo Azure City's Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce is an old mansion that has been emptied and a shallow coastal sea that is extremely windy.

"Could the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce be coveting this shallow coastal sea?"

"Although this sea is on the coast, it has a deep water level, and great dangers lurk underwater."

Listen's heart sank upon mentioning this shallow sea. It was this shallow sea that had taken the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's core members away, leaving behind only him.

Lin Yuan felt that Listen's speculation was more reasonable. The Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce was now completely an empty shelf, and the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce was spending a great deal of effort for nothing by dominating it, let alone a behemoth like the Zheng family.

The only thing left that the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce could now call as resources was this shallow sea area. This shallow sea area might also be what the Zheng family coveted.

Lin Yuan couldn't help but have a trace of interest.

"Before the dimensional rift is active, I'll go with you to Indigo Azure City to explore this shallow sea."

Although Red Thorn's ability to breathe underwater had yet to fully mutate, it no longer had any problem surviving in the water.

Lin Yuan could not test how strong Red Thorn's ability to breathe underwater was in the mansion's man-made lake. Thanks to this opportunity to explore the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's shallow sea area, he could test the limit of Red Thorn's ability to breathe underwater.

Listen didn't want to face the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's coastal shallow sea in Indigo Azure City again.

However, since Lin Yuan had said he wanted to go explore, Listen hurriedly replied, “Young Master, you can call me to depart whenever you have time.”

Fei Qianqiong’s face was getting paler and paler. The more he heard the masked youth and Listen’s unrestrained conversation, the more he knew that these two were either talking about unimportant matters or the presence of an outsider like him didn’t matter. However, how could this matter be trivial since it involved the Zheng family?

This also meant that this masked youth was simply unafraid that he would hear the secrets, implying that he was actually equivalent to being a dead person in the eyes of others because only a dead man couldn’t talk.

Fei Qianqiong hurriedly crawled two steps forward and said with difficulty, “I’ve told you everything I know. Can you guys spare my life? I can swear by the Willpower Rune to submit to you.”

At that moment, Fei Qianqiong heard the Mother of Bloodbath’s peculiar and pleasant voice that was filled with insincerity.

“You’re even going to swear by the Willpower Rune. That Blood Poison Willpower Rune is good, but unfortunately, this Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu’s Willpower Rune is a dark type. Otherwise, I could taste it again.”

The Mother of Bloodbath’s words made Fei Qianqiong’s body tremble. He shouted, “I can swear by the Willpower Rune to become a servant. Also, I’ve killed no one from the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce.”

As Fei Qianqiong said this, he couldn’t help but break out in a sweat.

He had never killed the people from the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce, but he had abducted the son and grandsons of the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce’s butler, Qian De, and used the Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu to control Qian De’s son in exchange for the online resources. It could be said that he was the culprit who had made the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce lose its online resources.

Lin Yuan raised his eyebrows when he heard Fei Qianqiong. Taking in Fei Qianqiong was considered a good thing for Lin Yuan at present because he currently didn’t have any available king-class experts.

Even though Fei Qianqiong’s Blood-Toothed Cricket had dropped from a Fantasy Breed to a Diamond IV/Legend fey, it still had strong combat power. Moreover, Fei Qianqiong’s Diamond II/Fantasy II Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu was still around.

Nonetheless, Fei Qianqiong was still a member of the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce and was considered Listen’s enemy.

Since Lin Yuan had taken over the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce, he didn’t respond to Fei Qianqiong’s submission.

Instead, he said to Listen, who was standing next to him, “The Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce doesn’t have any king-class experts now. Since Fei Qianqiong wants to submit, keep him if you want. Otherwise, just kill him.”

Lin Yuan uttered those words lightly, but he had taken Listen into consideration.

#### **Chapter 406: It's Time to Perform Real Acting Skills!**

A person's perception could be easily seen from how said person handled a matter.

Often, a person's perception could determine the scale of his stall and how big he could manage. It was often said that 'those with a wider perception must have the elegance of tolerance'.

If Listen had a wide perception, he would accept Fei Qianqiong.

Although Lin Yuan's current attitude toward Listen would not change regardless of whether he let Fei Qianqiong live or die, the wider Listen's perception was. Thus, the more Lin Yuan would be willing to put the resources to him for operation. He would even let Listen have comprehensive management of Sky City's external resources.

