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Chapter 51: Duels When Climbing the Tower

The most popular place in the Star Web would always be the Star Tower. At the Star Tower's vicinity, one would be able to feel how prosperous the Star Web was as the Radiance Federation's second world.

After reaching the Star Tower's entrance, Lin Yuan was amazed by the things he saw and heard along the way. He saw all sorts of feys. They were all copied and uploaded data in the Star Web, but the high-grade feys retained their genuine prowess, giving off a pressure that blasted one right in the face.

In order to climb the Star Tower, one would need to register first. Of course, it wasn't necessary to register every time before climbing the tower. Everyone would only have to register their information for the first time they climbed the tower.

The most important objective for registering their information was to enter the spirit qi professionals' rank and the contracted feys' strength.

Subsequently, the information would produce the data, and when challenging the tower, the data would produce a virtual image.

In the real world, it was very difficult for spirit qi professionals to fight without any restraint. An all-out fight might result in one of the parties getting injured, or it might actually result in both parties being injured.

When high-ranked spirit qi professionals were fighting at their full strength, they might not be able to control the damage their feys caused and might even result in casualties.

The Star Web just so happened to compensate for this factor.

A fight in the Star Web was the same as recording all the spirit qi professionals' information and the feys. During combat, the sense of pain, touch, and everything else would be the same as in the real world.

Even if there were any casualties in the Star Web during combat, the spirit qi professionals and their feys in the real world wouldn't receive physical damage.

The significance of climbing the Star Tower brought glory to the people at the high rankings and enabled spirit qi professional and their feys to work on their teamwork. It also gave them the chance to try combat techniques.

For the first 100 floors of the Star Tower, challengers would be randomly picked on the same floor for combat. The winner would rise up by one floor, while the loser would drop down by one floor.

After reaching the 100th floor, one would need to go through the Celestial Stairway Tribulation, which was also known as the promotion duels.

During the promotion duel, three challengers that were participating in the promotion would be randomly picked to conduct three duels.

After two consecutive duels, the third duel could be skipped, and the challenger would promote to the Celestial Stairway.

If the challenger lost one duel, the promotion to the Celestial Stairway would fail. If the challenger lost two duels, the challenger wouldn't even be able to stay on the 100th floor and would drop down to the 99th floor.

If the challenger lost three duels, they would drop directly to the 98th floor and would need to climb back up to the 100th floor before being able to challenge for the promotion duels again.

The rules to climb the tower were very simple. However, when climbing the tower, it was possible to be paired up with an unlucky spirit qi professional who was actually very formidable but was stuck on the lower floors.

Such people were also known as the Star Tower's goalkeepers.

Everyone who climbed the Star Tower would be targeting the Celestial Stairway. Only people who were promoted to the Celestial Stairway were considered as the Star Tower's formidable individuals. Such people were known as the God Class.

As this was the first time Lin Yuan was climbing the Star Tower, he had no choice but to register himself obediently.

The identity information required to register for the Star Tower was different from others. The Star Web Card bound the Star Tower's identity information. It also meant that each Radiance Federation citizen would only be able to use their true identity to participate in the Star Tower's Star Tower.

The Radiance Federation had plenty of unions, and most of them had huge amounts of resources and high salaries to attract the spirit qi professionals. All of the unions would form teams to participate in some large-scale tournaments.

The higher-ranked duelists with potential would normally become recruitment targets for the unions.

When entering the Star Tower's newcomer registration room, Lin Yuan noticed that it was extremely quiet.

There was a young man flipping and browsing through a book that was related to feys. When he saw Lin Yuan entering, he immediately said, "New climber, hurry up and come over to fill up the form! After filling up the form, I will bring you inside to input the information."

The young man then swiftly placed the form on the table for Lin Yuan. He then looked at Genius and Chimey standing on Lin Yuan's shoulders and said with an intrigued tone, "Your two feys look rather good! I didn't think that there would be spirit beasts that I cannot recognize."

Lin Yuan let out a smile in response. Genius had evolved from a Hundred Questions Beast, while Chimey had evolved from a Sound Bird.

Genius was already a Bronze Thousand Questions Beast, while Chimey was a Bronze Streamcloud Azure Bird.

No one had ever evolved the Hundred Questions Beast and the Sound Bird to bronze-grade. Therefore, they were unique in this world, and it was natural that no one could recognize them.

Lin Yuan swiftly handed over the form with his personal information.

The young man received it and took a glance. Seeing that there was no problem, he stood up and walked in front of Lin Yuan. "Follow me then. It might be rather troublesome to input the information for the first time, but you will have proof of registration on the Star Web after the first input. The next time your occupation rank increases or you have new feys or newly evolved feys, you could enter the information by yourself in the Star Web system."

The young man informed Lin Yuan of the important matters. After completing his job role, he took out that same book he was reading earlier. He was carefully flipping through it while walking and seemed to be memorizing it.

Lin Yuan saw the name of the book, and it was one of the books that was related to the primary rank Fey Observer. He then asked, "By the looks of your book, are you going to participate in the primary rank Fey Observer's exam?"

The young man was surprised. He didn't expect the young Lin Yuan to actually be so clear about the examinable topics for primary rank Fey Observers.

He looked at Lin with surprise and said, "Yes, I am going to pass the exam for the primary rank Fey Observer and prepare for the Creation Master exam next month."

The young man had an extremely prideful expression, and his tone was filled with confidence and the desire to flaunt.

After the young man explained the necessary processes and completed Lin Yuan's registration, Lin Yuan left. To the young man, the thing he had to do right now was to memorize more knowledge on the Fey Observer occupation. Lin Yuan wasn't going to continue disrupting him.

For anyone with the talent to take on the Creation Master exam and pass it, it would be the same as leaping through the dragon gate. Even a Class 1 Creation Master was a person that would receive respect and admiration, no matter where they went.

Lin Yuan had already inputted the information for Morbius, Genius, and Chimey. As for Red Thorn, it was still a Normal fey and wasn't qualified to participate in the Star Tower's combat format. Thus, Lin Yuan didn't input Red Thorn's information.

After registering in the Star Tower's list, an identity card that contained information on Lin Yuan was produced.

Name: Lin Yuan

Gender: Male

Height: 178cm

Weight: 61kg

Star Tower Floor: 0th Floor

Spirit Qi Occupation: Healing-Type Professional

Occupation Rank: D-Rank

Contracted fey:

Morbius (Elite 7/10, Epic)

Thousand Questions Beast (Bronze 1/10, Normal)

Streamcloud Azure Bird (Bronze 1/10, Normal)

Duel Record:

Duels: 0, Wins: 0, Losses: 0, Highest Floor: 0

After seeing the identity card, Lin Yuan immediately chose to conceal all the information apart from the duel record and spirit qi occupation.

The Star Web was the Radiance Federation's second world, and in terms of the assurance of privacy, it was even better than the real world.

Now that Lin Yuan had inputted all the information, he immediately chose to enter the Star Tower.

Lin Yuan had not participated in any duel in the Star Tower and was only a person among the innumerable bottom feeders. After choosing the option to match with an opponent, Lin Yuan was quickly matched with a duelist that was also on the Star Tower's bottom floor.

When Lin Yuan saw the opponent's information, he was rather shocked. The opponent had already participated in 471 duels and the highest floor recorded was the 3rd floor.

It meant that he had been pinned down in almost all of the 471 duels. Otherwise, he wouldn't still be at the Star Tower's bottom floor.

The duel record couldn't be hidden, and before the duel, both parties would be able to see each other's records.

The opponent was an old man that was roughly over 80 years of age and half his hair was already white. But after seeing Lin Yuan's duel record, he immediately laughed heartily. "An old man like me is actually able to encounter a newcomer! After I win this duel and climb to the 1st floor, I will not climb the tower anymore! This way, I will be able to stay on the 1st floor for one month, and I will be able to flaunt it to that Old Liu next door for one month."

The Star Tower was a testing ground where all spirit qi professionals in the Radiance Federation would participate. Certain rules and countermeasures were taken to prevent any spirit qi professionals from maintaining their floor record by not participating in any duels after climbing to a certain floor with luck.

Any duelist that was climbing the tower would need to participate in one duel per month. It was also because of this rule that uber lucky individuals were unable to maintain their incorrect standard.

Lin Yuan noticed that the old man on the other side had summoned a Normal Gray Beetle, which was charging at him. Lin Yuan didn't know what to do for a moment. He originally wanted to greet his opponent, but it seemed like there wasn't a need to greet, and the battle would end soon.

Lin Yuan didn't ask Chimey to activate its ability. Instead, he asked Genius to charge forward. With a swing of the three tails, the Gray Beetle was knocked over.

The old man evidently had only one contracted fey, so he immediately lost the duel.

After losing the duel, the old man looked at Lin Yuan and put on a show. He lay down on the ground and bawled, "Aiyo, my poor old waist. The youngsters nowadays are truly merciless!"

Lin Yuan looked at the dramatic old man and scratched the back of his head awkwardly. This old uncle should participate in the Birth of An Actor[1]**.

Sensing that the old man wasn't going to end his show anytime soon, Lin Yuan said, "Uncle, this is the Star Web. Even if you break your waist here, it will be fine."

The old man jumped up in response and rolled his eyes at Lin Yuan. "I shall give you the win today. Back then, I was an expert that was able to execute the Angry Crow Takes Flight and Tornado Desecrates Trailer Park[2]! Forget it, forget it! This old man is going home to eat my medicine!"

