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Chapter 531: Two Choices

Liu Jie quickly thanked her.

“Thank you, Chief Guard.”

Upon hearing this, the brush in Night Leaning Moon’s hand stopped. She immediately placed it on the table and said, “Don’t thank me yet. This is your reward for everything you sacrificed in the evolving dimensional rift.

“However, I will still give you two choices...

“The first is to obtain the natal poison core from the Blade Queen Bee’s body and allow the Insect Queen to complete its mutation.

“Following which, if you can obtain one of the top ten seats of the Radiance Hundred Sequence and qualify to compete for a position in the Radiance Envoy, the Spirit Guards will give you a sacred source lifeform.”

Liu Jie was immediately shocked by the Chief Guard’s words.

This first choice actually had a reward in the form of a sacred source lifeform!

It was just that it would not be easy to obtain the sacred source lifeform.

The Radiance Hundred Sequence members all concealed their strength. Everyone was holding in their breaths.

By making it such that he had to get into the top ten of the Radiance Hundred Sequence in two years and qualify to compete for a position in the Radiance Envoy, the Spirit Guards would be making a huge investment in him.

However, Liu Jie would need to prove himself before he could attain this investment.

A sacred source lifeform was at stake!

Within each Class 5 dimensional rift that so many experts had to combine forces to resist, only a single sacred source lifeform could be produced.

This was something that Liu Jie did not even dare to think about.

However, his desire for a sacred source lifeform was no less intense than others’.

After all, Liu Jie had only been able to contract one source-type lifeform—the Insect Queen. He did not have as many choices as others.

Nevertheless, Liu Jie did not immediately agree after hearing about this generous first choice. Instead, he asked, “Chief Guard, what about the second choice?”

Night Leaning Moon proceeded to say cleanly, “The second choice is for you to become my disciple.”

While Liu Jie had been shocked deep down by the mention of a sacred source lifeform previously, he now felt his heart almost leap out of his chest upon hearing this.

This was simply too much excitement for one day!

Did one really need to choose if one were presented with the option of being the Chief Guard's disciple?

Even someone who was not a fool would choose the second option without hesitation.

Although Liu Jie was no fool, he did not immediately make a choice.

Experts always strove to accept many disciples. Few could tolerate it if their own disciple had already sworn a rune oath to another with a Willpower Rune.

A rune oath made with a Willpower Rune represented a constraint that could never be resisted.

Liu Jie had already sworn to Lin Yuan with a Willpower Rune to become the latter's retainer knight.

To Liu Jie, becoming the Chief Guard's disciple could completely be considered an undeniably good thing.

Had it been in the past, he would have definitely fought tooth and nail for such an opportunity.

Yet, this was no longer his first priority.

He extended his hand to touch the Class 2 Creation Master retainer crest on his chest and could not help but feel a twinge of pain in his heart.

Perhaps it was because a small corner of the crest, which Lin Yuan had given him, had been blown up in the explosion within the evolving dimensional rift, but this crest filled Liu Jie with a new hope.

After Liu Jie had returned to the Radiance Hundred Sequence, because he had never hidden his identity as a Class 2 Creation Master retainer, he would always wear the crest on his chest every time he went out, regardless of what he was wearing.

In the Radiance Hundred Sequence, it had not caused a major disturbance that Liu Jie wore his Class 2 Creation Master retainer crest.

However, this had only been the case in the Radiance Hundred Sequence.

After becoming #30 in the Radiance Hundred Sequence, when the news of wearing of the crest spread outside, it had exploded on the Star Web's forums.

Perhaps many people believed that becoming a Class 2 Creation Master retainer was not something to be proud of for someone like Liu Jie.

However, this Class 2 Creation Master retainer crest, which was not glorious in others' eyes, was Liu Jie's life!

Liu Jie was now already thinking of leaving the Spirit Guards' land that night if the Chief Guard had nothing else to discuss with him.

He would first go to the Creation Master Association in the Royal Capital to fix his Class 2 Creation Master retainer crest.

If he did not have time, he would buy food first.

Then, when Lin Yuan returned to the mansion, he could cook a hearty meal for the both of them to eat.

Even though Night Leaning Moon was a top-notch Radiance Federation expert, who held one of 13 seats in the imperial court and was the Moon Empress' equal, she had still felt somewhat nervous after presenting Liu Jie with the second choice of being her disciple.

The stronger one was, the more attention they paid to one's fetters.

Night Leaning Moon had never accepted a disciple. She had only considered accepting one after seeing how it had changed the Moon Empress.

It was also time for her to find a successor.

However, after Night Leaning Moon had spoken about the second choice, she still did not receive a response after a long while.

Because of the shadow of her childhood, Night Leaning Moon detested waiting for others to make a decision.

What kind of human suffering was this!?

Night Leaning Moon made a few successive strokes with the brush in her hand while waiting for Liu Jie to make his decision.

Just then, Liu Jie raised his head firmly and said with great honesty, "Chief Guard, I... already made an oath with a Willpower Rune to become someone else's retainer knight.

"Without him, I wouldn't be who I am today. If you mind that I have become someone else's retainer, I will choose the first option."

Upon hearing this, Night Leaning Moon immediately placed the brush on the table.

She tapped her fingers lightly on the tabletop and only felt that the disciple she was about to accept seemed a little dense.

Since she had already decided to accept a disciple, would she not have already investigated clearly all that should have been investigated before?

As she thought about the relationship between Liu Jie and the Moon Empress' disciple, Night Leaning Moon could not help but recall her and the Moon Empress' youth.

Back then, she had almost become the Moon Empress' retainer knight.

However, the Moon Empress had scoffed at her for not being capable of providing for herself and for singing out of tune.

Hence, she had not become the Moon Empress' retainer knight.

That despicable, unsmiling Cold Moon and that horrid fey Mystic Moon had stolen the position first.

Time always turned tens of thousands of times. The distant years that had never seemed imminent now suddenly appeared before her eyes.

If she accepted Liu Jie as her disciple, everything would seem to form a cycle.

Night Leaning Moon was even more appreciative of Liu Jie's honesty.

While her disciple was a little foolish, he was unexpectedly honest!

"I am Night Leaning Moon. From now on, I will be your Master."

Chapter 532: Liu Jie's Fate

Night Leaning Moon waved her hand and tossed a box carved out of white jade to Liu Jie.

Liu Jie looked through the white jade box and saw a subtle layer of rainbow light on the interior.

When he saw the rainbow light, Liu Jie felt a strange sense of familiarity. It was as though he had seen it not long ago.

Liu Jie made a guess to himself.

Liu Jie opened the white jade box to see a glowing rainbow mass nestled inside.

The glowing rainbow mass was the legendary sacred source lifeform.

He was shocked and slightly frightened to receive this from his new Master.

Liu Jie did not accept the white jade box with the sacred source lifeform inside.

Instead, he placed it on Night Leaning Moon's table and said, "Master, I haven't fulfilled the first condition of reaching the top ten in the Radiance Hundred Sequence and gaining the right to be a Radiance Envoy."

Night Leaning Moon waved her hand again.

A few petals immersed in soft blue light appeared on the table.

The underside of the petals was as blue as the sea and was dotted with glistening flower sap. They carried a refreshing comfort that could soothe souls, and it seemed like they had only just recently fallen.

