

Merchant 551

Chapter 551: Offline, In-Person Auction

Recluse Study kept waiting for others to ask about his gossip so that he could spill everything.

However, his uncle had just entered the group. Not only did Recluse Study not dare to share his gossip happily, but he also felt that he had closed up completely.

Yun Xi did not bother with this issue but started speaking to Lin Yuan in the chat.

Stream in the Cloud: “@Deep Mountain Elder Lin, group admin, your group welfare this time was so good. Why don’t we stop auctioning in the group chat?”

Stream in the Cloud: “We could go to the Purchase With No Loss store to hold a heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearl auction.”

Lin Yuan was just about to stop the constantly refreshing group notifications and conduct the group welfare auction on heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls.

However, upon seeing Stream in the Cloud’s words, he only felt annoyed.

The 12 heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls were to be auctioned as a bundle in the group welfare auction.

Hence, they could only be considered one auction good.

Auctioning one good was already enough to throw the entire Purchase With No Loss store into a state of restlessness.

Moreover, the Purchase With No Loss store was a one-star store. Although the store had long accumulated enough points, Lin Yuan had still not upgraded it all this time.

If everyone congregated in the small area of the Purchase With No Loss store, wouldn’t it become a ‘primary school class gathering’?

Lin Yuan was about to say that the auction would be carried out in the group chat when he realized that.

Almost everyone in the group agreed with Stream in the Cloud’s—in other words, the braised egg head’s—opinion.

Amongst those who entered the Purchase With No Loss store first, Buddha-Tempered Person, Violent-Tempered Woman, and Zhou Jiaxin all @ Lin Yuan.

They hoped that he could regard this group welfare auction as a networking activity for members of the Purchase With No Loss store’s fan group.

Lin Yuan was fine with it as he didn’t have anything urgent to attend to at the moment.

Since the members had been chatting for so long in the group and were so eager to take this as an opportunity to get to know each other, Lin Yuan was naturally willing to grant and create this opportunity.

Deep Mountain Elder Lin: "Everyone, come to the Purchase With No Loss store then. I'll open the entry access."

After issuing this news, Lin Yuan hurriedly visited a Star Web furniture store near his Purchase With No Loss store and bought 100 common wooden chairs.

These chairs cost 200 Federation dollars each and could only be used within Star Web. They could be considered the most common piece of furniture on Star Web.

When Lin Yuan had first opened the Purchase With No Loss store, he had come to this same furniture store to see furniture.

Back then, he had been itching to spend a penny as 100 dollars, so he had been really reluctant to buy such useless furniture.

Now, Lin Yuan wanted to buy so many useless wooden chairs in one go because he thought that there was nothing inside his store. He couldn't possibly make all the group members coming to the store to participate in the group welfare auction stand, could he?

After Lin Yuan had bought the chairs and returned to his store, there were already 20 to 30 group members waiting inside.

He quickly began arranging his newly bought chairs.

Upon seeing this, Listen immediately walked to Lin Yuan's side.

Because Lin Yuan was wearing the mask engraved with the majestic sky city on his face, Listen could not clearly see the former's expression.

However, just by looking at Lin Yuan's eyes, Listen knew that he was in a good mood.

While Listen was helping Lin Yuan arrange the chairs, Zhou Jiaxin and Violent-Tempered Woman entered.

They joined Lin Yuan and Listen in arranging the chairs neatly in the Purchase With No Loss store.

As others saw Lin Yuan wearing his strange mask, they could not help but think that he was a strange person.

This was especially true for the newly-joined group members, who really couldn't understand how someone who could easily produce 9.9 purity heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls would use the tables that Star Web gave for free upon opening one's own store and Star Web's 200-Federation dollar wooden chairs.

Was this what it meant to hide one's wealth from others?

However, no matter how one looked at it, the store's shabby decoration did not appear to match what the truly rich did to conceal their wealth.

In contrast, it looked like it was deliberately pretending to be poor.

Recluse Study did not directly enter the Purchase With No Loss store. Instead, he stood at its entrance with his head lowered, waiting for Duan He to arrive.

At that moment, Recluse Study heard a familiar cough in his ear.

“Li Xiaotiao! You eavesdropped on what I said and even told it to others! Are you waiting for me to tell your mother to give you a beating?”

Recluse Study smacked his lips and replied upon hearing this, “Uncle, I must formally inform you that although you are my uncle and like a father to me... I still have my own father! He’s called Li Benggao!”

Duan He had originally been rather upset.

However, Duan He felt so furious that he felt like fainting upon hearing Li Xiaotiao’s mocking words.

Even though Duan He was an emperor-class expert, he felt so angry that he couldn’t control his rage.

Duan He replied angrily, “Let’s go in to participate in the auction first. I must snatch up those 12 heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls. Stop wasting time.

“About your eavesdropping, wait till I get home and let your mother teach you a lesson!”

Although Duan He often got angry at Li Xiaotiao, he never could bring himself to give the latter a beating himself.

Nevertheless, Duan He still had his ways of dealing with Li Xiaotiao. As long as he got home and spoke to his sister about Li Xiaotiao’s trouble-making behavior, Li Xiaotiao wouldn’t be able to escape from a half-an-hour beating from her.

Maybe they would even give Li Xiaotiao a ‘mixed doubles’ beating.

Li Xiaotiao smacked his lips and knew that he was in for it when he got home later.

Anyway, he was used to it by now.

Recalling that his uncle was about to auction for the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls, Li Xiaotiao quickly said, “Uncle, let me help you bid for you during the group welfare auction later! Anyway, there’s no difference between my bid and yours.”

During the duo’s conversation, they had already stepped into the Purchase With No Loss store.

However, Li Xiaotiao noticed that his uncle had not spoken for a long time.

He couldn’t help but reach out to scratch his head.

It couldn’t be! Even if his uncle was angry, he couldn’t possibly refuse his own nephew a request like this!

Li Xiaotiao tugged at Duan He’s sleeves, but his uncle still didn’t respond. He raised his head in puzzlement, only to realize that his uncle was staring straight ahead.

Li Xiaotiao followed Duan He's gaze. His uncle was looking at a young man wearing a strange mask with an unreadable expression on his face.

Chapter 552: Beautiful and Magnificent Pearls

Li Xiaotiao had only recently joined the group and hadn't met Lin Yuan before that.

Now, it was his first time seeing Lin Yuan.

However, because Lin Yuan had been surrounded by many group members in the Purchase With No Loss store the previous time, the image of him wearing his strange mask had also spread through the fan club.

Li Xiaotiao glanced at Duan He with suspicion, who was staring at the group admin. Suddenly, a strange idea entered his mind.

His uncle was so powerful and not past middle age. By logic, he shouldn't have had to worry about his son anymore.

Yet, Duan He had never found a wife for himself.

Could it be...?

Li Xiaotiao's mind spun quickly while his heart sounded an alarm.