Lin Yuan's current Star Tower's record already displayed that he was on the 1st floor of the Star Tower.

Lin Yuan felt that the duel at the bottom floor was surprisingly easy, but the old man's performance was amusing too. Lin Yuan's momentum increased as he continued to participate in more duels and quickly reached the 9th floor.

Now that Lin Yuan reached the 9th floor, he finally and painstakingly encountered an opponent who used Elite feys.

As soon as the duel started, the two opposing Elite Yellow-Spotted Hound and the Tusked Digging Boar were defeated by Chimey's Sound Thrust.

Lin Yuan continued to climb the tower, and when he reached the 22nd floor, he met an opponent that actually used Bronze feys like him.

However, the opposition's Bronze feys seemed rather powerful.

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Lin Yuan looked at his opponent and gasped a mouthful of cold air.

While looking at the opponent's information, Lin Yuan realized he was facing a 27-year-old power offense-type spirit qi professional. His name was Huang Chenglin.

His information card stated he had three Bronze feys—Poison Fire Python, River Water Python, and Acid Mist Python. They weren't concealed at all.

Although his honesty left Lin Yuan rather surprised, he didn't appreciate it. In a duel, not letting the opponent know of one's contracted feys was a trump card by itself.

To expose one's own feys without any concealment... Instead of saying that he was particularly confident, it was better to say that he was simple-minded.

Naturally, all feys had a bane that would counter them. When fighting against a fey that was your fey's weakness, it was rarely possible to turn the tables.

However, Huang Chenglin was on the 22nd floor and was already considered an expert. As such, he had the capital to throw in a little advantage for the opponent.

Huang Chenglin's highest floor record was 37th floor, which meant that Huang Chenglin had probably been unlucky and dropped to the 22nd floor. Even if he were to expose all of his feys' information and lost the advantage, it wasn't possible for him to drop to the 22nd floor.

While Lin Yuan was reading Huang Chenglin's information, the same was happening on the other side.

Before Lin Yuan could speak, the opponent spoke first.

"Hey! Looking at your duel record, you are still a newcomer. But why did you only climb the Star Tower when your feys are at bronze-grade? You wouldn't be somebody that is unlicensed, right?! Hiding all of your information like this. Since you are a healing-type professional, I will let you prepare first before receiving your death."

Huang Chenglin shrugged his shoulders in an extremely relaxed manner.

A contractor's mental state would affect the fey's mental state. Huang Chenglin was totally relaxed and nonchalant, so the three Bronze python-species feys didn't adopt an offensive posture like before. Instead, they revolved around Huang Chenglin and waited for his command.

Lin Yuan didn't respond. Among Huang Chenglin's three Bronze feys, Lin Yuan only knew a little about the Poison Fire Python. He didn't know anything about the River Water Python and the Acid Mist Python.

As such, Lin Yuan commanded Genius to execute Tool Transformation. Genius turned into a pair of glasses, and when Lin Yuan wore them on his nose bridge, he took another glance at the Poison Fire Python, Acid Mist Python, and the River Water Python. All of a sudden, he had a comprehensive understanding of three pythons.

It was different from how he understood knowledge that was provided by Morbius' True Data.

True Data provided knowledge on the fey's grade, quality, abilities, and exclusive skill. The knowledge provided by Genius allowed Lin Yuan to understand the movement and attack behavior of this species. Such knowledge required accumulation of experience.

At that moment, Lin Yuan suddenly realized that after he wore the glasses, it seemed like he could see the opponent feys' weak spots in their defenses.

These weak spots were blind spots that could be deduced by observing the opponent's movement. If Lin Yuan were to attack those spots, the opponent wouldn't be able to put up an effective defense.

It was the same as a person extending their hands to push forward and being unable to defend the attacks on their ribs.

This discovery made Lin Yuan rather excited.

When Huang Chenglin noticed that Lin Yuan had yet to reply to him and didn't move either, he said with a dissatisfied tone, "Hey! Unlicensed person! Stop with your pretense. Your cat that seemed to be the only one with attack power has actually turned into a pair of glasses with Tool Transformation. What use does your little bird have? Since you are a healing-type professional, your little bird wouldn't start producing bird's nests for others to eat and heal, right?"

Chimey might not be able to speak after evolving to bronze-grade, but it could still understand Huang Chenglin's words. It was so angry that it started to hop around Lin Yuan's shoulder. It was chirping loudly as though it was quarreling with Huang Chenglin.

Lin Yuan finally spoke. "I am ready, you may begin."

As soon as Lin Yuan spoke, he commanded Chimey to charge at the Poison Fire Python.

When the Poison Fire Python saw Chimey charging over, it immediately responded by spraying a lump of poisonous flames.

Lin Yuan immediately used Jasmine Lily's ability, Heal, and targeted it at Chimey.

Using the air current, Chimey dashed into the flames. The powerful flow of air helped Chimey to effectively resist the poison fire attack.

Before the flames could burn Chimey, it responded to Lin Yuan's command and released Turbulence.

Turbulence would first be formed around Chimey's body, and because Chimey was in the middle of the poison flames, it scattered the Poison Fire Python's flames toward all directions when it executed the Turbulence ability.

At that moment, the Acid Mist Python sprayed acid mist toward Chimey.

When the acid mist contacted the poison fire blown away by Turbulence, they immediately exploded.

The Poison Fire Python's poison fire wasn't considered powerful, but it was more than twice as powerful when blown by Turbulence. When the poison fire contacted the acid mist and exploded, the explosion extended and followed the acid mist.

The blazing poison fire immediately surged into the mouth of the Acid Mist Python. It caused the Acid Mist Python to convulse on the ground immediately, rendering it unable to continue fighting.

When feys reached bronze-grade, apart from their strength, strategy was also required.

Huang Chenglin didn't expect to make such a huge mistake and actually allow his own fey to injure his own fey due to the chaotic battle.

Seeing the convulsing Acid Mist Python on the ground, Huang Chenglin yelled at the Poison Fire Python with a tinge of blame, "Poison Fire Python! Shot another Poison Fire at that silly bird!"

However, when Huang Chenglin gave the command, Chimey had already let out a loud chirp. Just as the Poison Fire Python opened its mouth to shoot Poison Fire, three invisible and formless Sound Thrusts pierced into the Poison Fire Python's mouth.

A single Sound Thrust might not be able to strip off the Poison Fire Python's combat capability and might only severely injure its mouth. However, when three consecutive Sound Thrust pierced into its mouth, they immediately penetrated the weak oral cavity and opened up a hole in the head.

An injury of this degree immediately sent the Poison Fire Python out of commission.

Chimey had already used up half of its spirit qi.

Lin Yuan quickly used the Spirit-Siphon Goldfish's ability, Spirit Injection, on Chimey and helped it to recover a portion of the lost spirit qi. It was completed within the spark of flints.

Huang Chenglin suddenly noticed that among the three of his python species feys, only the River Water Python could continue fighting.

Originally, he thought that winning this duel was within his grasp, but he had immediately lost 2/3 of his major combat strength due to his incompetent commands.

Huang Chenglin ground his teeth and yelled at Lin Yuan, "If you are capable, fight me with power! Winning with schemes is the behavior of a coward!"

Lin Yuan looked at Huang Chenglin with a shocked expression and said, "Do you actually want a healing-type professional like me to compare attack power with a power offense-type professional like you? A duel is settled with victories and defeats. This isn't playing house and seeing who has greater strength."

When listening to Lin Yuan, Huang Chenglin suddenly let out a sly peal of laughter. "You have been duped!"

A water pillar suddenly burst out of the ground, targeting Chimey with rapid speed.

When Huang Chenglin was speaking earlier, he had already arranged for the River Water Python to launch a sneak attack on Chimey. Seeing that his sneak attack was a success, he yelled at Lin Yuan, "Of course this isn't playing house! You should understand that a duelist should not detest trickery—"

Before Huang Chenglin could finish his statement, Lin Yuan shouted, "Clear Sky!"

Chimey received Lin Yuan's command, and the cloud patterns on its azure blue feathers suddenly lit up. They emitted a gentle light. The radiance was very gentle, but it became scorching hot when making contact with the water pillar.

Clear Sky instantly evaporated the massive water pillar!

Instead of saying that that massive water pillar had evaporated, Lin Yuan felt that it instantly vanished into the air when the water pillar contacted the radiance.

Huang Chenglin was originally absorbed in frenzied laughter, but the sudden change caused his mouth to expand widely.

It felt as though he couldn't understand what had happened.

Just as Huang Chenglin was dazzled, Chimey released Turbulence to control the River Water Python. After another loud chirp, Sound Thrust pierced into the eyes of the River Water Python mercilessly.

As a result, Lin Yuan successfully secured this duel's victory.

Although Chimey was able to win, it was not because of its strength. The major factor that contributed to this duel was Lin Yuan using the glass-transformed Genius to help Chimey point out the three pythons' weak spots.

This duel allowed Lin Yuan to receive plenty of rewards. This was also the first time Lin Yuan had participated in a disadvantageous duel.

Lin Yuan ignored the defeated Huang Chenglin and logged out of the Star Web after rising up to the 23rd floor.

Lin Yuan noticed he was lacking in this duel, especially when it came to attacking methods.

If Lin Yuan was to encounter another opponent like Huang Chenglin and had no intel on the opponent's feys in advance, it would be hard for him to arrange a suitable strategy to win with Chimey alone.