"Since you address me as Master, I need to carry out the responsibilities that come with the title. How can my disciple be without a sacred source lifeform? You're already past 20 years old, which makes you more than capable of contracting sacred source lifeforms. The flower sap of these Blue Snow Soul Fragrance petals can protect your soul and allow you to contract the sacred source lifeform without a problem. You won't have to suffer soul damage. Why don't I protect you now while you contract the sacred source lifeform?"

While Liu Jie had spoken with courtesy and honesty, Night Leaning Moon had spoken with utter nonchalance.

For some reason, when Night Leaning Moon heard Liu Jie address her as Master, she experienced a new feeling. It was the feeling of having a sense of responsibility.

This feeling of responsibility was surreal to Night Leaning Moon. It was different from the overwhelming sense of responsibility she felt as the Chief Guard of the Spirit Guards. The responsibility of being a Master was more exquisite.

In the past, Night Leaning Moon had never had a legacy, but now with Liu Jie as her disciple, she did.

He was someone to whom she could directly pass down her legacy.

Night Leaning Moon used to think that the Moon Empress was overly doting of her disciple.

Once she became a Master, Night Leaning Moon understood why the Moon Empress did what she did.

It was why she naturally retrieved the Blue Snow Soul Fragrance's petals.

Liu Jie was floored by the situation. He stared at the blue petals on the table and smiled dazedly when he heard the name Blue Snow Soul Fragrance.

He was unfamiliar with the term.

Liu Jie had never heard of the Blue Snow Soul Fragrance, but it had to be special if it could aid in forming a contract with sacred source lifeforms.

Liu Jie could tell from the way that his Master gently held the Blue Snow Soul Fragrance that it was rather valuable.

"Master, the first choice..."

Before he was done speaking, Liu Jie heard Night Leaning Moon casually say, "If you weren't my disciple, I would be more discerning about what I gifted you. But now that you're my disciple, there will no longer be any holds barred."

Night Leaning Moon rose to her feet, grabbed the sacred source lifeform inside the white jade box, and thrust it into Liu Jie's hands.

"Forming a contract with sacred source lifeforms is a detailed process. A blood contract will not be enough. Blood contracts allow you and the sacred source lifeform to form a blood bond, but the blood bond does not have contractual obligations. It only establishes an equal connection." she said solemnly.

Sacred source lifeforms were outrageously wise and had their own sense of morality. Hence, using blood to seal the deal on such a level of blood contract would not be ideal.

Liu Jie reached out his hand and rubbed the back of his head with a wry smile. He only knew of sacred source lifeforms, but his knowledge about them was limited.

For example, he did not know about the contract process. To someone like Liu Jie, who never dared to hope to possess a sacred source lifeform, it was natural that he was ignorant.

When Night Leaning Moon saw the look on Liu Jie's face, she picked up the Blue Snow Soul Fragrance petals and said, "The best way to contract sacred source lifeforms is to use your own bone marrow to form what is known as a marrow contract.

"Marrow contracts can tame sacred source lifeforms, but your soul will feel pushback from the sacred source lifeforms. Every sacred source lifeform possesses fragments from the other world across the dimensional hub and carries a kind of complete law. The law has a similar ability to the truth.

"Although most people's souls are fully matured by the time they reach 20 years old, they are still unable to sustain the clash against sacred source lifeforms.

"However, with these monarch-class Creation Blue Snow Soul Fragrance petals, you'll be able to use your marrow to form the blood contract with the sacred source lifeform without worries.

"During the contract process with the sacred source lifeform, you will need to allow it to be subsumed into your soul in order to forcefully tame it. This will require some time. But with these three Blue Snow Soul Fragrance petals, you should be able to form the contract in a few hours."

Night Leaning Moon's voice was as lyrical as an oriole's. She patiently and seriously cleared all of Liu Jie's doubts. He might not have asked any verbal questions, but she could decipher his queries from his expressions.

With Night Leaning Moon's elucidation, Liu Jie now understood how to form a contract with the sacred source lifeform.

He also became aware of why the Blue Snow Soul Fragrance was precious.

Not only was the Blue Snow Soul Fragrance a spiritual ingredient from a Creation Breed fey, but its ability to protect souls already made it invaluable.

The soul had always been shrouded in mystery. Spiritual ingredients that could protect souls were far and few.

They were one of the most sought-after items by top-level spirit qi professionals.

Since he had become Night Leaning Moon's disciple, Liu Jie mulled for a while before saying, "Thank you, Master."

After the battle surrounding the evolving dimensional rift, Liu Jie had become acutely aware of where he was lacking.

Chapter 533: Ultimate Transformation

Since Lin Yuan had helped Liu Jie to replenish his spiritual power, the explosive impact of his insect army during the battle was at least three times more powerful than Liu Jie's original power.

Even if he could raise his power by at least three times, if he could not stand out in battle to blast away the obstacles in Lin Yuan's way, he would only be able to rely on his body after the Insect Queen's army had depleted. It would not matter how much he wanted to fulfill his duty; he would still be dead weight.

Liu Jie was unbelievably anguished by his helplessness.

He might currently be #30 in the Radiance Hundred Sequence, and the Cocoon of Evolution had started hatching inside the Insect Queen, but watching Lin Yuan improve put immense pressure on him. The Insect Queen's huge boost in power was not enough.

Liu Jie knew that as long as Lin Yuan continued on this trajectory, he would soon surpass Liu Jie.

When that time came, the sword and shield he could become would be dull and useless in the face of his faith.

With a Master and the chance to reach for the heavens, the ever-insecure Liu Jie had a golden opportunity before him.

Night Leaning Moon needed to understand Liu Jie before she accepted him as a disciple, and Liu Jie also needed to think things through deeply.

To a loyal person like Liu Jie, the moment he addressed Night Leaning Moon as Master, he would hold her in that esteem for the rest of his life.

Night Leaning Moon frowned when she heard Liu Jie's thanks.

"What are you thanking me for? I'm your Master. Let's begin. I obtained this sacred source lifeform from within a Class 5 marsh dimensional rift. I hope its powers will be compatible with your Insect Queen," said Night Leaning Moon.

No one knew what powers a sacred source lifeform contained before it was contracted.

Even an amazing expert like Night Leaning Moon could not know what the rainbow-glowing sacred source lifeform looked like.

It could be said that contracting a sacred source lifeform was just like opening a blind box, for each item in the box had its own use.

Yet, one had no clue if the item in the box would be a good fit with what one already possessed.

Night Leaning Moon's words, and because she was Liu Jie's Master, felt like a blessing to Liu Jie.

It did not matter even if the sacred source lifeform was of no use to the Insect Queen.

One contracted sacred source lifeform was akin to Liu Jie owning a technique that defied the laws of reality.

A few hours later, a pillar of energy shot into the sky.

All of the experts in the Spirit Guards' headquarters looked as though they had been plunged into eternal and all-consuming darkness.

In an instant, the terrifying pressure vanished.

Several Spirit Guard experts looked in the direction of the Chief Guard's study.

They all began guessing what could have happened to the Chief Guard for her to have released her energy all of a sudden.

At that moment, Night Leaning Moon's lyrical voice rang out in laughter from inside the room.

She was standing beside the table, and the majestic spirit qi in her hand had formed a spirit qi vortex that was shielding the secret letter from the Guard Envoy.

A mysterious green glow shrouded Liu Jie as his eyes flew open. He looked at Night Leaning Moon rather bashfully and said, "Master, I wasn't aware that when the sacred source lifeform formed the contract and combined with my soul that it would automatically launch an attack."

Liu Jie might have apologized, but his gaze shone with surprise and glee.

Night Leaning Moon was wearing a black shawl over her face that hid her facial expression.

