

Paradise 91

Chapter 91: A Fateful Battle – Two Fish In A Moat

The mysterious lady stared at Lin Huang. After the BlackEagle33 in her hand morphed into a pistol, she made a few consecutive attacks at Lin Huang instead.

Lin Huang easily dodged her shots.

When Lin Huang shot back, the woman moved as swift as a ghost. She was on par with Lin Huang's *Cloud Steps* or if Lin Huang would admit it, she was probably even better than he was. The few shots he fired did not even graze her leather armor.

Both of their attacks were fired lighting fast and they instantly realized that they had encountered strong opponents – each other.

None of them were willing to retreat and within a few seconds, their attacks became more intense. Lin Huang used this opportunity to train himself.

The woman in leather clothing seemed happy, perhaps due to the fact that it was rare to encounter a similarly strong opponent in the iron zone.

A grin formed on her fair face and her waist-length black hair followed her curves. She was so graceful even when she dodged his attacks. Lin Huang, on the other hand, looked serious and was worried all the time but he seemed to do it all effortlessly, his skill light and graceful.

Both of them continued to attack each other at a distance of around 100 meters and yet none of them were hit by their opponent's attack.

The people who watched were amazed at their movement speed. The reason why they could avoid the bullets was because they had astonishing predictive abilities. Both of their eyes had never once left each other's body. They were able to capture the subtle changes in their opponents' muscles just before they attacked.

Under such circumstances, they were able to predict each other's moment of attack and dodge in the nick of time. If they were a tenth of a second slower, they would be hit.

The fight lasted for only a few minutes before it ended; not because either of them was hit by a bullet but because there were other players who had now entered the battle.

The first player who entered was the woman's companion. He was short and fat. Before he was able to react, a bullet penetrated his head between his eyebrows and he collapsed instantly.

Of course, it was Lin Huang who fired that shot. His speed was terribly fast.

The second player who joined the fight was Brother Mighty. He was Lin Huang's partner.

As soon as Brother Mighty respawned, he hurried to the place where he died. He had no clue about what had just happened. After watching the video on playback, he found out that he had been shot by a lady aged between 16 or 17. He went back to the battleground to help Lin Huang.

He was still far away and could only hear the sound of shots fired every few seconds. He excitedly muttered, "The guy had not died yet?!" He recognized the gun that was being used – the BlackEagle33.

He rushed in the direction of the sound using a different route. This way, he could see the high ground of the night market with better clarity and protect his back from being shot again.

"How dare this fellow get me with a sneak attack? I'll let you know how it feels like, getting shot in the head!" Brother Mighty grinned as he exited yet another restaurant.

He popped his head from behind the wall and he could see the woman in leather armor from afar.

As soon as he was about to pull his trigger, he blacked out, again.

Lin Huang noticed Brother Mighty popping his head from behind the wall and once again, he witnessed the lady in leather shooting him. She did it in the same way Lin Huang shot down the fat guy, between his eyebrows.

Lin Huang shook his head as he knew that she was determined to compete with him.

However, Lin Huang and the woman had never expected that something peculiar was going to happen on that battlefield...

After Brother Mighty was shot and had watched the video on playback, he realized that the woman was powerful. However, Lin Huang had yet to be sent back to the respawn point. Instead, it was the backbone of his companions, the middle-aged man with the player ID of 'Man in his forties is a flower in bloom' who appeared at the respawn point.

Brother Mighty immediately told the middle-aged man that there was a woman who could very well be a gunmaster at the night market. They then proceeded to the night market together.

At the opponent's respawn point, when the short and fat guy respawned, there were two other people there. He then told them that there was a young man in the opposing team. Three of them rushed to the night market, planning to kill Lin Huang.

Soon, the night market that initially began with only two of them was now crowded.

As soon as the three of them appeared, including the short and fat guy, Lin Huang made three consecutive shots and immediately, they were sent back to the respawn point.

