

## Paradise 61

### Chapter 61: It's An Open Minded World

It was eight o'clock in the morning. Lin Huang rushed over to the Baqi's City central plaza.

He bought some snacks and drinks at a dessert shop nearby and sat in the shade under an umbrella while eating his breakfast.

The pre-booked Demonic Crystal Spaceship would appear at the central plaza at nine o'clock sharp. It would stay there for five minutes for passengers to get on board and off the ship. He would not be able to board if he was late and he would have to wait another week for the next spaceship. Lin Huang did not wish to have any delays. Therefore, he arrived early at the central plaza.

It was only 8.30 a.m. after he finished his breakfast. He logged on to the network page and checked for any updates on the news.

Looking at the Heart Network, there was a headline that reported a massive monster crowd that appeared in Alps Town. The Transcendent Yu Chanli was being bombarded with questions at an interviewed with a journalist because of the incident. However, there were media representatives that shifted their focus to the weakest group – Zhou Le and Yu Guang.

They were the same as Lin Huang. They had just registered for the Reserve Hunter assessment and then joined the team to defend the town against the monster crowd. They were truly a weak team of people.

During the interview, the young people looked overwhelmed. Reporters inquired about the monster crowd and the team discussed Lin Huang unconsciously. Especially Zhou Le, he admired Lin Huang a lot and told the reporter not to forget to interview Lin Huang.

Other than the name 'Lin Huang' being mentioned, another issue had been revealed by Yu Guang. Bai Yan who was the strongest man in the Reserve Hunter Assessment did not stay to fight against the monster crowd. It was being reported that he insulted them instead, saying that those who stayed to fight were a group of idiots.

Soon, the media was reporting about this too. They found a video extracted from a video surveillance system in the Alps Town's hotel's meeting room and uploaded the video to the network.

In the video, despite Bai Yan's voice being rather soft, his voice was eventually amplified after some modifications. His expression of contempt in addition to his amplified voice had attracted a lot of attention.

All of a sudden, the network was full of comments criticizing Bai Yan.

"He's such an irresponsible person!"

"It's fine if he did not help but he's being too sarcastic!"

"He's truly an idiot!"

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Some of them even scolded Bai Yan's family.

They did research on Bai Yan's background. Even Lin Huang was astonished as he saw the information they had found.

Bai Yan was of an Imperial Censor family and he was the eldest son of the 16th generation, possessing astonishing Imperial Censor talent.

Bai's family was also a royal family. Their family members had terrifying capabilities in which they had a transcendent and were guarded by summoned transcendent monsters.

"No wonder the guy behaved so arrogantly," Lin Huang thought and understood the reason why he looked down on the others.

After browsing through the network for awhile, it was almost nine o'clock. The giant Demonic Crystal Spaceship descended gradually, landing slowly onto the ground.

Lin Huang stood up and looked at it while he was headed towards the boarding area.

The big ship had luxurious designs which looked similar to a luxury cruise on Earth. However, the size of the ship was much bigger and had very colorful designs.

It was a big ship with 11 floors. Many people were standing on the balcony and looking around. Also, some of them were looking down from the ship as they leaned against the deck beside of the ship. A few of them were standing on the 11th floor and looking down.

There were not many people boarding at Baqi City. There were only 10 of them, including Lin Huang and there were around eight people getting off the ship.

Lin Huang adjusted the Emperor's Heart Ring for the projection of the ticket. It was being scanned at the boarding place and the door automatically opened. Lin Huang felt that it was similar to taking the train on Earth.

After entering the ship, he looked for his room according to the room number that was shown on the ticket. The code of his ticket was 080298. That indicated that his room was on the 8th floor and room No.298.

With the floating staircase, he went up to the 8th floor and found his room.

He scanned his ticket before entering the room and pushed against the door. The condition of the room was better than what Lin Huang had expected. It was almost the same as an Earth's hotel deluxe suite. It had a big living room, a fully equipped kitchen, sparkling toilets, and a very comfortable bedroom.

"No wonder the price of the ticket was so expensive. The room is very satisfying. Aside from some pocket money, all other expenses are included," Lin Huang thought. He was content with the service provided in this world. He was satisfied with most of the services provided to him so far. Besides, they hired top-quality employees who were always warm and friendly.

He walked around the room and familiarized himself with his surroundings. He could see from the balcony that the spaceship had taken off.

Standing on the balcony, Lin Huang felt it was very different from being on an airplane.

The Demonic Crystal Spaceship was very stable. It left the ground and gradually flew towards the sky. A large air bubble formed around the spaceship and it was shrouded in like a forcefield.

Inside the air bubble, Lin Huang could vaguely feel slightly weighted down when the spaceship ascended. However, the feeling lasted for less than one minute and disappeared completely. Subsequently, the spaceship accelerated. However, Lin Huang did not feel anything odd during the whole process and there was no difference between that and standing on the ground.

He would not have known the spaceship had taken off if he did not see the objects moving below him.

After a short while, Lin Huang went to his bedroom.

He sat on the edge of the bed, preparing to read the detailed information of Bai Yan's family. Suddenly, he received a message. He opened the message and realized it was an official advertisement given by the Demonic Crystal Spaceship.

A pretty lady in red dress popped up on the screen. In the video, she talked about the contents of the advertisement with a smile.

"Dear valued customers, you may click on the special service button on our spaceship's main web page if you need special services," she said sweetly.

"You may choose a man or woman from ages 16 to 360 years old. There are many types of age group and gender available. You may choose based on your preferences and we will satisfy your needs."

"If you have any special request such as human-like monsters or non-human monsters, a pre-order is available. Please press the pre-order button and we will place the order for you."

"Our services will maintain our customer's privacy and confidentiality at all times and it will not be revealed to anyone or any organization!"

"Last but not least, customers are pleased to be informed that additional charges will be incurred for special services and it's not included in the room rate," she said and smiled wide as her commentary ended.

The advertisement page automatically closed as soon as the advertisement ended.

"I knew that this world is pretty open-minded about sex, but I didn't know that it was to this extent..."

Lin Huang frowned. He knew that sex services were opened to the public in this world and it was legal as long as the juveniles were not involved. However, he did not expect to watch that kind of advertisement on the spaceship, even consisting of contents about the non-humans...

Chapter 62: Spaceship Attack

The Demonic Crystal Spaceship was crowded at the time. Fortunately, the room was soundproofed and Lin Huang was not disturbed.

He led a life of order. He took his lunch when it was time for meals, and planned his day accordingly. After having his lunch, he walked around the deck.

The first floor of the spaceship was for entertainment. There were restaurants, bars, a cinema, a casino and a swimming pool. Basic entertainment facilities were provided too.

Lin Huang took a look at these facilities and left as he was not interested in any of them at the time.

The 11th floor of the spaceship was reserved for VIPs. The rooms on this floor were never opened for bookings as they were used to serve the royal families. A special induction lock was installed at the entrance of the 11th floor. People like Lin Huang who had bought a normal flight ticket were not given access to the 11th floor.

Therefore, Lin Huang and the rest of the passengers had no idea how the 11th floor looked like. It had been said that there were only 100 rooms on the 11th floor and the floor space of each of the rooms was many times bigger than a normal room. The remaining space was used to build high-end entertainment facilities. However, no one knew exactly what they had up there.

In addition to all that, there was also an open-air balcony on the 11th floor. Similarly, it was only opened to the guests who stayed there. Lin Huang could see that there were people walking around on the 11th-floor balcony deck. However, it did not seem like a special event and it was less crowded than any other deck.

After dinner, Lin Huang went to the bar.

He was not a lively person. He seldom went to bars when he was on Earth and if he did, he would only go when he was persuaded by his friends and classmates. It was the first time for him in a bar in this world as he wanted to experience something new.

The environment was good and they played relaxing music. He felt relaxed while listening to the music. However, he was utterly unfamiliar with the name of the drinks as he saw them in front of the bar counter.

“What the hell is an Old Hunter Raising Gun? What about the Fragrant Tongue of the Gorgeous? There was even this Very Stiff... Why can't there be some normal names for the drinks?!” Lin Huang was speechless. He took a glance at it and all of the names consisted of words that made people have distorted thoughts.

There was an old man standing behind the bar counter. He was shorter than Lin Huang and looked lascivious with his small eyes.