However, it was clear from the angle of her eyes that she had to be smiling.

"When one's soul fully tames a sacred source lifeform, they will launch an attack known as Sacred Source First Cry. It's as though it heralds the birth of a true ability, and the first cry is the sacred source lifeform's way of declaring its existence to the world."

Night Leaning Moon nodded with satisfaction and continued. "Judging from your contracted sacred source lifeform's attack, I can confirm that it is a sacred source lifeform that specializes in attacking. Not bad! You're truly my disciple! We have the same inclination."

At long last, Liu Jie had a sacred source lifeform to call his own.

With this sacred source lifeform, Liu Jie finally understood why sacred source lifeforms were so powerful.

Besides the sacred source lifeform's innate abilities, Liu Jie was happier to know that his contracted sacred source lifeform had some compatible abilities with the Insect Queen.

The flames of confidence erupted in Liu Jie's eyes.

He extended his hand and touched the Class 2 Creation Master retainer crest on his chest that was lacking one corner, clutching it tightly in his hand.

Liu Jie was only using the strength in his fingers.

Liu Jie's palm was gently closed over this damaged retainer crest as though he was afraid of squeezing and breaking it.

He was about to present his contracted sacred source lifeform to Night Leaning Moon when she interrupted him.

Night Leaning Moon's expression was exceptionally austere and serious.

“You should never speak of the sacred source lifeform’s abilities. You can’t tell anyone, even the people closest to you!”

Night Leaning Moon only continued after she ascertained that Liu Jie was really paying attention.

“I asked someone to retrieve the Blade Queen Bee in the containment item before you came. The natal poison in the Blade Queen Bee could only be condensed after it cleared its body of insect eggs and devoured a large number of feys. This took some time. The natal poison should have condensed by now.”

Liu Jie trailed behind Night Leaning Moon as they left the study room.

Liu Jie was completely different from the person he was before he had entered the study.

Liu Jie used to be a piece of silver. Now, he only appeared to still be a piece of silver, but his interior had already become gold.

Once Liu Jie’s Insect Queen completed its evolution, the silver on Liu Jie’s surface would also change into gold to match his interior.

When Liu Jie walked out of the study, he recalled that there were high winds when he had arrived, but now the sun was hanging high in the sky. The searing light beat down upon him.

Liu Jie’s entire body was flooded with warmth. It felt lovely and comfortable.

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Mystic Moon looked at the roasted Spirit Savory Pig on the whalebone table. Its skin was golden and crispy, and he was silently stunned for three seconds.

I wonder what became of the two Spirit Savory Pigs left in the Kitchen Fragrance Pavilion. Those are the only two Spirit Savory Pigs left in the world, and they’re both males! It looks like Chef Supreme will never have a chance to use the postnatal care for sows he picked up.

Chapter 534: The Definition of Adoration

The Moon Empress cut up the Spirit Savory Pig into small pieces and added some sauce made from Diamond Plums.

She set the dish down in front of Lin Yuan and said, “The Supreme Chef fattened up this Spirit Savory Pig with many good things. It’s slightly cloying even though it was roasted with the strange Fiery Meteor from the dimensional rift. The Heart Plum sauce is perfect for offsetting the sickening taste, and they taste pretty good together.”

Cold Moon already thought that the Moon Empress was going a bit too far when she used the Diamond Smooth Crystal-Thread Jujubes, but now she thought that the Moon Empress had gone right off the edge.

The Heart Plum was a medicine that could cure damaged sources.

Although healing-type spirit qi professionals could treat all sorts of injuries, if other spirit qi professionals' feys did not have special exclusive skills, they would still be susceptible to damage from source-type lifeforms.

Injuries related to the heart were not only considered to be external injuries, but they were also under the umbrella of damaged sources.

In order to fully recover, they needed a Creation Master to treat them with a concoction made of spiritual ingredients.

The plant-type Heart Plum's plums were effective against healing heart-related injuries.

Low-grade Heart Plums were not only sold all over Star Web's Rare Lifeform Pavilion but they were also sold at large markets. They were not considered precious goods.

On the other hand, a Diamond Heart Plum was another matter.

The Heart Plum was a type of fey that was virtually impossible to nurture to evolve.

Most feys, including the Spirit-Siphon Goldfish, which needed to absorb many more times of spirit qi than other feys, would be able to evolve once they absorbed enough spirit qi.

However, the Heart Plum would be stuck once it reached Gold grade.

It would only be able to evolve if it absorbed the tree cores of ten other Heart Plums of the same grade.

An immeasurable quantity of low-grade Heart Plums' tree cores would be needed to nurture a high-grade Heart Plum.

In the hands of a Creation Master, a Silver Heart Plum could soothe traumatized hearts.

Creation Masters could use Platinum Heart Plums to heal cracked hearts.

Creation Masters could use Heart Plums to heal shattered hearts, essentially saving a life.

The unique attribute of the Heart Plum was that it tasted delicious.

As a spiritual ingredient that could heal source injuries, the Heart Plum tasted much better than even the most premium food ingredients.

A few prestigious, affluent families made a habit of eating Heart Plums and even added a few dried ones into their cooking to enhance the flavor.

However, even the most elite of affluent families did not consume Heart Plums that were higher than Gold grade.

Cold Moon knew that the Moon Empress was not a wasteful person, and she only made the Diamond Heart Plum sauce because she wanted to nourish Lin Yuan's body.

The heart circulated blood all over the body. After losing so much blood, Lin Yuan's heart would not be able to circulate blood as well for some time.

Lin Yuan had already consumed a large portion of the Rabbit Emperor's carrot, and regardless of how severe his injuries were, he was as strong as an ox now.

The Leaning Moon Mountain's fruit orchard had seven or eight Diamond Heart Plum trees, and they produced a bountiful harvest each year.

However, Lin Yuan did not need the Diamond Heart Plum to treat his heart anymore!

Every time the Moon Empress and Lin Yuan interacted, Mystic Moon's definition of adoration a Master could shower on her disciple was redefined.

Using the strange Fiery Meteor to roast the pig was not considered a waste. There would be no negative externalities, but the Moon Empress was probably the only person who would do so other than Chef Supreme.

The Moon Empress wanted to use the Fiery Meteor's vibrations to induce the oil out of the pig.

Mystic Moon watched as the Moon Empress served Lin Yuan a plate of cut ribs, while the ever-solemn Cold Moon carefully held the Spirit Savory Pig's ribs.

She sliced the meat off the most roasted parts and placed it on a plate.

Mystic Moon was puzzled.

Cold Moon doesn't usually eat meat. Why does she look like she's going to eat the Spirit Savory Pig's rib meat?

After Cold Moon was done slicing the meat, she went on to slice a crispy golden piece of pigskin and ladled a spoonful of sauce all over the plate.

The tartness of the plums and the fragrance of the pigskin formed a perfect symphony.

Once eaten, one would taste two completely different flavors and textures. Mixing sweet and sour was the best way of eating the Spirit Savory Pig.

Mystic Moon was surprised to see that the normally vegetarian Cold Moon knew how to feast on the meat like a gourmet!

At that moment, Cold Moon placed the plate in front of Chu Ci, just like the Moon Empress did for Lin Yuan.

Mystic Moon noticed Cold Moon looking at him, her eyes shining.

It was as though she was saying, "Hehe, how useless. You can't even get yourself a disciple after walking the earth for such a long time."

Mystic Moon immediately lost his appetite.