On the other side, Brother Mighty and the middle-aged man were shot by the woman right after they appeared. They were sent back to the respawn point as well.

"What just happened?" Everyone was curious. On playback, they saw the scene when Lin Huang made three consecutive shots and all three shots fired hit them right in the middle, between their eyebrows.

At the respawn point, Brother Mighty and the middle-aged man were watching the same replay and they exhaled loudly. They were amazed by how powerful the woman was and at the same time, they had finally witnessed Lin Huang's ability.

"We might have met a true gunmaster!" They exclaimed at the same time.

Indeed, many hunters were obsessed with firearms but not all of them can be a gunmaster.

The main purpose of the Gun Master Assessment was to evaluate how they used a firearm. It was not really related to the candidate's ability. Though it was a beginner-level assessment, many of today's Gold Hunters were not able to pass the assessment at some point in the past. Yi Yeyu was one of them.

With the hunter zone opening in Gun Master, many gun-obsessed-hunters were motivated to join. They hoped to brush up on their firearm skills through virtual combat instead of dying in actual battle. Besides, they may just have a chance of meeting an actual gunmaster which would be a good learning experience for them.

They suspected that this was a battle between two gunmasters.

"Hey guys, there might be two gunmasters fighting at the night market. Stop fighting and let's watch the battle between them!" Brother Mighty and his team shouted at the video.

At the opposing camp, the short, fat guy and his teammate invited more people to witness the memorable fight as well.

Two guys who were fighting in the courtyard forfeited their battle and ran towards the night market...

Chapter 92: Best Player Award

Mu Zimo's game ID was 'Female Gunslinger 1'. The account was created not long ago, less than a month.

Within one month, aside from battles where she was paired with weak teammates, she had never lost a battle. System statistics show that she has a 99% win rate and was awarded as the best player of the game in most battles than the battles which she had weak teammates, she had never lost before.

During this period of time, she had met other gunmasters in-game. However, she did not participate much in battles as her opponents would usually choose to avoid her and attack her teammates instead.

It was the first time Mu Zimo met an opponent like Lin Huang, who would fight till the end and was reluctant to retreat.

She was so excited and did not bother about the outcome of the battle. She wanted to be better than Lin Huang.

Lin Huang entered the game for the first time with a simple purpose. He was looking for an opponent who was stronger than him so he could practice his skills. He was not concerned about winning.

Their team members arrived at the battleground to see the both of them engaged in a fierce battle.

All of them kept their guns and raised their hands, a sign that they were here to watch instead of joining in the fight. They watched quietly.

As time passed, both of them became familiar with each other's combat movements. Soon, they bonded through battle.

Lin Huang knew that she was the real deal, a true gunmaster. She had strong fundamentals and it showed in her skills. She was as good as he was. He could not figure out her weaknesses at all.

Mu Zimo felt differently about Lin Huang. He had good basics unlike the other players but she could predict his next moves they were just as good as one another. He must be new to Gun Master by the looks of it but he must have come from an academy.

She fired even more shots at him and when Lin Huang tried to dodge her attacks, another BlackEagle33 appeared in her left hand.

Just then, he could not relax anymore, he knew she meant business this time.

Mu Zimo was confident that she could certainly send Lin Huang back to the respawn point. Lin Huang however, had no intentions of retreating.

At the high ground, Mu Zimo held guns in both her hands, attacking consecutively. Her attack speed was at least 50% faster now.

"It's a gunfighting technique!" Lin Huang's pupils dilated as they watched Mu Zimo's every movement.

"I've been practicing this skill for a year – the Twin Flower. I don't think that you can dodge my bullets anymore!" Mu Zimo finally spoke to Lin Huang.

The bullet's trajectory of her BlackEagle33's began changing abruptly. It was supposed to be traveling in a straight line. However, following Mu Zimo's wrist movements, it began to travel in a curved path.