“Young man, what would you like to order?” he asked. It was still early and there were not many customers in the bar. The old man was wiping a wine goblet while he asked.

“Are there any lighter bodied drinks?” Lin Huang hesitated and asked. He wanted to leave as he saw the names of the drinks. However, it would be rude for him to leave now since the old man had asked him for his order.

“Lighter bodied drinks?” The old man frowned, seemingly not satisfied with Lin Huang's question. “Yes, we have greenleaf juice here.”

Greenleaf juice was a very common drink that could be found in almost every bar and restaurant. It was somehow similar to the beers the people used to drink on Earth. The alcohol content of greenleaf juice was almost the same as beers but it tasted a lot better. There was a fragrance of malt with a softly perceptible sweetness. If it were to sell on Earth, perhaps beer factories would close down soon after.

“Alright. Then I would like to order a glass of greenleaf juice,” he said. Lin Huang was afraid that if he were drunk, he would be delayed when he was disembarking the ship. Looking at the names of the drinks, he was worried that the uncle’s drinks had some strong effects.

Soon, the glass of greenleaf juice was served. Lin Huang took a sip and it tasted almost the same as the others. He was then assured and downed the glass of juice immediately.

Perhaps it was because Lin Huang only ordered a glass of greenleaf juice, the old man did not bother to serve him after that. He was still wiping the wine cups and did not speak to Lin Huang. Oddly enough though, Lin Huang was happy with that.

In the bar, there were two muscular men chatting and drinking at a seat not far away from him.

Lin Huang unintentionally overheard their conversation. It was about the 11th floor of the spaceship. They were discussing a beautiful lady who stayed on the 11th floor.

From their conversation, Lin Huang knew that there were five members of a royal family on board.

The name of the beautiful lady was Leng Yuexin and she was the only child of the Leng’s royal family. She was only 18 years old but ranked 13th on the Division7 Gold Hunter Board.

Lin Huang was surprised too as he heard of her achievement. Yi Yeyu was 19 years old but she ranked 997th on the board. Although Yi Zheng was ranked 11th on the board, he was already 21 years old.

Besides Leng Yuexin, there were four other royal members. They were all young man and one of them ranked fifth on the Division7 Gold Hunter Board. His name was Li Yanxing.

Lin Huang had heard of his name despite him not paying much attention to the Gold Hunter Board. This was mainly because of he was a high-profile person.

He was a legend. It was being said that he was orphaned as a child. Without any resources, he worked hard for himself until he was adopted by the Li’s royal family and given the name Li Yanxing. He worked hard until he achieved what he had now. However, he was already 27 years old.

According to them, Lin Yanxing was chasing Leng Yuexin while he invited the other three royal members to accompany him.

“Li Yanxing sounded like a high-handed person...” Although Lin Huang did not have much knowledge of who Li Yanxing was, he somehow felt that it would not be easy for him to achieve what he had now. Of course, he had to be a hardworking person but not everything could be achieved with just hard work. It was still a mystery why the Li’s royal family would put so much effort into educating an outsider since they had descendants of their own.

However, Lin Huang did not bother to know more about it since it was about someone else and it had nothing to do with him.

Lin Huang left when the two muscular men switched to discussing the special services provided.

The sky was getting darker as he went back to his room.

A sound of a siren was heard coming from the spaceship as he was about to practice his No Trail Snow-Stepping technique.

In a short while, a loud and noisy sound was heard.

“There’s a flock of birds coming towards us! For the sake of safety, passengers please leave the deck and go back to your own rooms as soon as possible. Please make sure that the door and windows are closed and put your seatbelts on! It’s normal if you feel the spaceship tremble when the birds attack. Don’t worry as we’ll settle this as soon as possible. I hereby apologize for the inconvenience caused,” and the voice trailed off.

After the announcement was made, Lin Huang quickly closed the doors. He put on his seatbelt and sat near a window. He was curious to how the spaceship would stand against the birds’ attack.

Soon, the birds were getting closer to the spaceship.

Lin Huang could see clearly from the window that they were millions of Blast Sparrows. Under normal circumstances, most of the Blast Sparrows were bronze-level to silver-level. Apparently, the only Blast Sparrow with a gold crown on its head was a gold-level sparrow.

Lin Huang could not see from his angle whether the spaceship had taken any countermeasures to defend against the sparrows.

However, he could clearly see that the flock of sparrows was flying towards the spaceship. Soon, the spaceship was surrounded by them...

Chapter 63: Blast Sparrow : The Brain Eating Maniac

A Blast Sparrow’s black wings were about two meters long and there was a yellow patch on its belly. Their head was black in color and only those that had upgraded to gold-level would have a gold crown appear on their head.

However, even being upgraded to a gold-level, there would not be any changes in its shape. It would be difficult to distinguish them apart if one did not observe them carefully.

After a moment, Lin Huang caught a glimpse of the gold-level Blast Sparrow. However, the gold-level sparrow hid amongst the crowd and disappeared from view very quickly.

Blast Sparrows did not look fierce. Despite the fact that they had very sharp claws, they looked weak. Besides, although they had sharp beaks, their beaks were short.

But, it would be a big mistake if one underestimated their combat strength based on their appearance.

Despite having claws that looked rather weak, the Blast Sparrows had claws that were as strong as steel talons. They would have no difficulty at all hunting down prey weighing more than 300 kilograms.

Their short beaks had terrifying attack power and their attack speed was far beyond that of a pile-driver machine. In just a few seconds, they could easily stab a hole through the skull of a monster like the Sand Monster and chomp down on its brain.

Brains were the Blast Sparrow's favorite. If brains could not satisfy their hunger, only then will they tear the prey's body apart and start eating their fats and organs. In short, they loved eating foods that were sticky, soft and moist.

Right this moment, it was very dangerous as the spaceship was surrounded by a flock of Blast Sparrows. This was because of the Blast Sparrow had a fearsome attack speed.

Looking at the spaceship being completely surrounded by the flock of sparrows, Lin Huang began to feel worried. He did not want his brain to end up in their beaks.

Before purchasing the flight ticket, he had checked up on the safety of the Demonic Crystal Spaceship and their safety index was as high as 99.8% with relatively low accident rates. However, coming up against such a flock with a hidden gold-level sparrow king, Lin Huang could not help but worry about it.

They launched consecutive attacks after surrounding the spaceship.

Some of them grabbed the layer of the air bubble in which the spaceship was surrounded in with their claws while the others used their beaks to attack.

The spaceship began to shake when the attack was launched.

Followed by the Blast Sparrow's attack, the layer of air bubble emitted beams of purple rays from its exterior. Many of the Blast Sparrows were blown away.

Witnessing the scene through the window, Lin Huang was relieved. The air bubble was made of unknown materials as there was a power grid-like defensive shield in the layer of the air bubble. The Blast Sparrows were blown away or fell directly down to the ground as the electric current shocked them.

The number of Blast Sparrows in the sky was greatly reduced by the countermeasures. However, they had not get rid of the crisis that then presented itself as the Gold Crowned Sparrow King appeared. It pecked the air bubble repeatedly and its attack speed was unbelievable. The continuous flow of electric current that struck its body had no effect, whatsoever. Its attack speed did not diminish.

The protective layer was being attacked by the Gold Crowned Sparrow King violently, causing the trembling of the spaceship to get even stronger.

The windows in Lin Huang's room would not stop shaking. Looking through the window, he could see the Gold Crowned Sparrow King's attack. He felt like the protective layer of the spaceship would be broken anytime. He could not stop thinking about the protective barrier popping and countless Blast Sparrows would come rushing through the windows, followed by a scene of Blast Sparrows feasting on their brains.

"I hope the brain feast does not happen here..." Lin Huang said with a shiver as he tried hard to forget about it.

In the pilot's cockpit, an old man wanted to fight back as he saw the Gold Crowned Sparrow King attack the defensive shield. Before the old man could react to it, a figure appeared from the top of the spaceship and flew up into the sky. The old man immediately stopped, laughed and shook his head, "That young man nowadays is indeed an impetuous fellow."

"There's a transcendent on the spaceship?!"

Lin Hung was stunned as he saw the sudden appearance of the figure. He fixed his gaze and realized that it was a young man carrying a pair of golden wings on his back. "It's a flying gold-level weapon," he thought, awestruck by the sight.