After all, not every opponent would be as arrogant as Huang Chenglin and display all of their feys.

If Lin Yuan wanted to increase his attack methods, he would need to do his best to nurture Red Thorn.

It seems like it isn't enough to just feed Red Thorn with low-grade alien insect carcasses. I have to think of methods to find high-grade flesh to help Red Thorn evolve quickly.

For the next few days, Lin Yuan had spent 240 Radiance dollars in advance to purchase three drops of gold-grade dragon blood from Zhou Jiabin. He was preparing to evolve his spirit-locked Elite Spirit-Siphon Goldfish to bronze-grade.

This way, Morbius' grade would also advance to bronze-grade, and it would obtain a new exclusive skill.

Lin Yuan entered the Spirit Lock spatial zone and looked at the Telescope Spirit-Siphon Goldfish in the spirit pool. It was growing bigger and more incredible-looking.

He then took out a small jar, scooped up half a jar of water from the spirit pool, and placed the Spirit-Siphon Goldfish inside the jar.

After enhancing the Spirit-Siphon Goldfish to Elite X/Epic, just as it was about to reach the juncture of reaching bronze-grade, Lin Yuan immediately put in all three drops of dragon blood into the jar.

Chapter 53: Spirit-Gather Goldfish

The three drops of gold-grade dragon blood in Lin Yuan's hand felt as though they were flowing mercury. They didn't just have great density, but they also exuded a special luster that normal blood didn't possess.

Normal blood would stain the enclosed bottles' walls, but the gold-grade dragon blood didn't stain the walls at all.

When Lin Yuan was pouring them out, he could feel the dragon blood emitting pressure.

The Spirit-Siphon Goldfish was already at the evolution threshold, and when Lin Yuan used the spirit qi to assist in breaking through that barrier, the Spirit-Siphon Goldfish's body transformed drastically.

When the three drops of gold-grade dragon blood entered the water, they didn't fuse with the water immediately. Instead, they were absorbed by the evolving Telescope Spirit-Siphon Goldfish's traces of dragon beast bloodline.

While the Telescope Spirit-Siphon Goldfish's body was constantly transforming, the three drops of dragon blood entered its body. The moment the dragon blood entered, the Telescope Spirit-Siphon Goldfish reacted even more drastically.

All of a sudden, the Telescope Spirit-Siphon Goldfish looked as though it went berserk and started to smash against the water jar's walls. With each smash, there would be plenty of fresh blood seeping out of its scales and fusing into the water.

Lin Yuan watched the Telescope Spirit-Siphon Goldfish's berserk behavior and could sense the agonizing pain it was suffering right now.

After each smash, there would be some scales that would fall off of its body.

Lin Yuan might be concerned for the Spirit-Siphon Goldfish, but he knew that it was in the process of awakening the dragon-species bloodline in its body. It was absolutely necessary.

The most precious part of a dragon-species fey was its blood. The concentration of the dragon-species blood would also determine the fey's value.

At that moment, the Spirit-Siphon Goldfish was activating the traces of dragon bloodline in its body with the three drops of gold-grade dragon blood. It was going through a process to change its entire body's blood.

The Telescope Spirit-Siphon Goldfish struggled in the water jar for three hours, and Lin Yuan watched intently for three hours too.

The Telescope Spirit-Siphon Goldfish's fish scales were already like dilapidated decorations that hung on the body. They were in such bad condition that it had no defensive capabilities at all.

The blood that flowed out of the Spirit-Siphon Goldfish didn't fuse with the water anymore and was creating a thin layer of protection on the wounds of the Spirit-Siphon Goldfish instead. Lin Yuan knew that the traces of dragon beast bloodline in the Spirit-Siphon Goldfish had been completely activated, and it had completed the blood-changing process.

The dragon-species bloodline in the Telescope Spirit-Siphon Goldfish might be very thin, but it was still a dragon-species fey now.

Lin Yuan circulated the spiritual power in his body to gather the spirit qi in the air and channeled it into the Spirit-Siphon Goldfish, which had awakened its bloodline.

The Spirit-Siphon Goldfish's evolution speed was much faster than before, and its body was gradually growing with a layer of black scale armor. It was completely different from its previous fish scales.

The ink-black scale armor had a very pearl-like luster. Each piece of scale armor was covering a faint dark gold substance. The damaged fishtail had instantly grown longer, and it only stopped after it was as long as the body.

The massive black tail was just like a layered skirt.

The Telescope eyes that the Spirit-Siphon Goldfish had previously had almost withdrawn completely after this evolution. However, the upper eye areas had bumps that weren't as obvious.

Lin Yuan took a deep breath. This Telescope Spirit-Siphon Goldfish has finally been evolved into a Bronze dragon-species fey. Now that it evolved into a dragon-species fey, it means that the Spirit-Siphon Goldfish's evolution path will reach a higher level. The higher level brings about endless possibilities.

When checking through True Data, the Spirit-Siphon Goldfish didn't have the same name. It was now called the Spirit-Gather Goldfish.

Siphoning spirit qi was just a minor advantage, and gathering spirit qi was considered a good fortune.

Lin Yuan could feel that the Spirit-Gather Goldfish was emitting concentrated spirit qi. After some calculations, the Bronze Spirit-Gather Goldfish would release spirit qi that was equivalent to the spirit qi contained in 1,000 catties of inferior energy ores.

Of course, the Spirit-Gather Goldfish was able to release so much spirit qi mainly because it had awakened the dragon-species bloodline's traces in its body. Otherwise, even if it evolved to bronze-grade, it wouldn't be able to emit so much spirit qi.

Since the Spirit-Siphon Goldfish reached bronze-grade with Epic quality, Lin Yuan could now pick its exclusive skill.

[Spirit Qi Flare]: Increase the release of spirit qi with extreme speed.

[Spirit Qi Absorption]: Increase the absorption speed of spirit qi and also have an increased speed when making progress in grade and quality.

[Spirit Qi Imprint]: The spirit qi that is constantly released to the environment will be stored within the Spirit Qi Imprint instead. It will be branded on the contractor's body, and the contractor can release the spirit qi contained within the Spirit Qi Imprint.

These three exclusive skills were all exceptional for the Spirit-Gather Goldfish.

Spirit Qi Flare would allow the Spirit-Gather Goldfish to have an additional motive force and become a spirit qi fountain.

Spirit Qi Absorption would allow the Spirit-Gather Goldfish to increase its evolution speed. It could actually negate the Spirit-Gather Goldfish's flaw—evolution difficulty.

If this Spirit-Gather Goldfish was in the outside world and had the Spirit Qi Absorption choice among the exclusive skills, eight out of ten individuals would probably pick Spirit Qi Absorption without hesitation.

However, this was for the others who had extreme difficulty in evolving the Spirit-Gather Goldfish. It wasn't much of a problem for Lin Yuan apart from spending more time and energy.

As such, Lin Yuan immediately chose the third exclusive skill, Spirit Qi Imprint. It was an exceptional exclusive skill, but for Lin Yuan, the biggest advantage was that it would be enhanced along with the Spirit-Gather Goldfish's grade.

The Spirit-Gather Goldfish's exclusive skill, Spirit Qi Imprint, and the Jasmine Lily's exclusive skill, Recovery Imprint, were both similar in tune. The Jasmine Lily's Recovery Imprint accumulated healing energy, while the Spirit-Gather Goldfish's Spirit Qi Imprint accumulated the spirit qi that would be released by the Spirit-Gather Goldfish.

If the Spirit Qi Imprint was used appropriately, it meant that Lin Yuan wouldn't need to worry about the volume of his spirit qi for a certain period of time and would be able to release the fey's abilities freely.

In Lin Yuan's opinion, it could actually be treated as a method to save his life.

Since the Spirit-Siphon Goldfish evolved to bronze-grade, Morbius also successfully evolved to bronze-grade.

When evolving to bronze-grade, Morbius had also awakened from its slumber. Morbius' bronze-grade exclusive skill, Pure Land of Bliss, also appeared.

[Pure Land of Bliss]: The Spirit Lock spatial zone will produce soil that is great for recovering near-death fey's injuries. The fey's recovery time will be determined by the grade of Morbius and the dying fey.

A clear and calm voice echoed in Lin Yuan's ears.

Chapter 54: Pure Land of Bliss

"Yuan, after this evolution, I will hibernate for a period of time to completely recover from the damage inflicted on my spiritual energy during the contract's formation."

Their spiritual energy would decide the number of contracted feys that a spirit qi professional could have. Each additional contracted fey would be the same as splitting out another portion of spiritual energy.

This was also why everyone had different numbers of contracted feys.

Lin Yuan had contracted Morbius at the age of eight when his spiritual energy was frail. In order to protect Lin Yuan, Morbius had forcefully suppressed its spiritual energy, causing damage to Morbius' source.

"How long would you need to recover? Do you need me to purchase some spiritual ingredients for recovery?" Lin Yuan asked in a calm and concerned tone. It felt as though they were old friends that knew each other for a long time, or like a partner or family.

"There isn't a need for spiritual ingredients. I don't know how long I will be hibernating for this time. Yuan, I didn't think that you would be able to evolve me to bronze-grade within such a short period. Come, before I hibernate. Let me bring you to see the transformations to the Spirit Lock spatial zone and also to explain about the Pure Land of Bliss."

When Lin Yuan entered the Spirit Lock spatial zone, he realized that it was twice as big as before. This spatial zone was about the size of his small store in the Star Web now.

