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Chapter 301: The Relationship Between Monsters

While on their way to hunt down the Fire Phoenix, Lin Huang told Yi Yeyu and Li Lang why he was rushing the both of them.

"It's been an hour and a half since the Fire Phoenix appeared, so we can't be sure if it's still in the same location?" Yi Yeyu asked after hearing Lin Huang's explanation.

"That's right, the Fire Phoenix found out about Bloody's detection seed and destroyed it. There's no way that we could detect its exact whereabouts now." Lin Huang nodded.

"I came to the both of you as soon as I found out about it, the Fire Phoenix flies at over 2,000 kilometers per hour.

"How long will it take for us to get there?" Yi Yeyu asked.

"It's more than 1,000 kilometers away, so it should take around an hour."

"How do we kill the Fire Phoenix when we get there? This is a double mutated monster that's even more powerful than the Sanguine Skeleton Spirit that we encountered the last time." Li Lang asked a practical question that nobody could overlook.

"Everything will be alright if Ms. Yi can control the monster with her physique. But what if she can't, what should we do?"

Lin Huang and Yi Yeyu were silent. More than an hour later, the silence was finally broken after arriving at their destination. As they landed, the three of them recalled their monsters.

"When I looked around from up above there didn't seem to be any monsters in the nearby area." Li Lang said to Lin Huang.

"Don't worry." Lin Huang called out to Bloody who was hiding in his sleeve.

"Bloody, where's the exact location that you discovered the Fire Phoenix?"

Since the coordinates that Bloody had marked were just an estimated area instead of an exact location, they now needed Bloody to point out the exact location for them. Bloody stuck out its head from Lin Huang's sleeve and looked around. It then spread out purple flowers and as they floated around, something came into Lin Huang's mind.

"Follow the flowers, be quiet, don't summon the flying mounts." Lin Huang passed Bloody's message to Yi Yeyu and Li Lang while he took the lead.

Yi Yeyu and Li Lang followed behind him. As they walked around, they headed into an area with many volcanoes. There were up to 100 active volcanoes with smoke billowing out of them. There were big and small ones, high and low. It was quite a scene to behold.

"Could it be hiding behind the volcanoes?" Li Lang guessed as he walked.

Lin Huang gestured to get him to be quiet. "Shh!"

The three of them followed behind the purple flowers quietly and got up to the tip of a volcano half an hour later. Seeing that the flower went through the tip and down, they followed the edge of the crater and walked to the other side of the volcano. What they saw on the other side shocked them. There was a huge lava lake that was blocked by all the volcanoes. Calling it a lake was not accurate as it was boundless. Its layout was out of the ordinary, hundreds of kilometers long and more like a lava sea than a lake.

"A sea that's completely made of lava..." The three of them were stunned when they saw what was in front of them. Suddenly, the lava started rolling, a gigantic shadow plunged out of the lava sea. It was a giant bird with a golden crest and a tail with nine colors. What caught their attention was the bloody gigantic alligator and its purplish gold claws. The alligator was 70 to 80 meters long, it was no smaller than the giant bird and was covered in a black, hard metal cast that seemed very powerful. However, its neck was clamped by the giant bird. No matter how much it struggled, it could not get away from the bird's claws.

"Is that a Blazing Alligator?" Li Lang asked Lin Huang in shock.

"Yes." Lin Huang was concerned as he watched. Yi Yeyu was frowning too, she did not look too good. The giant bird with its nine colored tail and golden crest was their target – a Fire Phoenix. The Blazing Alligator was a mutated monster from the fire elements, it was a ruthless double mutated transcendent monster. Such a giant-sized mutated transcendent monster was captured by the Fire Phoenix easily, it did not seem to have the strength to fight back. What they were looking at gave them a direct understanding of the Fire Phoenix's ability.

With the Blazing Alligator in its claws, the Fire Phoenix flew towards the volcanos where the three of them were located. They immediately bent down to avoid being seen, watching secretly with half of their heads showing at the crater. As the Blazing Alligator was tossed onto the ground, it seemed to know that it could not defeat the Fire Phoenix and instead attempted to jump into the lava sea. However, its neck was clamped by the Fire Phoenix that once again dashed from the air.

It struggled by moving its tail and body but it could not escape from under the Fire Phoenix's purplish, golden metal claws. The Fire Phoenix gave a deathly glare with its blue eyes, it had no plan to eat it as it watched the Blazing Alligator struggle in its claws. Soon, it seemed to know that it could never escape. The black metal cast started to change color and its body appeared to be filled with lava. Its black cast turned dark red at first, but soon it became a flaming red. The Blazing Alligator was covered in a flaming red crystal-like cast within seconds.

"What's it doing?" Li Lang asked Lin Huang softly.

"This is its *Crystallize* skill. With that, its defense will peak." Lin Huang explained softly.

As Lin Huang said that, the Fire Phoenix used another claw to grab the Blazing Alligator's back, easily breaking through its defense into its body. In its crystalized mode, the Blazing Alligator seemed to struggle for awhile due to the pain then stopped moving completely. The flaming red on its body was fading fast, returning back to its black cast within seconds.

"Is it dead?" Li Lang asked.

"I don't think so..." Lin Huang was surprised with what he saw, he could still sense the Blazing Alligator's aura. Later on, the Fire Phoenix removed its claw from the Blazing Alligator's back and it shook again. The Fire Phoenix flapped its wings and flew up into the air letting go of the Blazing Alligator. The Blazing Alligator flipped its tail and dived into the lava sea not far away disappearing.

"Isn't it going to eat the Blazing Alligator? Why did it let it go?" Li Lang could not understand what he saw.

Lin Huang took a guess. "I think it wasn't planning on eating it, instead it was extracting the fire energy from within the Blazing Alligator..." What they saw had never been documented before in the monster encyclopedia. It said on the monster encyclopedia that the only relationship between the monsters was either food or symbiosis. However, what they witnessed was nothing like that. It seemed like the relationship between monsters is more complicated than what humans could have ever imagined...

Chapter 302: Lin Huang's Plan to Kill

As the Blazing Alligator escaped, the Fire Phoenix that was in the air flapped its wings and dived into the lava ocean once again.

"It got away?!" Yi Yeyu shouted in exasperation. They had finally found the Fire Phoenix but just witnessed it going back into the lava.

"Don't worry, it shouldn't be running away." Lin Huang shook his head.

"With the Fire Phoenix's characteristic, it'll usually fly away if it wants to leave instead of diving into the lava. It might be capturing the other Blazing Alligators."

"Now that the both of you have seen the Fire Phoenix's ability, even a double mutated Blazing Alligator can't fight back. If we were to fight it, we might all die. Maybe we should come up with a plan." Li Lang's usually playful demeanor vanished during critical times.

"The location that we are standing in isn't suitable for battle. We don't have much space to land in the crater. If we fall into the volcano, normal lava aside, we'll definitely die if it's spiritual lava. There's no place for us to stand in the lava ocean. Although we could fight at the foot of the volcano, we'd be blocked by the volcanoes at the back. There's no way for us to escape if we can't fight it," Li Lang voiced his concern. Before the battle started, he figured that the Fire Phoenix had the advantage of winning.

"I have a double mutated white flame-level summoning monster, the Sanguine Skeleton Spirit. What I'm thinking about is to get the Sanguine Skeleton Spirit to hide while I distract the Fire Phoenix. When it's distracted, the Sanguine Skeleton Spirit will use its Punishment Chains to seal its Life Power. Once that's done, Yeyu will get on her flying mount to attack," Lin Huang said and looked at Li Lang.

"Stay up there. If it's getting away, block its way with your flying mount. Even if you only manage to stop it for a couple of seconds, that'll be good enough."

"Alright..."

Li Lang's facial expression was completely solemn as he listened to Lin Huang's arrangement. He did not have any disagreements; he knew very well that if he were to fight the Fire Phoenix himself, he would

be killed immediately. Lin Huang chose to distract the Fire Phoenix himself as he knew he had the ability to do so. If Li Lang were to follow him, he would definitely be a burden instead.