She then launched her combo with both guns. Bullets were flying all around her towards Lin Huang, filling the entire area, causing those who were watching the fight to cheer in astonishment.

At almost the same time, Lin Huang's movements changed. He touched the ground with his toe and Spectral Snowsteps was activated. His body rose swiftly into the air, resembling a soaring eagle. He did a somersault in mid-air and landed on the roof of another house.

Thanks to Spectral Snowsteps, he managed escaped to escape the area of effect of the gunfighting technique – Twin Flower.

"Eh?!" Mu Zimo had never expected that Lin Huang would have different movement skills. It was as fast as the first skill he activated.

Lin Huang's weakness was revealed when she realized that his gun skills were weakened if his opponents used gunfighting techniques.

After getting up to the rooftop, he activated Boundless Vision without hesitation. The innate ability of Sly Hand was activated as well. He raised the gun once again and fired multiple shots at Mu Zimo with the fastest attack-speed ever.

Thanks to the physique enhancement from Robust, the recoil force had minimal effect on Lin Huang's body. His regular attack speed was then 10% faster than Mu Zimo's attack speed. He was terribly fast now.

The activation of Boundless Vision allowed Lin Huang to better notice Mu Zimo's subtle movements.

Mu Zimo had almost used up her Life Power when she activated the gunfighting technique. She was caught off-guard when Lin Huang counterattacked with a fearsome attack-speed and she panicked.

Brother Mighty and the rest of them were struck by terror. Nobody could avoid such an attack regardless of how good their skills were. They would definitely be sent back to the respawn point.

The battle between gunmasters was not about movement skills. It was about eyesight and their abilities to predict their opponent's movements to give them great advantage in their ranged attacks, especially for gunmasters and bowmasters.

Lin Huang grinned when Mu Zimo began messing up her movements. Just then, he held the BlackEagle33 in his left hand.

He had never practiced using a gun with his left hand so he had no idea how it would turn out but this did not hamper the firing rate of his left hand.

The intensity of the Life Power bullets doubled immediately.

Mu Zimo was shocked to see Lin Huang holding another gun on his left hand. However, it shocked her that his accuracy was so awful.

Since Lin Huang shot randomly, it was rather difficult for Mu Zimo to predict the trajectory of the bullets fired out from the gun in his left hand.

Lin Huang's shooting speed was extremely fast to the point that it made her clumsy. She found it difficult to dodge the attacks, causing her defense to become weaker.

"I used up most of my Life Power when I used the gunfighting technique. This fellow is now attacking me at lightning speed and this will probably deplete his Life Power. I'll only need to avoid his attacks for now because movement skills require less Life Power. When his Life Power is exhausted, the victory of this battle will still belong to me!" Mu Zimo planned in her mind.

The colorful signboards of the night market made the night in Lijiang Tower much more mysterious.

At the night market, the sounds of shooting guns continued and began to sound a lot more like a rifle because Lin Huang kept shooting at her.

It had been 10 minutes and Lin Huang's was still attacking at an extremely high speed. On the other hand, Mu Zimo seemed to have used up most of her Life Power.

All of them were comparing Mu Zimo's gunfighting technique which lasted for only a few seconds but Lin Huang did not seem to have the intention to stop at all.

"How could it be? Even if the skill that he's did not consume a large amount of Life Power, each bullet fired will require Life Power, especially with such a fast attack speed. How is it possible for him to sustain his attacks for such a long period of time?!" Mu Zimo doubted. Her Life Power could only last her six minutes if she shot her bullets at her fastest speed.

It had been more than 10 minutes and Mu Zimo had used up most of her Life Power avoiding the attacks while counterattacking.

"It has ended," Lin Huang said in a deep voice.

He fired out of his left gun to block Mu Zimo's movements while his other hand shot a bullet at her head.

"This guy... He sure knows how to use a gun with his left hand!" Mu Zimo was terrified. The next moment, a bullet penetrated her head and her body collapsed in an instant.