The spirit pool size didn't just become twice as big, and even the concentration of spirit qi in the spatial zone also significantly increased—from five times to eight times.

However, all the inferior energy ores that were placed at the bottom of the Spirit Pool had all disintegrated. It seemed like eight times the spirit qi concentration wasn't the upper limit of this bronze-grade Spirit Lock spatial zone.

A clear voice echoed. "The spirit qi concentration's upper limit is ten times as much as the outside world."

Before this, Lin Yuan would need to figure out everything about the Spirit Lock spatial zone by himself. Now that Morbius' consciousness was sober, Lin Yuan simply needed to think, and Morbius would resolve his doubts.

The spirit qi concentration had increased from five times to ten times. It was the same as shortening the time by half when evolving Normal Spirit-Siphon Goldfish to elite-grade. The increase in the size of the spirit pool would also allow more Spirit-Siphon Goldfish to be nurtured.

This would, in turn, allow Lin Yuan to earn Radiance dollars with increased speed. He would be able to produce one batch within three days.

Given the spirit pool's size, he would be able to nurture about 100 Spirit-Siphon Goldfish each time. He would at least be able to earn 800 Radiance dollars within three days after selling all the Spirit-Siphon Goldfish. Lin Yuan had yet to include the money he could earn for selling Bronze Usneas.

Presently, earning Radiance dollars was already effortless for Lin Yuan. In fact, Lin Yuan didn't have to accept any more custom-ordered Elite feys after completing the transaction with Stream in the Cloud.

If the amount of time required to prepare custom Elite feys was used to produce Bronze Usneas, he would be able to earn much more Radiance dollars.

Lin Yuan might be earning more money now, but he was also spending much more. The more money he earned, the more he felt that he wasn't earning enough.

The evolution of feys was like a boat sailing against the flow of water and would need to overcome plenty of waves.

A single rare spiritual ingredient would already cost an unknown amount of money. Therefore, it was impossible to have enough Radiance dollars that would be enough for his expenditure.

In order to enhance the Jasmine Lily's quality to Legend at bronze-grade, two Mahogany Tree Cores were required, and they already caused Lin Yuan big headaches.

Lin Yuan had arranged a simple setup in the Spirit Lock spatial zone as he put in some simple furniture, like a massive workbench and a chair.

At that moment, the Bronze Jasmine Lily was placed on the workbench. After evolving to bronze-grade, the Jasmine Lily was significantly different in appearance. But as compared to the Spirit-Siphon Goldfish, which had undergone a complete metamorphosis, it wasn't much.

The Bronze Jasmine Lily had turned from stalks into bunches. The half woody stems had also vanished. Layers and stacks of Jasmine Lily flowers were all gathered, and it looked just like jadeite. Just by looking at it, one would feel as though they were being healed.

"Yuan, look over there. That is the exclusive skill, Pure Land of Bliss."

Lin Yuan looked over and saw a new piece of land in the Spirit Lock spatial zone that was around 20 square meters.

Scarlet red fences encircled the space, and inside was sparkling jade-white soil.

Lin Yuan walked over and grabbed the soil. He couldn't feel any rough or craggy texture from the soil as it was extremely soft.

"The Pure Land of Bliss can heal Bronze feys rapidly and can gradually heal Silver feys. As for Gold feys that are in a dying state, placing them in the Pure Land of Bliss can maintain their dying state. As long as nutrients are constantly provided, they won't die."

Morbius introduced the ability of the exclusive skill, Pure Land of Bliss, to Lin Yuan. He didn't expect Morbius' exclusive skill to actually be so incredible.

Only Class 3 Creation Masters would have the confidence to make an attempt to save Gold feys in dying states.

In fact, it was possible that Class 3 Creation Masters wouldn't be able to save a dying Gold fey. There wasn't a need to talk about severely injured Gold feys, but dying and severely injured were two different things.

A dying fey would have already exhausted its source and vitality. They could only remain standing because of their powerful gold-grade physique. Such a kind of dying fey would be sold as fresh spiritual ingredients.

Before obtaining the Pure Land of Bliss, Lin Yuan only dared and hoped to pick up left out Silver feys. Now, with the Pure Land of Bliss, he could guarantee that the dying Gold fey wouldn't die.

Given the Spirit Lock spatial zone's spirit qi concentration, which was ten times more than the outside world, Lin Yuan could use his ability to gradually recover the dying Gold fey's injuries.

Every time a Gold fey appeared, it would be put up for auction in the Star Web's Rare Lifeform Pavilion. There weren't any stores in the Star Web that would directly sell Gold feys.

Lin Yuan had the capability to be involved with Gold feys right now.

"Morbius, this Pure Land of Bliss is truly practical."

After hearing Lin Yuan's amazed tone, Morbius chuckled and said, "It isn't the only function. You can use the spiritual power in your body to summon a piece of Pure Land of Bliss in the outside world and use it to heal feys that suffered damage to the source. The range of the Pure Land of Bliss will be directly related to the amount of spiritual power you use."

Lin Yuan's eyes widened after hearing the explanation. This Pure Land of Bliss can actually be used in the outside world as an ability?! This means that I won't need to expose my spirit-qi-channeling ability! I can just use the Pure Land of Bliss to heal the feys' damaged source.

Lin Yuan had the talent of a healing-type spirit qi professional, and he always had the objective of becoming one too.

Therefore, when nurturing the Jasmine Lily, Lin Yuan had never been complacent. In fact, he had also chosen the Jasmine Lily to be the first fey to be enhanced into a Fantasy Breed.

Lin Yuan suddenly felt that the Recovery Imprint, Spirit Qi Imprint, and the Pure Land of Bliss were forming a perfect combination.

After days and months of spirit qi accumulation in the Spirit Qi Imprint, will I be able to see a Pure Land of Bliss that reaches the horizon when I open up the Spirit Qi Imprint? After opening up the Recovery Imprint, will I be able to heal the entire battlefield during a dimensional rift invasion?

Of course, Lin Yuan knew that he was still very weak. If he wanted to become stronger, he would need to take one step and continue pressing forward.

Chapter 55: Five Fortune Ranchu

After exiting the Spirit Lock spatial zone, Morbius started hibernating and recovering its injured source.

At this moment, Morbius' attributes were displayed to Lin Yuan with True Data.

[Fey Name]: Morbius

[Fey Species]: ???

[Fey Grade]: Bronze (1/10)

[Fey Type]: Spatial/Mystery

[Fey Quality]: Normal

Abilities:

[True Data]: All complicated information that is invisible to the eye is turned into data. Information that is turned into data might contain truth that cannot be distinguished on the surface.

[Calm Mind]: Passive ability. Effects of Calm Mind can be improved according to the fey's grade. Calm Mind can stabilize the mind and has a certain probability of resisting negative conditions.

Exclusive Skill:

[Spirit Lock]: Morbius' spatial zone can be used to nurture feys. The initial grade of the fey that Morbius' spatial zone can nurture must not be higher than Morbius' grade. Morbius isn't able to increase its grade

by itself, so its grade will be increased along with the fey's grade that it nurtures. At the same time, Morbius can obtain the initial ability of the fey that it nurtures. However, Morbius will not obtain abilities when its grade increases. Whenever Morbius increases a grade, it will be able to nurture one more fey. Morbius' method of growth will remain unchanged.

[Pure Land of Bliss]: The Spirit Lock spatial zone will produce soil that is great for recovering the injuries of near-death fey. The fey's recovery time will be determined by the grade of Morbius and the dying fey.

[Normal Spirit Lock]:

Jasmine Lily: Bronze (1/10), Normal

Ability – [Heal]: Rapidly recovers external injuries and gradually recovers vitality.

Exclusive Skill – [Recovery Imprint]: Accumulate the healing energy that is released by the Jasmine Lily during normal times. The contractor can activate the imprint to release the accumulated healing energy.

[Elite Spirit Lock]:

Spirit-Gather Goldfish: Bronze (1/10), Normal

Ability: [Spirit Injection]: Restore a certain amount of spiritual power at once and gradually restore the lost spiritual power.

Exclusive Skill – [Spirit Qi Imprint]: The spirit qi that is constantly released to the environment will be stored within the Spirit Qi Imprint instead. It will be branded on the contractor's body, and the contractor can release spirit qi contained within the Spirit Qi Imprint.

While looking at Morbius' attributes, Lin Yuan scratched his head. If I wish to evolve Morbius to silver-grade, I will need to spirit-lock a third fey.

After selling another batch of Spirit-Siphon Goldfish, Lin Yuan realized that Red Thorn had already progressed to Normal IX/Flawless as it had constantly been digesting alien insect carcasses.

The alien insect carcasses cost more than 100 Radiance dollars, but Red Thorn had yet to break through to elite-grade.

At that moment, Lin Yuan noticed that if he couldn't channel spirit qi to the fey, it would actually be that difficult to evolve them.

Red Thorn's evolution was Lin Yuan's number one priority now. The Source Seed would evolve according to Lin Yuan's will, and the evolution method he had chosen for Red Thorn was food consumption. Therefore, in order to receive any enhancement during evolution, it would need to come from the source of food.

The flesh of a high-grade fey or a high-grade dimensional lifeform would be especially beneficial for Red Thorn's evolution. However, be it high-grade fey or dimensional lifeform flesh, most of them were considered precious spiritual or food ingredients.