Meanwhile, Lin Huang assigned that job to himself as he knew that it was unlikely for the Fire Phoenix to escape. As it encountered an attack, such a powerful monster would be triggered and respond madly towards its attacker. Yi Yeyu did not say anything as she knew why Lin Huang had come up with such an arrangement. No matter if it was Lin Huang or Li Lang, they were here for her to level up. Li Lang proved his friendship as he agreed to come along, while Yi Yeyu did not mind if he could help at all. She would grateful if he did not become a burden.

The both of them did not even ask about the Sanguine Skeleton Spirit as they had their minds occupied by the plan.

"I'll be down there, so the both of you hide yourselves now. When I'm fighting the Fire Phoenix later, Yeyu, please be patient and only attack it when the chains of the Sanguine Skeleton Spirit are tying it down or else, our plan will go to waste," Lin Huang reminded.

"Okay." Yi Yeyu nodded.

Lin Huang then summoned the Alexandrian Eagle and headed down to where the volcanoes were. The Alexandrian Eagle landed at the bottom of the volcanoes, a couple of meters away from the lava ocean. He then recalled the Alexandrian Eagle and summoned the Sanguine Skeleton Spirit. Yi Yeyu and Li Lang were shocked when they saw the gigantic Sanguine Skeleton Spirit. Although Lin Huang had mentioned that it was his summoning monster, the both of them thought that it looked very similar to the one that Lin Huang had killed earlier.

"Don't you think that this Sanguine Skeleton Spirit looks like a replica of the one that he killed earlier?" Li Lang asked Yi Yeyu.

"Perhaps monsters of the same size look the same to us, but it's probably an illusion. Just like human twins. If they look alike and have the same height, it'll be difficult to tell who's who," Yi Yeyu explained. She had some doubts too but that involved Lin Huang's secrets so she did not want to pry any further.

"Illusion in terms of the size?" Li Lang frowned. Although he thought that it was strange, he accepted Yi Yeyu's explanation anyway.

As Lin Huang summoned the Sanguine Skeleton Spirit, he instructed the monster, "Hide in the lava and shield your aura to the maximum. When the Fire Phoenix attacks me, it'll be distracted at some point. Then, catch the opportunity to tie it up with your Punishment Chains!"

"Hehehe... You mean kill the Fire Phoenix? I'd be happy to help, Master." The Sanguine Skeleton Spirit's bloody robe moved without any wind and excitement shone in his blue eyes.

"This fella... So, do all Transcendent monsters really have their own characteristics?!" Lin Huang did not expect his inference earlier to be true. This Sanguine Skeleton Spirit seemed to have retained the character it embodied before it was killed. However, Lin Huang was not sure if it still retained its old memories.

Lin Huang frowned as he watched the Sanguine Skeleton Spirit dived into the lava with its aura undetectable. Although he knew that it had an instinct for faking its death, shielding its aura was an easy

feat for it. However, the fact that it managed to hide its aura to the point that even Lin Huang could not detect it was terrifying. Lin Huang then sat at the foot of the volcanoes while waiting patiently for the Fire Phoenix to appear again.

Time passed by. It had been half an hour since the three of them waited. It was almost six in the evening and the sky was turning dark. Yi Yeyu was getting impatient at the peak of the volcano as she was worried that the Fire Phoenix had left and would not ever appear again. However, Li Lang was relieved. Although he hoped to help Yi Yeyu with leveling up, witnessing the Fire Phoenix capture a double mutated Blazing Alligator terrified him. The calmest one among the three of them was Lin Huang. He knew very well that he could not fight the Fire Phoenix. However, the battle would not depend on the strength of his ability alone. As long as the techniques were properly executed, it was still possible for them to defeat it. Moreover, even if they could not kill it, he was confident that they could leave in one piece.

He was not afraid of the Fire Phoenix. On the contrary, he was excited about the battle. Another half an hour passed. When it was almost half past six, Li Lang and Yi Yeyu both figured that the Fire Phoenix would not make its return. Just when Yi Yeyu was ready to get Lin Huang to give up, the lava ocean churned vigorously. A giant bird appeared from the surface of the lava with a Blazing Alligator that was a few times larger than the bird itself...

Chapter 303: Lin Huang Asking for Trouble

"Chirp!"

As the Fire Phoenix got out of the lava sea, it chirped in excitement. Flapping its wings as it flew to the bottom of the volcano, it noticed Lin Huang that was as small as an ant. It glared at him but after realizing that his aura was not threatening, it completely ignored him due to more important things it had in its mind. It landed less than 500 meters away from Lin Huang with the Blazing Alligator in its claws.

Lin Huang was speechless about being ignored. Although he was just an ant in Fire Phoenix's eyes, he was sure that it had noticed him as most of the bird-type monsters had extraordinary vision, including the Fire Phoenix. Perhaps it ignored him as he was not a threat to it. Lin Huang even smile awkwardly as he was eager to see the Fire Phoenix's reaction when it saw him and came up with different responses. However, he did not expect himself to be ignored.

Yi Yeyu who was hiding at the top of the volcano was relieved when she saw the Fire Phoenix. She could not help it but laugh when she saw that Lin Huang was being ignored by the Fire Phoenix. Li Lang who had his fists clenched tight was now relieved too. Lin Huang watched as the Fire Phoenix waited for to Blazing Alligator to turn red. He knew that the Fire Phoenix was not going to kill the Blazing Alligator, but was planning to absorb the fire energy in the Blazing Alligator's body instead.

As the Blazing Alligator was slowly turning red, Lin Huang knew that he could not wait any longer, he had to come up with something to catch the Fire Phoenix's attention or else they would have to wait again once it released the Blazing Alligator. He then took out his GoldEagle11 and transformed it into a cannon. Li Lang and Yi Yeyu saw what Lin Huang was doing. Yi Yeyu was speechless as she watched.

"Must he ask for trouble?" Li Lang puzzled. He could guess what would happen if Lin Huang was to open fire. As Lin Huang observed the Fire Phoenix, he was inserting Life Power into his cannon. As soon as he was almost done with inserting one wheel of Life Power into the gun, the Blazing Alligator that was captured in the Fire Phoenix's claws turned completely red.

"It's time!" As the Blazing Alligator turned red, a golden spark was shot out of the gun, heading towards the Fire Phoenix at a speed of light.

"Bang!" A loud thud exploded, the Fire Phoenix was shot as it was not aware. It did not expect the human of ant size would attack it. The Fire Phoenix flapped its wings by instinct as it was shot, it accidentally let go of the Blazing Alligator.

The Blazing Alligator turned around and dove into the lava sea that was not far away. Seeing that its prey escaped, the Fire Phoenix that was flying in the air became furious. Although the attack did not hurt it in any way, it challenged its pride. Moreover, the attack helped its prey escape. It wanted its revenge on Lin Huang now.

"Chirp!"

This time, the Fire Phoenix chirped furiously while glaring deadly at Lin Huang beneath it. Staring into its angry blue eyes, Lin Huang had no fear and was excited instead. He then aimed his cannon at the Fire Phoenix again. As it saw Lin Huang do that, it was triggered and opened its wings wide, flapping hard at Lin Huang.

Tens of thousands of red feathers came down like a thunderstorm. In the air, its red feathers seemed like they were lit up with fire, transforming into golden feathers with sparks that went at Lin Huang. It used an attack with a large area-of-effect and it was clear that the Fire Phoenix wanted Lin Huang to die without having the opportunity to escape. Lin Huang was drowned in the shower of golden feathers like meteors. The feathers exploded as they collided with every object that they touched and loud explosions were head at the bottom of the volcances with sparks and dust flying everywhere.

Yi Yeyu and Li Lang who were on top of the volcano became worried. They looked at the bottom of the volcano that was now covered in dust with concern on their faces. Lin Huang might be able to avoid if it was a one-on-one battle. However, such a rapid attack with an area-of-effect like this made it difficult for him to escape. The both of them did not expect the Fire Phoenix to hit them with such a powerful attack in the beginning. Although such an attack was much weaker compared to attacks it would use in a one-on-one battle, this Fire Phoenix was a white flame-level, double mutated phoenix-type monster. Among the monsters with same combat level, it was on the top of the food chain in terms of abilities. The area-of-effect attack it used was comparable to ultimate abilities of monsters at the same level.