Brother Mighty gave Lin Huang a thumbs up and said, "Brilliant! Pretending that you have not trained using your left hand to trick the woman into believing you."

Lin Huang shook his head and said, "I've indeed never practiced with my left hand to shoot guns before this. When I was in the midst of shooting, I familiarized myself with shooting from my left hand. Though my accuracy has improved, my right hand still handles a gun better."

"It seems that one needs to be talented to become a gunmaster. He was able to familiarize himself with shooting from his left hand in just 10 minutes..." Brother Mighty and the rest of them looked embarrassed.

In the midst of the conversation, a notification sound rang.

"Counting down... 10, 9, 8..."

Just as Lin Huang was about to quit the game, he received a friend request. It was from "Female Gunslinger 1".

Lin Huang hesitated for a moment but decided to accept her friend request anyway. Now, he had one new friend on his friends' list which was initially empty.

"I hope we'll have a chance for a rematch soon!" 'Female Gunslinger 1' sent him a message.

"Sure!" Lin Huang replied.

The countdown timer ended as soon as they ended their conversation. Lin Huang saw Lijiang Tower fading from his view.

Lin Huang then returned to the empty game cabin with the results of his battle.

"Player: Simply a Newbie"

"Kill Points Gained: 4"

"Death count: 0"

"Congratulations! You've won the best player award!"

Chapter 93: Special Life Columns

After quitting the game, Mu Zimo changed into her purple silk pajamas. She clicked on the recorded battle between Lin Huang and her at her desk and watched it again.

After a short while, a girl in pink pajamas walked into the room. She looked exactly like Mu Zimo.

"Sister, what are you watching?" asked the girl in pink pajamas.

“I’m watching the recording of the game battle.” Mu Zimo did not turn her head around, her gaze never leaving the projected video.

The girl in pink pajamas watched the video together with her from behind. She frowned when she saw how intense Lin Huang’s attack was.

After she finished watching the video, Mu Zimo turned back and asked her twin sister, “Zixi, what do you think?”

“There is something strange about the columns in his Life Wheel. The number of Life Wheels that he has is different from that of any other person. Based on the frequency of his high-speed attacks, he would need at least three Life Wheels or more in his body to supply such a large amount of Life Power for an attack that lasted this long.” Mu Zixi explained.

“I feel the same way!” Mu Zimo felt assured.

“It doesn’t matter if he was born with the Six Existential Realm Life Columns with six Life Wheels or the Octadragus Skydragon Life Columns with eight Life Wheels, he is definitely no ordinary person. I wonder which family he’s from, he’s so young...” Mu Zixi said with a smile.

“Hey, are you making fun of me because I’m not as good as he is?” Mu Zimo rolled her eyes.

“Well, firearms have always been your weakness and you’re fighting with a guy with these special Life Columns while your power is restricted to iron-level rank-1. Don’t feel bad for losing the game.” Mu Zixi tried to make her sister feel better.

“My power can only be restricted to iron-level rank-1 since I have the power and speed of a rank-3 hunter even though I’m just a rank-1 hunter. If I were to fight with the combat abilities of a rank-2 or rank-3 hunter, that would be bullying. Besides, the fact that I lost to someone that had the same combat abilities with me proves that my firearm skills can still be improved.” Mu Zimo shook her head as she tried to console herself.

“Why do you waste your time practicing with a gun? You already have the ability to use bows and throwing knives as your ranged attack. You should strive to become a transcendent!” Mu Zixi suggested.

“You do know that there’s no news regarding the transcendent monster that I’ve chosen? Since I have nothing to do now, I might as well practice my gun skills. You’ve been quite free lately, why don’t we play Gun Master together?” Mu Zimo asked.

“I’m not going to play that game!” Mu Zixi said with a pout. “I’m going to bed.”

Mu Zimo turned off the video and slept under the covers with Mu Zixi.