Lin Yuan's wish to purchase large quantities of high-grade fey flesh wasn't practical. But since it was the crucial juncture for Red Thorn's evolution, Lin Yuan couldn't afford to be stingy.

He logged into the Star Web and immediately contacted Zhou Jiaxin.

Deep Mountain Elder Lin: "Big Sister Xin, I wish to order another batch of Normal Spirit-Siphon Goldfish. This time, I want ten Telescope Spirit-Siphon Goldfish."

Lin Yuan was planning to nurture the Spirit-Siphon Goldfish and reserve ten of them. These ten would be seeded candidates that would be nurtured to bronze-grade before being sold.

Bronze Spirit-Siphon Goldfish would be able to enter the doors of the Rare Lifeform Pavilion. If Lin Yuan wished to purchase the Mahogany Tree Cores, he would need to rely on the Bronze Spirit-Siphon Goldfish.

Of course, Lin Yuan wouldn't exchange such precious feys like Bronze Spirit-Siphon Goldfish for Radiance dollars. He would put them up in the Rare Lifeform Pavilion and trade them for Mahogany Tree Cores.

Trading for items might be primitive, but it was the most effective method to obtain spiritual ingredients and feys.

Zhou Jiaxin: "Alright, I will pick the best Normal Spirit-Siphon Goldfish for you. That's right, I have a female Elite Spirit-Siphon Goldfish that is already pregnant. I wonder if you are interested?"

Female Spirit-Siphon Goldfish weren't that rare, but it was extremely difficult for Spirit-Siphon Goldfish to get pregnant. The higher the rarity of a fey, the harder it was for it to reproduce.

It was a lock that was put down by nature, and humans couldn't unlock it.

When Lin Yuan read that Zhou Jiaxin had a pregnant Spirit-Siphon Goldfish, his eyes lit up. A female Spirit-Siphon Goldfish could give birth to around 1,000 Spirit-Siphon Goldfish each time.

A Spirit-Siphon Goldfish's eggs had a hard time surviving, and it was mainly because there wasn't enough spirit qi for the eggs to absorb. However, it would no longer be a problem in the Spirit Lock spatial zone's spirit pool.

The spirit pool might only be able to contain 100 Elite Spirit-Siphon Goldfish at once, but the eggs would need to be nurtured, and Lin Yuan could split them up into different tanks for breeding.

This way, he would be able to save a huge portion of money and would no longer need to purchase Normal Spirit-Siphon Goldfish.

Deep Mountain Elder Lin: "Big Sister Xin, I want the female Spirit-Siphon Goldfish! I wonder what is the price?"

Zhou Jiaxin: "The female Spirit-Siphon Goldfish might be a little expensive. It costs 80 Radiance dollars."

Lin Yuan frowned at the reply.

If this was the price, Lin Yuan would rather purchase Normal Spirit-Siphon Goldfish each time and nurture them.

A single Elite Spirit-Siphon Goldfish would only be 8 Radiance dollars, and it was due to the good species. An ordinary species would only be worth 5 Radiance dollars.

The Elite Spirit-Siphon Goldfish was pregnant and could be sold for 80 Radiance dollars. The price was truly a little high.

Lin Yuan felt that 15 Radiance dollars should be the limit.

Zhou Jiaxin: "That's right, I forgot to mention that the pregnant female Spirit-Siphon Goldfish is a Five Fortune Ranchu. That's why it is expensive. The prices Big Sister Xin offers will never make you suffer losses."

Five Fortune Ranchu!? No wonder it's so expensive!

Even a century after the Spirit Qi Awakening, humans still had the instinctive preference for auspicious things. The Five Fortune Ranchu was a rare and auspicious species among the Spirit-Siphon Goldfish.

Its round body had five colors, which signified five fortunes. It might have the same function as a regular Spirit-Siphon Goldfish, but it cost ten times more than a regular one.

Elite Five Fortune Ranchus were basically not available in the market. One could only purchase one from Creation Masters that had nurtured it personally.

Lin Yuan had been purchasing spiritual ingredients from Zhou Jiaxin mainly because she was honest when doing business. Lin Yuan realized that he had underestimated Zhou Jiaxin's connections.

Chapter 56: Zhou Jiaxin's Thoughts

Deep Mountain Elder Lin: "Big Sister Xin, I shall purchase that female Five Fortune Ranchu. Does Big Sister Xin sell high-grade spirit beast flesh?"

After Lin Yuan's multiple Spirit-Siphon Goldfish purchases, Zhou Jiaxin had made a brief investigation on Lin Yuan. As a result, she had found out that Lin Yuan's account, Deep Mountain Elder Lin, was also an owner of a fey store.

Zhou Jiaxin had observed it for some time. After Lin Yuan's store obtained the Normal Spirit-Siphon Goldfish, they would all become elite-grade in a short period of time.

These were Spirit-Siphon Goldfish!

Zhou Jiaxin made a bold guess and was quickly frightened by her own conjecture.

In order to evolve 100 Normal Spirit-Siphon Goldfish to elite-grade within three to five days, one must at least be a Class 3 Creation Master. Of course, Class 2 Creation Masters couldn't be excluded either.

However, if this was the work of a Class 2 Creation Master, to evolve Spirit-Siphon Goldfish at such a large scale, there must be at least 20 Class 2 Creation Masters.

Nonetheless, Zhou Jiaxin couldn't understand why a Creation Master would want to evolve Spirit-Siphon Goldfish. Wouldn't it be better to evolve a few Silver feys instead of spending so much effort to evolve Spirit-Siphon Goldfish?

It didn't matter what Zhou Jiaxin was guessing as she was certain about something. There must be a Creation Master backing Lin Yuan's store, and it was highly possible that it was a Class 3 Creation Master.

Class 3 Creation Masters were individuals that even Class 5 stores might not have, and they would most certainly be considered VIP guests.

Zhou Jiaxin had operated her store for many years, and she sold the best quality of spiritual ingredients every time. After so many years of hard work, she had finally reached the standard of a Class 3 Star Web store. This was mainly because she had been suppressing her prices and selling in huge quantities.

Zhou Jiaxin wasn't able to upgrade her store to Class 4 because she didn't have a Creation Master's backing.

Previously, Zhou Jiaxin was only thinking of developing Lin Yuan into her loyal customer, but now, she thought whether she could create a better relationship with Lin Yuan.

She could purchase rare items from Lin Yuan's store that wouldn't be available in the market at high prices. That way, she would be able to build the reputation of her store and upgrade it to Class 4. With a larger store space, she would be able to manage it even better.

To manage the Star Web store well had always been Zhou Jiaxin's persistence. However, she couldn't find any Creation Master as her backer, and it had been a difficult journey.

Zhou Jiaxin did think of recruiting a Creation Master, however, most of the ones she found were Class 1 ones. Even the conditions Class 1 Creation Masters set were already so high that Zhou Jiaxin couldn't afford them.

Most of the Creation Masters in Class 5 stores were young talents chosen by the store, and they used resources to nurture the Creation Masters.

Zhou Jiaxin had nurtured young and talented people too, and she wasn't stingy with the resources. However, they all ended up as failures. Evidently, it wasn't that easy to produce Creation Masters.

Zhou Jiaxin wanted to import some rare feys from Lin Yuan's store, but it wasn't that easy to open this kind of conversation topic.

Even if one wanted to become a bootlicker, they couldn't simply lick without any reason. It was important to use a method of licking that the boss could accept and to lick without leaving any traces.

After being the owner of a spiritual ingredient store for many years, even the most reserved person would be able to turn the method to recruit Creation Masters into an art.

However, the high-grade spirit beast flesh that Lin Yuan wanted was something that Zhou Jiaxin didn't have in her store right now. Zhou Jiaxin knew that if she said she didn't have any and if Lin Yuan required them, he would definitely find others for it.

Zhou Jiaxin didn't wish for the situation to turn like that. If Lin Yuan sought out other store owners and became their regular customer, wouldn't she suffer losses?

Therefore, Zhou Jiaxin made a decision and replied: "I do not have any high-grade spirit beast or dimensional lifeform's flesh. In order to sell high-grade dimensional lifeform's flesh, a special certificate is required. There are only a few stores that have the certificates. If you wish to buy them, I can recommend you to them."

Lin Yuan didn't expect Zhou Jiaxin to be willing to share her contacts with him. Contacts were the livelihood for spiritual ingredients and fey stores. Each store had its own unique contacts, and this was a capital that allowed them to continue surviving.

It didn't matter for what reason Zhou Jiaxin was willing to share her contacts, Lin Yuan was going to remember this favor.

After seeking for survival in the darkness for many years, Lin Yuan already knew how to be grateful.

Deep Mountain Elder Lin: "Then I shall thank Big Sister Xin. I am now really in urgent need of some high-grade spirit beast flesh or high-grade dimensional lifeform flesh."

Zhou Jiaxin was delighted to see Lin Yuan's response. She was afraid that Lin Yuan wouldn't appreciate her help at first. Now that Lin Yuan gave his thanks, it meant that he accepted her favor.

When the conversation was over, Lin Yuan followed Zhou Jiaxin's instructions and arrived at the recommended Star Web store that didn't have any banner.

Lin Yuan saw a tall and stalwart man, who was flipping through a book, seated there. He was constantly recording something in the book, as though he was tallying the inventory of the goods.

Sensing that someone was inside, the tall and stalwart man looked up and said, "This isn't a store, I don't attend to visitors!"

Lin Yuan quickly responded, "Zhou Jiaxin recommended me to purchase high-grade spirit beast and dimensional lifeform flesh here."