The Fire Phoenix chose to use an attack like this as it wanted to prevent Lin Huang from escaping. It could sense that Lin Huang's aura was not powerful and figured that as long as he was hit, he would definitely die. However, Fire Phoenix did not leave after it launched the attack but waited patiently. It would not be satisfied if it did not see his dead body. It spent more than an hour trying to capture the Blazing Alligator but it ran away because of Lin Huang's interruption.

Yi Yeyu and Li Lang watched patiently for the dust to fade away as they wanted to know the result. However, they did not look too good as they figured the outcome might be negative. Under such pressure from the Fire Phoenix, Lin Huang could possibly die. Awhile later, the Fire Phoenix seemed to lose its patience. It flapped its wings to blow away the dust and as the dust was blown away, a black shadow appeared at the bottom of the volcanoes. As the dust continued to be blown away, it revealed an untouched Lin Huang.

"Such a terrifying attack. I thought I would've died. Luckily I have this defensive skill..." Lin Huang said while smirking as he looked at the Fire Phoenix above him. The way he looked at it looked like he was throwing it a challenge.

"Hey, show me everything you've got. I want to find out the limits of my abilities!"

Chapter 304: Lin Huang Versus The Fire Phoenix

The Fire Phoenix was a double mutated transcendent monster. It had encountered human before so it understood human language. It got even more furious when Lin Huang challenged it! Although it had no idea what was the black piece of cloth that he was using to defend its first attack, it was surprised that he managed to defend himself. However, that attack was not its most powerful attack. It did not think that the black shield could protect Lin Huang during its following attack.

Meanwhile, Lin Huang had never wanted to use *Dark Shield* to fight until the end. His objective of entering this dimensional ruin was to strengthen himself by going through the training. Although the Fire Phoenix was powerful, it was not as powerful to the extent that he would want to run away. On the contrary, it benefited him when the Fire Phoenix pressured and gave him the confidence that he would survive this battle. That was the reason why he challenged the Fire Phoenix.

Yi Yeyu and Li Lang who were on top of the volcano could not hear what Lin Huang was saying, or else their jaws would have dropped. However, they could sense that the Fire Phoenix was angry, or to be precise, it was furious as the both of them saw that the Fire Phoenix's beautiful nine colored tail was now completely red. It was a sign that it was going crazy from anger. Lin Huang knew that as well as he looked at the Fire Phoenix

As the Fire Phoenix's tail turned bloody red, it chirped loudly while shaking its tail. Nine flaming whips appeared, they were coming towards Lin Huang who was hundreds of meters away. The whips were fast, traveling at a speed that broke the sound barrier, causing explosions in the air. From the look of it, Lin Huang knew that he would not be able to defend it. If he was whipped by the whips even once, he would be badly injured if he even managed to survive the attack. He would lose his strength completely by then.

Without thinking twice, Lin Huang used *Seraphic Speed* as well as *Cloud Steps* as the whips were coming at him. He even used *Micro Territory* as his sensing circle together with *Boundless Vision*. Lin Huang looked like he was dancing on the tip of swords as he was surrounded by the nine whips. The whips did not stop attacking him even for a moment. However, he was not hit once, not even the corner of his clothes was touched.

The ground at the bottom of the volcanos was burnt black with marks made by the whips. Each of the marks were hundreds of meters long and couple of meters deep. Those were the traces left by the flaming whips. Fortunately, the ground around them was much thicker. If this happened in other areas

of the dimensional ruins, it would have collapsed from the very beginning. Yi Yeyu and Li Lang who were watching from the top were worried. They could only catch a glimpse of what was happening as the speed they were moving at was too intense. If they were the one being attacked by the whips, they would have been chopped into pieces within a second.

In fact, even though Lin Huang had *Boundless Vision*, he could only catch the shadows of the whips. He managed to avoid the whips by using the sensing ability from *Micro Territory*. It was upgraded from *Sensing Circle* and it retained the sensing ability. He could sense anything that was within a 100 meters radius and that was how he managed to move 100 meters away before the whips hit him. With the help of *Seraphic Speed*, he managed to avoid the hits easily.

Looking at him avoiding the whips easily, Yi Yeyu and Li Lang were shocked.

"How did he do that?!" Li Lang could not understand how could Lin Huang managed to do that when he had just leveled-up to gold-level rank-3.

"I don't get it too. His speed and response absolutely makes him look like he's on the standard of a holy fire-level transcendent. Also, I can't see the movement of the whips at all, I can only catch the shadows. It's obvious that he can see the attack trajectory of the whips clearly." Yi Yeyu thought it was unbelievable too.

"This must be the legendary genius..." Li Lang exclaimed.

"A regular genius isn't as powerful as this. My brother is close to being a genius but even then, he can only fight a regular white flame-level transcendent monster when he was a complete gold-level. Even a genius could only fight a mutated, white flame-level monster. However, this Fire Phoenix isn't merely a double mutated monster, it also ranked on top of the double mutated monsters. Moreover, Lin Huang is only a gold-level rank-3 now and is not even complete gold-level. Before he levels up to transcendent, he still has room to improve his abilities..." Yi Yeyu knew what a genius could do as she had seen Yi Zheng fought before. As hunters of the same level, Lin Huang's performance had already surpassed Yi Zheng.

In reality, Lin Huang was much weaker than the Fire Phoenix as a whole. However, he had many skills that he could use to defend against the Fire Phoenix at the moment and he was not fighting with his own ability. What Yi Yeyu and Li Lang were looking at was actually an illusion. If they were to actually fight head-on with their attack abilities, it would be different. What Lin Huang used in the beginning was a monster defense skill. He had been avoiding the Fire Phoenix's attack, while the Fire Phoenix was not hurt by his gunshots at all. If they were to fight with his current ability head-on, Lin Huang would lose in one hit.

However, Yi Yeyu and Li Lang who were watching from afar did not know that. Meanwhile, the battle between Lin Huang and the Fire Phoenix continued. Noticing that its tail attack was ineffective, the Fire Phoenix was shocked. It could be luck that Lin Huang avoided its *Meteor Fireplume* earlier, but now it was impossible that luck was helping him anymore. Within one minute, it had attacked Lin Huang for more than thousand times but none of them hit him.

"Terrifying ability and outstanding movement skills, it's just that his attack ability is weak. This human fella is good as a whole!" The Fire Phoenix thought to itself. However, its recognition did not mean it

would let him go. To monsters, the more powerful a human was, the more threatening they were to them. When Lin Huang, who was not even a holy fire-level could do this, it would be unimaginable when he became a transcendent one day. If the Fire Phoenix did not kill him right now, he would definitely come back for it in the future when he levels up to transcendent. The Fire Phoenix did not want that trouble for itself and the will to kill him reflected in its blue eyes got more intense!

Chapter 305: Overdone...

Nine fire whips streaked across the sky, creating enormous cracks that were a few hundred meters long all over the ground like a spider web.

The tail whip of the Fire Phoenix was so powerful that each of the attacks launched had enough force to even break metal, forming gaping gullies on the ground.

Such an attack could not even affect Lin Huang, let alone cause any injuries. Its tail whip attacks were rendered useless for the next few minutes. With a murderous aura, the Fire Phoenix let out a few roars. When it opened its mouth wide, there was a surge of red glow from its red beak.

Hundreds of meters away, Lin Huang could clearly sense the immense energy fluctuating within its beak.

Lin Huang was frightened as he had a good understanding of the Fire Phoenix. Of course, he knew what kind of attack he was going to encounter as soon as he saw that.

In the Fire Phoenix's beak, the ball of an energy had reached its peak. The tip of the flame spiraled into the shape of a corn, rotating towards Lin Huang like an electric drill.

It was the *Inferno Dragonspit Drill*, a skill which was considered as the most powerful single-target attack skill that the Fire Phoenix possessed. In addition to its tail whip that restricted Lin Huang's space where he hid, it was trying to kill Lin Huang with the combination of these skills!

Realizing that its tail whip could do no harm to Lin Huang, the Fire Phoenix resorted to using such a combo skill instead. It first restricted Lin Huang's space with its tail whip and was going to kill him in just one blow when Lin Huang had no more space to dodge.