After a short while, the sound of Mu Zixi yelling at her was heard, “Don’t touch me whenever and wherever you please! Go to sleep!”

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It was 10 o’clock at night when Lin Huang left the game cabin.

He was quite satisfied with the experience he gained in the game cabin; he even beat an actual gunmaster. However, he noticed that there was still a huge gap between an actual gunmaster and himself.

The techniques and skills of an actual gunmaster would be different from him, at least. They would not only have a single attack skill like he did and instead, would have immense power from a variety of gunfighting techniques.

“I’ll look for some tutorials on gun techniques and learn from actual combat videos between gunmasters. If I’m able to brush up on my gun skills, it will not be difficult to beat the Gun Master Assessment.” Lin Huang was aware of his weaknesses. “I’ll pick up a gunfighting technique after receiving the gunfighting certificate.”

He heard sounds from Lin Xin who stayed upstairs and was not asleep yet. Lin Huang took the game ring and returned it to Lin Xin so that he could buy a new one for himself.

“Brother, you’ve played for so long.” She knew that he had just come out from the game cabin. He was still sweating.

“Yes, I tried the basic mode and played another round in the hunter zone.” Lin Huang nodded.

“Did you win?” Lin Xin was curious to know.

“Of course I did. Don’t you know who I am?” Lin Huang boasted.

“You’re amazing!” There were stars in Lin Xin’s eyes. If her brother could win the game, it was an indicator that her brother was a really good player.

“It is 10 o’clock now, get to bed early.” Lin Huang rubbed her head softly. He saw the tourist website that Lin Xin was checking out so he asked with a smile, “Are you going on a trip soon? Have you decided where you’re going to head to?”

“I’ve chosen a few places but I haven’t made my final decision...” There were so many places she wanted to visit.

“Which few places have you chosen? Show me.” Lin Huang insisted.

“I want to go to Qiantang City, the A-grade foothold the most. The photos and videos uploaded on the network are decent. However, it’s quite a distance. It’ll take at least a month to reach if I take the Demonic Crystal Spaceship...” She was being optimistic even though she knew very well that she couldn’t go there.

“It’s indeed nice... However, you don’t have enough time since it’s your final year in this coming September. It takes more than three months to travel to and fro. You can consider this destination next year after your graduation.” Lin Huang advised. The super big foothold was indeed beautiful.

“The second choice would be Cold Mountain City, a B-grade foothold. It is said that the entire foothold was built on the cold mountains. The foothold is covered in snow during all four seasons. It is summer now and this place is a summer resort.” Lin Xin loved cold, snowy weather.

“How long does it take to get there if you travel on the Demonic Crystal Spaceship?” Lin Huang was certain she had all the details.

“It takes only one month and we can still stay there for half a month.” She still preferred to go to Cold Mountain City.

“The amount of time spent traveling on the ship is quite long... Are there any other choices?” Lin Huang was uneasy as the time taken to go to Cold Mountain City was longer than their actual vacation time.

“There’s also Bamboo City at a B-grade foothold and it takes only a week on the Demonic Crystal Spaceship. There is also Xiagong City, located at a B-grade foothold as well and it takes only eight days to travel there. Also, Baqi City is in a C-grade foothold...”

“Since we’re going on a trip, we should just ignore C-grade footholds. Let’s go to the big-sized footholds, the B-grade footholds. There’re only two choices left which are Bamboo City and Xiagong City who happen to be close to one another. There is a place called Black Water City but it is not a touristy place. Choose one location between Bamboo City and Xiagong City. After you’ve graduated, we can travel to places further from us when we have sufficient time for traveling.” Lin Huang said.

“Alright.” Lin Xin agreed with her brother.

“Sleep early. I’ll take a bath before I sleep because I’m sweating.” Lin Huang went back to his room.

“Good night, brother!” Lin Xin immediately shouted as Lin Huang left.

“Good night!”