Upon hearing that it was Zhou Jiaxin's referral, the tall and stalwart man glanced at Lin Yuan. He contacted Zhou Jiaxin to verify Lin Yuan's identity before speaking. "Since Jiaxin recommended you, you can call me Big Brother Feng."

When Lin Yuan saw how cautious the tall and stalwart man was, he already speculated something. This store probably didn't have the special certificate and was probably an illegal store.

Although the Star Web was a place with great ability for checks and inspections, there were plenty of illegal stores in the Star Web. Each time a store was caught, there would be a corresponding punishment. It was natural for the tall and stalwart man to be sensitive and anxious.

"Big Brother Feng, do you sell high-grade spirit beast flesh here?"

The tall and stalwart man shook his head and said, "I am only able to obtain one batch of high-grade fey flesh every month. Furthermore, those scrap parts couldn't be treated as spiritual ingredients or used for delicacies. There isn't a choice of species. One catty of bronze-grade flesh would cost 20,000 Federation dollars, one catty of silver-grade flesh would cost 50,000 Federation dollars, and one catty of

gold-grade flesh would cost 1 Radiance dollar. Presently, I have sold out all the goods, and half a year of goods have already been reserved.”

Lin Yuan frowned at the response, but Big Brother Feng added, “It is hard to buy high-grade fey flesh everywhere. After all, high-ranked spirit qi professionals would use fey flesh to feed their carnivorous feys. But if you need dimensional lifeform’s flesh, I have quite the stock, and I can sell them to you for a lower price.”

Lin Yuan’s frown had relaxed at this point.

Since he was feeding them to Red Thorn, either high-grade fey flesh or dimensional lifeform flesh would do. However, high-grade fey flesh would contain more spirit qi than dimensional lifeform flesh.

Chapter 57: Lord Ranger

Lin Yuan had already decided to purchase the flesh of high-grade dimensional lifeforms.

“Big Brother Feng, then I shall get some high-grade dimensional lifeform flesh. I wonder how much are you selling the dimensional lifeform flesh for?”

“To be honest with you, the high-grade dimensional lifeform flesh that I received isn’t edible like the high-grade spirit beast flesh. I am unable to receive any edible high-grade dimensional lifeform flesh, either. Most of the dimensional lifeform flesh I received are from the Abyss Dimensional Rift and Insect World Dimensional Rift.”

When Big Brother Feng explained, Lin Yuan could obviously feel the helplessness in the other party’s eyes. Apparently, the sale of such dimensional lifeform flesh that caused harm to the human body wasn’t doing well.

However, there wasn’t a need to consider such things for Red Thorn. In fact, the kind of dimensional lifeform flesh other feys couldn’t consume might actually be beneficial for Red Thorn’s evolution.

“I wonder what is the price for the dimensional lifeform flesh?”

Big Brother Feng didn’t think that Lin Yuan would express an intention to purchase and wash rather delighted.

“Class 1 dimensional lifeforms are equivalent to Bronze feys and cost 500 Federation dollars for each catty. Class 2 dimensional lifeforms are equivalent with Silver feys and cost 8,000 Federation dollars for each catty. Class 3 dimensional lifeforms are equivalent to Gold feys and cost 100,000 Federation dollars for each catty.”

Lin Yuan was rather surprised and didn’t think that dimensional lifeform flesh was actually so cheap. It was several times cheaper than fey flesh.

Gold dimensional lifeform flesh only cost 100,000 Federation dollars for each catty. It also meant that 100 Radiance dollars could purchase 1,000 catties.

Of course, Red Thorn was only at normal-grade now, and even if it could digest dimensional lifeform flesh, it would also need a gradual adaptation.

Previously, Lin Yuan had been feeding it with gradeless alien insect carcasses. The amount of energy contained within those carcasses might be comparable with Normal feys.

Therefore, Lin Yuan was planning to start feeding Red Thorn with bronze-grade fey flesh.

“Big Brother Feng, I will order 3,000 catties of Class 1 dimensional lifeform flesh this time. Let’s provide our contact details. In the future, if I require more dimensional lifeform flesh, I will order directly from you.”

Big Brother Feng immediately smiled when he heard that Lin Yuan was going to purchase dimensional lifeform flesh. He said, “Okay! I will give you a little more this time. A Class 1 alien insect is around 60 catties. I will give you 55 alien insects, and the surplus will be considered a gift.”

Lin Yuan originally felt that high-grade dimensional lifeform flesh was cheap, but after using 1.5 Radiance dollars to purchase 3,000 catties only to receive 55 corpses, he felt that it wasn’t that many.

He had already fed Red Thorn 1,000 alien insects. Of course, the energy from 1,000 gradeless alien insects might only be equivalent to three of these Class 1 alien insects.

After making the purchase, Lin Yuan was planning to enter seclusion.

Apart from some duels in the Star Tower or evolving the Bronze Usneas, the rest of the time would be spent on watching Red Thorn’s evolution.

Once Red Thorn evolved to elite-grade, Lin Yuan could attempt to mix the fleshes of Class 1 and Class 2 dimensional lifeforms. He believed that Red Thorn would evolve to bronze-grade soon enough.

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When Lin Yuan was feeding Red Thorn, he could feel that Red Thorn was in a pleasant mood.

As Red Thorn was rapidly consuming the Class 1 dimensional lifeform flesh, a problem occurred. A Class 1 alien insect’s blood had a corrosiveness that could instantly turn a piece of wooden block into black charcoal.

The corrosiveness had a certain impact on the Normal Red Thorn at first. Even the Red Thorn’s Mouth of Relinquish had withered and turned dark because of the Class 1 alien insect’s blood.

Lin Yuan silently thought, Not good, it seems like I am too anxious.

Just as he was preparing to ask Red Thorn to spit out the Class 1 alien insect’s flesh, Red Thorn’s Mouth of Relinquish was already gradually recovering as it had absorbed the energy from its flesh.

During the process of recovery, the Mouth of Relinquish would be corroded again. It would still wither and turn dark, but it wouldn’t be as severe as before.

Looking at the situation, Lin Yuan gave up on his plan to change Red Thorn’s evolution through food consumption. After all, Red Thorn was obviously adapting to the Class 1 alien insect’s corrosiveness and simultaneously was increasing its resistance toward corrosive blood.

This was the evolution direction that the Class 1 alien insect had directly influenced. It was an evolutionary trait that was introduced afterward. Even if the Red Thorn was a Source Seed, there were some characteristics that couldn't be produced just because the contractor wanted it.

Red Thorn had a harder time fully digesting the Class 1 alien insect. However, Lin Yuan could obviously feel that Red Thorn had a better resistance against the Class 1 alien insect's corrosive blood.

At that moment, Lin Yuan suddenly felt that Red Thorn was asking for Lin Yuan's intention.

Lin Yuan immediately said, "Enhance your attack power. Enhance the vines that grew out previously!"

Lin Yuan was most expectant of Red Thorn's attack power.

When Red Thorn evolved to normal-grade, it had already grown out some vines that were two meters in length, and there were over a dozen of them.

These vines allowed Red Thorn to have a certain level of combat capability. But in Lin Yuan's opinion, the vines were still rather weak.

The vines might have extremely sharp reversed spikes, but it was still very hard to defeat and kill defense-type feys with these reversed spikes.

After receiving Lin Yuan's command, Red Thorn fell into hibernation. Hibernation was an evolutionary process that was required for Red Thorn.

The other feys would evolve according to their genus and would have a specific direction of evolution. Even though exclusive skills would increase the variation of the fey, there was still a rough model.

Red Thorn didn't have such a model in its evolution, so it required instructions from Lin Yuan to grow, and the process required a long period of time.

After one day, Lin Yuan realized that Red Thorn was still not moving. However, he could feel Red Thorn's current state due to the contract, and it was in a great condition.

Genius jumped onto Lin Yuan's shoulder and said, "Yuan, I have already memorized everything in the books. I guarantee that I memorized all the details!"

After speaking, Genius used its little head to rub on Lin Yuan's cheek and enjoyed the intimate time with Lin Yuan.

During these two days, Chimey had been obsessed with live streaming and didn't really pester Lin Yuan. Whenever Chimey met something it couldn't resolve, it would call for Genius. Genius was just like Chimey's super room manager and would make sure everything was in order.

Chimey was only fooling around because it enjoyed singing and had started a live stream accidentally.

However, the name of Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess was abnormally prominent. Its reputation was already able to crush all the other singing hosts.

Of course, there was another reason why Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess was famous. It was due to the Radiance Hundred's Sequence #81, Lord Ranger.

Lord Ranger had made huge donations during Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess' live stream and immediately became a top contributing fan.

Each sequence member's words and actions in the Radiance Hundred would be closely followed by everyone else. The news that Lord Ranger had donated to Sparrow Voice Loli Goddess had immediately turned into the most hyped-up piece of news in the Star Web.

Chapter 58: Creation Master Association

This matter might have attracted the attention of the entire Star Web, but be it Chimey itself or Lin Yuan, none of them noticed it.

When Chimey was singing, it would still be looking at the messages and the praises that would constantly flow. It wouldn't bother about the other comments.

Lin Yuan had constantly been making himself stronger and didn't even know that Chimey had started live streaming on the Star Web.

Genius had completed its study on primary Scholar, Spiritual Ingredient Analyst, and Fey Observer occupations. Lin Yuan saw that there were still three days left before the appointment date with Zhou Jiabin, so he decided to go for the Creation Master exam.