When Fei Qianqiong heard Lin Yuan's words, an abnormal fear crept up in his heart, and his body trembled. He had always felt that he was a king-class expert, after all.

As long as he was willing to swear allegiance with the Willpower Rune, it would not be a problem to exchange his strength for his life. However, this masked youth had casually thrown his life Listen.

The Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce had caused the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce to end up like this. If he were Listen, how would he give him a chance to live?

Listen didn't expect that Lin Yuan would throw Fei Qianqiong's life to him. He knew the ways of the world and could understand that Lin Yuan didn't accept Fei Qianqiong's allegiance because he was concerned about his feelings.

Otherwise, a king-class expert volunteering to become a servant was akin to offering all of himself.

Such a benefit was right in front of him, yet Lin Yuan didn't accept it.

Listen had previously sworn by the Willpower Rune to rely on Lin Yuan mainly because of finding a way out for himself and the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce. But now, Listen had a deep sense of belonging to Lin Yuan.

Listen narrowed his eyes at Fei Qianqiong, but before Fei Qianqiong could fall in despair, Listen turned to Lin Yuan and answered firmly, "I'm willing to take Fei Qianqiong. He's more valuable alive than dead!"

Lin Yuan was a bit amazed at how quickly Listen had chosen. This showed that Listen was not vindictive and that he treated Fei Qianqiong as a valuable piece of standard weight. Such a perception couldn't be considered narrow.

Lin Yuan nodded and said, "This way, the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce will have a king-class expert stationed from today onward."

Fei Qianqiong, who was on the ground and still in a state of despair, only felt that his emotions were changing too quickly, and his brain couldn't take it.

Listen glanced at Fei Qianqiong and said word by word, "In the future, if you can contribute to the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce, I won't treat you poorly because of what you've done before."

Listen's words had made Fei Qianqiong, whose mind was in turmoil, immediately feel that he had become much closer to Listen.

After Fei Qianqiong used the Willpower Rune to swear allegiance as Listen's servant, he officially became Listen's servant and also the first real combat-class king-class expert in Lin Yuan's faction.

Lin Yuan got up from the sofa and said, "You decide whether you'll keep Fei Qianqiong at the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce or use him as a mole and let him return to the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce."

After saying that, Lin Yuan took out a tentacle of the Ethereal Jellyfish and set up a spatial node in the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce. Then he left with the Mother of Bloodbath.

Listen thought about his future plans with his mind racing. He was now calculating that the 270 objects made of completely jade-textured wood powder that Lin Yuan would be giving him every day were equivalent to a capital injection of 2,700,000 Radiance dollars. So for three months, it would be a total of 243,000,000 Radiance dollars.

Fei Qianqiong stood respectfully beside Listen as a feeling of absurdity rose in his heart. I can't believe that my life has changed in just an hour, and I even came back from the gates of hell.

Fei Qianqiong stood beside Listen but did not know what Listen was thinking currently—how to rely on this mole and a capital injection of 243,000,000 to devour the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce within three months?

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"Big Brother, why isn't Elder Fei back at this time? This old man actually let us wait for him here!"

The older middle-aged man, Bi Chenghu, had an ugly expression on his face and said while expecting better from him, "Will you starve to death if you eat dinner a little later? When will you mend this problem of implicating someone? When you have nothing to do, think about what you should say and what you should not."

The full-bearded middle-aged man, Bi Chengxiong, subconsciously raised the wine glass in his hands and replied, "Big Brother, I was wrong. Cheers."

Bi Chenghu's face suddenly turned red, and he couldn't help but rub his temples. He felt the fire in his heart surging up, making his head a little swollen.

At that moment, Bi Chengxiong saw Fei Qianqiong walk in and shouted at the top of his voice, "Elder Fei, why did you take so long to take care of such a small matter!?"

Fei Qianqiong could not stand Bi Chengxiong's words.

What do you mean by such a small matter!?

F\*ck! It was such a small matter that almost cost my life!



Bi Chengxiong stood up, fiercely glared at Bi Chenghu, and went forward to say, "Elder Fei, thank you for your hard work. Try the Dragon Tiger Blood Tendon Wine I specially prepared."

Bi Chenghu enthusiastically pulled Fei Qianqiong to take his seat, and Bi Chengxiong was eating a meal with a big fuss.