Chapter 94: Attribute of Lin Huang’s Life Power

“Your delivery is here. Please pick your parcel up!”

Early in the morning, as Lin Xin was preparing for school and Lin Huang was cleaning up after their meal, they heard the sound of the Silvertongue Bird.

Upon opening the door, the fist-sized Silvertongue Bird was stood in front of the door. It looked up at Lin Huang.

“Good morning, Mr. Lin Huang. Here is your parcel.”

It then flapped its wings and left a big box, half the size of a regular human, by the doorstep.

The yellow feathered Silvertongue Bird jumped up on the box and a receipt appeared from its mouth.

Lin Huang took the receipt and scanned the signature code at the bottom right corner with his Emperor’s Heart Ring. He then walked into his house, grabbed some sweets and gave it to the bird.

The Silvertongue Bird extended its wings and flew off after taking all the sweets. It was flattered, “Thank you for your generosity. I wish you a happy life.”

He moved the box back to his house and opened it with a small knife.

It was an instrument wrapped in a layer of thick, vibration-proof material. The height of the box was around 80 centimeters but the actual height of the instrument was less than 50 centimeters.

He took out the instrument from the box and there was a Hunter Association logo printed on the bottom left corner. Lin Huang intentionally chose this Life Power detector because it was manufactured by the Hunter Association. The result of the test would, therefore, be more reliable than the others.

There was a white crystal stone bulging at the top, in the center of the instrument. It was the shape of a hemisphere and was about 20 centimeters in diameter.

Lin Huang knew that this was the crystal stone detector.

The crystal stone detector lit up as he pressed on the reddish-orange switch at the bottom of the detector.

The semi-transparent white crystal stone lit up like a white light lamp.

Lin Huang pressed his right hand against it and the Life Power in his body was transferred to the crystal stone detector and it began to glow in a rainbow of colors.

The colorful light glimmered for about two minutes and stopped. Three different colors appeared on the stone detector which was initially white in color. Gold color occupied the most among them while there was a little black and red color at the edges.

“Detection is completed. The user has polymorphic Life Power. The user has multiple elemental attributes to his Life Power. Three types of attributes have been detected. The dragonfire and blood element occupied most of the Life Power while a small fraction of it is taken up by the strength element. There may be some other attributes that have not been detected. Would you like to contact the Hunter Association for a more detailed test?”

“Reject contact!” After listening to the results of the test, he roughly knew why he had multiple elemental attributes in his Life Power.

He absorbed most of the Life Power from Charcoal and Bai which was why there was a higher amount of blood and dragonfire element to his Life Power while he only used Tyrant occasionally, which explains why the strength element was a little lacking.

He erased the data stored in the detector and turned it off. He then opened the network and started looking for information regarding polymorphic Life Power.

There was very little information regarding polymorphic Life Power on the network. He found nothing useful after surfing the net for almost half a day.

“It’s unavailable on the Heart Network. Perhaps I’ll have to ask Yi Yeyu again?” Lin Huang frowned. However, he recalled something after a short while. “Oh yeah, I almost forgot that I am now given access to the exclusive section for Bronze Hunters.”

He logged into the Hunter Association information network and looked for more information. After reading around eight irrelevant posts, he had finally found one thread discussing Life Skill training for people with polymorphic Life Power.

It was posted by an anon around 20 years ago, stating that the person had polymorphic Life Power and was interviewed. Many comments insulted the owner of the post.

This was because not many of them possessed more than one attribute. Those who possessed dual attributes were even rarer and there were only a few of them in the entire Division7. People had mentioned polymorphic attributes as a theory but no one had actually proven its existence. Aside from royalty, no commoner had ever heard of this before.

The post was initially pushed down the thread list after it was posted for a few days until one day; an anonymous person gave a lengthy reply, rekindling interest in this issue.

The anonymous person explained in detail and he or she seemed to have done their research. Lin Huang read the reply carefully and was in deep thought.