Flying weapons were extremely rare, so their prices were at least 10 times higher than weapons of the same level. The gold-level flying weapon was the most powerful weapon with the strongest maneuver capabilities and its price was almost the same as a relic. The user of such relics must, of course, have an equally strong background.

Lin Huang felt that the young man who carried the golden wings looked familiar. Soon, he recalled that he was the man that he had heard about at the bar, Li Yanxing, the one who ranked 5th on the Gold Hunter Board.

He had been the center of many public media headlines and Lin Huang had seen him appearing on the news many times before. Therefore, he recognized him instantly.

Although Lin Yanxing was already 27 years old, he looked like he was only 20 years old. He was tall, handsome and charming as he flew with his big golden wings.

Many of the married and single women on the spaceship showed their affections by screaming love confessions towards him when they saw him fly up in the sky.

Lin Huang had to admit that he appeared more attractive to women with his abilities in addition to his body and looks.

"Damn, beast!" Li Yanxing shouted. His body seemed to have transformed into a beam of golden electric current and struck the Gold Crowned Sparrow King.

The moment when he penetrated through the air bubble, Lin Huang noticed that the token hanging around his waist brightened.

Lin Huang guessed that it was a special token owned by royal families. If it was not, then it must have been given to him by the captain. Regardless of which reason it was, there must have been something special about the token as he could pass through the air bubble at will.

Li Yanxing was holding a long black sword in his hand and attacked the Gold Crowned Sparrow King with a Slanted Slash.

Despite the handle of the sword being black in color, it was apparent that it was not an iron-level sword. Instead, it was a genuine relic.

Lin Huang opened his eyes wide as he saw Li Yanxing execute the attack. The Slanted Slash generated a beam of golden Life Power in the air, resembling a crescent moon slashing towards the Gold Crowned Sparrow King. With a mere hit, he cut through the Sparrow King's neck.

In a moment, the head of the Gold Crowned Sparrow King and its neck were torn apart and a large amount of blood oozed out of the wound. As the corpse was falling towards the ground, Li Yanxing grabbed it midair and kept it in his storage space.

He did not bother to look at the rest of the Blast Sparrows. The remaining Blast Sparrows started to flee as their leader was killed before their beady eyes and they knew that they had provoked a dangerous foe.

Li Yanxing turned away, flying back towards the top of the spaceship.

Lin Huang noticed that as he passed through the air bubble, the token around his waist brightened again. This assured him of the fact that he might be right.

The flight returned to normal as soon as they got rid of the blast sparrows. Soon, the all clear was sounded by the staff of the spaceship. The crowds got out of their room once again and the liveliness of the spaceship was restored.

Lin Huang did not join them. He started to ponder about Li Yanxing's attack.

Despite it being just one hit, Lin Huang was sure that if the sword skill was converted into a Skill Card, its ranking must have been at least a Rare Card.

He tidied up his room, and started to practice the technique he had witnessed just a while ago...

#### Chapter 64: Arriving At The Destination

As soon as they had got rid of the crisis with the Blast Sparrows, the sky darkened and the spaceship was brightly-lit.

During this hour, most of the passengers were having fun on the deck or on the entertainment floor.

In the bar, the people discussed the incident in which Li Yanxing had attacked the monsters just now. Those who did not know his identity knew his name very well now.

It was very noisy outside on each deck but Lin Huang had never left his room.

In the living room, he was practicing the sword technique he witnessed Li Yanxing performing against the Black Sparrow earlier. In fact, it took him more than an hour to imitate Li Yanxing's skill. However, he was not rewarded with any skill pieces.

It was not because of the level of Li Yanxing's technique was higher than that of Great Sword Scripture. It was due to the fact that he had only performed the technique once and Lin Huang had only watched it once as well. Unlike the Great Sword Scripture part 1, Scarface had practiced the same technique three times at each practice session and Lin Huang secretly watched it for a few days. He was given a very good reference standard with old Scarface. In addition, with the help of the calming tea, he could easily master the essence of the sword technique.

Besides, from his previous experience of obtaining The Great Sword Scripture pieces, he understood that being rewarded skill pieces did not depend on the similarity of movement. The most important part was he had to master the essence of the sword technique.

As long as he could master the essence of the technique, he would have a higher probability of being rewarded the skill pieces.

Lin Huang had brandished his sword for the 1,000th time. However, still, he could not imitate the technique.

He did not give up. He practiced again and again by recalling the scene when Li Yanxing slashed his sword.

The sky got darker as time passed. The liveliness of the spaceship remained the same. Despite there being few people on deck, they all joined the entertainment events on the first floor.

The bar was no longer as quiet as before and it played rock music into the night. It was so crowded and the people were dancing all around. After dancing for a while, some of the men had boners in their pants and immediately pulled the women with them to small rooms behind the bar. The moaning sounds of the woman and the heavy breathing sound of the man coming from the small rooms could be heard but the sounds were covered by the music played in the bar.

If Lin Huang were here, his doubts regarding the odd wine names would probably start making sense.

At midnight, the spaceship was still as lively as it was. However, Lin Huang had been practicing the technique for more than five hours in his room. Still, nothing was rewarded.

He was drenched in sweat. He stopped, exhausted.

"It's already 12 o'clock. I should sleep earlier tonight and wake up early tomorrow to practice," Lin Huang thought as he looked at the clock and kept his sword back in his storage space.

The level of the set of sword technique was Rare or even higher. If he were rewarded the complete set of skill pieces, he would gain another powerful sword combat skill. Even if the Rare sword skill had only one technique, which was the one that he saw, it would still be a great benefit to him.

He went to the toilet and had a bath. It was 12.40am and Lin Huang was lying in bed. In just a short while, he fell asleep.

At seven o'clock the next morning, Lin Huang woke up and went to the first floor for breakfast. After having his breakfast, he went back to his room and continued practicing the technique.

The Demonic Crystal Spaceship would normally take 28 hours to travel from foothold No.7C87 to foothold No.7C82. However, considering the time taken in which the spaceship stopped between footholds, it took approximately 29 hours to arrive.

Lin Huang got on board the spaceship the day before at nine o'clock in the morning. He estimated that the spaceship would arrive around one o'clock in the afternoon. He had approximately six hours to practice the sword technique.

The middle part of Lin Huang's living room had been emptied. All of the tables, chairs and other furniture were pushed against the wall or to the edge of the living room.

He began to practice with his sword. He did the same movement repeatedly barefooted in the middle of the living room, not feeling tired at all.

"This is wrong. Let's do it again! No, it's still wrong. Try again..."

From around eight o'clock in the morning until 11 o'clock, Lin Huang could not recall how many times he had practiced. However, each time when he brandished with his sword, he would imagine a scene where he would compare his technique with the one performed by Li Yanxing, figuring out what he had missed out.

All of a sudden, his technique of wielding the sword shadowed Li Yanxing's movement as he had imagined. Lin Huang was shocked and soon, he heard a notification jingle coming from Xiao Hei.

"Congratulations, you have gained a Skill Card "Thunder Sword" pieces x1"

Lin Huang was stunned as he saw the notification. He asked, "Xiao Hei, if I was to collect and combine the "Thunder Sword" pieces into a Skill Card, will I be rewarded with only one skill or a whole set of skill technique?"

"You'll be rewarded a whole set of skill technique if you have collected a complete set of skill pieces," Xiao Hei replied.

Xiao Hei's answer was beyond Lin Huang's expectation.

"Are you sure? If so, why couldn't I obtain more skill pieces after I was rewarded with "The Great Sword Scripture part 1" Skill Card? According to what you said, I should be able to obtain pieces of "The Great Sword Scripture part 2" with part 1 skill that I have obtained." Lin Huang asked in doubt.

"This was because of "The Great Sword Scripture" had two different rarities for part 1 and part 2. You would not be able to master part 2 technique since its rarity is relatively higher. If they had the same rarity, you would be able to master it with 'The Great Sword Scripture part 1'. Conversely, if you were rewarded with a technique of higher rarity such as "The Great Sword Scripture part 2", similarly, you would be able to derive 'The Great Sword Scripture Part 1'. In short, one could derive a new technique with an existing technique of higher rarity or the same level of rarity. However, one would not be able to derive a new technique if its existing technique had a lower rarity," Xiao Hei explained.