Lin Huang had already noticed that the space around him was shrinking. He then saw that the Fire Phoenix was collecting energy to unleash the *Inferno Dragonspit Drill*, instantly understanding the Fire Phoenix's intention.

"Never underestimate double mutated monsters." Lin Huang frowned. He clearly knew that if it was not considered as a forbidden skill, it would be the most powerful skill possessed by the Fire Phoenix. He was not sure how long his *Dark Shield* could still defend him against such strength.

"What's the use of shrinking my space?!" Lin Huang grinned.

At the second when the *Inferno Dragonspit Drill* gushed out of its mouth, Lin Huang suddenly switched from *Cloud Steps* to *Thunder Steps*. He took a step forward with *Thunder Steps* as his *Seraphic Speed* reached its maximum state, unlocking the space locked in the nine tail whips.

Bang!

The next moment, a loud explosion was heard and the volcano instantly collapsed.

Not only did the *Infernal Dragonspit Drill* penetrate through the huge volcano, a huge gully measuring more than 10 kilometers was also formed on the ground, striking terror into the people witnessing this horrific scene.

On top of the volcano, Yi Yeyu and Li Lang were aghast because they both knew that if the attack hit them, there would be nothing left of them.

"Your damage is quite good but you're still slightly slower!" Lin Huang was standing at a place that was hundreds of kilometers away from the volcano, looking calm as he shouted at the Fire Phoenix.

" Do you want to shit !? 1"

The Fire Phoenix growled. It would not usually bother to speak the human language but it was instigated by Lin Huang. Although it spoke like a drunkard, it was not easy for it to do so.

"Hey, can you please straighten your tongue before you speak? You can't even distinguish between alveolar and retroflex consonants. Do you really need me to teach you!?" Irritation filled Lin Huang's face. "Repeat after me. She sells seashells by the sea shore. The shells she sells are surely seashells. So, if she sells shells on the seashore, I'm sure she sells seashore shells.²"

" Go shit! 3 "

The Fire Phoenix's temper had gone past its limit. It opened its big mouth again and flames gushed crazily out.

Enveloping the air, the red flames seemed to have been intensified with a layer of oil as it burned more intensely. In just a short while, the flames poured down the sky, shrouding the region that was halfway down the hill in flames.

Boundless Flame was a type of ranged attack. Compared to the *Meteor Fireplume*that it had used earlier, the former could cover a larger area and Lin Huang would have no space to escape at all.

"There's nothing else that I can do but fight!" Of course, Lin Huang knew the characteristic of the Fire Phoenix's skill. Again, he activated his *Dark Shield*helplessly, which turned into a ball, so it could envelop Lin Huang securely.

The entire area seemed to be wrapped in flames right after Lin Huang had activated *Dark Shield*. However, the intense red flames were isolated by Lin Huang's *Dark Shield* and had no way of entering. Not even the heat produced by the flame could penetrate through the *Dark Shield*.

The exterior of the *Dark Shield* was a dark curtain that looked like an isolation layer. Nobody could see what was happening within the *Dark Shield*. However, Lin Huang could look through the shield as if it was completely transparent and as smooth as glass.

Looking at the ocean of flames outside which was separated from him by an impenetrable layer of "glass", Lin Huang was relieved.

He had no idea to what extent could the *Dark Shield's* defense achieve. Even the skill description mentioned that as long as the strength of the opponent's attack was not more than 10 times of the

user's, the shield would not break. In fact, it was just a rough estimation and there was no exact standard to follow.

If Lin Huang were to extract all his Life Power contained in five of his Life Wheels to unleash Worldly Purification, the power it could potentially release would be terrifying as it could kill most of the white flame-level monsters in the world in split seconds. To think of having an attack strength that was 10 times stronger than that was bone-chilling.

However, Lin Huang was not going to test the limitations of his defense power in front of his enemy because it was irrational to do so. Therefore, he had been avoiding the Fire Phoenix's initial attack. Only after it launched its ranged attack did Lin Huang then dare to defend himself with the *Dark Shield*.

Since the ocean of red flames had been separated from the isolation shield, Lin Huang felt relatively safe. When he raised his head, he saw that the Fire Phoenix was getting in position for its next skill. His pupils immediately dilated and his face turned grave.

In mid-air, after pouring out flames from its mouth for the last time, its blue eyes flashed with a trace of fury.

A golden beam of light emerged from the Fire Phoenix's head, floating in front of its body. It resembled a small golden spark and it was shrouded in an invisible energy.

"Ah, a forbidden skill – *Flare* ..." Lin Huang swallowed a mouthful of saliva in anxiety. He clearly knew what the Fire skill was about.

The golden flame was the Fire Phoenix's natal flame – the Fire Spark .

Under normal circumstances, the Fire Phoenix would need to spend more than hundreds of years to produce a *Fire Spark*. Therefore, it was very unlikely that it would use this skill.

The *Fire Spark* would normally stay in the Fire Phoenix's belly and most of the time, each of the *Fire Spark* was only half unlocked. Once the spark was released out of its body, it would quickly absorb the surrounding heat energy when it was unsealed, creating an extremely large explosive fireball. The greater the amount of heat absorbed, the higher the energy content of the fireball.

If adequate energy was absorbed, a *Fire Spark* that expanded to its maximum power could destroy an area that was more than 10,000 square kilometers, making it on par with Earth's atomic bomb.

"I've overdone it..." Lin Huang's back was drenched in sweat as he confirmed that his Dark Shield would definitely not be able to defend against such an attack.

Chapter 306: Bloody Robe's Ambition

Very few of the double mutated monsters would possess a forbidden skill. Such a skill was different from the rest as it would normally have rather harsh conditions of using it and many of them even left side effects on the users.

The Fire Phoenix's fire skill could only be used once after having accumulated flame energy for more than a hundred years. Despite the fact that it had immense power, it was somehow restricted from using it simply by environmental factors.

This was because the forbidden skill relied on the absorption of external heat energy to generate its power. It would become more powerful in places with an adequate supply of heat energy. On the contrary, in regions with extremely low temperatures, the attack would do nothing to its opponent as the effect would be even worse than an ordinary skill.

However, there was an ocean of lava and hundreds of volcanoes around where Fire Phoenix was releasing its Fire. The heat energy was sufficient to activate its *Fire Spark* to its maximum state. Such an attack could cover up to an area of more than 10,000 square kilometers.

Other than Lin Huang, Yi Yeyu and Li Lang who were both on top of the volcano, others would definitely not be able to escape.

Although Li Lang had never actually read the monster guide, he knew the impact that the Fire Phoenix's forbidden skill could cause. Of course, Yi Yeyu knew everything about it since the Fire Phoenix was her target and she had done the relevant research earlier.

Seeing that Fire Spark was being released, both of their minds went blank instantaneously.

"The forbidden *Fire Spark* skill...How could this happen? According to the records, the Fire Phoenix will not simply use its forbidden skill..." Yi Yeyu was stunned.

"The distance is too short. It's impossible to escape. Right after the spark is unsealed, it'll expand to its maximum state in less than 10 seconds. Then, the entire region around it stretching out to more than 10,000 square kilometers will be flattened," sighed Li Lang as he shook his head helplessly, "I've never expected to die here..."

Right at that moment, although Lin Huang was surrounded by flames, he could still observe the Fire Phoenix's movement mid-air through his *Dark Shield*.

The golden beam of light that was as small as a firefly seemed to be insignificant. However, Lin Huang's facial expression changed the moment he saw it.

"I said it too soon." He was stunned for a short while before he contacted the Sanguine Skeletal Spirit in his mind.

"I don't care if it'll discover this or not. Let's take action now!"Lin Huang instructed without any hesitation. Initially, he wanted the Sanguine Skeletal Spirit to only attack when the Fire Phoenix was not aware of it. However, the situation did not allow them to wait any longer.

The Fire Phoenix extended its claws into the air and grasped the *Fire Spark*, tearing apart the layer of a seal to release it.

At that very moment, countless *Punishment Chains* emerged from the lava and tore across the sky towards the Fire Phoenix.

The *Punishment Chains* reached its maximum speed as it arrived behind the Fire Phoenix in just an instant.