After he got home that night and received a beating from his mother, he would have to relay his discovery to her. Otherwise, when his uncle found himself a male partner, his mother might not be able to accept it.

Duan He wasn't aware of what was running through his nephew's mind. Nevertheless, even if he did know, he wouldn't have been in the mood to kick Li Xiaotiao.

Duan He realized that although the masked youth before him was dressed in completely different clothes from the youth he had seen outside of Indigo Azure City, they both radiated the same special aura.

Moreover, Duan He had paid special attention to the strange mask on Lin Yuan's face at that time.

This mask was extremely special as it had the majestic sky city engraved on it. Duan He was certain that he would not mistake this mask for another one.

Just by looking at this mask, Duan He would not have been able to confirm Lin Yuan's identity.

However, Listen, who was standing beside Lin Yuan, was not wearing a mask. Hence, Duan He could clearly see his face.

After looking at Listen, Duan He soon confirmed that the masked youth before him was indeed the same one he had met outside of Indigo Azure City.

At the same time, Duan He also confirmed that this youth was the owner of the Purchase With No Loss store and the Moon Empress' disciple.

When he finally realized the Purchase With No Loss store's owner's true identity, he felt a tingling sensation at the back of his head.

Duan He scanned the others seated in the store. It was possible that besides Listen, only he knew about the youth's true identity.

If others knew that the Purchase With No Loss store's owner was the Moon Empress' disciple, they definitely wouldn't have dared to sit on the stools that the youth had just arranged.

After confirming the youth's identity, Duan He finally knew why there were 9,9 purity heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls in the group welfare.

Only the Moon Empress' disciple could so easily take out such a precious good that even pinnacle Class 4 Creation Masters relied on luck to cultivate.

Soon after, Duan He returned to his senses. If the Moon Empress' disciple was the Purchase With No Loss store's owner, then when his nephew spread gossip in the group, was it not equivalent to spreading the gossip directly to the person being gossiped about and exposing one's identity at once?

Duan He felt someone tugging at his sleeve. Upon lowering his head to find that it was Li Xiaotiao, he glared fiercely at the latter.

Under his uncle's ferocious glare, Li Xiaotiao was so scared that his throat immediately constricted, and he did not mention that he wanted to help the former bid at the auction.

Rather, after looking around, Li Xiaotiao found that his cheap Master Duan Li still had a seat next to her and quickly trotted over.

Sitting innocently beside Master Duan Li, he ignored his uncle's cold stare from behind him.

When Duan He raised his head to glance at the masked youth again, he suddenly realized that the latter was also looking in his direction.

Duan He looked coldly into Lin Yuan's eyes and found that his and Lin Yuan's eyes were in a straight match.

Immediately afterward, Duan He noticed that the masked youth's mouth arched upward at the corner, revealing an indistinct smile.

Duan He quickly flashed an awkward smile at Lin Yuan before sitting down in the last row.

Lin Yuan was somewhat taken aback by this. He had hoped to seize the opportunity to contact Duan He through Recluse Study.

However, he hadn't thought that Duan He would actually turn out to be a member of the Purchase With No Loss store's fan club.

Now, if he wanted to contact Duan He, it would undoubtedly be much more convenient.

Lin Yuan looked at Duan He's awkward smile and was even more certain that the latter knew about his identity.

Nevertheless, it was presently not a good time to come into contact with Duan He. Lin Yuan had to wait at least till the end of the group welfare auction before he could contact the latter.

Seeing that almost everyone was seated, Lin Yuan announced clearly, "I had originally intended to conduct the group welfare auction in the group, just how I had auctioned the Flower Brocade Pearls the previous time.

"Since everyone requested the auction to be conducted in the Star Web store, then I might as well take this opportunity to let you take a look at the batch of elemental pearls in my hand before the auction."

As Lin Yuan spoke, Listen walked to the former's side with a tray.

With a wave of his hand, the four 9.9 purity heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls of water, air, fire, and earth appeared in the tray.

There were 12 pearls of each element and a total of 48 pearls.

When these 48 pearls appeared, every one of them had an outer layer that contained pure elemental energy and bloomed with a unique color.

The tray in Listen's hands was shrouded in a layer of magnificent light.

At that moment, a voice whined impatiently,

"I want to know, besides the attributes of the 12 heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls, can I pick the pearls' outer layer?"

As the woman with the whiny voice spoke, she looked at the 48 pearls in Listen's tray that were exuding colorful light and inhaled two breaths.

The woman originally spoke subconsciously, but when the men around her heard it, they felt as though their bodies were out of their control.

It had simply been too whiny.

Even Stream in the Cloud, Zhou Jiabin, and Violent-Tempered Woman felt themselves losing control over their bodies. They really wanted to use a righteous iron fist to beat the whining voice back into the woman's belly.

Upon hearing this voice, Lin Yuan did not have any opinion on it. He only suddenly remembered that Genius was already 2,5 years old.

As a housekeeping beast, all Hundred Questions Beasts had to be neutered after reaching the age of 3.

If not, it would caterwaul non-stop throughout the day every spring.

Chapter 553: Top-Notch "Cloud Dream Lake"

Upon entering the adolescent stage, most feys had sexual urges, but the majority were able to control their emotions and behavior.

They wouldn't cry out or spiral out of control.

The main reason Hundred Questions Beasts had this sort of problem was that as housekeeping beasts, they did not even count as feys but could only be regarded as domesticated beasts.

As a beast, although the Hundred Questions Beast was very intelligent, it still lacked the instinct of self-control.

Moreover, Genius was now already a Bronze/Legend Thousand Questions Beast.

It should have been able to control its own beast instinct.

In any case, Lin Yuan didn't want to let Genius become a "solitary warrior."

No matter how miserable, it still had to be a "Santa Claus".

Lin Yuan replied calmly after hearing the woman's question.

"There are 12 pearls of each element in these 48 elemental pearls. The outer pearl layer is different for every pearl because every 9.9 purity heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearl is different.

"The type of pearl that everyone likes is also different. Later on, the person who gets the pearls can choose only 12 out of the 48 heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls."

Lin Yuan's words carried a sense of pride.

Letting the person who received the group welfare choose 12 out of the 48 pearls was equivalent to giving them the power to pick based on their preferences.

This allowed the person to maximize the value of the group welfare.

The people who had originally planned to bid on these 12 heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls couldn't help but grit their teeth and increase their bids again.

Lin Yuan raised his brows as he watched the crowd's enthusiastic response.

After Lin Yuan had evolved the Elemental Shellfish of the four elements to Bronze/Legend, even if he wanted them to produce heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls with a purity of less than 9.9, it would be very difficult.

They would only occasionally produce a few heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls with a purity of 9.8 or so without the outer pearl layer.

Hence, Lin Yuan did not feel that the outer pearl layer on the elemental pearls was very rare or special.