After listening to Xiao Hei's detailed explanation, Lin Huang then realized that there was a rule like that with such skills. However, Lin Huang felt happy as his doubts were cleared.

This indicated that in most of the combat skills, he would only need to memorize a small part of the technique and practice it repeatedly. Eventually, he would be able to collect a complete set of Skill Card after he could grasp the essence of the technique, as long as the skill did not have skills of different rarities.

Lin Huang practiced even harder as he knew about this.

However, after an hour, he did not feel what he felt just now. He had yet to obtain the second skill piece. Lin Huang did not feel anxious about it, though. It was 12 o'clock in the afternoon now. In less than an hour, they would be getting off the spaceship.

He kept his sword and placed the furniture in its initial position. He took a bath and changed his clothes.

He tidied up the room, checked and made sure that he did not leave any belongings there and left the room. Going down the floating stairs, he headed towards the deck beside the ship's entrance. He could see that the spaceship was landing.

In just a few minutes, the spaceship landed at foothold No.7C82. Lin Huang scanned his ticket at the exit and the door automatically opened. Lin Huang stepped out of the spaceship...

## Chapter 65: An Adventurer's Paradise

Foothold No.7C82 was known as the Carefree City. It was given such a name as the foothold had encountered monster hordes so many times and the residents were severely injured. In order to show that they hope for a better future, the human had named the foothold a Carefree City.

One odd thing that happened was, ever since it was given such a name, fortune had particularly favored the foothold and monster hordes have never invaded them for over hundreds of years.

The city had a slow pace of life. The residents were living and working in peace. Indeed, it was a carefree place.

It was one o'clock in the afternoon when Lin Huang arrived at Carefree City. He did not depart immediately but he headed towards the Adventurer Paradise.

Adventurer Paradise was a subdivision of the Hunter Association's so-called Adventurer Association. It was specially established to recruit the adventurers going on exploration missions. However, as soon as the Hunter Association slowly transferred the explorer jobs out from the Adventurer Association, it was separated and became an independent organization, eventually changing its name to the Adventurer Paradise.

The Hunter Association used to be a loosely organized organization. It was actually a training organization that cultivated talents. However, they could not control these talented people, causing the loss of top-class talent. The initial objective of establishing the Adventurer Association was to retain the talented individuals.

However, the Adventurer Paradise imposed strict obligations whereby they had a totally different set of rules and regulations compared to that of the Hunter Association. The members of the Adventurer Association had to accept a mission within a specific period of time. Compared to the Hunter Association, it had better management.

Despite Adventurer Paradise becoming an independent organization, both organizations in many ways were still interrelated.

Lin Huang was seeking for a station at the Adventurer Paradise as he could not enter Wangyou Forest on his own.

Wangyou Forest was located in the southwest of the Carefree City, approximately 3,000 kilometers away from the city. Towards this direction, not even a small sized foothold was found. In fact, small sized footholds had been built before but they had been repeatedly destroyed by monster hordes, causing injuries and casualties. Eventually, the authorities had decided to cease building them.

Without the foothold, there would not be any stopping points for eagle rides, let alone traveling from one portal to another.

It was an uninhabited area. The regions within 3,000 kilometers were wilderness that ranged from level-1 wild zones to level-3 wild zones.

It would not be safe on the road even if Lin Huang rode on his iron-level rank-3 Sand Monster. Therefore, he was looking for a silver-level adventurer as a companion to enter Wangyou Forest.

Soon, he found the Adventurer Paradise's station at a foothold. The entrance was crowded.

As he entered the station, Lin Huang looked around. It was somehow similar to the Hunter Association's station as the design of the buildings were alike. The only difference was the atmosphere.

Similarly, it was a square-shaped office that had a transparent polygonal dome at a height of around 10 meters. The wall was painted with light, warm, yellow paint. It felt totally different from the grayish-white colored wall of the Hunter Association. Besides, the color of the floor was different as well. The color of the floor was also light yellow here whereas the Hunter Association's floor was a dark gray color.

As Lin Huang was looking around, a young female staff came up to him and asked, "Mister, can I help you?"

"I'm looking for an adventurer team to go to the Wangyou Forest," Lin Huang asked her.

"I'll help you to check on it," the female staff nodded her head and smiled. She led Lin Huang to the customer service counter. In just a short while, she had gotten the results. "There is a team going to Wangyou Forest four days from now. You're considered lucky as the leader of the team is of a Gold-level. She had a mission with her and had to stay at Wangyou Forest for a week. The next team heading towards Wangyou Forest would have been 12 days from now," she said.

"Of course, you may consider hiring an adventure team to escort you. After getting things done, they'll escort you back here. However, the expenses would be a lot higher," she continued.

Lin Huang had inquired about this before through the network. He knew that there were two ways that he could follow the adventurer team. The first one was the adventurer team had to go on a mission and lead him to his destination while the other method was to directly hire an adventurer, the latter of which being more expensive. The credit points one needed to pay for were equal to the Life Crystals he consumed each day. However, the former cost only two credit points for a round trip.

As he heard that he'd be having a Gold-level adventurer as the team leader, Lin Huang made up his mind. "There's no need of hiring an adventurer, I'll just wait for a few days," he told the staff member.

"Alright, the full cost will be 20,000 credit points. Before making any payments, here's one special requirement for those who are heading towards Wangyou Forest." As soon as the female staff finished

her sentence, a web page popped up in front of her. "Please read carefully before you agree to accept the terms and conditions."

Lin Huang took a look at it and realized that it was a disclaimer. It was briefly about the safety of the visitors heading towards Wangyou Forest. Upon arriving at Wangyou Forest, it was no longer the team's responsibility to protect the visitor. The team was only responsible for the visitor's safety during the journey. If the visitor died in Wangyou Forest, the team would not bear any responsibility and the fees once paid would not be refunded.

Lin Huang nodded his head after he read. "If they had completed their task in Wangyou Forest after a week, but I'm not done, for how many days will day wait for me?"

"At most, three days. Three days later, be it you're alive or dead, they'll be coming back. According to our rules, if you did not show up at the gathering point after three days, you're considered dead," she said.

"Of course, if there are some valid reasons that caused the delay, you may apply it through our network. However, additional charges will be incurred according to the expenses of employing an adventurer. Approval for deferment is subjected to the team's willingness." The staff explained the details. "If the team declines your application for deferment, you may apply to hire an adventurer team. However, the cost of the new team would be double the fee," she continued.

"I understand and accept the terms," Lin Huang nodded his head and scanned his Emperor's Heart Ring on the lower right corner of the disclaimer, which was an empty space. Soon, his personal identity information was printed on it.

"Please check the contract. If there's no other problem, please scan to confirm your payment by scanning the payment streaks at the end of the contract," the staff continued. A new page popped up.

It was a simple employment contract. Lin Huang briefly looked through the contract and flipped to the last page of the contract. Using his Emperor's Heart Ring, he scanned the payment streaks. It was somehow similar to the payment barcode that existed on Earth. However, the payment streaks looked nicer in color with a picture.

In just a short while, a notification message to confirm transaction was completed and received. Also, the staff showed that payment was accepted.

"Employer-employee relationship is established. The adventurer team will contact you soon. Please remember to record the venue and time to meet up," the female staff reminded him.

"Yes, I know. Thank you," Lin Huang nodded his head and walked towards the exit of the station.

Leaving the Adventurer Paradise, Lin Huang looked for a hotel. Since the adventurer team would depart four days later, he would have some extra time to practice his sword technique with the hope of collecting a complete set of skill pieces before his departure.

Lin Huang checked the information of the hotel on the network. Suddenly, a notification message popped up. The content was short and simple, "Depart three days later. Gather at the south door of the foothold at nine o'clock in the morning."

Looking at the message, Lin Huang grinned. "The message was clear and concise. He seems to be a guy who did not talk much. That's great. I can enjoy the silence on the trip," he thought.

#### Chapter 66: Mission Card Has Been Activated

Lin Huang checked in into a nice hotel in Carefree City and he had specifically asked for a suite with a bigger living room. It was for sword training.

He had four days before he exploring the Wangyou Forest and so Lin Huang wanted to accumulate skill card pieces. It would be perfect if he got a complete skill card before he left for Wangyou Forest. However, things did not go the way he imagined them to.