The Creation Master exam wasn't conducted on the Star Web. It was conducted in the city, and only the main cities would have Creation Master Associations.

The Creation Master Association for the Redbud City was established within the main city area.

Lin Yuan brought Genius along and rode on a Bronze Black-Winged Windfalcon toward Redbud City.

After taking a ride on a Platinum avian fey, Lin Yuan no longer had the same sensation he had when riding this Bronze avian fey for the first time in the past.

When he arrived at Redbud City, it was already afternoon. Lin Yuan suddenly thought to call Chu Ci out for lunch, but he immediately recalled he was here to participate in the Creation Master exam. He decided to participate in the Creation Master exam and share his success with Chu Ci later.

Lin Yuan wasn't worried there might be any hiccups during the Creation Master exam. In fact, he was even wondering if he could complete the Class 1 Creation Master exam within two hours and obtain the chance to be exempted from the promotion exams of three lifestyle-class spirit qi occupations. He would then be able to participate in the Class 2 Creation Master exam.

Lin Yuan immediately flagged for a car and headed to the Creation Master Association.

All sorts of facilities and infrastructures in Redbud City were superior to the Xia Region.

The Redbud City's streets were 30 meters in width, and even Platinum feys were able to traverse on the streets with ease. However, almost no one would summon their Platinum feys in the city area of Redbud

City. Even the formidable spirit qi professionals would use transportation machines. It allowed Redbud City to have a peaceful and prosperous atmosphere.

At the Creation Master Association entrance, Lin Yuan looked at the large doors of the Creation Master Association and took another glance at the city lord residence that wasn't far away.

Lin Yuan felt that the Creation Master Association was probably even grander than the city lord residence.

One could easily see the amount of respect that the Creation Master Association had.

Lin Yuan didn't pick a time to participate in the Creation Master exam, and it was a pure coincidence.

However, there were plenty of apprehensive people at the Creation Master Association entrance as they headed inside. Most of the people were here to participate in the exam. Some of the people entered with apprehensive expressions, while others entered with a face filled with confidence. When these people exited, almost every one of them would be from the dejected batch.

On average, only one out of a hundred individuals would exit with extremely excited and delighted expressions. It showed how difficult the Creation Master exam was.

The majority of the people who participated in the Creation Master exam would be properly prepared. Otherwise, they wouldn't be able to make another attempt within the year if they failed. Not many people would be willing to take one entire year as a bet if they didn't have any confidence.

Despite the fact that they were amply prepared, it was still very difficult to pass the exam.

Lin Yuan had already asked Genius to transform into the glasses with Tool Transformation. After wearing the glasses, Lin Yuan had an additional scholarly aura that made him a little more amiable.

When Lin Yuan entered the Creation Master Association, he was immediately stopped by the attendants inside.

Each attendant in the Creation Master Association would be attending to 30 individuals who were here to participate in the Creation Master exam.

Lin Yuan observed quietly and noticed there was only one individual in his group that was rather confident. The rest of the people were obviously very nervous. There was even a plump person whose legs would shiver when he walked.

When there were 30 individuals, the attendant said, "Later on, show me the proof that you have obtained the primary rank of three lifestyle-class occupations before you participate in the exam. When you exit, bring your scorecard to me, and you can leave with your proof."

The attendant was an extremely gentle elder sister, and her voice was so gentle that it felt as though water was dripping out.

After giving the instructions, she sat on the chair and gave a 'good luck' gesture to the people participating in the exam and said, "I wish that all of you can pass the exam and have a great future ahead."

The encouragement before the exam was truly invigorating. As an attendant in the Creation Master Association, she was a Creation Master herself. For a Creation Master to be working in the Creation Master Association meant that she was extremely talented.

For a person with such a transcending status, there wasn't a need to say anything. Since she was saying something, then it must be from the bottom of her heart.

At this moment, Lin Yuan scratched his head embarrassedly. When everyone else had headed for the exam, Lin Yuan stood still and said, "Erm, I heard that I could participate in three primary ranked lifestyle-class occupation exams in the Creation Master Association. Therefore, I didn't have any proof prepared in advance. I wish to take all the exams at the Creation Master Association."

Ning Xuejun was a person with a gentle and calm temperament and wouldn't be surprised by anything she encountered. However, she was flabbergasted by Lin Yuan's words and only replied after a long time, "You can indeed participate in primary rank lifestyle-class occupation exams in the Creation Master exam. However, the Creation Master Association only has the exams for the Scholar, Fey Observer, and Spiritual Ingredient Analyst occupations. If you wish to participate in other occupation exams, you need to participate in other associations."

Ning Xuejun shook her head helplessly when looking at Lin Yuan as she spoke. It had been many years since anyone had come to the Creation Master Association to participate in other occupation exams apart from the Creation Master exam. Which of the participants here weren't amply prepared beforehand?

This was Ning Xuejun's first time seeing such a sloppy person. However, Ning Xuejun was flabbergasted again after hearing the subsequent response.

"I wish to participate in those three occupation exams. It just so happens that the Creation Master Association is able to conduct all of them."

Ning Xuejun nearly burst out with vulgarities and felt that this youth in front of her must be some deity.

She had never heard of anyone using these three knowledge occupations as proof to participate in the Creation Master exam. In order to participate in those three lifestyle-class occupation exams, one would need to memorize over 300 books. It was already heavy enough to carry all of those books, but that didn't matter. All the contents inside those books had to be memorized in order to pass the exam.

How could a person be able to memorize all of those books at this young age?

Even if someone used these knowledge occupations as proof, they could only use one of them. Ning Xuejun had never seen anyone using two of those occupations as proof.

Most of the people that participated in the Creation Master exam would be spirit qi professionals. Who would be willing to spend so much time to learn such knowledge instead of increasing their strength?

Chapter 59: A Problem

Ning Xuejun still had an uncertain expression as she asked, “You are really not joking?”

Lin Yuan nodded seriously.

How can I be joking right now? Even if I wish to make a joke, I will also need the correct occasion, right?

After hearing Lin Yuan’s confirmation again, Ning Xuejun looked at him with a rather complicated expression.

Ning Xuejun really wanted to ask if Lin Yuan was playing the fool.

The Creation Master Association’s exams would normally have lenient entry requirements but difficult passing requirements. People who came for the exam didn’t need a high standard, however, it was extremely difficult to pass the exam.

This was also how the Radiance Federation gave more attention to the occupation of Creation Master and didn’t wish to lose out on any talented but unknown individuals.

In Ning Xuejun’s opinion now, Lin Yuan was a troublemaker.

Normally, Ning Xuejun should be going through the protocol and bring Lin Yuan to go through the exams for the primary rank Scholar, Spiritual Ingredient Analyst, and Fey Observer occupations.

However, Ning Xuejun didn’t follow the normal protocol. If she were to follow the protocol and conduct all three knowledge occupation exams alone, it would definitely attract the upper echelons’ attention.

It was fine if Lin Yuan could pass all the exams, but if he couldn’t, he would probably be considered as a troublemaker at the Creation Master Association. It was a small matter to create trouble at the Creation Master Association. It was highly possible that it might be recorded into Lin Yuan’s resume as a Radiance Federation’s citizen.

Therefore, Ning Xuejun tried to persuade again, “Looking at the information you filled in, your name is Lin Yuan, right? Lin Yuan, the questions that are given for these three lifestyle-class occupations are different when you attempt them at the respective associations than when attempted at the Creation Master Association. Since these three occupation exams are given to the Creation Master Association, the Creation Master Association would be in charge of the questions. Questions given by the Creation Master Association will be craftier and more difficult than other associations. So I advise that—”

Before Ning Xuejun could finish speaking, an aged voice echoed. “Lass, what is the reasoning for us to push participants to other associations when they are here at our Creation Master Association to attempt the knowledge occupation exam? And who said that the questions here are craftier? This old one has never tested anything outside of the exam’s topics. All these questions are within the testable topics, and if the participant understands all the contents, they will naturally be able to answer them.”

The old man sounded very calm and was rather benevolent.

But when Ning Xuejun heard the old man’s voice, she immediately turned around and said, “Vice President, aren’t you nurturing Platinum Spiral-Toothed Sharks? Just let me handle these small matters.”

The old man's face turned stern after hearing Ning Xuejun's words. "Just call me grandfather. There is nothing to hide in the association, I will not give you special attention either! This old one is tired, can't I come out to have a breather? Little Xuejun doesn't care about grandfather at all."

The old man might not have mentioned Lin Yuan in his reply, but his eyes were carefully sizing up Lin Yuan.

Ning Xuejun gestured with her hand and gave Lin Yuan an eye signal for him to leave quickly.

Her grandfather might look benevolent, but his face-changing speed wasn't inferior to those face-changing opera artists.

He had an eccentric temperament. If he encountered someone that he liked, he would do anything to protect that person. However, if he encountered someone he disliked, he wouldn't even think they were worth a single cent.

Her grandfather might have an eccentric temperament, but Ning Xuejun knew that he hated people who weren't serious toward knowledge.

Lin Yuan saw the eye signal from Ning Xuejun and responded with a smile of a passionate young man.

At that moment, the old man said to Lin Yuan, "Little kid, you are rather confident, huh? You didn't do any preparations in advance before participating in the Creation Master exam. The three knowledge occupation exam questions set by the Creation Master Association aren't as easy to answer."