However, the Fire Phoenix seemed to have sensed that something was wrong. It immediately fluttered its wings and instantly rocketed hundreds of meters higher so that it could avoid getting ambushed by the *Punishment Chains*.

"Dammit!" Lin Huang's heart immediately sank.

On top of the volcano, Yi Yeyu and Li Lang thought that there was hope the moment when they saw the appearance of Punishment Chains. However, the Fire Phoenix successfully dodged the attack and their smiles instantly turned stiff.

"We're finished, we're doomed!" Li Lang wrung his hands as he dared not look at the outcome of the battle anymore.

All of a sudden, a chain appeared without any signs and the *Fire Spark* got entangled in it, drawing it into the pool of lava at lightning fast speed.

It was so sudden that even the Fire Phoenix could not respond, just able to watch its *Fire Spark* being snatched away.

"Hehehehe..." As maniacal laughter was heard, the Sanguine Skeletal Spirit gradually emerged from the lava with the half sealed golden spark in his big palm.

"Stupid bird, thank you for the gift!" The Sanguine Skeletal Spirit was being mean as he teased the Fire Phoenix mercilessly.

"Go f*ck yourself!" The Fire Phoenix yelled, fluttering its wings as it gave up fighting Lin Huang and pounced on the Sanguine Skeletal Spirit.

"Hehe, it's too late to snatch it from me now," said the Sanguine Skeletal Spirit with a vague smile. It inserted the half-sealed spark into his blue eyes without hesitation.

The very next moment, a notification from Xiao Hei came in.

"Congratulations, Epic Monster Card – Sanguine Skeletal Spirit has obtained a new skill – Flare"

Lin Huang was stunned as he heard that. He had never expected the Sanguine Skeletal Spirit to seize its skill this way and in such an instance.

"I thought that only a monster of the same type can seize another monster's skill?" Lin Huang mumbled in a low voice curiously.

"Not necessarily. If the skill is powerful enough, it can be seized by a monster of the same element too." Soon, Bloody's comment came into Lin Huang's mind, reminding him that he had not recalled Bloody yet.

Seeing that the Fire Phoenix and the Sanguine Skeletal Spirit had collided with each other, Lin Huang started having a headache. "Although Bloody Robe has snatched away its Fire Spark and resolved the situation, I've completely lost the chance to seal the Fire Phoenix with the Punishment Chains, so Yi Yeyu cannot kill it as planned..." he thought to himself.

"If there's no chance, we can create the opportunity. The Sanguine Skeletal Spirit will be unable to defeat Fire Phoenix but you can still call on the Nephilic Judge to control and seal it," Bloody suggested.

"That's the only choice we have. It should be fine for it to leave Tyrant's side for a short while..." Lin Huang knew that among all his monster cards, only the Sanguine Skeletal Spirit and Kylie the Nephilic Judge were on white flame-level. They were capable of fighting in the air and with their abilities, they could fight the Fire Phoenix for a short period of time. In comparison, the combat strength of the other monsters was slightly weaker and most of them could not fly. They would only be dominated by the Fire Phoenix if they were to fight it, slowing Kylie and Bloody Robe down instead.

Since Lin Huang could not fly or launch distance attacks on the Fire Phoenix at all and the effect from his ranged attacks would be limited, even if he joined the fight, he could only distract the Fire Phoenix and do nothing else.

"It seems like I've to learn a skill for ranged attack or get a monster skill for it. Otherwise, I'll have to get a firearm relic and complement it with a gunfighting secret skill." Lin Huang thought determinedly.

Seeing that the flames outside the *Dark Shield* had subsided, Lin Huang recalled Kylie the Nephilic Judge back into her card form without hesitation and soon, she was summoned again.

Kylie had shrunk in her silver armor, stunning Yi Yeyu and Li Lang, who could only recognize her after a few seconds.

Lin Huang's *Dark Shield* had disappeared and he gave Kylie a new instruction, "Kylie, please help Bloody Robe to control the Fire Phoenix and complete the punishment seal on the Fire Phoenix."

Kylie took a glance at Lin Huang. Without saying anything, she flapped her wings and disappeared...

Chapter 307: Purplish-Gold Lightning

As soon as Kylie the Nephilic Judge entered, the battle became more intense.

Three of the double mutated white flame-level monsters clashed with each other, causing the clouds in the air to disappear. The remaining energy caused the ground to tremble a little.

The intense collision resulted in a strong wind pressure that resembled ripples on the water surface, spreading far and wide. The crushed rocks on the ground sprayed everywhere like bullets and waves even appeared on the ocean of lava that was initially calm.

Seeing the three monsters battling each other in the sky, Lin Huang exclaimed, "A Transcendent is indeed like nothing else. Even if it's just at holy fire-level, its power for destruction can never be achieved by a normal human!"

Before becoming a Transcendent, Life Power could not be detached from one's body. Aside from some monsters with special skills that allowed their Life Power to be separated from their body, most of the monsters were just like humans and they chose to use mainly short-range attacks as their main battle strategy.

However, once they were upgraded to holy fire-level, the quality of their Life Power changed. Their Life Power could be detached from their body and this made the difference between the monster's fighting style and that of humans' whereby the damage caused would be increased as well.

The same thing had happened to Lin Huang now as he could not join the fight among the three Transcendent monsters at all. One of the reasons he could not do so was because he could not fly and the other reason was that his Life Power could not be separated from his body.

Despite the fact that his speed and defense strength was on par with the three Transcendent monsters, even for his close-range combat, he still could not approach them. The Fire Phoenix's reflexes could easily keep Lin Huang away.

"Under such circumstances, I can't even go close to them..." The battle in the air was so intense and Lin Huang panicked.

The sky got darker and the monsters in the ruins became more active. Although many of the monsters around them were terrified by the battle between the three Transcendents, the energy fluctuation caused by the battle might trigger monsters that were even more powerful to hunt them as prey.

"Don't delay anymore. Quickly end the battle!" Lin Huang knew that it would get them into greater trouble if the battle was dragged out for too long.

As soon as he contacted Kylie with his mind, she suddenly exited the battle.

Along the purple long spear, a golden beam of light flowed continuously and a golden *Thunder Sphere* was quickly formed. The *Thunder Sphere* took only a few seconds to expand to the size of a human fist.

Kylie then picked up the *Thunder Sphere* with the tip of her spear and it blasted off into the sky. In just a short moment, it penetrated through the atmosphere and exploded, turning into a dazzling, golden laser beam.

Soon, a loud explosive noise was heard and dark clouds were instantly formed in the air. Within the dark clouds, beams of golden electric arcs were flickering wildly.

Not only did Kylie activate her *Lightning Control*, purple electric current flowed through Lin Huang's body as well as he stared at the cloud layers.

After a short while, beams of purple electric arcs appeared out of nowhere, enhancing the beauty of the golden electric arcs. The cloud layers were a mishmashed painting of different shades of gold and purple, making it look very mysterious.

On top of the volcano, Yi Yeyu and Li Lang raised their heads and gazed at the sky. The sky was dark and the purple golden luster appeared to be rather appealing.

"The golden lightning appears only on the human-like monster's body. Where does the purple lightning on the cloud layer come from?" Li Lang felt curious.

"Look at Lin Huang..." Yi Yeyu mumbled. Li Lang then noticed that there were faint purple electric arcs flickering on Lin Huang's body.

"Is that a type of skill to control the elements?! The little brat sure picked up a lot of things!" Li Lang was astonished.

Yi Yeyu remained silent, fixing her gaze on Lin Huang as she fell into deep thought.

Lin Huang had just thought about overlaying both Thunder Control skills. By doing so, there would be a substantial increase in the frequency and density of lightning strikes, hence distracting the Fire Phoenix's line of sight.

The dark clouds had enveloped an area of more than 10 kilometers in the sky.

Of course, the Fire Phoenix noticed that. However, it did not bother as the lightning element could not restrain it. If it turned out to be an ice element attack, the Fire Phoenix might be afraid of it but there was not much difference between the lightning strikes and normal Life Power attacks. At most, it would numb the Fire Phoenix.

However, on top of the dark cloud layer, lightning did not strike even after a long while. Lin Huang was shocked. He then activated *Boundless Vision* and gazed into the sky.