Lin Huang checked into the hotel around two o'clock in the afternoon. Apart from the 20 minutes he spent having dinner, he practiced until 12 midnight. He had lost the momentum he had before. Even after 10 hours of practice, he did not obtain even one card piece.

For the next three days, apart from eating and sleeping, Lin Huang had spent all his time on practice. He started at eight in the morning and practiced all the way to 12 midnight. In total, he practiced more than 15 hours every day.

However, what he obtained within the three days were not up to his expectations.

He only got hold of the rhythm of the sword twice and obtained two skill card pieces in three days.

On the third night, he laid on his bed, exhausted. He was upset, "It's not easy to mimic the rhythm after watching the demonstration once. If Li Yanxing was to show me more of his thunder sword or even a couple more times of the same technique, I would have more reference to practice and probably not seem as pathetic as I do now with the few card pieces I have."

He then went to bed, tired.

The next morning, he washed up and then had a buffet breakfast on the second floor of the hotel. He then ordered a monster car and headed straight to the south door.

A monster car was a transport similar to a carriage. In this world, it was only used for traveling within the city as the distance between one foothold to another would be too time-consuming as they were really far apart.

The monster used for the monster car would usually be a creature that lived in the snow. It was a tamed hooped creature with white hair, it looked like a horse but it was much bigger than a horse. Its body length was usually around three meters long and it had silver sharp teeth with a tremendously strong bite. It was an omnivore that loved meat.

Lin Huang chose to ride on a monster car as it would attract too much attention if he rode on his Sand Monster or Ox Devil. Also, his monsters walked on two legs, they were not meant to be ridden on and it was uncomfortable to ride on them.

It was cheap to ride on a monster car as it would only cost him one credit point for one kilometer. It cost Lin Huang 12 credit points to ride from the hotel to the southern door of the foothold.

It was 8:50 a.m. when he arrived at the south door of the foothold. Just as he got off the monster car, he saw a familiar tall young man.

“Li Yanxing? Why is he here?” Lin Huang found it strange, he thought about it and realized that since he was a VIP, he should have used the exclusive path for VIPs. That was perhaps why he did not see Li Yanxing when they got off the spaceship.

There were three other young men with him. Lin Huang hardly left his room when he was on the spaceship. He had only seen Li Yanxing. He figured that the other three men could be royalty just like Li Yanxing was.

As Lin Huang was checking them out, Li Yanxing looked at him and waved out of a sudden. Lin Huang thought that was odd. He looked around himself and realized that there was nobody else there and in response, Lin Huang pointed at himself.

Li Yanxing nodded and gestured at him to go over.

“Don’t tell me he’s the one leading the team...” Lin Huang mumbled while walking towards the four of them.

“Hi, my name is Li Yanxing. You must be the Lin Huang who is following our team, am I right?” Li Yanxing smiled to Lin Huang while he walked closer to them.

“Hi there, I’ve seen you on the news.” Lin Huang smiled and nodded, “I’m the one who is joining your team to Wangyou Forest, nice to meet you.”

“Bro Lin Huang, as we have a mission in Wangyou Forest, our schedule is pretty tight. We usually never have anyone else follow our team. We made a mistake by accidentally picking someone from the application form and now you’re on our team...” Li Yanxing seemed troubled.

“It’s our mistake. We can give compensate you sufficiently so that you can hire an adventurer team. We do suggest that you withdraw from our team because we really do not wish to bring an outsider with us.”

Though Li Yanxing sounded sincere, Lin Huang hesitated. He thought he could secretly learn Li Yanxing’s sword skill during the trip. But now that Li Yanxing insisted him to withdraw from his team and was willing to compensate him, it was hard for him to reject Li Yanxing’s offer.

Seeing that Lin Huang was not quite happy, Li Yanxing added, “Actually the highest wild zone in Wangyou Forest is only a grade-3 and therefore, a silver-level adventurer would be sufficient. There would be less risk if Bro Lin Huang hired a silver adventurer. If you follow us, we will have to part ways when we arrive in Wangyou Forest. If you hire a team, you could get them to bring you into the forest and they might even hunt for you.”

The more Li Yanxing explained his position, the more convinced Lin Huang was. He did not choose to hire a team earlier as he did not have that kind of money. To hire an adventurer team, he would need 100,000 credit points for a day. The journey into Wangyou Forest would cost him 100,000 credit points and upon return, another 100,000 more. If there was a delay in the forest, he would be broke.

Just when he was going to reply Li Yanxing, a notification came up and a communication box popped up in front of him.

“Mission card activated due to special circumstances.”

A mission card then popped up.

The blonde lady dressed in a black maid attire on top of the card started to speak.

“Congratulations, your mission card has been activated due to special circumstances!”

“Now, let me announce your mission!”

“Your mission is as follows: Follow Leng Yuexin into Wangyou Forest. After you have leveled-up to iron-level, follow Leng Yuexin back into Carefree City! Mission time limit: 15 days.”

“Mission Award: One Advance Card.”

“If you failed to complete the mission within given time, you will be punished: One of your monster cards will be randomly removed!”

“Mission announcement has been completed; you can read the description of the card.”

After the mission announcement was done, the blonde lady became stood still again.

Lin Huang was doubtful as he did not see Leng Yuexin here at all. Why would his mission include following Leng Yuexin into Wangyou Forest if they were not there?

As Lin Huang was thinking, a lady’s voice spoke from behind him.

“You must be Lin Huang who is following the team, is that right?”

Lin Huang turned around; it was a poised woman standing behind him. She had black, short hair that covered half of her neck. She seemed very cold.

“My name is Leng Yuexin, I am the team leader of the mission,” she said.

“Hi, I’m Lin Huang who is following the team.” After confirming her name, Lin Huang finally understood the reason why the mission card was activated.

As the mission was confirmed, Lin Huang was not thinking of withdrawing himself from the team anymore.

Seeing Lin Huang talking to Leng Yuexin, Li Yanxing frowned.

The other royalty young man spoke too, “Bro Lin Huang, I thought you mentioned that something came up and that you won’t be following us anymore?”

Lin Huang looked at the young man and pretended not to know what he was talking about, “Did I say that? Oh, I don’t remember.” Lin Huang said shamelessly.

No matter what, he would not leave the team or else he would lose a monster card if he failed the mission. It would be a great loss if he were to lose Bai or Tyrant.

Leng Yuexin noticed that there was something transpiring between the both of them. She interrupted the young man who was attempting to speak again and said "Since he's here, let's go together. You can always handle your stuff when you're back, Lin Huang"

"There's nothing else I have to do apart from this mission." Lin Huang mumbled innocently.

Although his voice was soft, the rest heard him loud and clear.

"Then it must be my mistake..." The young man let out an awkward smile and did not speak again.

#### Chapter 67: A Man Should Have the Audacity to Be a Third Wheel

Since Leng Yuexin asked him to stay, Lin Huang did not excuse himself though the others wanted him to. Li Yanxing was expressionless and it was obvious that the other young men were unhappy yet they did not say a word. It was awkward but Lin Huang decided to join the team anyway. He was also the only outsider who followed.

"I guess you don't have a mount, am I right?" Leng Yuexin asked Lin Huang.

"No, I can't afford that..." Lin Huang was honest.

The young men from royalty judged Lin Huang when they heard what he said.

"You'll ride with me then, I didn't bring extra mounts." Leng Yuexin offered but her expression remained cold, it was obvious that she was just offering so that she could complete the mission.

"Bro Lin, why don't you ride with me instead? Miss Leng is a lady and it may not be convenient." Li Yanxing saw and offered Lin Huang a ride with him.

Leng Yuexin looked at Lin Huang to wait for his decision.

Lin Huang asked Xiao Hei, "The mission card requested me to enter Wangyou Forest with Leng Yuexin, must I ride with her or can we go our separate ways?"

"You can be separated from her as long as the both of you enter Wangyou Forest together."

After hearing the response, Lin Huang said, "I'm good with anything as long as I get a ride."

Lin Huang noticed that it was because of Leng Yuexin that made Li Yanxing insist on him withdrawing from the mission. Now that he shamelessly joined the team, if he were to ride with Leng Yuexin, it would cause rifts between him and Li Yanxing. He did not want to complicate things as his goal was to complete his mission.