These two sets of Masters and their sibling disciples looked like they were throwing him scraps that he chose to pathetically gobble up.

Mystic Moon could not help but want a disciple of his own.

Lin Yuan shoveled the pork ribs the Moon Empress had prepared for him and basked in her affection for him.

He took the opportunity to ask about the sacred source lifeform in the depths of his soul.

When the Moon Empress had mentioned sacred source lifeforms to Lin Yuan, she had told him not to tell anyone about his sacred source lifeform's abilities.

Lin Yuan was not going to ask about his contracted sacred source lifeforms' abilities because he had no idea what they were.

"Master, can sacred source lifeforms fuse?"

The Moon Empress was momentarily stunned before she quickly replied, "If a person's soul is strong enough, they can contract two sacred source lifeforms. However, I've never heard of sacred source lifeforms fusing."

The Moon Empress did not know what brought on Lin Yuan's question, but she knew that he had contracted a sacred source lifeform from the dimensional rift.

Hence, she was troubled about his query regarding sacred source lifeforms.

Chapter 535: Make Your Own Decision

The Moon Empress knew that she needed to share more information about sacred source lifeforms with Lin Yuan during their question-and-answer session.

Could it be that after he contracted a sacred source lifeform, he's trying to find another so that he can fuse them? Is he trying to form a completely new sacred source lifeform? What a strange way of thinking.

When Mystic Moon heard what Lin Yuan said, he almost choked on the roast meat in his mouth.

He admired Lin Yuan's weird thought process.

What kind of weird brain would come up with such a way to maximize their advantage? If what he said was true, then sacred source lifeforms would be able to enhance their abilities by absorbing other sacred source lifeforms!

The Moon Empress noticed that Lin Yuan had almost finished his pork. Thus, she picked up a white Dehua porcelain bowl and filled it up with jujubes as dessert for Lin Yuan.

It was one thing for the Moon Empress to adore Lin Yuan, but this treatment was not giving Lin Yuan a secretive lifestyle.

The Moon Empress was anxious over Lin Yuan's health now because she had been scared silly when he had exited the dimensional rift.

The fright did not stem from the sight of Lin Yuan's desiccated hands, but because the barely 20-year-old Lin Yuan had undergone a marrow contract with sacred source lifeforms. He had allowed sacred source lifeforms to enter his soul.

This was also why the Moon Empress had snapped the rabbit's carrot in half without hesitation and given it to Lin Yuan.

Nevertheless, the Moon Empress was thankful that Lin Yuan had formed a marrow contract with the sacred source lifeforms.

It was a milestone in a spirit qi professional's life when they managed to contract a sacred source lifeform.

There was no way to regret or redo the act.

If Lin Yuan had only formed a blood contract with the sacred source lifeform, then it was likely that he would not be able to utilize it with the same ease as if he formed a marrow contract.

At his age and level of power, Lin Yuan did not understand the difference between a blood contract and a marrow contract.

However, once he became a top expert, the difference would be much more evident.

The Moon Empress saw this coincidence of Lin Yuan contracting a sacred source lifeform as a lucky blessing for him.

When Lin Yuan heard the Moon Empress's reply, he understood that the fusion process of his sacred source lifeforms was out of the ordinary.

Even someone as powerful as the Moon Empress had never heard of something like that.

After waking up, Lin Yuan had noticed there was really a young crowned girl with her eyes closed and a sword in her hands in the depths of his soul.

This was when he knew that the dream he had been having, while he was comatose, had actually taken place in the depths of his soul.

Lin Yuan thought back to the golden light that had enveloped him in the depths of his soul. The light was the exact same color as Morbius' bracelet.

Lin Yuan was not stupid.

After finding Morbius deep asleep, it became clear to him that the golden light, which had enveloped him and caused the two sacred source lifeforms in the depths of his soul to fuse, had belonged to Morbius.

From the moment that Lin Yuan had contracted Morbius, he had felt as though this partner of his was no regular fey.

Before Lin Yuan had any concept of what source-type items were, he had just assumed Morbius was one.

After coming into contact with source-type items, Lin Yuan had discovered that Morbius did not possess the same kind of abilities as source-type items.

Soon after, Lin Yuan had also come to know about sacred source lifeforms.

Lin Yuan could not help but wonder if his Morbius could also be a sacred source lifeform.

Lin Yuan recalled the wild sacred source lifeforms' terror as they were flooded by the golden light in the depths of his soul, and he made a crazy hypothesis—could there be a level higher than the sacred source lifeform?

Lin Yuan didn't continue asking the Moon Empress about his sacred source lifeforms' fusion process.

Since she had never heard of such a thing, talking about it with her would only cause her to worry.

It was unlikely that the fused sacred source lifeforms would be weak.

Once he was done asking his question about sacred source lifeforms, Lin Yuan raised his head and set down his spoon.

"Master, I met someone called Hunting-Ashes in the dimensional rift. He mentioned someone called Seventh Page War," said Lin Yuan with utmost seriousness.

The Moon Empress had been serving Lin Yuan jujubes with a smile on her face, but her expression flattened when she heard Lin Yuan's most recent statement.

Cold Moon's features tensed as well.

Mystic Moon's silver eyes narrowed.

The Moon Empress's expression was also solemn for a second, and her original smile quickly replaced it.

She placed the jujubes in front of Lin Yuan and said, "Eat up. These jujubes are great for blood circulation. See if my technique has improved."

Lin Yuan took note of his Master, Cold Moon, and Mystic Moon's expressions. He knew that they were aware of his intention, and he now also had a general idea of how powerful this Seventh Page War person was.

The fact that the Moon Empress changed the topic the moment the name was mentioned meant that she did not want to divulge too much to him at the moment.

Lin Yuan did not pursue the matter.

Lin Yuan had used all the strength he could muster and even staked his life in order to stop the dimensional rift's evolution. He had done what he thought was right.

Lin Yuan was aware that his powers might be improving, but they still lacked when it came to such events.

Only someone as strong as his Master would be able to handle such events.

Lin Yuan dipped his head and took a mouthful of jujubes. He was surprised to find that they were not as sweet as he imagined.

The pure jujube fragrance seemed to engulf Lin Yuan.

The Moon Empress lifted her hand, and a glowing rainbow mass appeared in her palm.

“This is your reward from the Spirit Guards for stopping the dimensional rift’s evolution. You have already contracted a sacred source lifeform. Your soul needs at least three years to recover before you should try contracting another sacred source lifeform. I arranged this sacred source lifeform for you ages ago. So, you can decide for yourself what you want to do with this sacred source lifeform.”

The Moon Empress handed the sacred source lifeform to Lin Yuan as she spoke.

Chapter 536: The Brother Who Was Taught a Lesson by His Sister

When the Moon Empress saw Lin Yuan take hold of the sacred source lifeform, she said earnestly to him, “Three years later, I need to be by your side to protect you if you plan on attempting to allow your soul to contract a sacred source lifeform again.”

The Moon Empress thought back to when the dimensional rift had just spat out Lin Yuan and how the sacred source lifeform had cataclysmically shattered his soul.

The Moon Empress had made a point of saying that she needed to be by Lin Yuan’s side the next time he wanted to contract a sacred source lifeform. Still, she was essentially saying that she needed to be there to protect him in order to increase his chances of contracting his second sacred source lifeform.

Souls were different from fate.

A person could lack talent, but as long as they worked hard, they could very well achieve the same results as a more talented person.

However, the difference in souls was decided upon the moment a person was born. Nothing could be done to close the gap.