In Lin Yuan's eyes, although this outer layer was beautiful, it could not compare to the pleasure of stocking up on source-type items and various rare spiritual ingredients.

Lin Yuan already felt that he was becoming more and more of a hoarder.

Anyway, it was always good to stock up!

The woman with the whiny voice was sitting right at the front.

Holding the tray, Listen was about to let everyone participating in the auction take a look at the pearls.

Thus, the woman was the first to inspect the 48 heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls in the tray.

With this glance, the woman looked as though she had seen the treasure of her dreams and couldn't help but exclaim, "God! All of these heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls are top-notch 'Cloud Dream Lake' pearls."

While she was talking, the woman quickly grabbed a handful of heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls in her hand and investigated them.

Finally, she sighed to herself.

"If I hadn't seen them with my own eyes and confirmed that these Cloud Dream Lake pearls were real as an expert, I would have thought that these were mass-produced fake goods upon seeing so many of them at once."

The woman's words immediately caused the men waiting to inspect the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls in Listen's tray, including Duan He, bubble with excitement.

"These are actually Cloud Dream Lake pearls! I must get the group welfare this time!"

"Oh! If these are Cloud Dream Lake pearls, even if I got the 12 heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls at this auction, I couldn't bring myself to use them but only collect them!"

"Cloud Dream Lake pearls are said to change with the person wearing them. Different lines and colors appear on the outer layer. Could this be true?"

"Anyway, I'm just here to watch the excitement. I can't afford to auction this time. I mean, I could never have afforded to auction in the first place."

Previously, Lin Yuan had only known that elemental pearls would accumulate a layer of pearl on their surface when they reached 9.9 purity.

He knew relatively little about the outer layer of pearls, which were only to be looked at but served no special function.

Although he wasn't very sure about the grade of 9.9 purity heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls, the ones on the tray, which many people called Cloud Dream Lake pearls, were the ones most commonly produced by the four Elemental Shellfish with different attributes in his Spirit Lock spatial zone.

It could be said that of the 9.9 purity heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls produced in his Spirit Lock spatial zone, 95% were Cloud Dream Lake pearls.

With regards to the remaining 5%, even a man like Lin Yuan felt that they were too beautiful to be brought out.

Nevertheless, just by looking at the group member's expressions upon seeing the Cloud Dream Lake pearls, he could see that they were already very extraordinary.

Lin Yuan understood that he had underestimated the Bronze/Legend Elemental Shellfish in his Spirit Lock spatial zone.

In other words, he had underestimated the pure and ample spirit qi in his Spirit Lock spatial zone.

This was extremely good news to Lin Yuan/

Since the outer layer of pearls on the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls could affect their value, it was intangibly tantamount to increasing the resources that Lin Yuan could produce infinitely.

This gave the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls in Lin Yuan's hands more purchasing power.

Listen had already allowed everyone participating in the auction to closely inspect the pearls in his tray.

After which, everyone's breathing grew more rapid.

Their eyes were all fixated on the pearls in Listen's tray.

Lin Yuan coughed softly and said, "Since you've all finished inspecting the elemental pearls, if you still have any questions, you can ask me directly. If not, we can begin the group welfare auction right away."

By logic, everyone should have had a lot of questions about something as expensive and valuable as the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls.

However, Lin Yuan's approach caused the men seated below to have nothing to ask about the pearls.

Everyone had already closely inspected the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls that were about to be auctioned.

They had long known the quality of the pearls.

Even though these 9.9 purity heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls were all Cloud Dream Lake pearls, because they had been grown in lifeforms like Elemental Shellfish, each one of them was different.

Nevertheless, upon inspecting the 48 pearls, those who had set their minds on obtaining them had already decided which 12 they would choose.

Now, all of the men who were preparing to auction for them had their resources on standby and were ready to go.

Chapter 554: A Crazy Quote

Seeing that nobody had any questions, Lin Yuan continued. "Because there is no need for so many rules at this group welfare auction, everyone can call out their bid within half an hour. The person with the highest bid at the end of this period will be able to take home the 12 9.9 purity heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls.

"Of course, because the group welfare auction is for high-grade heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls, common rare resources will no longer be allowed to be used in the bidding, unlike the last time."

Before anyone could ask how to differentiate between common rare resources and precious rare resources, Lin Yuan spoke again.

“In this group welfare auction, the definition of precious rare resources is relatively loose. Everything that can be sent to the Star Web’s Rare Lifeform Pavilion’s quarterly auction is counted.”

Upon hearing this, the men seated below who had been planning to bid on the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls all fell into complete silence.

However, some of the men had obvious glee glinting in their eyes, while others who had worn confident expressions before now had their brows furrowed.

One of those in the latter group was Duan He.

When he had been preparing to participate in the group welfare auction for the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls, Duan He had known that the bidding for the pearls would be defined.

Otherwise, if someone produced a Gold fey, another would produce 150 Silver feys or even 3,000 Bronze feys to top this.

No matter how one compared them, the actual price of 3,000 Bronze feys was higher than one Gold fey.

Yet, even an ordinary person would choose just one Gold fey over 3,000 Bronze feys.

It was just that Duan He would never have thought that Lin Yuan would set the bar so low in the auction.

Star Web’s Rare Lifeform Pavilion held an auction every day.

However, its quarterly auctions had very strict requirements for the lot; even some Gold spiritual ingredients were no longer accepted at these auctions.

Spiritual ingredients were only considered if they had reached the Platinum grade.

Duan He had thought that the 9.9 purity Cloud Dream Lake pearls could at least have been exchanged for materials at the same foundational grade, such as source-type items.

As an expert, Duan He naturally did not stock up on so many common rare resources.

He had long exchanged all of his common rare resources for source-type items.

However, Duan He now wanted to use source-type items as a bargaining chip to bid fairly for materials that were obviously not of the same grade as the former.

Duan He felt that he was getting the short end of the stick.

Nevertheless, Duan He would still bid on those Cloud Dream Lake pearls regardless of how he felt.

Upon seeing that the group members still didn’t have any questions to ask, Lin Yuan glanced at Listen beside him before sitting down on a chair behind him.

Sensing Lin Yuan’s intention, Listen immediately began hosting the group welfare auction.

As Lin Yuan’s representative in the group, it was natural to the group members that Listen was presiding over the auction.

Listen opened his mouth to speak.

Squinting his fox-like eyes, Listen said seriously, "Let's all be livelier; you can just stand up and shout out your bids directly."

Upon hearing Listen's words, Duan He silently applauded the former.

This bidding method directly prevented bidders from using comparatively worse resources to bid.

If one used such a resource to shout one's bid, they would likely be quickly called out by other bidders.

Every bidder was competing against one another. In an auction for something like heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls, nobody cared about anybody else.

By using a sub-par resource, not only would the bidding be ineffective, but one would also lose face.