In reality, he never wanted to be a third wheel. He did not expect to bump into Li Yanxing and the rest. If the mission card was not activated, he would definitely accept Li Yanxing's suggestion to hire an adventurer team to bring him into the forest. It would have been a better option as the team could get him to the area where the Six-Armed Demon was.

Seeing that Lin Huang did not have any qualms, Leng Yuexin nodded without saying a word. They walked outside the south door foothold and took out their monster taming token. They then released the

mounts from their tokens. The monster taming token was a unique tool that would create a contract with a tamed monster and seal the monster in the token. They can release the monster temporarily whenever they needed it.

The token was comparable to relics as ordinary people could not afford to use it. Those who could afford it would only use it for mounts or to create a contract with rare mutated monsters. If one were to seal an ordinary monster in it, its value would drop lower than the price of the token.

Moreover, not just anybody could tame a monster, only Imperial Censors could do that but it would cost a bomb.

The five of them owned a mount each. Lin Huang was stunned at their spending power. Leng Yuexin's mount was a bird with blue feathers. Lin Huang could recognize it was a gold-level Blue Snow Eagle. It was a real raptor in the monster world. What got Lin Huang's attention was the Sky Dragon that Li Yanxing was riding.

A Sky Dragon was a gold-level monster; it was a distant relative of a transcendent monster, the Flying Dragon. It looked approximately 80% like a Flying Dragon but its size was much smaller than 10 meters. The real Flying Dragon was a few hundred meters long and it was born a transcendent. It was hard to capture a flying dragon for transportation even for a transcendent human.

Li Yanxing's Sky Dragon had almost reached its matured size; its scales were bloody red. It was considered a great Sky Dragon. The rest were riding an ordinary gold-level bird, incomparable with a Sky Dragon and a Blue Snow Eagle.

They rode on their own monsters. When Lin Huang followed Li Yanxing to ride on the Sky Dragon, it glared and scoffed at Lin Huang. Li Yanxing ignored what it did and pretended that he did not see that. Lin Huang ignored it too and sat behind Li Yanxing.

The unexpected appearance of five mounts at the entrance of foothold attracted many people. While the young men were proud of themselves, Li Yanxing was cool and calmed. Leng Yuexin did not care about the people. She patted the back of her blue snow eagle and departed from the foothold into the sky.

Seeing that Leng Yuexin had departed, Li Yanxing and the others followed suit. The five of them headed to the southwest and soon disappeared among the people who gathered around to watch. The 3,000 kilometers journey only needed one and a half hours with the gold-level mounts. They were flying at 2,000 kilometers per hour; it was the same speed as a supersonic aircraft on earth. It was just an ordinary monster's flying speed; they had yet to reach their maximum speed.

Sitting on the Sky Dragon, Lin Huang could not feel the air pressure at all. It was strange for Lin Huang and he did not understand the theory. Just when he wanted to ask, he recalled Li Yanxing not being that interested to make small talk with him so he dodged the thought.

Unsure if the gold-level seats were too powerful or for some other reasons, they were not attacked by any birds during the past one and a half hours. It was a bummer as Lin Huang was planning to watch Li Yanxing sword technique if they were attacked. Soon one and a half hours had passed and they landed outside of Wangyou Forest. They got down from their seats and sealed their monsters into the monster taming token.

Li Yanxing and the rest planned to part ways with Lin Huang immediately except for Leng Yuexin. She asked Lin Huang, "What are you trying to hunt for? If we're on the same path, we can bring you along. We're familiar with where the monsters are scattered in this forest."

Li Yanxing and the rest who were standing 10 meters away glared impatiently at Lin Huang.

"I'm here to get to iron-level, the Life Seed prey that I'm looking for is a Six-Armed Demon." Lin Huang told her his intention. "Six-Armed Demon? Why would you choose this monster?" Leng Yuexin found it strange, "Although the Six-Armed Demon is considered the top monster in iron-level, I would advise you to get another Life Seed prey for I fear you might lose your life anytime."

Although what Leng Yuexin said was unpleasant to his ears, Lin Huang knew that she had said that for his own good. "It's alright, if I really can't manage to kill it, I will consider other Life Seed prey. Let me give it a try first." Lin Huang declined her suggestion tactfully. "You guys go ahead, don't worry about me." "Let us bring you there since we're on the same path. I will tell you when we have reached and then we can part ways." Leng Yuexin did not say much since Lin Huang was adamant with his decision, but she insisted to bring him along anyway.

"Since we're on the same path, then I'll follow you again." Lin Huang did not expect Leng Xueyin to be so helpful. I'll continue to be the third wheel then." Li Yanxing and the rest were obviously annoyed.

Chapter 68: Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon

Seeing that Lin Huang attempted to follow the team, Li Yanxing hinted to the young men.

One of them said to Leng Yuexin immediately, "Miss Leng, we have already fulfilled our mission to send him here, there's no need to bring him along into the forest."

"Although we're heading on the same path where the Six-Armed Demon is, with this kid's speed, he would definitely slow us down. I don't think it's a good idea to bring him along with us..."

"I think so too, we can't be carrying this kid on our back..." the other two young men added on.

"Since we need three to five days to arrive there, it doesn't really make a difference even if he slows us down." Leng Yuexin insisted to bring Lin Huang into the forest.

"Since Miss Leng wants to bring Bro Lin along, we'll do so then. It wouldn't make a difference with an extra person as we can take a slow walk and enjoy the scenery." Instead of rejecting, Li Yanxing agreed to what Leng Yuexin said. "Bro Lin, you can follow us but just be careful for your own safety on the road."

The young men did not say a word since Li Yanxing spoke. Lin Huang looked at him with a bewildered expression. He thought Li Yanxing would oppose the idea of him following them. He started to think that Li Yanxing was up to something. "Then I'll be bothering you guys for a little longer, I apologize." Lin Huang smiled and said. He behaved himself during the journey by not being talkative.

Lin Huang was nothing in Li Yanxing and the gang's eyes since he was not even an iron-level. They did not realize that Lin Huang knew what they were up to. "Use your Emperor's Heart Ring to mark down the route, you can follow the route when you return and wait for us here. Our mission would take five to

seven days, it would not take more than 10 days. I will send you a message when we are done with our mission. If you are not here when we return, we will wait for you for another three days. We would leave three days later if you did not show up. By then, you will have to hire another team to assist you.” Leng Yuexin told Lin Huang before they departed.

“I understand.” Lin Huang nodded.

The rest did not say a word and headed into the forest. Lin Huang followed behind them. The six of them walked into the forest. Besides Lin Huang, the rest of them looked like they were on a vacation, they did not seem nervous at all. Lin Huang was slightly nervous as if it was a grade-4 wild zone. It was not an amusement park as any monsters that were over iron-level were life-threatening to him.

Soon, they faced monsters attacks. The young men killed all the monsters easily and their dead bodies were scattered everywhere. Lin Huang was tempted to keep the dead monsters but was shy. The dead bodies could be sold to the Hunter Association. A complete iron-level monster could be sold up to 10,000 credit points. A bronze-level could be sold up to 100,000 credit points.

As they ventured further into the jungle, the monsters that attacked them were upgraded from iron-level to bronze-level. Lin Huang noticed that they did not even look at the monster after they killed them; he picked up the bronze-level monsters along the way and kept them with him. Fortunately, the sizes of monsters were not too big. Lin Huang’s space storage was almost full after picking up more than 10 monsters. It seemed like 100 cubic meters was not enough and he had spent one million credit points to upgrade his storage space to 1,000 cubic meters.

Looking at him picking up the dead bodies, the young men scoffed because the money was insignificant to them. Lin Huang, on the other hand, did not care what they thought about him since they would not be seeing each other after the mission completed. It was their business how they wanted to think of Lin Huang. The money that he could obtain by selling the dead bodies was his priority.

Following these princes, Lin Huang collected more than 100 bronze-level monster bodies within three hours. The space storage that he had just upgraded was full again with dead bodies that were worth more than 10 million credit points. He then upgraded his space storage to 3,000 cubic meters with two million credit points. He was only left with 100,000 credit points now.

After another seven hours, Lin Huang collected much more dead monsters. His only regret was not being able to see Li Yanxing fight. Along the way, all the monsters were killed by the three young men and Li Yanxing did not have to move at all. Same with Leng Yuexin, Lin Huang did not even have any idea what kind of weapons did Leng Yuexin possessed.