He then noticed that on the cloud layer, Kylie's golden lightning and his purple lightning were intertwined together and strangely, they started to merge, forming into a purplish-gold color that differed from the two previous colors.

"How can such a mutation happen? Did they merge because they are skills of the same type?" Lin Huang could not find a better explanation for that incident. His *Lightning Control* was extracted from Kylie's skills. However, such a mutation was out of his expectation.

As soon as the merging of the first beam of lightning had succeeded, the rest of them seemed to be infected as other purple and golden lightning branches started merging with each other rapidly.

In just a short while, the purplish-gold radiance had completely disappeared and it was replaced with purplish-gold lightning throbbing vigorously between the cloud layers.

On top of the volcano, Yi Yeyu and Li Lang noticed the changes too. However, only the Fire Phoenix remained oblivious.

Kylie the Nephilic Judge immediately exited the battle. The Fire Phoenix did not chase after her, focusing on killing the Sanguine Skeletal Spirit instead as it wanted to get back its Fire Spark.

As a fire element monster, the Fire Phoenix's attack had a limited effect on the Sanguine Skeletal Spirit. Therefore, it had chosen to engage it in close combat.

During the battle, the Sanguine Skeletal Spirit had powerful defenses in addition to the appearance of its *Punishment Chain* from time to time. Although it seemed like it could not fight back at all, it would not be easily defeated in a short period of time.

Purplish-gold lightning had formed in the sky, revealing its ferocious nature. At that moment, the sky was getting darker. On the cloud layer, a beam of purplish-gold lightning penetrated through the sky and attacked the Fire Phoenix at a terrifying speed.

At almost the same time when the beam of lightning appeared, the Fire Phoenix seemed to have sensed that danger was coming from atop. Before it could dodge the attack, the beam of lightning had already struck its back.

A screech and the rumbling of thunder were heard simultaneously. Right after the attack hit the Fire Phoenix, its body sank and a black burn mark appeared on its back.

Although it was not severely injured, pain that it had never felt before seared through its body. The Fire Phoenix immediately flapped its wings and escaped from the battle with the Sanguine Skeletal Spirit, staring at the sky in fear...

Between the cloud layers, the second beam of purplish-gold lightning was formed, indicating the arrival of a terrifying power.

The Fire Phoenix immediately flapped its wings vigorously to dodge the attack. Although the first attack did not cause any internal injuries, it obviously had broken through the Fire Phoenix's feather defense. It was in so much pain and felt numb at the same time. It definitely did not want to be struck by the lightning again.

The second beam of lightning missed the Fire Phoenix as it dodged it. However, there was the third, fourth and fifth beam that rained down crazily like a thunderstorm...

Chapter 308: Fire vs Lightning

Purplish-gold lightning that resembled a freak thunderstorm rained down from the sky. The Fire Phoenix who would not usually care about thunder element attacks immediately flapped its wings to dodge the attacks as it dared not fight it after being struck for the first time.

The Fire Phoenix seemed to have teleported to the best of its ability. Each time it flapped its wings, it would immediately disappear, avoiding the lightning attacks. Although it seemed like it was using *Flicker*, it was actually because the Fire Phoenix's teleportation ability had reached the maximum level.

Its wings continued to flap and Fire Phoenix was constantly changing its position in the air to avoid the purplish-gold lightning attacks.

Right after it had successfully dodged the attack, a huge black pit with a diameter of a few meters was formed on the volcanic rock.

Aside from that, the purplish-gold lightning caused the volcanic rock's internal structure to melt due to the sudden release of energy with such high temperature. There were countless unique marks made by the lightning imprinted on the pit and the surrounding ground.

The rock with patterns formed by high temperature lightning was known as Thunderstrike Rock in this world. It was rare and was the ultimate collector's item for rich men. It was said that only three of the collectors in Division7 owned such an item.

Of course, Lin Huang did not know much about that but Yi Yeyu and Li Lang felt avaricious just looking at them.

"There are so many Thunderstrike Rocks here. If we can take any of them and sell them at art auctions, we can definitely fetch a good price. We're going to be rich!" Li Lang's saliva practically dripped from his mouth.

"Get one for our great-grandfather. He'll definitely like it..." Yi Yeyu mumbled, stroking her chin.

Both of them seemed to have forgotten their situation as they stared at the Thunderstrike Rocks and their mind went blank.

Although the battle was still as intense, the Fire Phoenix did not stop dodging but it had no more energy to attack.

Despite possessing the transcendent teleportation ability that gave it terrifying speed, it still could not dodge the lightning attack perfectly. It would occasionally get hit by the purplish-gold lightning. Each time the attack struck it, it would experience intense pain followed by numbness. The area where it was attacked would turn charcoal black. Even if it had strong recovery abilities, it could hardly recover in such a short period of time.

After being attacked several times, the thought of retreating arose in the Fire Phoenix. Trapped in an area that was shrouded in dark clouds, it was now in the worst possible situation. It wanted to get out of the dark clouds and wait for them to disperse.

Flapping its wings, it then fled towards the ocean of lava.

Right at that moment, flaming chains streaked across the sky, turning into a huge net and blocking its way.

Knowing that it was the *Punishment Chains*, the Fire Phoenix did not dare touch it at all. It quickly turned back and flew in another direction. Again, the *Punishment Chains* appeared abruptly to block its way.

The attack speed of the *Punishment Chains* was actually on par with the Fire Phoenix's speed of flying. The reason why it could not be captured was because the *Punishment Chains* were unable to estimate its direction and dodging angle so quickly

However, knowing that the Fire Phoenix intended to flee, it would be easier to capture it with the chains as long the direction it was headed in was identified.

"Hehehe... The rare Fire Phoenix chooses to escape battle? How humiliating!" The Sanguine Skeletal Spirit mocked, "If you're willing to give me the phoenix blood, I'll let you go..."

"This fella..." Lin Huang was speechless as he heard that. The Sanguine Skeletal Spirit's attitude was just as bad as it was before it was killed, having the guts to declare that it would let the Fire Phoenix go in front of Lin Huang. However, Lin Huang knew that despite having such an attitude, it would have no way of disobeying Lin Huang's order as it was restricted by the rules of the monster card.

Unexpectedly, the Fire Phoenix was not angry. It ignored the Sanguine Skeletal Spirit's provocation. Meanwhile, it dodged the lightning attacks as it thought of ways to solve the problem.

All of a sudden, it glanced at Kylie who was standing outside the battle. Kylie's body was flickering in a golden electric glow, her eyes flashing with a trace of fury.

"You're the one who did that. Since I can't get out of this area, I might as well kill you first! Once you're dead, the lightning will probably disappear!"

As the thought ran through its mind, the Fire Phoenix immediately pounced on Kylie.

Seeing the Fire Phoenix pouncing on her, even to the extent of ignoring the lightning attacks, Kylie picked up her spear and was ready for the fight without an ounce of fear.

The purple long spear in its hand clashed with the Fire Phoenix's claws again.

Despite having a huge difference in body size, the collision only proved that the both of them were equally powerful.

Apparently, the Fire Phoenix had chosen the wrong opponent for close combat. In terms of combat abilities, Kylie the Nephilic Judge was way stronger than the Sanguine Skeletal Spirit. She had even controlled the Grimace Clown that had wicked intentions previously. The Fire Phoenix was enormous in size and looked intimidating. As a matter of fact, it was a monster that was skilled in ranged elemental attack with average close combat abilities. Using its own weakness to fight Kylie's strength, of course, it would not get its desired result.

However, the Fire Phoenix noticed its mistake right after the attack. Nine of its tail feathers vibrated slightly and soon, nine flaming tail whips appeared in the air out of nowhere and attacked Kylie.

Kylie was white flame-level. Once her *Seraphic Speed* was activated, she would be several times faster than Lin Huang's while his *Thunder Steps* and *Seraphic Speed* ability was activated. Transforming into shadows in the sky, she could easily dodge the tail whips. She grabbed her purple spear and counterattacked.

Although Lin Huang who was standing on the ground could not join the battle, he was the one who controlled the lightning that streaked across the sky together with Kylie as she fought.