When Fei Qianqiong was eating, he seemed to be talking to Bi Chenghu as usual, but he had complicated feelings.

The last time he had been eating with them, he was still the third-highest ranking person in the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce. Surprisingly, he had now become the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's mole.

Fei Qianqiong had sworn with the Willpower Rune and become Listen's servant, so he had no other choice. As long as he broke the oath, he would die.

At the same time, Fei Qianqiong had to let nobody in the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce see through his flaws.

His biggest flaw now was the Blood-Toothed Cricket's demotion from a Fantasy Breed. Bi Chengxiong might not think much about it if he found out, but if Bi Chenghu, a sly old fox, found out, he would definitely be wary. Then it wouldn't be easy to do certain things as a mole.

If he was exposed, not only would Bi Chenghu and Bi Chengxiong not let him off, but the Zheng family's Young Master Zheng would also take action to put him to death.

Fei Qianqiong felt bitter at this moment. But likewise, he also knew that it was time to perform his real acting skills!

Fei Qianqiong recalled the task that Listen had given him, so he said to Bi Chenghu while drinking wine, "Chenghu, we've too many online and offline resources in the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce that don't make much money. Why don't we sell off some of them and instead tread on the path of luxury objects? That way, there'll be profit!"

#### **Chapter 407: Watch Me Screw You Up!**

Fei Qianqiong's words made Bi Chenghu ponder, obviously contemplating the feasibility of Fei Qianqiong's opinion. However, Bi Chenghu looked at Fei Qianqiong with a somewhat strange gaze.

When Bi Chengxiong, who was chucking meat into this mouth, heard Fei Qianqiong's words, he couldn't help but exclaim, "Elder Fei, when have you started to care about the chamber of commerce's operation?"

"In the past, when I let you manage the chamber of commerce's operation, didn't you say that you only love to do things that don't require your brain, such as killing?"

Fei Qianqiong felt somewhat bitter. Bi Chengxiong wasn't very smart, so he could just find a random reason to justify himself, but Bi Chenghu was not so easily fooled.

Fei Qianqiong couldn't be bothered to manage the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce's affairs because Bi Chenghu's desire to control was too strong.

Another reason was that Fei Qianqiong preferred to improve his strength if he had time and not put his energy into the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce's operation.

Fei Qianqiong knew that it was indeed a little abrupt for him to rashly raise the issue of the chamber of commerce's development now, but the task that Listen had given him was his first step as a mole.

Therefore, he had to say what he should. He couldn't be bothered with Bi Chengxiong's attitude.

When Fei Qianqiong glanced at Bi Chenghu, he found that Bi Chenghu looked at him with some scrutiny.

Fei Qianqiong took a deep breath and brought himself a glass of wine. His emotions were brewing as he held the wine glass. After downing the wine in one gulp, Fei Qianqiong turned and looked at Bi Chenghu seriously.

Even if Bi Chenghu had deep thoughts, he was also caught off guard by Fei Qianqiong's next move.

Bi Chenghu never thought that Fei Qianqiong's eyes would turn red. Fei Qianqiong was not an actor, but he showed true feelings because he was thinking over and over again about his Blood-Toothed Cricket's stripped Willpower Rune.

The more he thought about it, the more he felt aggrieved. In less than five minutes, a few drops of tears streamed down from his eyes. The more he thought about the Blood-Toothed Cricket, the sadder he felt.

Fei Qianqiong used this instance of sadness and said, "Chenghu! I've been following you for years.

"Although I'm a dozen years older than you, I've always treated you as a brother!

"These years in the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce are the happiest years of my life.

"Now, the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce has been promoted to a rising faction. Chengxiong usually doesn't help you much, and you have to take care of everything by yourself.

"Now I'm thinking that I can try to help you handle some of the work that does not require racking brains."

Although Bi Chenghu was caught off guard when he saw Fei Qianqiong's red eyes, he calmed down immediately after that.

Bi Chenghu was very wary and had never treated Fei Qianqiong as one of his own people. He had also never let Fei Qianqiong interfere with the operations of the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce's core aspects.

When Fei Qianqiong had hinted many times before that he wanted to go to meet Young Master Zheng together, Bi Chenghu had refused him with the excuse that Young Master Zheng didn't like to meet outsiders.