At the same time, this competitive bidding could mobilize the atmosphere very well.

This sort of atmosphere was not meant to promote liveliness but to make it easy for bidders to outbid one another.

As Listen presided over the auction, people were already beginning to shout out their bids in an endless stream.

It could be said that Duan He had guessed Listen's thoughts correctly, but he had not guessed the latter's main motive.

After Listen had begun managing the Purchase With No Loss store's fan club, he had also started seeing it as one of his own resources.

Listen could now recognize every member in the group.

However, Listen was still unable to discern each member's wealth through everyday interactions in the group.

Through this group welfare auction's bidding method, Listen wanted to assess and rank each member's wealth in order.

Moreover, he hoped to use his fan club connections when developing the Listening Heron Chamber of Commerce in the future.

Lin Yuan sat behind listening to the bids and found that some men were throwing out spiritual ingredients that he had never been able to collect before.

It was just that many of these were soon quickly outbid by others.

Lin Yuan couldn't help but swallow his saliva. If he could only obtain all of these rare spiritual ingredients, he would save himself so much effort.

In this group welfare auction, it actually stood to reason that Lin Yuan was already losing out by taking out 9.9 purity Cloud Dream Lake pearls.

However, Lin Yuan did not feel this way.

He was using the elemental pearls that were supplied continuously in his Spirit Lock spatial zone in exchange for large quantities of different precious resources at once.

This would undoubtedly save him the significant amount of time and effort required to search for these rare resources.

When the Floating Island Whale hatched, he couldn't build the Sky City on its back using just heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls alone. He needed to accumulate large quantities of various previous resources.

From then on, Lin Yuan would begin accumulating these resources. This would also save him the trouble of searching for them later.

If not, he would be in a terrible fix if he couldn't find some of these rare resources later on.

The auction continued unceasingly, the atmosphere growing so intense that it smelled like gunpowder.

20 minutes later, Lin Yuan was rather shocked by some of the bids being shouted.

Just then, the Class 4 Creation Master, Master Duan Li, stood up. Her face flushed with anger, and she said to the woman with the whiny voice, "I have eight source-type items, 500kg of Platinum Thousand Opportunities Secret Crystals, one Platinum Fortune Sea Willow, and 45 scales produced by the Diamond Shining Luster Amphiptere."

Chapter 555: The Second Source-type Item

Master Duan Li's price corresponded with the one Lin Yuan had in mind.

Not only was Lin Yuan shocked by the price and how it had reached his ideal amount with ten minutes to spare, but he was even more astonished by the item Master Duan Li brought out.

If Lin Yuan was not as certain as he was that he was unacquainted with Master Duan Li and had not had much interaction with her in the past, he might begin to suspect that she was offering such a bid in order to seduce him.

Platinum Thousand Opportunities Secret Crystal was a type of spiritual ingredient that Lin Yuan wanted to give Source Sand to swallow and transform into metal before it evolved to Platinum/Fantasy Breed.

The scales of the Shining Luster Amphiptere were a kind of spiritual ingredient that could be used to nurture the Blue Flash Purple Butterfly.

Lin Yuan had failed to procure the scales of the Shining Luster Amphiptere, despite having searched for it fervently.

Yet, now Master Duan Li was offering everything that he needed in one shot.

Lin Yuan was no longer as interested in the Fortune Sea Willow as it grew naturally in the bodies of matured feys.

As a fey that lived underwater and killed by strangling its targets, Hu Quan was jealous of the Fortune Sea Willow's body.

Master Duan Li sat down after announcing all the bids. The girl with the whiny voice gracefully rose to her feet and glanced at Master Duan Li with disdain.

Although she continued to speak with that whiny voice, her words carried aggravating venomous intent.

“You old fart, I, Wang Fuxiang, have never been afraid of anyone. I cursed 32 husbands, 16 boyfriends, 27 lovers, and 81 suitors to death to get my hands on their wealth. Even if you are a Class 4 Creation Master, the amount of money I have will blow your mind. I won’t give in to you just because you’re old.”

Lin Yuan almost burst out in laughter when he heard the girl’s name.

Wang Fuxiang was such a strange name!

Lin Yuan was mortified by the girl’s revelation of the number of men she had cursed to death.

This girl was the epitome of terror.

Lin Yuan checked the girl’s username in the group and raised his eyebrow.

Wang Fuxiang—“signifies the beauty of spring and the coalesce of summer”—what a beautiful name!

Wang Fuxiang turned toward Lin Yuan elegantly.

“I can use 20 source-type items to exchange for your 12 pretty pearls. The pearls will look gorgeous around my neck. The innate glow of those pearls will be perfect for accentuating my beauty and unique complexion.”

As she spoke, she caressed her pale neck as though she was preening.

Everyone present’s eyelids twitched at her words.

She was actually planning on using something as precious as heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls as superficial accessories.

It was almost blasphemous!

But in honesty, 9.9 purity heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls were more precious than 9.8 purity heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls not only because of the higher purity but also because 9.9 purity heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls possessed a one-of-a-kind innate glow.

Although what she said could be construed as logical, everyone was still appalled by her opulence.

Several men were sneering inwardly.

No matter how many husbands, boyfriends, lovers, or suitors you have, all of their wealth combined won’t be enough to support your frivolous spending.

Master Duan Li’s face flushed with anger when she heard Wang Fuxiang’s words. She stood up and said brusquely, “The group admin has already greatly discounted the threshold for the valuable source-type items. Even if your 20 source-type items are of higher quality than the items I’m offering, they are comparable in terms of value. Hence, your bid doesn’t count!”

When she heard Master Duan Li's response, Wang Fuxiang casually tucked her silky hair behind her ear. She turned, tilted her head, and said in a sweet voice, "Amongst the 20 source-type items I'm offering, one of them is an elemental source-type item. It's also exceedingly easy to contract this elemental source-type item. As long as the contractor is female and her body has been cleansed of at least 10% of its impurities, she'll be able to form the contract. How will you trade for what I have with your pathetic trinkets, old fart?"

Wang Fuxiang turned her head and took out a paper-like source-type item.

"I am entering this mutated wood-elemental source-type item. It is paper-element."

Lin Yuan never expected that someone would enter an elemental source-type item in one of his group welfare auctions.

When he bought the Source Sand from the private auction, he had only spent a small amount because the Source Sand had a challenging set of conditions for contraction.

It was already difficult enough for spirit qi professionals to comprehend Willpower Runes. Thus, not many people were willing to sacrifice two Willpower Runes to contract one source-type item, even if it was a rare elemental source-type item.

Wang Fuxiang's elemental source-type item sounded rather unorthodox, but the conditions for forming a contract were just too simple.

Firstly, the contractor of the paper-elemental source type item had to be female, which meant that half the spirit qi professionals in the world were eligible.