Kylie was engaged in a fight, so she could no longer control the lightning. Of course, Lin Huang would not let go of such a good opportunity to attack the Fire Phoenix. He controlled the descent of the purplish-gold lightning bolts and attacked the Fire Phoenix.

Encountering Kylie's counterattack, the Fire Phoenix was in dire straits as it was hit several times by the lightning bolts. The intense pain and numbness that followed affected its movements.

Kylie took the opportunity while the Fire Phoenix was not paying attention to her. She unleashed her *Judgement Spear* at full force, tearing its neck apart.

Its scorching blood resembled flames as it dripped out of its wounds. It was the first time the Fire Phoenix felt an injury.

Kylie launched consecutive attacks, turning her spear into beams of light and shooting them at the Fire Phoenix.

The Sanguine Skeletal Spirit took a chance to launch another onslaught as well, blocking the Fire Phoenix's way to retreat with its chains.

At that moment, the Fire Phoenix's feathers started burning and in just an instant, it completely turned into a colossal flaming bird.

Kylie's spear directly penetrated through the flame.

" Elemental Transformation !"

Lin Huang frowned. After going through *Elemental Transformation*, the Fire Phoenix's body would no longer exhibit its usual characteristics. The effect of physical attacks would be rendered useless. Despite Kylie's spear penetrating through its body, the physical impact of the attack would no longer work. If she were to attack it with Life Power, the effect on it would be limited as well. Furthermore, the purplish-gold lightning that appeared in the sky could only remove part of the flames within its body and would not cause a significant impact on its body any further.

"The Fire Phoenix is forced to go through an *Elemental Transformation*. It's difficult to keep it with us now..." Yi Yeyu was slightly disappointed as she stared at them, feeling disdain as she would not be able to hunt down the Fire Phoenix.

Just then, golden beams of light were released from Kylie's body. In an instant, she turned into a golden human-like bolt of lightning. She had gone through *Elemental Transformation* as well...

Chapter 309: Completing A Capture!

Golden lightning and red flames clashed with each other continuously in the sky.

Each impact caused a serious stir in the surrounding space. It seemed like the area where the both of them collided with each other became distorted.

The intense collision created wind pressure that resembled ripples, spreading everywhere. A growl that was even louder than the rumbling of thunder was heard, causing Yi Yeyu and Li Lang on top of the volcano to cover their ears as well.

After it had gone through the *Elemental Transformation*, the Fire Phoenix's speed had increased. The probability of it getting hit by lightning was reduced drastically and even the Sanguine Skeletal Spirit's *Punishment Chain* could not catch up with its speed anymore.

At the foot of the volcano, Lin Huang frowned.

"If this continues, the concentration of the Fire Phoenix's Life Power will stretch beyond Kylie's Life Power. With such an impact, we won't know who will win the fight in a short period of time. However, after a prolonged period of collision, Kylie will collapse..." Lin Huang noticed the problem after the both of them had clashed with each other several times. "Since lightning can no longer affect it, it's time to switch to wide-area attack. Kylie's one of those who can unleash the skill. Therefore, the lightning won't be affected."

Lin Huang immediately planned what to do. He then raised his head, staring at the sky.

The sky was overcast with dark clouds. The purplish-gold lightning did not stop dancing between the cloud layers and fury flashed within Lin Huang's eyes.

A few moments later, the lightning started to break away from the clouds.

"Get down!" Lin Huang said in a low voice and lightning began to descend from the sky, resembling a waterfall.

The Fire Phoenix was no longer the target of the lightning bolts. It hit the ground everywhere as if it was raining heavily, attacking the area shrouded in dark clouds.

Fortunately, Yi Yeyu and Li Lang were hundreds of meters away from the region covered by dark clouds, so they were safe from the attack.

Lin Huang was not the one controlling it. When he had intentionally stacked the charges between the cloud layers, it had exceeded the load limit of the cloud layer which inevitably caused the lightning to completely break away.

In an instant, thousands of lightning bolts struck the ground at almost the same time, enveloping the entire region at the foot of the volcano.

Not only was the Fire Phoenix covered by the purplish-gold lightning, Kylie and Lin Huang were within the range of attack as well. However, since the both of them were the ones who triggered the lightning, they were not attacked by the lightning rods. However, the Sanguine Skeletal Spirit was not so lucky as it could only block the lightning bolts by controlling the lava to form a defensive layer on top of its head. By doing so, it had drawn all the lightning into the ocean of lava and successfully avoided the attack.

There was a significant increase in the speed and density of the lightning attack as the Fire Phoenix got attacked again and again.

Although the lightning did not have a significant effect on the Fire Phoenix's body, it was somehow depleting it of its elemental flame. Moreover, as there was a great amount of lightning energy associated with the lightning strikes, each attack consumed a large amount of the Fire Phoenix's energy. The energy consumed with each attack it took was comparable to when it collided with Kylie.

On the other hand, Kylie was not affected. She did not suffer any attacks from the lightning as it was her own skill. However, she took the initiative to absorb the surrounding lightning bolts, causing her aura to grow even stronger.

Then, the situation got warped. Kylie's attack that was initially being suppressed now grew stronger and she seemed to have gone insane as if she had no more fear or inhibition. On the other hand, the Fire Phoenix began to worry that its energy would be depleted and the period of *Elemental Transformation* would be shortened. It then switched from being on offense to being on defense. Knowing that such a high-frequency lightning attack would not work for a long period of time, it was getting ready to counterattack right after the lightning strikes stopped. In just an instant, it was obvious that Fire Phoenix was completely pinned down by Kylie.

Since the attack made no difference, in order to avoid greater consumption of energy, the Fire Phoenix had decided to use a small portion of its energy to dodge the lightning attack.

Looking at the Sanguine Skeletal Spirit's little trick in mid-air, Lin Huang grinned.

After Kylie had gone through the *Elemental Transformation*, she had grown larger. In addition to absorbing the lightning bolts earlier, her body had expanded as well. In this state of *Elemental Transformation*, her height reached about 10 meters tall.

When the Fire Phoenix did not pay attention to her, she hid a few *Punishment Chains* behind her back. Before the Sanguine Skeletal Spirit activated its*Punishment* skill, the *Punishment Chains* were only ordinary chains and would not affect Kylie.

The Fire Phoenix was caught unprepared and a bolt of lightning struck it again. The next moment, Kylie took the opportunity and approached it.

Two beams of golden light and red light crashed into each other again. However, just then, red glows emerged from behind the golden beam of light at a terrifying speed, heading towards the Fire Phoenix.

Taking a nervous glance at it, the Fire Phoenix immediately retreated as it did not want to be locked down by the *Punishment Chains*.

The speed of the Fire Phoenix's retreat was alarmingly fast and it managed to get rid of the flaming chains in an instant. However, all of a sudden, it felt that its tail had sunk. As it turned back, it realized that its tail was entangled by a flaming chain that had appeared out of nowhere.

It attempted to escape. However, it noticed that its Life Power was depleting quickly. Right at that moment, it was locked by eight additional chains. Despite the fact that it had gone through an *Elemental Transformation*, its body instantly returned to its original state.

Nine of the chains quickly extended over the Fire Phoenix's body, locking its wings, claws and even its beak.

The Fire Phoenix's huge body immediately fell to the ground as it still struggled to break free of the chains.

It all happened very suddenly. Yi Yeyu was stunned for a moment, then she summoned a flying mount and rushed over.

In just a few moments, she appeared in the sky above the Fire Phoenix, summoning a long green saber.

"Quickly get it done. If it gets rid of the chains, it'll be difficult to capture it again," Lin Huang urged.

"Alright!" Yi Yeyu immediately gathered her Life Power to unleash the strongest saber skill she had without a moment of hesitation.

"Hmph, weak human ants. Even if my Life Power is sealed, you'll not be able to break through it!" The Fire Phoenix took a glance at Yi Yeyu and its voice boomed without even using its mouth. "Right after I break the chains, I'll immediately activate another Fire Spark and kill you all!"

"Aren't you afraid that your Fire Spark will be snatched away again?" Lin Huang grinned as he teased him.

The blade of Yi Yeyu's green, long saber relic was rapidly enveloped by the red Life Power.