It was because Bi Chenghu wanted to completely have control over Fei Qianqiong and regard him as a sharp weapon of the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce.

Otherwise, if Fei Qianqiong defected to Young Master Zheng behind his back and went to develop in the Zheng family, the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce would have one less sharp weapon.

Bi Chenghu could see that Fei Qianqiong's tears were not fake. Otherwise, his eyes would have dried up after a few tears, and it definitely wouldn't remain like this.

Bi Chenghu was a little surprised that Fei Qianqiong was so considerate of himself. When he looked at his younger brother, Bi Chengxiong, who was eating and drinking, Bi Chenghu felt that the more he looked at this old man, the more he was pleasant to the eye.

However, Bi Chenghu felt somewhat strange to suddenly have a brother who had a white beard and hair.

Bi Chenghu felt that Fei Qianqiong's suggestion made some sense. Although the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce had become a rising faction, it had not yet opened a private faction territory on Star Web, nor did it have a clear direction for private faction operations.

At present, the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce still had a large amount of cumbersome online and offline resources like the basic spiritual materials and ordinary feys.

The ordinary spiritual materials were fine. Even though a lot of manpower was required, they could also bring a certain amount of stable income to the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce every day.

However, the offline and online resources of ordinary feys were different. Not only did they require manpower to take care of them, but they also needed to be fed regularly daily. At the same time, there was the risk of ordinary feys dying.

There were no valuable spiritual materials on the dead ordinary feys, so they could only be fed to other feys as meat.

Such online and offline resources were already dispensable for the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce.

Even if these ordinary feys could screen out a lot of mutated feys in the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce each year, they could only resell these mutated feys.

There were benefits for the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce to have connections with the Zheng family, but the Zheng family strictly controlled the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce's Creation Masters. Thus, the entire Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce did not have any Creation Masters.

As a result, the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce could only depend on the Zheng family. At the same time, it was useless for the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce to have these mutated feys.

Bi Chenghu saw Fei Qianqiong pouring wine for himself and thought about giving Fei Qianqiong a chance.

Thus, he said, "Elder Fei, don't touch the ordinary spiritual materials first. I'll hand over the ordinary spirit beasts to you."

Fei Qianqiong hurriedly toasted Bi Chenghu and replied, "Chenghu, see if those high-end luxury objects—"

Bi Chenghu refused him without even thinking and said, "I'll think of a way."

Bi Chenghu's heart, which had been somewhat moved before, instantly became firm. His gaze at Fei Qianqiong immediately became wary.

The Zheng family's main business direction was high-end luxury objects.

Bi Chenghu couldn't help but think, Fei Qianqiong isn't trying to let me give him the chance to get close to Young Master Zheng, right?

Bi Chenghu had already made up his mind that Fei Qianqiong could help take over some Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce matters in the future. However, he had to keep a close eye on Fei Qianqiong and not give him any chance to have any connections with Young Master Zheng.

Fei Qianqiong secretly exhaled and thought, The task that Listen assigned to me can be considered complete.

As Fei Qianqiong saw Bi Chenghu's gaze at him turn from scrutinizing him to becoming close and then wary, he felt unusually excited.

Somehow, Fei Qianqiong suddenly felt that as compared to enhancing his strength and using the Mind-Controlling Silkworm Gu to control a human's heart, acting seemed more exciting!

At the same time, he couldn't help but scold Bi Chenghu in his heart!

My neck is wet from the tears, and I even cried so sincerely. I didn't cry this badly even when my wife died!

You're even wary of me. Watch me screw you up!

#### **Chapter 408: The Admin Has Actually Become Active Again!**

In the study on the second floor of the Return from Faraway mansion, a huge wooden shelf was placed on each of the two walls. A pile of information about each faction was placed in each of the small compartments on the shelf.

Wen Yu had only organized a small part of the information about the veteran factions during this period, and this small part of the information filled half of the shelf.

Obviously, if the information on these large and small factions were completely organized, these two sides of the shelf would not be enough in any case.

"Young Master, one of the three direct descendants of the Zheng family is a Radiance Hundred Sequence member and has been busy with the S Tournament for over a month.

"This direct descendant of the Zheng family has established a guild club of his own and is seeking to qualify as a B-level guild club this year. According to the tight schedule of the S Tournament, he shouldn't have the time to arrange for the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce to deal with the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce.