Even if a spirit qi professional used the most valuable spiritual ingredients in their attempt to contract a second sacred source lifeform, they would only be able to protect their soul from being damaged by the sacred source lifeform’s attacks. His chances of being able to successfully contract the sacred source lifeform would not rise.

The Moon Empress said what she said because she did not want Lin Yuan to suffer the pain of having his soul shattered again.

The Moon Empress’s words of concern brought a bright, toothy smile to Lin Yuan’s face.

“Don’t worry, Master. I’ll make sure to be by your side the next time I want to try contracting a sacred source lifeform,” Lin Yuan promised her.

Lin Yuan’s innocent beam and the promise he gave her were music to the Moon Empress’ ears.

The Moon Empress could not help but smile internally.

The Moon Empress had always felt that Lin Yuan was wise beyond his years. Although he was only 18-years-old, both the way he spoke and the manner in which he acted was that of a fully matured adult.

This had always saddened the Moon Empress.

If Lin Yuan was someone else's disciple, the Moon Empress might have been impressed at the way that Lin Yuan carried himself.

But since he was her disciple, Lin Yuan hoped that he would not carry so many burdens on himself.

As his Master, the Moon Empress hoped that Lin Yuan could live a carefree life like a regular 18-year-old.

The way that Lin Yuan currently appeared like the young man he was warmed the cockles of the Moon Empress's heart.

Lin Yuan kept the sacred source lifeform into the amber-button-shaped fey storage box and devoured the fragrant jujubes.

Lin Yuan could not help but start to think about how he could use the sacred source lifeform. He lifted his head and looked at Chu Ci, who was currently scooping jujubes into a bowl for Cold Moon.

Chu Ci's action reminded Lin Yuan of himself.

As the Moon Empress' disciple, all he did was sit and receive her generous affection.

Lin Yuan had also taken numerous precious goods from the Radiant Moon Palace.

Every time he tried to bring precious goods back to the Radiant Moon Palace, the Moon Empress would say, "You don't need to bring anything home. I have everything." She would insist that he kept it all for himself.

As time went on, Lin Yuan no longer tried to bring anything back to the Radiant Moon Palace.

But now, Lin Yuan felt as though he had been making a mistake. He never imagined that his younger sister would teach him a lesson.

Something small like Chu Ci preparing a bowl of jujubes for Cold Moon, Lin Yuan realized that he had never done anything like that.

When Lin Yuan looked at Chu Ci, Cold Moon's gaze became odd as it landed on Lin Yuan.

After a few seconds of internal conflict, Cold Moon said, "Young Lord, Chu Ci is only 16 years old. She's still far off from 20 years old. There's no rush for her to contract a sacred source lifeform. When the time is right, I'll also prepare a sacred source lifeform for her."

Lin Yuan felt that Cold Moon was acting like a lioness protecting her cubs on the grassland. She might not have said it explicitly, but Lin Yuan could tell from her expression and tone that she was possessive over Chu Ci.

Lin Yuan chuckled awkwardly.

Ever since Chu Ci got herself a Master, it has even become difficult for me to give her anything.

However, Lin Yuan could sense Cold Moon's concern for Chu Ci.

"Auntie Cold, I'll be leaving Chu Ci in your hands!"

Once Cold Moon heard what Lin Yuan said, the aloofness that was written all over her face from the mention of Seventh Page War melted away.

Her usually inexpressive countenance spread into a rare smile.

"Don't worry, Lin Yuan," said Cold Moon.

Instead of addressing Lin Yuan as Young Lord, she used his given name.

At that moment, Cold Moon did not regard Lin Yuan as the Young Lord of the Radiant Moon Palace but rather the older brother of her disciple.

Chu Ci telling Lin Yuan not to worry was her way of responding to Lin Yuan entrusting Chu Ci to her.

Lin Yuan was not only delighted that Chu Ci had found a Master in Cold Moon but was also exceptionally comforted.

When Cheng Wu had been chasing Lin Yuan in the Royal Capital's outskirts, and his life had been hanging by a thread, his brain had unconsciously drifted to: What if I really die? What will happen to Chu Ci?

Now that Chu Ci had Cold Moon as her Master, Lin Yuan would not have to worry about her even if he was about to die.

Lin Yuan had looked at Chu Ci because he had thought about his younger sister the moment that he received another sacred source lifeform.

He did not think about the fact Chu Ci would be contracting a sacred source lifeform before she reached 20 years old.

The Moon Empress had reminded him several times that a spirit qi professional needed to be 20 years old before they could contract a sacred source lifeform.

Otherwise, the spirit qi professional's soul would be in great danger.

Lin Yuan had his partner Morbius, which had helped him survive the crisis by protecting his soul with its golden light.

However, Morbius was an anomaly that only Lin Yuan possessed.

Lin Yuan could guarantee that from the moment Chu Ci was born, she had remained clean and did not have a partner fey like Morbius.

Since Lin Yuan did not need to worry about Chu Ci, Lin Yuan decided that the most suitable candidates in his faction were Liu Jie and the Mother of Bloodbath.

Lin Yuan was leaning toward allowing Liu Jie to contract the sacred source lifeform between the two of them.

Chapter 537: You Eat More Than a Black Back Mountain Boar

Liu Jie was already 25 years old, at a suitable age to contract a sacred source lifeform.

On the other hand, it was anyone's guess how much more time the Mother of Bloodbath needed before it reached Creation Breed.

Lin Yuan did not know how much the Mother of Bloodbath could improve by consuming a stick of the Blood Brew Grapevine's Blood Brew Grapes.

Even if he ordered Red Thorn to maximize its efforts in allowing the Mouth of Relinquish to absorb flesh energy and produce Eyes of Relinquish and nurtured Blood Brew Grapevines to quickly grow Blood Brew Grapes, he had encountered a true glutton.

Compared to the unpredictable state of the Mother of Bloodbath, it was a better choice to allow Liu Jie to contract the sacred source lifeform.

As for Zhou Luo, who had gone through hell and back with him in the dimensional rift, Lin Yuan did not plan on giving him the sacred source lifeform.

Lin Yuan no longer saw Zhou Luo as merely one of his white-clothed followers from Sky City.

He was now one of Lin Yuan's true confidants.

Lin Yuan nurtured them so he could exchange Bronze spiritual resources in return for their loyalty.

It would be completely up to the white-clothed followers if they wanted to nurture the Bronze spiritual resources.

However, Lin Yuan wanted to invest a large amount of his own resources into Zhou Luo. He intended on helping Zhou Luo's Lava Dragon Lizard and his newly contracted Bronze/Epic Dark Snake Dragon Lizard to evolve swiftly.

Lin Yuan planned on raising the Bronze/Epic Dark Snake Dragon Lizard's quality to Legend before Zhou Luo evolved it to Silver.

Being a member of the white-clothed followers, Zhou Luo had taken the allegiance oath and sworn his loyalty to Lin Yuan. He was a member of Sky City.

Ever since Zhou Luo had volunteered to take on a fight that could have cost him his life, Lin Yuan had validated Zhou Luo.

During this trip back from Indigo Azure City, they had experienced many trials and accumulated numerous advantages.

Even if the advantages from the Indigo Azure Sea Market were not counted, just contracting the sacred source lifeform was enough for Lin Yuan to see this experience as worthwhile.

It was almost New Year's, after which came the S Tournament season.

The S Tournament season came before the S Tournament finals.

There would also be a duel between the Radiance Hundred Sequence. It was sure to be a highlight.