While speaking, the old man's expression was rather calm, and it felt he was just nonchalantly having a casual chat.

Lin Yuan heard the old man's words and replied indifferently, "What the Vice President said is true. However, aren't all questions difficult if you don't know them, but once you know them, they aren't difficult?"

Lin Yuan's answer made the old man take another glance at Lin Yuan. "Aren't all questions difficult if you don't know them, but once you know them, they aren't difficult, huh? What a great way to say it. If you are truly capable, you will be considered a young elite. But if you aren't truly capable and are using these words to muddle this old one, I will be furious."

Upon hearing her grandfather's words, Ning Xuejun knew that he was being serious toward Lin Yuan. She looked at Lin Yuan with sympathy.

Ning Xuejun was truly helpless when it came to her grandfather's temper and eccentric temperament.

Lin Yuan was naturally filled with respect toward the Creation Master Association's Vice President. These people were the pioneers for the path of Creation Masters. Each evolution they contributed had produced plenty of high-ranked spirit qi professionals. The Radiance Federation's present great situation was definitely related to these pioneers.

"This junior naturally is speaking the truth and doesn't dare to be sloppy."

Lin Yuan's words were very ordinary, but now that he wanted to attempt all three knowledge occupation exams, it felt rather arrogant and conceited.

The old man didn't give any reaction but suddenly changed the topic.

"Since you are so confident, it must mean that you are rather well-learned. During the planet's prehistoric time, there were two lifeforms, the Megalodon and the Livyatan. These two species are considered the ocean's true dictator during the Tertiary period in history. They have been contesting each other for tens of millions of years and still couldn't settle an outcome of who was stronger. In your opinion, do you feel the Megalodon is stronger, or the Livyatan is stronger?"

The old man's indifferent question made Ning Xuejun's expression change as she felt that it wasn't good.

This question had been a constant debate even in the academic world, and there wasn't a definite answer. Both the species were top-class predators and dictated the ocean during the Tertiary period. They were ruler-class lifeforms and commanded the resources in the ocean during their time.

In terms of attack power, the two lifeforms were almost on par, so the stronger one would be dependent on the individual combat strength, ability to grasp opportunities, and combat experience.

It was a question that wouldn't be considered wrong no matter how Lin Yuan answered, however, Ning Xuejun's grandfather was a strong supporter of the Megalodon party. He was determined that the Megalodon was the ruler of the ocean during the Tertiary period.

It was fine if Lin Yuan said it was the Megalodon, but if he said it was the Livyatan, her grandfather might just flip out and turn hostile here.

As such, Ning Xuejun quickly said, "Grandfather, you have been debating on this topic with Grandfather Zheng. What else is there to ask? You feel that the Megalodon is the ruler, right?"

Ning Xuejun's statement was very subtle and ingenious as she was sending information to Lin Yuan. In Ning Xuejun's opinion, if Lin Yuan was smart enough, he would know how to answer this question.

The old man had also heard the intention within Ning Xuejun's words and felt that his question was no longer interesting.

Lin Yuan was proficient in ways of the world and naturally understood Ning Xuejun's intention. However, after showing respect to the old man and summarizing the knowledge in his mind, Lin Yuan considered for a moment and replied, "I feel that the answer for this question has already been decided long ago."

Chapter 60: An Answer

The old man didn't expect to be able to hear a new perspective from Lin Yuan. Therefore, he was interested and asked nicely, "Young kid, speak then! This old one loves to hear analysis and opinions. Speak boldly."

Ning Xuejun was jumping as she listened. Before her grandfather flipped out, it seemed like he would always say the same words.

Lin Yuan pondered for a moment and said, "This answer is actually derived because both the species had been eliminated during evolution, so they are both weak. Otherwise, we would still be able to see Megalodons and Livyatans in the ocean now. Even if the sharks in the ocean evolved back to the ancestry line and evolved more like the Megalodon, ultimately, they will never be Megalodons or Livyatans."

This perspective made the old man silent. All along, he would hear that either the Megalodon or the Livyatan was stronger or that both were equally great. Without any exceptions, people would be saying they were strong. This was actually the first time someone was saying they were weak.

However, the mention of weak was from the angle of natural selection, and it wasn't wrong. Perhaps Lin Yuan's perspective was too fresh and unique, so the old man didn't burst out immediately even though someone said that the Megalodon was weak. Instead, he asked, "Why so?"

"The Megalodon and the Livyatan had conquered the ocean of the Tertiary period for tens of millions of years. However, be it the Livyatans or the Megalodons, they were too high at the top of the food chain, and it caused the other Tertiary period ocean creatures to have a slower evolution speed. As such, 65 million years ago, nature decided to use a meteorite to stop the contest between the two species without any room for negotiation. The impact welcomed the Quaternary period and a new period for the ocean. At the same time, they wiped out the Megalodons and Livyatans. Therefore, from the Creation Master's point of view, in terms of survival and evolution, the Megalodons and Livyatans are considered weak."

Lin Yuan spoke of his opinion, and this wasn't just based on the knowledge he learned from Genius. It was also Lin Yuan's knowledge from his previous lifetime and the comprehension of the fey's evolution in this lifetime.

In the river of time, everything would turn into dust sooner or later.

A successful evolution wasn't to allow one to reach the pinnacle and look down on every other living thing. A truly successful evolution was to understand how to overcome each calamity and disaster in order to survive for tens of millions or hundreds of millions of years. By allowing the species to continue was the true path of survival in evolution to achieve eternal victory.

After hearing Lin Yuan's explanation, the old man stayed silent for a long time as though he was thinking through Lin Yuan's words.

Ning Xuejun was no longer looking at Lin Yuan as though she was looking at a troublemaker. These were words that wouldn't come out from the mouth of a person who didn't have knowledge.

Lin Yuan stood there quietly without showing any proud or impatient expression.

At that moment, the old man suddenly laughed heartily and clapped. "Great!"

The old man's voice was very loud and instantly attracted the attention of many. However, the old man didn't mind and said to Lin Yuan, "Young kid, your words are truly marvelous! However, why do you think the meteorite 65 million years ago would eliminate the Megalodons and Livyatans, but there are still shark and whale species existing today?"

When asking this question, the old man's eyes weren't contemplating anymore, and it was obvious that he knew the answer clearly. He was asking this question to test Lin Yuan. He wanted to see whether Lin Yuan's answer earlier came from his feelings, or it was a true understanding.

Lin Yuan didn't contemplate this time and immediately said, "Actually, the higher a lifeform reaches in the food chain, the weaker it is. 65 million years ago, when the meteorite landed, it first impacted the algae. The death of the algae quickly devastated the krills. The krills are the main source of food for baleen whales and large filter-feeding fish species. The baleen whales and the large filter-feeding fish species are the same food source for the Megalodon and Livyatan. Standing at the apex of the food pyramid, they were the weakest cycle among the lifeforms, and that is the reason they were wiped out."

When the old man heard how Lin Yuan clearly spoke of the answer in his heart, he looked at Lin Yuan and felt that he was very pleasant looking. A well-learned person would always cherish talented individuals, especially when the said individual was so young. It gave him a feeling of succession and made the old man very pleased.

The old man turned to look at Ning Xuejun at the side and said, "Lass, the people attempting the exam will be coming out soon. You will be busy, I shall bring this kid and conduct the three knowledge occupation exams and see the standard of young people nowadays."

Ning Xuejun placed the form that Lin Yuan filled up in her grandfather's hand and secretly gave Lin Yuan a thumbs up.

Lin Yuan responded politely by giving his thanks and entered a classroom together with the old man.

The old man turned to look at Lin Yuan. "I will be invigilating the exams later. In fact, it is very interesting to be an invigilator. A person's answers can determine three values."

The old man didn't care if Lin Yuan replied as he continued speaking. Perhaps, he was in a great mood, so he had been talking nonstop.

"A person's attitude when answering questions can show their mental state. The answers from a person's answer sheets can show their attitude toward knowledge. A person's procedure in answering questions can show their inner qualities. It has been ten years since this old one invigilated an exam!"

While speaking, the old man's eyes looked like he was reminiscing.

Lin Yuan listened quietly.

He felt that the Vice President of the Redbud City's Creation Master Association was someone that even the City Lord would need to be respectful, but he was actually a stubborn old man at times when talking about something in regards to knowledge.

During the exam, the old man didn't hold back and handed all three exam papers to Lin Yuan at once.

Lin Yuan became highly concentrated during the exam, and it felt as though everything in the outside world was unrelated to him.

When Lin Yuan started answering the questions, the old man didn't feel anything, but after a short period of time, the old man actually had a delightful feeling as he watched Lin Yuan answering the questions.

The pen tip was rustling on the paper with a consistent frequency that was neither hurried nor slow—it was calm and collected.

As for Lin Yuan, he had an unchanged expression as he answered each question on the paper in sequence. This was a calm attitude that the old man admired. At the same time, he was suddenly looking forward to seeing Lin Yuan's answers.

When answering the questions, Lin Yuan understood why Ning Xuejun would say that the Creation Master Association's questions would be crafty.

% of the questions on the paper actually came from the remarks page of the books. There were even some questions that contained answers from the preface of the books.

These questions were simply trying to make things difficult for the participants. However, it was still the same for Lin Yuan—'Aren't all questions difficult if you don't know them, but once you know them, they aren't difficult?'

Thus, Lin Yuan answered smoothly without hesitation and used just two hours to complete the exam papers for all three exams.