"One of the other two descendants was born with a serious illness that caused both legs to be severely atrophied and is unable to walk. Thus, he has been recuperating in Indigo Azure City.

“The third direct descendant is a Creation Master that the Zheng family had poured in a lot of resources to nurture. I’m sure the Zheng family wouldn’t let a Creation Master who is being nurtured waste time on something as trivial as the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce.”

Lin Yuan didn’t expect that he had only come to ask Wen Yu’s opinion about the Zheng family’s situation, but she had actually grasped such detailed information about the Zheng family without leaving anything out.

Lin Yuan had some doubts whether Genius was living in her head.

At that moment, Wen Yu suddenly thought of something and said, “The Zheng family’s third lineage bought Indigo Azure City’s offshore coastal resources five years ago.

“They’ve occupied more and more of the offshore coast over the years but have not begun to work on the development of these offshore coastal resources.

“If the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce has an offshore coastal resource in Indigo Azure City, it should have blocked the way of the Zheng family’s third lineage.”

Lin Yuan couldn’t help but ask, “What’s the difference between the Zheng family and its third lineage?”

Wen Yu explained, “The Zheng family is thriving, and the main family is the direct descendants. There are four lineages under the main family, each of which is a collateral branch of the main family.

“The main family will selectively inject resources into the four lineages based on their development. In a sense, the main family is considered the real Zheng family.

“In terms of identity, although the main family’s direct descendants and the four lineages’ descendants born from mistresses are all the young masters and young ladies of the Zheng family, the direct descendants have absolute dominance over the four lineages’ descendants.”

After Lin Yuan nodded thoughtfully, he then said, “Since the main family of the Zheng family will selectively pour resources into the four lineages, then the relationship between these four lineages shouldn’t be very good!”

Wen Yu said with a smile, “The Zheng family’s four lineages don’t have any open rivalry, but there is a constant fight in the dark.

“Since the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce’s matter is related to the third lineage of the Zheng family, then this matter shouldn’t involve the first lineage, second lineage, and the fourth lineage.”

Lin Yuan chatted with Wen Yu for a while more before returning to his room. He had asked her about the Zheng family to have an accurate understanding of his possible enemies in the future.

Lin Yuan did not have a clear conflict with the Zheng family yet, but if the Zheng family made a move on him, then he would have to take appropriate measures.

Lin Yuan thought for a while and looked for Endless Summer and asked it to stay at the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce in secret for a period.

He had poured resources into the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce, and it was a bone that the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce couldn't gnaw. In that case, the Zheng family's third lineage could not achieve its goal.

A rabbit bit when it was anxious, let alone a rabid lion.

After the arrangement, Lin Yuan logged on Star Web to harvest the proceeds from the previous blind trade of Flower Brocade Pearls.

Lin Yuan found that he had gotten more mid-grade strange flames from the blind trade than the first time. This time, his ten Flower Brocade Pearls were exchanged for a total of 127 mid-grade strange flames through the blind trade, which was 27 more than the last time he had gotten 100.

In Lin Yuan's amber-button-shaped Diamond fey storage box, in addition to the 30 Flower Brocade Pearls that he had exchanged for the blind trade, he still had 170 of them in stock.

The next batch of Flower Brocade Pearls would also mature again in the Spirit Lock spatial zone after over ten days.

Lin Yuan hadn't chosen to use the Flower Brocade Pearls in his hands to exchange for resources with other factions because he didn't have any urgent material needs at the moment.

On the other hand, he wanted to gain a reputation for his Purchase With No Loss store over time and let people think of his store when thinking about the Flower Brocade Pearls.

He checked his Star Web store's fan club and found that through the accumulation of blind trade three times, the number of Creation Masters in the fan club had now reached almost half of all members, and the lowest among these Creation Masters was also a Class 3 Creation Master.

Lin Yuan had never spoken in his own fan club before, but he took the initiative to send a message in his fan club this time.

Deep Mountain Elder Lin: "Group welfare. 30 Flower Brocade Pearls for sale to the highest bidder. Only for members."

When Lin Yuan sent this message, the already active Purchase With No Loss store's fan club exploded into a frenzy.

Stream in the Cloud: "F\*ck! The admin has actually become active again!"

Violent-Tempered Woman: "Congratulations to the group admin for his first words after creating the group! You've unlocked the achievement of 'I'm not dumb'!"