During the Radiance Hundred Sequence duel, Lin Yuan planned to focus on training his faction in the Royal Capital.

Ever since Lin Yuan had obtained his dedicated territory on Star Web, he had not executed those three rights and announced his private faction's management to the rest of the people on Star Web who also owned factions with dedicated territories.

Lin Yuan planned on using the new season to properly manage his private faction and spread its impressive reputation.

If Lin Yuan wanted to stand toe to toe with the veterans, he needed to act like a lovable businessman in order to attract people with the message: I have the best goods, come to me.

After the meal, Lin Yuan and Chu Ci started to learn from their individual Masters.

When Lin Yuan and the Moon Empress conducted the question-and-answer session, he took the opportunity to throw out all the questions he had amassed.

Naturally, the biggest problem Lin Yuan threw out was about sacred source lifeforms.

Although he already possessed a sacred source lifeform, Lin Yuan was still completely ignorant about their characteristics.

From the Moon Empress's answers, Lin Yuan found out that the formation of a contract with sacred source lifeforms was differentiated between blood contracts and marrow contracts.

Lin Yuan remembered the injuries he had sustained while grabbing the sacred source lifeforms, and he knew that he had to have formed marrow contracts with the two sacred source lifeforms.

As he listened to the Moon Empress explain the process of marrow contracts, fear crept into Lin Yuan.

At the same time, he was also curious to know exactly what Morbius was.

How had Morbius protected his soul from shattering in such a perilous situation?

As the question-and-answer session went on, Lin Yuan garnered a basic understanding of sacred source lifeforms.

The Moon Empress realized that a large portion of Lin Yuan's questions were about the origins of lifeforms.

From this, the Moon Empress' could sense the exponential rate at which Lin Yuan was improving, and she felt slightly stunned as she answered his questions.

It had barely been half a year since he became her disciple.

But, Lin Yuan's growth during the past six months was the equivalent of other geniuses' five years of hard work.

The Moon Empress was also certain that Lin Yuan was hiding some secret techniques that he did not usually employ.

At least, his identity as Black, who was a healing-type spirit qi professional, was the real deal.

Otherwise, such concentrated vitality would not have flowed out of his body when he was comatose after being spit out by the dimensional rift.

Lin Yuan had not reached A-rank and could not circulate the spiritual power in his body to form a spirit qi vortex.

Without the protection of the spiritual power vortex, what kind of healing abilities did Lin Yuan have which allowed him to remove the sacred source lifeform from the evolving dimensional rift?

In order to remove the sacred source lifeform from the dimensional fluctuations in the dimensional hub, one could only rely on the innate strength in their body.

If one utilized a fey to go against the overwhelming power, the energy in the attacks would be transported to the other world through the dimensional hub.

The Moon Empress was not against Lin Yuan hiding his abilities. In fact, she endorsed it.

Thoughts of approval surfaced in her mind.

He really is my disciple. Both of us prefer to hide our power.

The question-and-answer session lasted the entire afternoon.

After the question-and-answer session, Mystic Moon, who was notorious for not having a disciple, prepared a scrumptious feast for dinner.

After dinner, the sun started to disappear below the horizon.

The burnt orange glow of the sunset was exceptionally warm. As Lin Yuan and Chu Ci strolled along Leaning Moon Mountain, their shadows slowly grew longer.

Lin Yuan handed Chu Ci some dried fruit he had picked from Leaning Moon Mountain.

The plants that grew on Leaning Moon Mountain were plentiful, and the feys that lived there would never be able to finish all the ripe fruits that fell.

Lin Yuan peeled the pine nut in his palm and gave it to Chu Ci.

“This fresh nut has not been roasted. It might lack some fragrance, but the freshness is more evident than ever. Are you really okay with eating so many fruits and nuts after such a large dinner?” asked Lin Yuan.

Chu Ci looked at the palm-sized pine nut. As she skipped along, she giggled and said, “Please, these fruits and nuts don’t take up any room in my stomach, Lin Yuan.”

Despite her words, Chu Ci patted her satisfied belly as she chewed on the pine nut.

It was spring all year round at Leaning Moon Mountain.

The young girl walked in step with the young man. They were surrounded by lush greenery, and every expression that lit up their faces was flooded with the beautiful sentiment of sibling love.

The young girl skipped along the path and handed Lin Yuan the half-eaten pine nut.

"I can't eat anymore, big brother," said Chu Ci.

The young man turned to look at the young girl. He reached out his hand and swiped at the corner of Chu Ci's lips with mock frustration, wiping off the pine nut scraps lodged there.

Lin Yuan glanced at the half-eaten pine nut in his hand and said with a half-vexed and half-affectionate voice, "It's about time you were full. You eat more than a Black Back Mountain Bear."

Chapter 538: Lin Pigeon Who Chirped for Two Days

After dinner, Cold Moon immediately led several spirit attendants to organize Chu Ci's accommodations at Leaning Moon Mountain.

Chu Ci was Cold Moon's only disciple.

Besides Lin Yuan, Chu Ci was now a true core member of the Radiant Moon Palace.

Chu Ci carefully selected a loft that faced the stream that ran along the Radiant Moon Palace.

The loft had a traditional design. As it was situated next to the stream, the aroma of nature permeated the air.

This loft was not far from where Lin Yuan was staying.

As the sun disappeared below the horizon, the sky was stained with navy hues.

Once Lin Yuan sent Chu Ci home to the loft, he took a rest in the loft.

Lin Yuan realized that Cold Moon had meticulously decorated the loft with Chu Ci in mind.

Although the loft did not appear to be very elegant, it was actually extremely opulent. Even the decorative vases inside were made of amazonite.

Under the light, the gleaming amazonite vases were just as radiant as jade.

The amazonite had Yin energy and was very beneficial to women's skin.

A table completely made of amazonite sat in the main room of the loft.

The amazonite seemed familiar to Lin Yuan.

It suddenly dawned upon him that the amazonite table was Cold Moon's favorite that used to be in her own residence.

Cold Moon had placed her favorite item in Chu Ci's room without a second thought for how precious it was.

Cold Moon's love and adoration for Chu Ci were almost tangible.

A few spirit fruits were washed and stacked on an amazonite platter in a classy display. These spirit fruits were harvested lately. Shortly after being exposed to the nourishing aura of the amazonite, the spirit fruits were even fresher than before they were harvested.

Lin Yuan could not shake the feeling that the room was missing something.

In a stroke of genius, Lin Yuan decided that when the time came, he would place the jade Black Back Mountain Boar made by Hu Quan in Chu Ci's accommodation. Chu Ci would probably like that.

Lin Yuan prepared to leave.

Before he left, Lin Yuan pressed down the stray hair on the top of Chu Ci's head.

"Rest early tonight. I'll be taking you to our other home tomorrow morning," said Lin Yuan.

The sight of the dark circles under Chu Ci's eyes made Lin Yuan's heart ache.

I was in a coma for so long. Chu Ci must have been worried about my safety and hasn't been able to sleep properly.

Chu Ci nudged Lin Yuan's hand with her head and stretched lazily.

"Big brother, I want to watch another battle on Star Web. I want to learn when to release defensive abilities from other defense-type spirit qi professionals. I'll go to sleep after I battle on Star Web for half an hour," said Chu Ci.

As Chu Ci spoke, her delighted smile overtook her features.

Chu Ci might not have admitted it, but the past seven days had been a rollercoaster for her. Her mind had been consumed with worry for Lin Yuan, and she could not be bothered with anyone else.