It was six in the evening and the sky was dark in the forest. Lin Huang estimated he was near his destination. If he did not follow the team, he would need at least two or three days to get into the forest carefully.

A monster roar came from not too far away distracting Lin Huang’s thoughts. Many bird-like monsters flew away from the fear of the roar. Lin Huang could tell that the monster was powerful that it could be at least silver-level. However, that did not bother Leng Yuexin and the rest at all. They proceeded straight into the area without hesitating for a second.

Soon, a gigantic Sky Dragon covered in crimson gold scales appeared before them. It was devouring a giant dead monster with its back facing them. The Sky Dragon was 30 meters long and more than 10 meters tall, it looked like a T. Rex that was at one time, bigger.

Lin Huang recognized it as a Sky Dragon but he did not know its actual name. He then asked Leng Yuexin softly, "Miss Leng, what is this monster? Why does it look like a Gold-Armored Dragon but the size of its scales and the sharpness of its claws and teeth seemed different?"

"This is a Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon, it was a Gold Armored Aragon that went through one round of mutation. Among the gold-level monsters, it is considered to be the strongest amongst creatures of its level." Leng Yuexin explained calmly. "It seems like we're lucky to be able to bump into a mutated monster in such good condition. It's a bummer that we're not with Imperial Censors, or else we could tame and deal it." A prince in a hat said.

"You call this a good condition? This is a masterpiece! Don't be pretentious, Ge Ping. I'm sure that you would run away if you were to fight this Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon on your own!" One of them teased.

"A gold-level rank-3 Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon's ability is comparable with a hunter that is on the top 100 in the Gold Hunters Leaderboard. Myself aside; the both of you would be dead if you fought it yourselves!" Ge Ping said angrily.

"Only Miss Leng and Bro Li could handle such a monster." The skinny young man said and looked at Li Yanxing. "This monster would be a great help if we can tame it. Too bad we have a mission with us. Even with the presence of an Imperial Censor, taming would take time. Seems like the only way is to kill it..." Li Yanxing said while looking at the Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon.

Although the Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon was eating earlier, it noticed them staring but it did not care. Lin Huang was stiff when he saw it staring at them, he could feel that death was near, his breath became heavier...

## Chapter 69: Dragonkin

Besides Li Yanxing and Leng Yuexin who were not affected by the Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon, Lin Huang and the other three royalty men had their feet planted on the ground. They did not dare to move as the slight movement would trigger the Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon to attack. "Should I kill it or do you want to kill it?" Leng Yuexin looked at Li Yanxing. "Of course I'll do it, how could I let a lady do this." Li Yanxing smiled and held his right hand in the air. A black sword appeared slowly in his hand.

The Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon was not happy that it was disturbed from eating, now that it was irritated by them, it became furious. It turned around and stared a deadly stare at Li Yanxing with its tail moving left to right. It seemed to be thinking, it could tell the man in front of him was the most powerful one among the rest. It could even feel the threat of death from him. As one of the top monsters in the area, it did not allow itself to run away. To it, only the weak would run away when facing a powerful enemy.

After a slight hesitation, the Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon attacked Li Yanxing. They were only a few hundred meters away from each other, it only took the dragon a few steps to arrive in front of them. Lin Huang wanted to dodge it but he saw Li Yanxing move. He leaped when the Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon approached him with its mouth wide open.

Just when he was falling into the Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon's mouth, he leaped and appeared behind the Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon. Before Lin Huang could figure out what happened, the Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon groaned and fell on the ground. Li Yanxing landed on the ground. There was blood dripping from his black sword, he then kept his sword into the scabbard and frowned. "It's not dead yet?" The young man in hat asked.

"I underestimated it and did not give my all in that slash. However, it won't live for long." Li Yanxing said calmly, he did not seem like he was going to give it another hit.

Lin Huang saw that the Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon's neck was cut open, blood was bursting out from the wound. Although its will to live was strong, it would not live for long. However, as long as the Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon was not dead, Lin Huang could not keep it in his storage space. He was thinking if he should follow Leng Yuexin and the gang to the foothold where the Six-Armed Demon was or to stay and wait for the Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon to die. The latter was much riskier as he had to walk alone later on and the blood of the Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon would attract other powerful monsters to him. However, the temptation to keep this monster was huge because it costs at least a billion credit points.

Of course, Lin Huang knew that it would not be a smart move for him to stay. With his ability, it was hard for him to survive if monsters were to swamp him. Just when he was deciding, Li Yanxing spoke, "Let's continue our journey. Bro Lin, you will arrive at your destination in less than an hour." He smiled at Lin Huang, Lin Huang could see through the grin that he was hiding. He then realized that Li Yanxing did not kill the Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon on purpose so that Lin Huang would leave the team alone. He knew very well that Lin Huang could not resist such a valuable carcass.

Lin Huang felt a chill in his body. Just when he wanted to leave the Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon behind and follow the team, Xiao Hei spoke.

"A dying dragonkin mutated monster is detected, it is suitable to integrate with the dragonkin mutated monster soul you have in your body. Would you like to integrate the monster soul for a new dragonkin Monster Card?"

Lin Huang's eyes lit up when he heard what Xiao Hei said. He then turned around and said loudly to Li Yanxing and the rest, "You guys go ahead. I need to pee, I'll catch up later." Leng Yuexin frowned and did not say a word. Li Yanxing smirked. He said to Lin Huang, "Alright then, we will make a move first."

After they left, Lin Huang asked Xiao Hei immediately, "Xiao Hei, how do I integrate them?"

"You need to place your hand on the dying dragonkin monster to integrate the dragonkin-monster's soul. During the integration, you can choose to consume your card pieces."

"The higher the level of card pieces and the more the amount, the rarer the quality of the integrated card. However, no matter how many card pieces are there, the rarity of the integrated card would not be lower than the rarity of the monster soul and the dragonkin monster."

Lin Huang was over the moon when he heard what Xiao Hei said. It meant he would definitely obtain a rare Monster Card of a dragonkin monster and its rarity might be even higher. He then walked to the back of the Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon. It was losing its breath and would die any minute.

Lin Huang placed his hand on its back and instructed Xiao Hei to begin the integration, "Consume all remaining card pieces for monster soul integration."

"This integration will consume the black python in your body and 3,057 card pieces. Confirm integration?"

"Confirmed! Delay no more and do it immediately!" Lin Huang could not wait any longer.

Just when he was done talking, a black glow shot out from the middle of his palm and went into the Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon's body. He knew that was the black python's soul. Soon, the Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon's body became a dot of white light and slowly faded into a card on Lin Huang's palm. The card was still covered in white glow on his palm and he could not see the color or the image on the card.

It was only when the Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon's body completely turned into a white dot that the card became material on his palm. After the white glow faded, the card appeared. Lin Huang was overjoyed when he saw the color of the card, "Blue Epic! It's a real blue Epic Card!" It was the first time for Lin Huang to get a blue Epic Monster Card, it was much happier than getting a SSR card in the game 'Master XX'!

After celebrating for a while, Lin Huang noticed that there was a black dragon with wings on the surface of the card but its size seemed small. He then turned the card around to read the detailed description.

"Monster Card"

"Rarity: Epic"

"Monster Name: Undying Baby Dragon"

"Type of Monster: Dragonkin (Beginner)"

"Combat Level: Iron-level 3-star"

"Skill 1: Black Dragon Flame (Beginner)"

"Skill 2: Dragon Power (Beginner)"

"Skill 3: Enhanced Regeneration (Beginner)"

"Skill 4: Elemental Immunity (Beginner)"

"Skill 5: Absolute Defense(Beginner)"

"Summoning Limit: Activated"

"Remarks: The monster will evolve into an adult Undying Black Dragon when it is upgraded to transcendent."

"Card remarks: Trainable"

Looking at those cool skill names, Lin Huang could not help but swear, "F\*ck, this is too good to be true!" Noticing that the 'beginner' behind the type of monster, Lin Huang asked Xiao Hei, "Xiao Hei, what does 'Dragonkin (Beginner)' mean?"

"This is categorized by the dragonkin's level. The lowest one would be Sky Dragons. A dragonkin that was higher level than a sky dragon would be the actual dragonkin. Dragonkin are powerful creatures. The blood of a dragonkin is graded in the following levels: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, and Pureblood. The rarity of the card could be Epic, Legendary, Mythical or Godlike."