Fan Zhi: "30 Flower Brocade Pearls? What great welfare!"

Jealous Me: "So many Flower Brocade Pearls are enough for me to use for years. Brothers, you guys should take it easy on the bidding and give me a chance."

Time to Take Medicine: "It's so damn thrilling to be called 'Brother' by a Class 4 Creation Master."

Noble Evening Painting: “Admin, how are the spiritual materials exchanged? If it’s the market price, it would be too much of a loss to exchange the rare spiritual materials.”

When Lin Yuan saw Noble Evening Painting’s message, he thought for a moment and replied, “I’ll exchange the rare spiritual materials at a premium of 2% of the Rare Lifeform Pavilion’s transaction price. If the Rare Lifeform Pavilion doesn’t have a transaction price on it, then I don’t think you’ll be able to take it out in exchange for these Flower Brocade Pearls.”

After reading Lin Yuan’s answer...

Noble Evening Painting: “2%? Admin, you’re impressive!”

Rare spiritual materials were not cheap. Although 2% seemed relatively little, if one took out rare spiritual materials worth 10,000,000 Radiance dollars for trade, one could at least save 100,000 Radiance dollars.

Anyway, these rare spiritual materials were auctioned in the Rare Lifeform Pavilion, so one could always collect them back after about a year.

100,000 Radiance dollars was not a small amount of money.

Lin Yuan found that Listen was now in the group, so he mentioned him.

#### **Chapter 409: Become Food for the Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger!**

Deep Mountain Elder Lin: “@Listen, help me take note of the group members’ bids and let me know the highest one.”

After saying that, Lin Yuan then lurked again.

The reason Lin Yuan would mention Listen was very simple. He usually didn’t have the time to take care of the Purchase With No Loss store’s fan club. Listen was very active in the fan club and had good interpersonal relationships.

Furthermore, Listen was one of his own people, so Lin Yuan intended to establish Listen’s prestige and status in the fan club through this. In the future, he would let Listen help maintain the Purchase With No Loss store’s fan club.

It was still very harmonious in the fan club now, but as the number of people slowly increased, it was inevitable that some discordance would arise. As such, someone needed to regulate or manage.

Given Listen’s talent, he was obviously very suitable to take up this job. In fact, Lin Yuan was also giving him a chance to use his connections within the Purchase With No Loss store as much as possible so that the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce, which had thousands of things to do, could rise a little.

After Lin Yuan left the fan club, he put another ten Flower Brocade Pearls in his Star Web store for display. At the same time, he set to exchange them directly through a blind trade after a day.

His previous welfare of 30 Flower Brocade Pearls in the fan club was just the first bait he threw that could attract more attention and let more factions and high-class Creation Masters that needed many Flower Brocade Pearls to want to join his fan club urgently.

Lin Yuan knew that there were only two ways to enter his Star Web store's fan club—buy these ten Flower Brocade Pearls through the blind trade to get the qualification to enter or grab those Usneas in his Purchase With No Loss store that were sold in limited quantities.

But now, he had stopped the sales of those Silver Usneas in his Star Web store, so the only way to get into the fan club of his Star Web store was by grabbing the ten Flower Brocade Pearls through the blind trade.

The news on Star Web spread very quickly, and the news in his store's fan club was now probably buzzing.

Lin Yuan set aside a day, which was enough for those factions and Creation Masters who wanted to obtain many Flower Brocade Pearls to prepare.

He intended to see how many unexpected gains he could obtain through the blind trade of the ten Flower Brocade Pearls this time.

He thought that after the end of this blind trade, the mid-grade strange flames that Chimey needed to advance from Fantasy II to Fantasy III should be sufficient.

The purpose of throwing bricks was to draw jade[1]. Moreover, what he threw out was solid gold brick.

Lin Yuan believed that the gain from this brick he had thrown would not be small, and if the gain was too little, Listen would probably become the buyer of this brick.

After that, Lin Yuan clicked on the trade message that he had issued in his Star Web store and checked on the messages he had received inside.

He realized that he had received quite a few messages. However, most of these messages were inquiring about what kind of resources they could invest in and what kind of future could be given.

Some people even called him stupid, saying that he had issued this trade message purely for pretense, which rendered Lin Yuan speechless.

At the same time, based on the feedback, he knew that people despised the foundation of his Purchase With No Loss store. Otherwise, they wouldn't have said such things.