The moment when the Fire Phoenix that was originally fearless saw the long saber's blade, its pupils dilated. With just one look, it could sense that the saber was dangerous. The extent of danger it was facing was way beyond all the opponents it had ever encountered. It then began to struggle.

"Damn, what's the red Life Power for?!" Fear bubbled in the Fire Phoenix's heart. It did not know what the red Life Power was. However, it could sense that it would definitely die if it was struck by it.

Cracking sounds from the *Punishment Chains* were suddenly heard. The Fire Phoenix struggled, getting rid of the *Punishment Chains* with its wings. It quickly flailed its wings as it wanted to flee. However, the Fire Phoenix's body was captured by the remaining chains.

Flapping its wings hard, the Punishment Chains instantly broke into pieces.

"Act now!" Lin Huang yelled.

Yi Yeyu's Rainbow Sparrow seemed to be frightened by the Fire Phoenix's power and dared not move forward...

At that moment, a silver beam streaked across the sky and grabbed Yi Yeyu before pouncing on the Fire Phoenix that was struggling to break the last chain...

Chapter 310: Hunting For The Tinder

Despite having its Life Power sealed, the Fire Phoenix was still powerful. The moment it noticed the impending danger, it unleashed an immense amount of strength, struggling to break free of the Punishment Chains to flee.

Unfortunately, the Fire Phoenix did not manage to get rid of all the *Punishment Chains*. While it flapped its wings desperately to escape, it still got entangled by the *Punishment Chains* and its escape route was blocked. Its movements turned sluggish in mid-air.

"Damn it, please break!"

Since it was being blocked, the Fire Phoenix then began flailing its wings faster. The remaining *Punishment Chains* began to break...

Just before the last *Punishment Chain* broke and the Fire Phoenix was about to flee, Kylie, who had transformed back to her real body, attacked. She grabbed Yi Yeyu's collar, transforming into a silver blur and quickly pounced towards the Fire Phoenix that was lingering in the air!

Looking at Yi Yeyu's red long saber that was about to attack it, the Fire Phoenix was filled with intense fear. It had never worked its wings at such a rate before in its entire life.

A cracking sound was heard. It had finally broken the last *Punishment Chain*. The moment when Lin Huang and the rest of them heard the crack of the chain, everyone's hearts sank.

As soon as it managed to break the chain, the Fire Phoenix immediately flew up high into the sky...

Yi Yeyu ground her teeth and demanded, "Send me there!"

Immediately, an immense power came up behind her. Yi Yeyu's slender body accelerated in a blink of an eye as she headed towards the Fire Phoenix that was flying in mid-air...

The Fire Phoenix could feel its Life Power being quickly unsealed. The immense strength it used to have had returned and it felt slightly relieved. Before it left, it sneered at the people watching from below. However, it then saw a terrifying scene — the woman, who was armed with a saber, had sped up, dashing towards it...

The Fire Phoenix was unable to dodge her at all. Yi Yeyu's long green saber that was covered with bloody Life Power broke through its feather defense with ease. The blade completely punctured its stomach and only the handle of the saber could be seen outside.

"Jeez... I wonder what monster's soul Xue Luo inserted into Yi Yeyu's body. It can control fire element monsters to such an extent..."

Lin Huang clearly knew how powerful the Fire Phoenix's defense was. Seeing Yi Yeyu's long saber completely brushing off the Fire Phoenix's defense and penetrating through its body, he knew that it was the effect of her unique physique. He had expected this outcome the moment he saw the Fire Phoenix's strange reaction. The consequences of the attack on the Fire Phoenix had proven his prediction right.

Even Kylie was shocked to see this. The Sanguine Skeletal Spirit then looked at Yi Yeyu with trepidation.

Mid-air, the Fire Phoenix felt severe pain burning its wound. Soon, a peculiar energy invaded its body through the wound and it had no idea what type of energy it was as it started engulfing the flame energy from its body. In just a blink of an eye, the Fire Phoenix felt that the fire flame in its body had been extinguished together with the remaining *Fire Spark* ...

After it had lost its flame energy, its body started to sink. It did not even have the energy to move its wings and soon, its huge body plummeted to the ground. Kylie dodged and carried Yi Yeyu in her arms.

Boom!

The Fire Phoenix instantly fell to the ground and a cloud of smoke billowed up into the air from the foot of the volcano.

Even Lin Huang could sense it from afar that it was about to die. He noticed that Yi Yeyu did not strike its weak point though.

Kylie then carried Yi Yeyu and soon, they reached the ground. Her face blushed when she got out of Kylie's arms.

"Stay focused. Get ready to extract its tinder, it's collapsing really soon!" Lin Huang's voice was heard as he came up behind Yi Yeyu.

To avoid any unnecessary distractions, Lin Huang had recalled Kylie and the Sanguine Skeletal Spirit. He then retreated hundreds of meters away. As a matter of fact, according to the rule of Life Fire tinder extraction, as long as there were no Transcendent humans around her, the extraction process would not be affected. Lin Huang wanted to play safe, hence he stayed away.

Since everything had now been decided, Li Lang rode on the Ashenquill Eagle and descended beside Lin Huang.

The huge Fire Phoenix gradually collapsed onto the ground and soon died.

Yi Yeyu, who was staring at the Fire Phoenix, immediately moved forward, pressing against its huge carcass as her red-colored Life Power penetrated through the Fire Phoenix's body like silk threads.

Inside the Fire Phoenix's body, the white Life Fire that was about to fade out turned into a white peanutsized tinder. The tinder that was going to die out soon sensed the guidance of the red Life Power as if there was a chance for it to reignite and it attempted to absorb the red Life Power. As soon as the red Life Power was being absorbed, the tinder lit up. Apparently, it had sensed something delicious, engorging on the energy like a starving animal all the way...

Hunting the tinder was just like fishing; you had to use your own Life Power as bait to lead the tinder to enter your body.

Therefore, the first criteria to successfully extract a tinder was to make sure that the tinder would be partial to one's Life Power. If it was not the type of Life Power that the tinder preferred, the tinder would not be lured out. It would hide deep inside the monster carcass and disappear within an hour right after the monster had died.

Of course, the prerequisite was that the tinder hunter must be the one who killed the monster. Otherwise, even if one could get to the monster carcass before the tinder disappeared, the tinder would automatically collapse the moment that Life Power was inserted into the monster carcass and there would be no way of extracting it. Nobody knew where such a theory came from. However, everyone knew that it was a rule that could not be violated as it had been verified by the people who had tried to bypass it.

In a nutshell, the time limit to hunt for the tinder was one hour and the hunter had to be the murderer as well. Also, the hunter's Life Power had to be preferred by the tinder. An hour later, if the tinder was not drawn into the hunter's body, it would automatically collapse and one would fail in the quest for the tinder.

Without a doubt, Yi Yeyu was quite successful extracting the Life Power. In less than 30 seconds, she had successfully lured the tinder into her body.

As soon as the tinder entered her body, Yi Yeyu released her palm that was pressing against the Fire Phoenix's body.

"Can you really do it that quickly?!" Even Lin Huang was amazed by her.

Yi Yeyu nodded her head with a smile. She did not expect things to go so smoothly. "I'll need some time to reignite the tinder."

"Alright, we'll keep watch beside you." Lin Huang nodded.

Yi Yeyu then sat down and started controlling the tinder that was inserted into her Life Wheel. It was engulfing the Life Power within her body...

Lin Huang and Li Lang waited patiently around Yi Yeyu. From just a short distance, they could clearly sense the Life Power within Yi Yeyu's body being drained. In just a few breaths, the aura released by her Life Power had completely disappeared. It felt like she was engaged in an intense battle that drained her Life Power.

In Yi Yeyu's body, the peanut-sized tinder did not only engulf all the Life Power in her Life Wheel within a few minutes, it even absorbed all the Life Power within her body that had drifted away from her Life Wheel.

The crust of the tinder started to crack after all her Life Power had been engulfed and the energy of the white flame was released gradually. As time passed, more cracks appeared on the tinder and the white flame started to burn vigorously. Eventually, the tinder had completely turned into a white Life Fire, releasing a significant amount of Life Power. Yi Yeyu's empty Life Wheel and her body that was running out of Life Power had been restored...