Although the condition of cleansing their body of at least 10% of impurities sounded challenging, it was not impossible for people who possessed enough resources.

One bowl of the nectar from the Radiant Moon Palace's Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassias would be able to clear a body of at least 90% of its impurities, maybe even 100%.

When the Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia evolved to Suzerain, its nectar could even be used to cleanse a soul's impurities.

Although there were not many spiritual ingredients that could cleanse a body's impurities, a Class 3 Creation Master could combine different spiritual ingredients to form a concoction that could clear the body of at least 15% of its impurities.

Many top factions racked their minds to come up with a way to beg the Radiant Moon Palace for a drop of Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia nectar.

The drop of Silver Stamen Gold Luster Cassia nectar would greatly boost the effectiveness of the concoction and raise its cleansing abilities to at least 30%.

Chapter 556: The Greedy Lin Yuan

Hence, the paper-elemental source-type item's criteria for forming a contract were almost too simple.

For some reason, Lin Yuan thought back to a character in an anime he had seen in his previous life after he heard about the paper element.

A foolish thought entered Lin Yuan's mind.

I'm definitely not stupid, but if I can get my hands on the paper-elemental source-type item, Chu Ci and Wen Yu would be eligible to contract it.

However, Chu Ci was going to contract the fairy source-type item Burning Sunflower.

The Burning Sunflower would not be compatible with a paper-elemental source-type item.

As a mutation of the wood element, the paper element would soon go up in flames when it came into contact with the Burning Sunflower's all-engulfing flames.

Thus, the best candidate to contract the paper-elemental source-type item was Wen Yu.

Wen Yu was a support-type spirit qi professional, and both the Sunlight Egret and Earth Rush Golden Lotus did not have any combat abilities.

Wen Yu was like a blank canvas, and she could contract any source-type item she wanted. She did not need to worry that the source-type item she contracted would limit her.

Lin Yuan was in the throes of this dilemma. He wanted both the 500 grams of Thousand Opportunities Secret Crystal and Diamond Shining Luster Amphiptere scales as well as Wang Fuxiang's paper-elemental source-type item.

As this was a group welfare auction, Lin Yuan could only trade with the person who offered the highest bid.

Although this was the most cost-effective course of action for Lin Yuan, it pained him to see such precious items slip out of his grasp.

Lin Yuan could not help but start scheming about how he could obtain the valuable items offered by both women.

"If there's really an elemental-type amongst the 20 source-type items you're offering, that means you're clearly the highest bidder," said Lin Yuan to Wang Fuxiang.

Wang Fuxiang giggled and said, "I adore the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls you're selling. I wonder if you'll be auctioning off more in the future?"

Everyone who was interested in the elemental pearls, including Duan He, perked up their ears at her question.

They waited with bated breath to hear what Lin Yuan had planned.

Lin Yuan was momentarily stunned by her question, but he replied without hesitation, "I'm auctioning off these 9.9 purity heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls as group welfare instead of the ones that were 9.8 purity because I wanted to compensate for the two-day delay. The next group welfare auction will no longer be for heavenly-grade elemental pearls. The next item will be Flower Brocade Pearls like the first time."

The disappointment was visible on the faces of the people who were waiting for Lin Yuan's reply.

When he saw their reaction, Lin Yuan gently knocked on the table.

Lin Yuan was not stupid. If he auctioned off heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls of such quality again next time, some of the group members who wanted them would hold back and wait to see if they could enter the auction with a low bid.

There were not many people in the group who could afford to participate in an auction for heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls. If he auctioned in such a way, how would he sell them for a profit?

Lin Yuan knew that the more precious the item, the more valuable it was.

Although Lin Yuan possessed the 9.9 purity heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls in the greatest abundance among all his resources, he would not continuously conduct group welfare of such caliber.

However, Lin Yuan did not kill all their hopes. All he said was that the next item auctioned off as group welfare would be Flower Brocade Pearls.

How the group members took it was up to them, for everyone had different perspectives after all.

Wang Fuxiang glanced at the platter of heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls in Listen's hands before saying, "If I'm able to put up more resources for bidding, is it possible for me to bid for 20 more heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls based on the price they end up being sold at?"

Lin Yuan shook his head determinedly and said calmly, "No."

Lin Yuan was actually more than willing to comply with her request, and the current bid had reached the amount he had in mind. Moreover, the tense atmosphere and faces of the volatile bigshots told him that he was going to gain a huge windfall from this auction.

If he could multiply the winning bid by two, it would be twice the joy.

The fact that Wang Fuxiang posed the question meant that she had the purchasing power to back it up.

Lin Yuan was in awe of the amount of wealth she controlled.

She really was someone who had cursed 100 men to death and seized their wealth.

However, Lin Yuan had laid down the group welfare auction rules from the first time that he held one.

As the owner of the Purchase With No Loss store, as well as the head of Sky City, he could not change his mind at the last moment when it came to the group welfare auction.

Despite how badly he wanted it, he had to bite the bullet and said no.

After being denied by Lin Yuan twice, Wang Fuxiang pouted but did not sit down again. She stood gracefully as she waited for the rest of the people to make their bids so she could out-bid them.

Master Duan Li's face was irked and reddened as she heard Wang Fuxiang's syrupy voice. Just as she was about to rebuke her, she suddenly remembered a rumor. She looked exceptionally frightened as she pushed down the words that were already on the tip of her tongue.

Li Xiaotiao, who was next to Master Duan Li, heard his Master murmur, "Older than 100 years old."

Li Xiaotiao dazedly scanned the flirtatious Wang Fuxiang, who looked no older than 30 years old.

However, he could not be sure if he had heard correctly since many people yelled out their bids.

The hesitation on Master Duan Li's face was replaced by determination after she looked at the elemental pearls on the platter in Listen's hands.

Chapter 557: The Langya Pavilion's Master

Once Master Duan Li composed herself, a pained expression appeared on her face.

It was soon replaced by an expression that indicated that she had a plan cooking up in her mind.

Master Duan Li had stopped her anxious bidding. She patiently sat in her seat and waited for the final moment when she could swoop in for the kill.

Li Xiaotiao did not notice that his Master had a plan in place. He assumed that she had been defeated by Wang Fuxiang and felt helpless in the light of Wang Fuxiang's overwhelming financial prowess.

Li Xiaotiao knew that his uncle, Duan He, had also come to participate in the auction. However, up till that moment, Duan He still had not called out a single bid.

Li Xiaotiao turned his head and peeked at Duan He. But when he thought about the menacing glare that his uncle had shot him, Li Xiaotiao quickly fixed his posture and focused his gaze on Wang Fuxiang.

Compared to his uncle's ferocious glare, Wang Fuxiang's flirtatious demeanor was still easier to swallow, even if she really was a 100-year-old elderly lady.

At that moment, Wang Fuxiang called out another bid as she continued to crush others under the might of her wealth.