Once Lin Yuan woke up, Chu Ci reflected on all that she experienced in Leaning Moon Mountain. She felt as though she was living in a dream.

Chu Ci knew that Lin Yuan had a Master.

However, Chu Ci did not expect her big brother's Master to be one of the top three Class 5 Creation Masters in the Radiance Federation—the Moon Empress.

She also did not know that the doting Auntie Cold was one of the two Moon Envoys.

Chu Ci had known that Cold Moon initially stayed with her in Redbud City because of Lin Yuan's Master, but not once did she question Cold Moon's background or try to dig into it.

Besides her initial shock, Chu Ci did not have many other thoughts. She focused on her current environment. Chu Ci felt that everything that had transpired the past few days did not feel like reality.

Now, with Lin Yuan right in front of her, Chu Ci's heart abruptly calmed down.

To Chu Ci, as long as Lin Yuan was around, there would be his supporters there to help her.

This was not just dependency but also the feeling that wherever Lin Yuan was would be home.

In the past 15 years of Chu Ci's life, Lin Yuan and her had been depending on each other for as long as she could remember.

They were a small family.

Yet, now they had two huge families. Lin Yuan's presence was in both of them, and Chu Ci was glad for that.

Lin Yuan initially wanted to advise Chu Ci not to burn the midnight oil if she had not been sleeping well, but somehow he could not bring himself to say it.

His little sister was working so hard, and she wanted to learn more fighting skills for the next one and a half hours. She even wanted to put the fighting skills she learned to the test during the half an hour of battle. Working hard had become a part of her lifestyle.

There was no reason for him to oppose such a commendable habit.

Although Lin Yuan could tell her that there were many opportunities to learn in the future, he knew that the process of maturing involved taking any and every step possible to broaden one's horizons.

Today's effort could not be replaced no matter how hard one worked tomorrow because today's harvests belonged solely to today.

Lin Yuan was proud of Chu Ci.

When he heard how she wanted to learn about defense, he was happy for her. His sister had finally become a mature iron bucket, and she knew how to strengthen herself.

Lin Yuan returned to his own accommodation after he departed from Chu Ci's loft.

After spending seven days in a coma, it was high time for him to take a soak and scrub off all the grime.

Later that night, he logged on to Star Web using his Creation Master identity and settled all the tasks that had piled up while he was comatose.

Taking into account the time he was sucked into the dimensional rift, a total of ten days had passed.

He auctioned off the ten heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls he had prepared for the Purchase With No Loss store that he had not managed to put to use.

It should have started two days ago.

Lin Yuan had logged on to Star Web two days late because he had been in a coma, which meant he had wasted two days of group welfare time.

Now that he had regained consciousness, he wanted to quickly auction off the ten heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls.

Chapter 539: You Are Imagining Things and Creating Lies

Otherwise, the other people in the group might not only say that the group leader was lurking but also that he had run off after robbing the group welfare.

On the way back, Lin Yuan found that a slight breeze in the night air was enough for the chill to pierce his bones.

There should still be three days till New Year's, after which came spring.

It should be deep winter now, but the cold night breeze carried a sliver of warmth normally associated with spring.

Lin Yuan played his experiences in Indigo Azure City like a movie in his mind. Once he was done, other than sighing at the sheer intensity of the peril he was in, Lin Yuan felt that his life had become more fulfilled.

At that moment, Lin Yuan heard a lovely female voice laced with the haughtiness of a lady of high society call out, "Don't be so competitive. We should compare who can get up earlier. If you don't sleep, I won't either. We'll eventually be together. Count it as your blessing. You'll never be able to escape me!"

Lin Yuan was shocked to hear such a voice.

Where in Leaning Moon Mountain would such an obviously elite lady's voice come from?

Shortly after, Lin Yuan heard another slightly familiar voice.

"Who are you talking to, Pan Yue? Are you dating someone online?"

Jin Qi stared suspiciously at Pan Yue.

Spirit attendants spent their days in the Radiant Moon Palace and rarely left unless they were tasked to do so.

When they were on a task, they mostly interacted with top experts and the heads of powerful factions.

Those people were definitely advanced in age. Moreover, even if they were attracted to Pan Yue after discovering that she was a spirit attendant, they would never dare to make a move on her.

What Pan Yue said over the phone was indeed peculiar.

Her saying 'we'll eventually be together' was too obvious!

Although the Radiant Moon Palace spirit attendants were not forbidden from dating, very few of them were willing to do so. They knew that being in a relationship would cost them their role as a spirit attendant, and they would be demoted to a mere servant.

Additionally, Pan Yue had placed first in every category of the spirit attendant exam. If she lost her role as a spirit attendant and was demoted to a servant for the sake of a relationship, she would have tossed all her hard work down the drain.

Pan Yue rolled her eyes at Jin Qi's words and said sarcastically, "A partner? I have a boyfriend? My boyfriend is perfect. He's mature, serious, not clingy, and non-existent."

Pan Yue felt that this woman was really lame, but she knew what kind of person Jin Qi was.

If Jin Qi had misunderstood, all the other spirit attendants would come to share the same misunderstanding by the next morning.

Pan Yue did not want to bring trouble upon herself, so she decided it was best to clarify the situation with Jin Qi.

“I was talking to Ji Mei. We’ll be protecting the stunning Teacher Guo together tonight.”

Jin Qi was confused by Pan Yue’s explanation, and she could not help but feel as though she and Pan Yue were from different planets.

Jin Qi did not understand how someone like Pan Yue, who only ever spent her time prancing about, could attain the power of a Creation Master.

Even if Jin Qi spent 25 hours a day learning and put in 101% of effort, the Creation Master power she would attain would still fall short of that of the ever-halfhearted and playful Pan Yue.

Jin Qi was beginning to think that the world was too fake.

Jin Qi thought, I’m much better looking than Wen Yu. When it comes to talent, I used to be below her before she was injured on behalf of someone else.

Now, I’m definitely better than the Wen Yu, whose source is damaged! So how did that wild chicken suddenly become a phoenix?

Why can’t I, a pigeon, who tries so hard to gain attention but is ignored, be treated like a common quail?

I can’t remember the last time I had a good night’s rest. Although Wen Yu hasn’t targeted me all this time, I can’t shake the feeling that she will stab me in the back the moment I lower my guard.

Jin Qi took out a piece of chocolate from inside her yellow spirit attendant long robes.

Eating something as sinful as chocolate soothed the pressure building up in Jin Qi’s heart.

When Pan Yue saw Jin Qi eating the chocolate, she became aware of how hungry she was.

“Your chocolate looks pretty good. How about I exchange it with you for this?”

Pan Yue fished a round item out of her Diamond fey storage box.

As the sky had darkened, Jin Qi took a while before she realized what the round item in Pan Yue’s hand was.

It looked like a furry potato to her.

“What do you think?”

Jin Qi did not understand what Pan Yue was trying to say.

Suddenly, Pan Yue’s phone started to ring.

After she picked up the call, Pan Yue’s expression grew stern.

“You’re imagining things and creating lies. You are spouting nonsense, and you are totally useless. All you can do is run your mouth. You’ll get what you deserve.”

Pan Yue spoke so quickly that she became short on breath.

“You’re blindly stubborn and a fake. You’re grasping at straws, you scum. You’re disgusting. How dare you tell me that Teacher Guo’s live-streaming room is locked? I’m so pissed! I want to riot on behalf of Teacher Guo on Star Web. We’re going to stand up for Teacher Guo. Go, go!”