"There's a Godlike card rarity level?!" Lin Huang's eyes widened when he heard Xiao Hei's explanation. It was his first time hearing about a Godlike rarity level. However, he knew that getting a dragonkin on his side was good enough. Without dwelling in too much, he turned the card around to read more about the skills.

"Black Dragon Flame (Beginner): A unique skill exclusively for dragonkin creature. The black Dragon Flame contains a corrosive substance that can burn almost anything."

"Dragon Power (Beginner): A unique skill exclusively for dragonkin creatures. It could deter most of the monsters that are within one level above the host, ineffective for monsters that have high intelligence."

"Enhanced Regeneration (Beginner): Passive skill, the host would have strong regenerative abilities which include limb regeneration. Limitation: The Head and heart cannot be regenerated."

"Element Immunity (Beginner): Passive skill, effective for elemental attacks, 80% immunity."

"Absolute Defense (Beginner): Passive skill, effective for physical attacks, 50% immunity."

Almost every skill was attractive to Lin Huang. He gave his instruction right after reading, "Xiao Hei, extract skill card."

"Skill card extraction activated... Selecting a skill for host... Random selection completely... Congratulations, you have received – Absolute Defense (Beginner)."

After receiving the new skill, Lin Huang looked at his Exclusive Card immediately.

"Host: Lin Huang"

"Gender: Male"

"Age: 15"

"Combat Strength: None (Exceeded assessment limit)"

"Skill 1: Blood Power (Level-2)"

"Skill 2: Great Sword Scripture (Sword Skill)"

"Skill 3: Robust (Intermediate)"

"Skill 4: Spectral Snowsteps (Body Movement)"

"Skill 5: Magic Eye Deterrence (Intermediate)"

“Skill 6: Immense Strength (Intermediate)”

“Skill 7: Absolute Defence (Beginner)”

“Summon Authority: Activated”

“Available Number of Summons: 1”

“Remark: Hmm, you have quite a lot of skills. What more can I say?”

He ignored Xiao Hei’s tease in the remark, he was happy. Although the skill that he really wanted was Enhanced Regeneration, Absolute Defence was suitable for short distance attacks as well. Considering that Li Yanxing and the rest was not far away, Lin Huang stopped fantasizing and summoned the Undying Baby Dragon. He did not want them to find out about the dragonkin monster. He kept the card and calmed himself. He sprinted towards the direction where Li Yanxing and the rest were headed toward.

Chapter 70: Arriving at the Destination

Within a few minutes, Lin Huang caught up with Li Yanxing and the rest.

Seeing that Lin Huang was back, Li Yanxing saw a shadow at the corner of his eye. Leng Yuexin sensed something odd too but none of them said a thing. The young man in a hat then said while laughing, “I thought you sacrificed your life for the dead body of the monster.”

“The Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon wasn’t dead yet and its blood would attract other monsters. It’s not worth it if I traded my life for money. I just needed to pee really badly.” Lin Huang responded innocently.

Hearing his explanation, they did not say anything since Lin Huang was approaching his destination and they would soon part ways. Not long later, Lin Huang asked Leng Yuexin, “Miss Leng, is the Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon part of the dragonkin?” Lin Huang knew the answer to his question but he asked anyway so that he could know more about the dragonkin from the royalty. He figured there must be more information on the Heart Network available for the royalty.

The young men scoffed when they heard Lin Huang’s question but Leng Yuexin thought that such a question was not silly at all! She shook her head and explained, “No, the Gold-Armored Dragons belong to a sub-species that are below the Sky Dragons since the very beginning. Even if it mutated into a Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon, the dragon blood in its body would never reach the concentration of a Sky Dragon’s blood.”

“If the concentration of the dragon blood in its body is near the concentration of a Sky Dragon’s blood since birth when it evolves to a transcendent, a certain transformation would happen to its blood and it would upgrade to a Sky Dragon. If the dragon blood concentration is insufficient, even if it evolved into a transcendent, it would just be a mutated transcendent monster, nothing like a Sky Dragon.”

“The dragonkin are monsters that have at least 30% dragon blood concentration. These monsters were born with supernatural powers from the dragon family such as Dragon Flame, Dragon Power and more. We won’t be able to see the power of a real dragonkin.”

“Monsters that have 10% to 30% of dragon blood concentration could only be a Sky Dragon species no matter how powerful they are as they don’t possess the power of a true dragonkin. Most of the Sky Dragons are powerful as they are born with combat strength that surpassed a transcendent. They are a dream flying creature of many hunters.”

“For those with a dragon blood concentration less than 10%, they are nothing like a Sky Dragon. They are just slightly more powerful than ordinary monsters that are on the same level as them and this Gold-Armored Dragon belongs to this category. The Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon that we saw earlier was mutated from a Gold-Armored Dragon, its dragon blood concentration must have been upgraded, that was why it was more powerful.”

“Since it did not die from the single hit by Bro Li earlier, the dragon blood concentration of the Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon should be more than 8%. With such a concentration, it could experience a second mutation if trained properly and increase its dragon blood to 10% and above to a Sky Dragon.”

Leng Yuexin was worried that Lin Huang would not understand so she explained all the details. She was born in royalty with a silver spoon. Though she met many extraordinary young people in the past few years, she did not communicate much with civilians including Lin Huang. Lin Huang was a few years younger than her and he was out in the wild on his own without any companion to hunt Life Seed monsters with him. He was even collecting all the bronze-level monster bodies that were worthless to her just to get credit points. She pitied him.

Lin Huang did not know what Leng Yuexin thought of him, he saw her as genuine. Although she seemed cold upfront, she was a kind person within. After hearing Leng Yuexin’s explanation, he further asked, “Has there ever been any real dragonkin in Division7 before?”

He asked the question as he wanted to know if the dragonkin was the ultimate combat strength in this world. “There’s no such record in the history of Division7, but there was one dragonkin that appeared in Division3 600 years ago. It was huge and many transcedents were killed but the Heart Network had made this case inaccessible. I’m not sure what exactly happened. I’ve asked the older generation in my family but they did not want to tell me.” Leng Yuexin shook her head.

“I know something about this case.” Li Yanxing interrupted, “I heard the death of many transcendent alarmed a demigod and the dragonkin was killed. All the information about the case was sealed by the Union Government because it involved a demigod!”

Lin Huang knew how rare the Undying Baby Dragon that he had was. He got the answers to his questions and he kept quiet thereafter as there was really nothing much to speak about with these royal brats.

Within an hour, they arrived at Lin Huang’s destination. “Alright, Bro Lin Huang, just walk in the direction heading towards the west and you will arrive at the area with the Six-Armed Demons.” Li Yanxing said while the rest took rest under a tree.

“Don’t force yourself if you cannot do it. Yes, a Life Seed monster is important but also remembers that you’re just upgrading to iron-level. In fact, you can choose other more powerful Life Seeds when you have upgraded. You still have other choices if you’re not able to kill the Six-Armed Demon” Leng Yuexin advised him again.

“Yes, I know. I’ll get another one if I cannot handle the monster. Although I have no idea what your mission is, all the best to all of you.” Lin Huang nodded and smiled at Leng Yuexin. “We hope so too.” Leng Yuexin returned the smile. It was the first time Lin Huang saw her smiling. Li Yanxing and the rest did not say anything, they then left with Leng Yuexin.

Lin Huang then summoned Bai and left for the west. Bai walked in front of Lin Huang. In this level-4 wild zone, although most of the monsters at the border were iron-level and bronze-level, there could be silver-level and gold-level monsters too. Just like the Crimson Gold-Armored Dragon which was hunting for food at the border of the area, it was unfortunate that it bumped into Li Yanxing.

Even with Bai, Lin Huang was not completely safe at the border. Now that Bai was just iron-level rank-3, they could handle those that were on bronze-level rank-1 but not those that were bronze-level rank-2 and rank-3. Lin Huang tried not to use his GrayEagle17 here as this world was different from earth. The sound of a gunshot would not chase monsters away but it would attract them instead. The monsters knew that there was a human behind every gunshot. To most of the monsters, human flesh was much more delicious than the flesh of other monsters. It was a rare delicacy.

Lin Huang and Bai took their time and walked slowly. Although the two-kilometer journey to the Six-Armed Demons was not long, they spent an hour before arriving at the much-awaited destination.