However, Lin Yuan didn't feel sad. On the contrary, as these 30 Flower Brocade Pearls were being auctioned as welfare, he believed that more king-class experts would rush to join his private faction in the future.

After sifting through the messages, he found that only three king-class experts had sent their personal information among so many messages, and only one of them met Lin Yuan's requirement.

Of the remaining two, one of them had only comprehended two Willpower Runes and had a weak main fey.

Even if such a king-class expert obtained Lin Yuan's high-quality Bronze feys, he would still be weak among the many king-class experts after enhancing it.



This was because a king-class expert would need at least two stronger main feys for cooperation in a battle in order to be able to reveal enough strength. Therefore, Lin Yuan had screened out this king-class expert.

The other king-class expert had two extremely powerful power offense-type main feys. In terms of strength, it was not much different from Fei Qianqiong when he was in full strength.

However, the other king-class expert made his own request in his message, stating that he needed a Bronze/Epic lizard fey.

Lin Yuan could easily fulfill such a request. Hence, he sent a message to these two king-class experts at the same time and arranged to meet them in his Star Web store at ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

After sending the messages, Lin Yuan went to the Rare Lifeform Pavilion, wanting to pick up a lizard fey that was superior in all aspects.

Regarding the request from the king-class expert, who had two powerful main feys and comparable strength to Fei Qianqiong, Lin Yuan needed to prepare in advance before the appointment with him. This would show Lin Yuan's sincerity and also give this king-class expert a guarantee.

After searching in the Rare Lifeform Pavilion, he found a lizard fey with a trace of dragon-species fey bloodline awakened in its body when it was at Elite and bought it, ready to enhance it before tomorrow's meeting.

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"Young Master, Old Master has just sent word that the coastal resources that our third lineage developed have received the main family's Second Young Master's support."

A hunched old man, almost bending over at a right angle and leaning on his walking stick, lowered his voice and said to a youth with sinister eyebrows beside him.

The youth immediately revealed an ecstatic expression on his face when he heard that.

"It took our third lineage three years to finally obtain the main family's Second Young Master's support!

"This is a good opportunity for us to be able to surpass the second lineage, fourth lineage, and the first lineage. There must not be the slightest mistake!"

The youth with sinister eyebrows turned ruthless in a flash.

"Since Father's side is ready, then I don't have the time for the Iron Wall Chamber of Commerce and the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce.

"Elder Niu, go tonight and let the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's owner become the Dark-Eyed Scorpion Tiger's food!"

**Chapter 410: Heavenly-Maiden-Grade Pearl**

After the hunched old man heard the words of the youth with sinister eyebrows, he immediately replied, "Young Master, I'll get it done immediately."

Elder Niu thought for a while and tapped the ground a few times with his walking stick before turning to say, "Young Master, I heard that the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce's owner is extraordinarily talented.

"I wonder if you would like to take Listen under your command, Young Master. If you're willing to reveal your identity to Listen, as long as he is not stupid and knows about the current situation, he certainly won't refuse your recruitment."

The youth with sinister eyebrows was admiring the boundless night outside the window at this moment.

Upon hearing Elder Niu's words, he didn't even turn his head. He raised his hand and replied, "This matter involves the plans of our third lineage. Even if Listen has extraordinary talents, it's not worthwhile for me to reveal my identity.

"Moreover, he's nothing more than a powerless person with an empty frame and is stubbornly resisting."

Elder Niu stopped talking after hearing the youth's words and exited the room. He summoned a black shadow with a wave of his hand and then disappeared into the night together with it.

The youth with sinister eyebrows had joy in his eyes, clearly in a good mood. He mumbled, "I wonder what price Father paid to get the support of the main family's Second Young Master. With a connection to Second Young Master, the offshore coastal resources that our third lineage developed can finally be called proper!"

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The night was coming to an end in Ascending Dragon City. At the entrance of Ascending Dragon City's Creation Master Association, a woman wearing a Class 4 Creation Master's retainer crest said rudely, "My teacher said that if you want to evolve your Iron Bone Iguana's bloodline, you can't succeed just by relying on those spiritual materials you brought to induce its dragon-species bloodline. At the very least, you'll need a Gold Dragon's Mouth Orchid flower."

There was an evident trace of disappointment on the face of the man standing opposite to the woman.