After she announced her bid of the paper-elemental source-type item, Wang Fuxiang did not display any other rarer items.

However, whenever someone called out a higher bid, she would add on a source-type item that could outbid them.

Amongst all the bidders, Wang Fuxiang's bids were the most straightforward.

The way that she threw out source-type items reminded Li Xiaotiao of a rich older woman.

When he thought about Wang Fuxiang's age and her dead husbands, boyfriends, lovers, and suitors, Li Xiaotiao thought it was best to comfort his Master, who was sure to lose the bidding war.

Behind Lin Yuan's mask was a serene expression, which starkly contrasted with the rapidly turning gears in his head.

He was racking his brain to come up with a way he could auction off more elemental pearls without breaking his own rules while obtaining all the items he wanted.

Lin Yuan already had a general idea, but there was a difficult condition to fulfill in order for him to succeed.

Lin Yuan could only wait to see if the enthusiastically bidding group members could create the conditions he needed.

Duan He's brow furrowed even tighter. His mind had been preoccupied with thoughts of Lin Yuan throughout the auction.

However, he had now turned his attention to Wang Fuxiang.

Duan He never expected to see someone like her in this fan club.

In Duan He's opinion, this woman was a complex enigma.

Even at his most wealthy state, Duan He could not compare to Wang Fuxiang.

Wang Fuxiang had cursed a total of 158 partners to death, and none of them were ordinary men.

Half of the men she cursed to death were Creation Masters, most of which were Class 3, but three of them were Class 4.

One of the Class 4 Creation Masters had been a pinnacle Class 4 Creation Master.

The last husband Wang Fuxiang had was a pinnacle emperor-class expert who owned a Suzerain/Myth III fey.

30 years ago, when Duan He had just reached king-class, he joined the Spirit Guards.

The first assignment he had was to investigate Wang Fuxiang under the leadership of a Guard Envoy.

Once the investigation was concluded, it was found that all of the men associated with Wang Fuxiang had died in accidents.

The pinnacle emperor-class expert was a member of that team who had gone with him to investigate.

Since all the evidence pointed toward accidents, the Guard Envoy could only write 'Wang Fuxiang has an extremely resilient life' on the investigation report.

Duan He had always been sure that there was more to Wang Fuxiang that met the eye.

He had left the Spirit Guards in less than a year.

During this year, Wang Fuxiang had used all the finances willed to her to form a team dedicated to appraising luxury goods—the Langya Pavilion.

In the beginning, the Langya Pavilion only appraised luxury goods made of rare spiritual ingredients and gave them credit ratings.

As time went on, some extremely valuable luxury goods would be afforded high credit ratings by the Langya Pavilion, and the price would continue to inflate afterward.

The Langya Pavilion had been running for 30 years.

Now, the Langya Pavilion's appraisal and credit rating could define a luxury's good exact worth.

Wang Fuxiang was the woman who had built this institution from the ground.

Duan He could not even begin to comprehend the earth-shattering amount of wealth that Wang Fuxiang possessed.

No one here knew Wang Fuxiang's true identity other than him.

Duan He knew that if he had not coincidentally been assigned to investigate Wang Fuxiang, he would also be none the wiser about her background.

Despite what he knew, Duan He was not going to let his guard down during this auction.

Duan He stood up and said in a booming voice, "I'm bidding 27 source-type items, as well as a drop of essence blood from a Suzerain/Myth I Ancient Lake Toad."

Lin Yuan narrowed his eyes at Duan He's sudden additional bid. All the participants in the auction took a sharp intake of breath.

Although Wang Fuxiang's paper-elemental pearl was rare, it was still just a source-type item.

Only an emperor-class expert had access to the essence blood of a Suzerain/Myth I fey.

The Ancient Lake Toad's essence blood was difficult to be put to use as compared to the essence blood of other Suzerain/Myth Breed feys because it was poison-type. The essence blood of other Suzerain/Myth Breed feys could be used to nurture other feys once it was turned into a concoction.

However, the blood of a poison-type fey was an exception.

If the essence blood of a poison-type fey was used to nurture other feys, the fey could likely be poisoned to death.

That said, the essence blood of a Suzerain/Myth I Ancient Lake Toad was enough to overcome Wang Fuxiang's bid of the paper-elemental item.

Lin Yuan was elated that Duan He had joined the auction. As much as he wanted to recruit Duan He, it was unknown if Duan He's character could meet his standard, and he also did not know if Duan He would be interested in what Lin Yuan was offering.

Thus, Lin Yuan could only take the money Duan He was offering.

Chapter 558: Sunlight King Lotus

Even if Duan He won the 12 heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls, they would remain his personal items regardless if Lin Yuan recruited him or not.

There was no doubt that Duan He was Wang Fuxiang's strongest competitor.

Moreover, the bid needed to reach an unimaginable amount in order to meet the conditions Lin Yuan was hoping for.

When Wang Fuxiang heard that her bid had been outdone, she started to boil with rage.

Wang Fuxiang glared at Duan He and said, "Why does a disgusting man like you need these Cloud Dream Lake pearls? Something as magnificent as this should be hung around my neck. Only my snow-white neck is worthy of being adorned by them."

Duan He glanced at Wang Fuxiang's neck.

Somehow, he felt as though what she said was right.

The moment that the thought entered his head, Duan He could not help but be shocked at himself.

He hastily looked away and said in a low voice, "The maximum purity of the elemental energy in the 9.9 purity heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls is the best medicine to trigger metamorphosis in feys."

Wang Fuxiang patted the chair in front of her and softly uttered, "I bid 30 source-type items. One of the source-type items is the paper-elemental source-type item that I mentioned before. How dare you speak of using the Cloud Dream pearls to nurture feys. It's almost sacrilegious. Hehe, of course, someone like you is destined to be a pauper forever."

Duan He's expression darkened. He raised his bid above Wang Fuxiang's without another word.

Listen, who was next to Lin Yuan, announced, "The auction will end in two minutes. All who still want to bid should do so now."

After Listen spoke, one of the bigshots in the group joined the bidding war.

However, the moment that he called out his bid, Duan He outbid him.

The bigshot that had been outbid sat back down on his seat regretfully and crossed his legs.

It was obvious that he had abandoned bidding and was resigned to being a spectator.

Just then, the silent Master Duan Li stood up and said, "My bid remains the same, but I would like to add another 500 grams of Thousand Opportunity Crystal and a Heaven and Earth Sunlight King Lotus."

Wang Fuxiang's expression flattened, and she cursed to herself.

This old woman is a Creation Master. How is she willing to sacrifice the Sunlight King Lotus as a bid? She's a lunatic!

Lin Yuan had a slight inclination to give up on his plan, and he decided to use other methods in the future to get his hands on all the rare spiritual ingredients Master Duan Li had that he needed.