After Pan Yue put down the phone, she was extremely dispirited.

Her palm instinctively moved quicker, and her hand movements were soon a blur.

Lin Yuan happened to jump over the stone wall in front of them. He came across the young girl dressed in yellow spirit attendant attire, and her hand was spinning rapidly.

Lin Yuan suddenly wondered if this spirit attendant had transmigrated too.

If she did transmigrate as well, she must be delusional. Otherwise, she would not be spinning the sword in her hands like a madwoman.

As the fury in Pan Yue’s heart reached a peak, Jin Qi burst. “What did you say was in your hand? I didn’t catch what you said.”

The demon within Pan Yue was unleashed the moment she heard about Teacher Guo’s live-streaming room being locked.

She felt that someone must have used some evil method to report Teacher Guo.

It must not be because Teacher Guo had run out again to fetch a parcel.

However, triumph would always succeed. Pan Yue believed that Teacher Guo would find some way to bounce back from this.

If Teacher Guo could not hold out, Pan Yue would have to be a traitor and switch to watching someone else’s live-streaming room.

Chapter 540: The Ambition to Swallow Everyone’s Resources

Pan Yue’s heart was full of anger. It happened that Jin Qi had hit the muzzle this time.

She stared at Jin Qi and realized that there was a fair bit of melted dark chocolate smeared at the corners of the latter’s lips.

Pan Yue snorted and said, “Your whole mouth is dirty.”

With that, she turned around and returned to her residence to log onto Star Web and meet with her friends.

Jin Qi really did not understand. She had only asked, “What did you say just now?”

Why did Pan Yue have to say that her whole mouth was dirty?

I wasn’t even scolding you!

Jin Qi was not stubborn, but because she simply hadn't been able to keep up with Pan Yue's rhythm, she hadn't had time to immediately counterattack.

Hence, she could only mess around in the wind by herself.

At that moment, Lin Yuan happened to pass Jin Qi by and saw her in the wind.

He quickly realized who the girl before him was. She had been with Wen Yu when the latter's source had been damaged and was the spirit attendant who always troubled the latter.

Upon seeing the girl frozen in place, Lin Yuan felt that he should explain what had happened just now.

"She said that your whole mouth was dirty because you had dark chocolate smeared at the corners of your mouth."

In the darkness, Lin Yuan felt that the dark chocolate at the corners of the girl's mouth looked like nose hair sticking out of her nostril.

Jin Qi had not expected someone to speak beside her and subconsciously looked in the direction of the voice.

As she glanced over, she immediately bowed.

"Good evening, Master Lin Yuan."

If Jin Qi had had a lot of other thoughts about Lin Yuan before, then her fear of facing him at this time far outweighed them.

Who knew if Wen Yu had spoken ill of her during the long period she had been with Lin Yuan?

Lin Yuan had always had a bad impression of Jin Qi.

It was not that whatever Jin Qi did was wrong. It was just that some people's hearts were like flowers and trees when they advanced, growing toward the sun.

Others were like lycoris, growing toward the dark.

Compared to those who grew toward the dark, Lin Yuan undoubtedly viewed the ones that grew toward the sun in a more positive light.

However, even if he didn't like Jin Qi, he wouldn't do anything about it.

He nodded at her and walked toward his own pavilion.

Jin Qi quickly let out a breath after seeing Lin Yuan leave. She realized that when Wen Yu had been beside Lin Yuan, Wen Yu hadn't done anything to her and had even nodded at her.

He held absolutely none of his previous intention of helping Wen Yu recover from her shame.

Jin Qi was a little surprised. Wen Yu had seen her on her return to the Radiant Moon Palace and had also nodded at her without doing anything to her.

With this thought in mind, Jin Qi stood rooted to the spot in the darkness. She felt that she had been too harsh to Wen Yu previously.

That harshness now seemed despicable to Jin Qi.

Jin Qi stood for a long time in the night, staring blankly at a long, slightly bent willow.

Perhaps it was because the new year was coming that a new branch had been drilled out of the bent willow.

This new branch was growing vigorously upward on the curved trunk of the curved willow. It was growing straight as a rod!

Upon returning to his pavilion, Lin Yuan lifted the ban on the hot spring.

Hot spring water immediately filled it.

Lin Yuan soaked quietly in the hot spring, enjoying the rare peace.

Although his private faction, Sky City, had only recently started, it already had a general structure.

In terms of combat power, the Mother of Bloodbath and Endless Summer possessed emperor-class power. At present, this would be enough to contend with the veteran factions.

In terms of resources, Morbius' Spirit Lock spatial zone was a treasure house that constantly produced resources.

It was also the base for his operation of Sky City.

In terms of martial force, Lin Yuan had never stopped recruiting people.

He had also wanted to recruit someone like Zhou Luo, who had comprehended many Willpower Runes in the name of his Purchase With No Loss store.

However, this was no easy matter when he did not have king-class experts with powerful main feys.

Finding Zhou Luo had been akin to a blind cat finding a dead mouse.

Moreover, apart from the king-class white-clothed followers who could be recruited, those with greater combat power would be impossible to recruit with the current reputation of Lin Yuan's private faction.

After all, Sky City hadn't yet displayed something that was enough to attract pinnacle king-class experts.

To Lin Yuan, operating a private faction was a different path to the same goal. The most important support lay in the accumulation of resources.

He felt that it was time for him to convert Sky City into a formidable business machine.

Using "business" as its operating model, it would swallow all of the other parties' resources.

Lin Yuan was also under pressure when it came to the collection of resources.

With so many partners and subordinates who had pledged their loyalty to him, he always had to find resources for them as Sky City's leader.

Besides that, the two Heaven and Earth Feys, the Floating Island Whale and Clouded Crane had not hatched.

Even when the Floating Island Whale absorbed the pure and great spirit qi in the Spirit Lock spatial zone, it always needed to expend qi-type and water-type heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls to do so.

However, to Lin Yuan, what cost the most money was not the Floating Island Whale preparing to hatch from the crystal egg.

Instead, it was the question of how to raise the Floating Island Whale after it truly hatched.

In order for it to take to the sky and become a giant beast that could carry a city, then it needed to at least evolve to the Suzerain grade.

The resources that would be depleted in this process would make even the veteran factions feel discouraged.

And for such a high investment in resources, Lin Yuan had to figure out a solution on his own.

Moreover, as a spiritual-type Heaven and Earth Fey, in order to increase the Clouded Crane's mental strength for its transformed clouds to completely envelop the Floating Island Whale, it needed to feed on enough spiritual-type spiritual ingredients.

It was not only the Heaven and Earth Fey that needed to consume spiritual-type spiritual ingredients.

The Burning Sunflower, the fairy source-type lifeform that Chu Ci was about to contract; Liu Jie's Insect Queen, and Wen Yu's Illusory Fox were all spiritual-type feys that consumed spiritual-type spiritual ingredients throughout their growth.

Amongst the spiritual ingredients that Lin Yuan had on hand, spiritual-type ones were the most scarce.

At the same time, they were the rarest of all the spiritual ingredients.

Lin Yuan rose from the hot spring and went ashore to dry his body. He changed into a set of spirit qi clothes that Wen Yu had previously designed.

Even though he had only been on the road for two days, it was as if he had run away.

However, when he had spoken to Listen on the phone in the daytime, Listen had already helped him to inform those in the Purchase With No Loss store's fan club.

Lin Yuan had already been gone for two days, so he had to abide by tonight's agreed time.