But immediately afterward, his expression returned to normal, and he answered, "Thank you, Master Duan Li, for being willing to help nurture my Iron Bone Iguana. When I can find a Gold Dragon's Mouth Orchid flower, I'll come back to ask you to help enhance my fey."

The woman with the Class 4 Creation Master's retainer crest then said, "My teacher took your payment before and didn't enhance your Iron Bone Iguana's bloodline due to your lack of preparation of spiritual materials.

"So the next time you come to find him, you only need to prepare half of the payment as last time."

A bitter smile appeared on the man's face, and he thought, Although I have outstanding talents and an affinity toward lizard feys, I only have one main fey, a defense-type lizard fey, the Iron Bone Iguana.

I've already spent three years of savings to ask Master Duan Li to help me enhance my fey.

Even if I have to pay half of the last payment for Master Duan Li's help, I will have to save up for at least a year and a half.

A defense-type spirit qi professional is a shield standing in front of the team. But given my Iron Bone Iguana's strength, I simply can't assume the duty of that.

Despite the bitter smile in his heart, he replied very respectfully, "Thank you for your generosity. Express my gratitude to Master Duan Li on my behalf."

After saying that, the man was prepared to leave the Ascending Dragon City's Creation Master Association.

The woman with the Class 4 Creation Master's retainer crest thought for a moment and said, "It's not only a matter of the bloodline for this Iron Bone Iguana of yours.

"Even if this Iron Bone Iguana's dragon-species bloodline is stimulated with the Gold Dragon's Mouth Orchid flower, it still wouldn't be powerful.

"I heard from my teacher that the flesh bump on the side of this Iron Bone Iguana's head belongs to a kind of mutation."

The man hurriedly turned around and said nervously, "Didn't Master Duan Li say before that this flesh bump won't affect its health?"

"And it's been over ten years. This flesh bump has never changed much."

Upon hearing that, the woman wearing the retainer crest didn't care much about the urgency and impudence in the man's words. She answered, "That's why my teacher said it's a mutation."

The man also realized that he had been a little too agitated, but just as he wanted to apologize, the woman with the retainer crest said, "The flesh bump on the neck of your Iron Bone Iguana is a prototype of a nascent head.

"My teacher has tested this flesh bump and found that the attributes in it differ from the ones in the body. They're fire attributes.

"If this flesh bump develops into a head, it can turn the Iron Bone Iguana from an earth-type into an earth-fire-type fey.

"You're lucky. After the head grows out, the Iron Bone Iguana will turn into a powerful defense-type fey."

After hearing this, the man revealed an ecstatic look on his face. However, he had some doubts as to why Master Duan Li hadn't shared this piece of information about the flesh bump just now inside.

Before the man could be happy for a while, the woman with the retainer crest added, "However, if you want to develop this Iron Bone Iguana's sarcoma into a head, you'll need the elemental pearls produced by the fire-type Scorching Elemental Shellfish mutated from the Elemental Shellfish."

The man's heart sank after hearing that. He might be able to save the money with a few years of frugal efforts to get the Gold Dragon's Mouth Orchid.

However, were the elemental pearls produced by the Elemental Shellfish something that he, an A-rank spirit qi professional with a Fantasy Breed fey that could barely be called a king-class expert and couldn't even beat many non-king-class experts, could have delusions about?

The woman with the Class 4 Creation Master's retainer crest said seriously, "The elemental pearls produced by the Scorching Elemental Shellfish are divided into many grades according to the purity of the elemental energy contained in them.

"My teacher said that the elemental pearls that are useful to this Iron Bone Iguana of yours must be of the highest grade—the heavenly maiden grade.

"The purity of the elemental energy in the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls is 99% to 100%. My teacher couldn't even get such elemental pearls.

"Moreover, you'll need five heavenly-maiden-grade pearls containing the fire-element energy produced by the Scorching Elemental Shellfish for your Iron Bone Iguana to grow a second head."

The man's hope was squashed. He couldn't afford to even ask Master Duan Li to enhance his fey once, let alone the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls that even Master Duan Li couldn't get.

The woman wearing the Class 4 Creation Master's retainer crest looked at the man's expression and added, "My teacher didn't intend to say this to you, but I told you because, without the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls for its metamorphosis, this Iron Bone Iguana's growth has already reached the limit now."