However, he did not expect Master Duan Li to be so obstinate as to join the fray along with Duan He and Wang Fuxiang.

Master Duan Li's bid immediately fulfilled half of the conditions Lin Yuan had been hoping for.

But, whether Lin Yuan's expectations could come to fruition was still up to Duan He and Wang Fuxiang.

If Duan He and Wang Fuxiang did not continue bidding, Lin Yuan would be able to obtain everything that Master Duan Li had bid.

Her bid even included the Sunlight King Lotus. What a profit!

In order to expand the man-made lake in Return from Faraway Mansion, Lin Yuan wanted to build a water garden in the center.

The hardest part of the process was how to keep the garden buoyant.

As a Class 5 Spirit Craftsman, it was hard for him to design a water garden.

The foundation of the garden was already a huge project. If Lin Yuan could obtain the Sunlight King Lotus, he would plant it in the middle of the man-made lake.

The Sunlight King Lotus would eventually grow to the size of a small mountain, and he would build a beautiful pavilion on each of its 32 leaves.

The matured Sunlight King Lotus would form a natural basic structure for the water garden.

All of Hu Quan's designs and buildings could take place on top of the Sunlight King Lotus.

As a Heaven and Earth Fey, the Sunlight King Lotus' main ability was that it could store sunlight in its tusk-shaped roots that grew underwater.

After the sun set, the Sunlight King Lotus would release all the sunlight it had stored.

Above the surface would be dark, but underwater would be lit up warmly like daytime. Hence, the surface of the water would be alight and bright at all times,

Unfortunately, the Sunlight King Lotus was not a very strong Heaven and Earth Fey.

Nonetheless, the Sunlight King Lotus' abilities could provide the plant-type feys in Lin Yuan's water garden with twice the sunlight.

The increased amount of sunlight would allow the flowers that required more sunlight to bloom more illustriously than before.

With the Sunlight King Lotus, Hu Quan and Jiao Hanzhong's collection of various rare flowers would be sure to turn the water garden into a magical place.

The only animals in the man-made lake would be the Angelfish of Bliss that Lin Yuan planned on breeding.

When nightfall descended, the water would be flooded with the glittering sunlight that beat down at noon.

After Duan He and Wang Fuxiang's short pause, they both shouted out their addition of source-type items in unison.

Their prices had matched Master Duan Li's.

Master Duan Li cursed internally, *These two are insane!*

Master Duan Li no longer looked like she had everything under control.

Li Xiaotiao was thrilled as his Master and uncle were bidding so intensely.

As the disciple and nephew of two bigshots, I'm so cool!

While Duan He and Wang Fuxiang were screaming out bids, Lin Yuan's lip curled upward under the mask.

The conditions he had hoped for were finally fulfilled. Now was the time for him to reap his harvest.

Listen checked the time.

Wang Fuxiang, Duan He, and Master Duan Li's bids were evenly matched.

Listen proclaimed, "Ten seconds left till the group welfare auction is over."

Wang Fuxiang gnashed her teeth and said in a sweet voice, "I'm willing to add another three source-type items."

Chapter 559: The Righteous Lin Yuan

Before Wang Fuxiang finished speaking, a clear voice exclaimed, "Your bids are too high. Stop increasing it."

Wang Fuxiang was interrupted just as she was about to increase her bid. Her tightly knitted brow drew even tighter.

When she realized that the person who had interrupted her was the group admin, she raised an eyebrow in surprise.

Wang Fuxiang did not expect the group admin's voice to sound so young. It had an indescribable magnetism to it.

The voice comforted Wang Fuxiang.

When Lin Yuan called for the bidding to stop, everyone's eyes landed on him.

Lin Yuan could feel all their gazes on him. He grabbed the platter of elemental pearls from Listen's hands and raised it in the air.

"The aim of the group welfare is to give out welfare. The bids for these heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls are already too high. It defeats the purpose of welfare," said Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan uttered those words full of righteousness.

At that moment, the living embodiment of righteousness that was Lin Yuan stunned all the people present.

Although it was a group welfare auction, it was no different from a regular auction in the eyes of the people present.

The fact that Lin Yuan was willing to auction off the 9.9 purity Cloud Dream Lake pearls was enough to be considered welfare.

Moreover, the people who won them could take their pick from 48 types.

It was up to the participants and their resources to decide the final bid.

However, the people present felt a touch of warmth when Lin Yuan called for the bidding to halt.

Although the atmosphere in the Purchase With No Loss store was great, the group admin often only read through the logs and did not post messages.

The group members felt a tinge of gentleness from the group admin's action of calling for the bids to stop.

Wang Fuxiang also felt the kindness of this strange mask-wearing youth.

Nonetheless, Wang Fuxiang was set on owning these Cloud Dream Lake pearls.

During the earlier bidding, Wang Fuxiang had already prepared herself for the trade-off.

"Before the group admin called for the bidding to end, I was the last to make a bid. How about you just hand these Cloud Dream Lake pearls to me?"

Duan He and Master Duan Li were both ready to fight when Lin Yuan called for the bidding to stop.

Duan He had nothing left, and he was ready to throw in the spiritual ingredients he had initially prepared to give to his main fey for it to breakthrough to Myth II.

Logically, Duan He knew that he should not. Thus, he gave up the bidding war after a moment's contemplation.

Whereas Master Duan Li still had some resources left in her bank. As a Class 4 Creation Master, Master Duan Li had about as many resources as Lin Yuan.

She worked hard to earn money, but she was very thrifty. Thus, she had stored up a sizable treasury of resources.

She took another look at the platter of heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls and clenched her fist.

It's just a few source-type items. I'll work even harder and earn them back after I nurture a few feys.

After she made her decision, Master Duan Li stepped toward Wang Fuxiang and said, "If you bid again, so will I. You're not the only one who has the means to bid. By hook or by crook, those elemental pearls are mine."

Wang Fuxiang smiled in frustration at Master Duan Li's words. She was about to rebuke her when Lin Yuan spoke out again.

"If you keep fighting, I don't know how I should conduct the next group welfare. How about this? You both take a step back."

Wang Fuxiang anxiously cried out, "I can't take a step back when it comes to this."

Master Duan Li hastily made her stand as well. "I'm not going to back down no matter how high the bid gets. If anyone else wants to take a step back, they can. But I won't!"

Lin Yuan fell silent. The other people present assumed he was feeling troubled.

However, Lin Yuan was actually heaping praises on Wang Fuxiang and Master Duan Li in his heart.

Lin Yuan glanced at Duan He. He knew that Duan He's silence indicated that he was not going to participate in the auction anymore.

Lin Yuan was not particularly interested in any of the items that Duan He was bidding.

It was not absolutely necessary for Lin Yuan to own the essence blood of the Suzerain/Myth I Ancient Lake Toad.

Lin Yuan had amassed a considerable amount of Suzerain/Myth II essence blood thanks to his enemies' contribution as well as the Mother of Bloodbath's frenzied collection efforts.

Even though Duan He no longer intended to participate in the auction, Lin Yuan followed protocol and asked, "Do you have any issue with the auction continuing?"

Duan He had reflected on his current situation. He felt that he had been rather impulsive previously.

If I really manage to buy the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls, what am I supposed to do about the evolution of the feys? Even if I can sell these Cloud Dream Lake pearls, I have no experience doing so. I have no idea if I'll be able to sell them at the same price as they were auctioned.

Duan He understood why Lin Yuan halted the bidding—the bids had gotten too high.

There were few people who were as crazy and rich as Wang Fuxiang.

Duan He said nonchalantly, "If those two are willing to take a step back, I'll back out. It'll save you some trouble."

Lin Yuan thought, *Duan He sure backed out like a gentleman. Since he's definitely backing out, there's no point in me focusing any attention on him during this group welfare auction.*

Lin Yuan sighed what sounded like a conflicted sigh. He said to Wang Fuxiang and Master Duan Li, "Since both of you want them, I shall sacrifice a bit more. I'll auction off two sets of heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls."

Lin Yuan gestured for Listen to bring another platter.

The people present were startled by Lin Yuan's actions. It might be the best way to stop the bids from climbing even higher, but they could not see in what way Lin Yuan was making a sacrifice.

How is the group admin making a sacrifice when the bids have reached such a price?

Listen had already carried another platter over.

With one wave of Lin Yuan's hand, another pile of elemental pearls fell into the platter.

However, there were two elemental pearls in this pile that were obviously different from the Cloud Dream Lake ones.

The inner radiance of these two elemental pearls outshined the rest of the Cloud Dream Lake elemental pearls.

Lin Yuan picked one up and placed it onto the other platter.

The entire platter of Cloud Dream Lake pearls could not rival the inner radiance of this one elemental pearl.

Chapter 560: Defined Life

The swirling radiance of this one pearl seemed to carry the life force of the world. It was as though there was a glorious city within the pearl, and a magnificent world had been locked within this pearly cage.

Each time you glimpsed the pearl, you would experience a different feeling. It could be said that you were taking a stroll through the lush world inside the pearl.

The invigorating life force inside the pearl gave the innate radiance a dense feeling.

When you looked at the pearl, you would be able to sense the graceful intelligence within.

This mesmerizing pearl would entrance even a person who did not fancy pretty trinkets.

Wang Fuxiang stared dazedly at the two platters in Lin Yuan's hands. She softly muttered, "I can't believe you have the heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls with the Defined Life inner radiance. You really are making a huge sacrifice! I can't believe you're giving away such a treasure as group welfare! Thank you for your generosity. With this Defined Life pearl, the one I acquired by luck 20 years ago won't have to collect dust in my jewelry box anymore. Both of them will make an elegant pair of earrings for me."

Lin Yuan had never heard of the Defined Life inner radiance.

Lin Yuan merely took out the 9.9 purity elemental pearls with the inner radiance that was second in abundance.

The Cloud Dream Lake inner radiance elemental pearls comprised 95% of the 9.9 purity heavenly-maiden-grade elemental pearls, and the Defined Life inner radiance elemental pearls comprised 4%.

Judging from the statistics, Lin Yuan could tell that the Defined Life pearls were sure to be much more valuable than the Cloud Dream Lake pearls.

Master Duan Li marched right up to the platter and carefully studied the two Defined Life pearls. She looked like she was in seventh heaven.

Duan He, who had coolly withdrawn, now looked incredibly bitter.

He had given up such a prime opportunity without a second thought.

He didn't deserve to have money!

The other group members participating in the group welfare auction had initially joined the group intending to easily pick up items.

But as time went on, the group admin seemed increasingly mysterious.

The items he produced were all magical treasures.

He also conducted his business in a detailed manner. He was too amazing!

Although Lin Yuan's expression was as unreadable as ever, he was actually overjoyed that he could trade away some of the elemental pearls which were produced in the Spirit Lock spatial zone in a never-ending stream.

Not only could he trade for the paper-elemental source-type item in this group welfare auction which was suitable for Wen Yu, but he could also obtain the Sunlight King Lotus that he could use to nurture his feys and expand his mansion. Moreover, he also obtained a large amount of source-type items.

The impending harvest made Lin Yuan feel as though he had landed in a gold mine.

This group welfare auction was finally over.

Now that the group welfare auction was over, many of the members who had just come to watch the action left the Purchase With No Loss store.

However, the enthusiasm about the group welfare auction did not die down.

The enthusiasm merely transferred from inside the store to the fan club.

It quickly spread to the Star Web forum.

There were less than ten people left in the Purchase With No Loss store now.

Wang Fuxiang and Master Duan Li had started picking out the elemental pearls from the two platters in Listen's hands.

Lin Yuan watched as Master Duan Li collected the Defined Life pearl, and her weathered face was stretched into a cherub smile.

Master Duan Li said to Lin Yuan carefully, "The Defined Life pearl I picked is water-type, but the one Wang Fuxiang picked is earth-type. I don't want a water-type. I'm wondering if you can help me exchange it?"

Master Duan Li glared at Wang Fuxiang in annoyance.

Since Wang Fuxiang was the last to make a bid, she had the first pick of the elemental pearls.

Lin Yuan asked Master Duan Li, "What type of Defined Life pearl would you like?"

Master Duan Li had posed the question because she was indignant that Wang Fuxiang had first pick.

Master Duan Li knew that it was very rare to own even one piece of a treasure like the Defined Life pearl.

Hence, she was not hopeful that Lin Yuan would agree to the exchange.

However, Lin Yuan's response delighted her.

She happily replied, "I'm fine with anything as long as it's not water-type."

Lin Yuan turned to ask Wang Fuxiang, "Do you have any specifications about the Defined Life pearl?"

Wang Fuxiang had scrutinized the other 47 Cloud Dream Lake pearls, and she deemed them to all be of similar quality. However, they did differ in the shade of their inner radiance as well as hue.

Hence, Wang Fuxiang had chosen extremely carefully.

Wang Fuxiang did not anticipate Lin Yuan's question. Her eyes lit up, and she said happily, "The one I acquired 20 years ago is wind-type. If you can provide me with one of a matching type, I'm willing to work with you privately in the future."

Wang Fuxiang suddenly swept her inky black hair behind her shoulder, making her look even more flirtatious.

Wang Fuxiang looked toward Lin Yuan and subtly shuffled nearer to him till there was only a half a step of separation between them.

Lin Yuan almost choked on his own saliva as alarm bells rang in his mind.

What is this woman trying to do? One might lose their money if they're seduced, but this woman is out to take lives. How terrifying!

With his expression unchanged, Lin Yuan coughed and took out a wind-type Defined Life pearl. He placed it on the platter in front of Wang Fuxiang.