The entire reply could be concluded in the final sentence, "It is more appropriate for those with polymorphic Life Power to practice Life Skills with a neutral elemental attribute." However, he was pondering this matter deeply.

"Based on the reply, it mentioned that Life Power was actually a kind of energy that was relatively stable. However, when Life Power is imbued with different elemental attributes, the instability index of Life Power will increase. A person who possessed polymorphic Life Power has an innate self-balancing system within their body. If they were to train with a Life Skill that was imbued with an elemental attribute, it would disrupt this self-balancing system and cause the unstable Life Power to erupt from one's body. In order to maintain the balance of Life Power in one's body, people with polymorphic life power can only train with Life Skills with a neutral element."

"The theory made sense but the ratio of the elemental attributes in my Life Power is constantly changing and it seems to be fine. Could it be because I'm still at a low level and have a low quantity of Life Power?" Lin Huang doubted.

However, he decided to follow what was suggested and train the *Army Attack Tactics* that he had on hand.

Army Attack Tactics was a set of Life Skills with a neutral attribute that focused on fighting skills. Many experts would practice this Life Skill as it was more valuable than any other

There were nine levels in this set of Life Skills. Most people would cap out at level four or five. Only those who were stronger could reach level six. Level six was an important stage in this set of Life Skills. If one was able to break through this stage, the strength and the speed using the Life Skills would be on par with that of an ultimate Life Skill.

With Xiao Hei on hand, it could be level six or even level nine for the *Army Attack Tactics*, he was confident that he could achieve it. Time was the only issue.

Since he had determined the attribute of his Life Power, he did not want to delay the training of his Life Skill any longer.

He kept the Life Power detector away and went back to his room.

He took out a black crystal the size of his fist and transferred his Life Power into it.

A middle-aged man appeared in front of Lin Huang and Lin Huang could vaguely sense that he was giving off a murderous vibe.

“The Life Skill – *Army Attack Tactics* was derived from an ancient skill from the ancients known as *Devastating Heavens* . Despite being a high-level Life Skill that people used in current times, it was in sync with the knowledge and wisdom of the old masters. This set of Life Skills were created by someone who had disobeyed the law of nature. He had said in the past that whoever was capable of achieving level nine in this set of Life Skills would stand aloof from Ultimate Life Skills and would achieve the power of Holy Life Skills...”

Chapter 95: A Life Skill Card

Aside from special Life Skills, the common Life Skills were not so difficult to learn. Rather, the difficult part was upgrading them to the next level.

Similarly, *Army Attack Tactics* was not that difficult to learn as well. Most iron-level hunters were able to complete the first level within three days.

Lin Huang was taught by a specially appointed person that specialized in the *Army Attack Tactics* practicing crystal. Lin Huang could now gradually divide his Life Power into parts.

The Life Power which initially resembled a clear stream started to divide into two streams, the two streams then divided into three streams, three streams began dividing into four and eventually, his Life Power was divided into 12 streams after he completed refining his Life Power. It was akin to a large military unit that was broken into 12 smaller units.

Lin Huang was puzzled as he wondered what the purpose of refining his Life Power into 12 streams was for. However, after watching the demonstration by the middle-aged man, he finally understood the purpose of doing so.

This was because he saw the 12 streams of Life Power tangling among one another, forming a rope which rotated at lightning speed until it resembled an electric drill.

“Ah, no wonder so many people are confident with *Army Attack Tactics* , this set of skill changes the form of one’s Life Power.” Lin Huang’s eyes brightened up at the thought of this. Lin Huang could now attack his opponents with different forms of Life Power.

After watching the video tutorial, Lin Huang now had a broader understanding of the use of Life Power.

He could finally understand why the Life Skill was named *Army Attack Tactics* . Life Power could be divided into smaller groups like how armies were divided into divisions of troops to carry out different attack tactics be it offensive or defensive; the commander would only have to instruct them and they would carry out his will. This was the core principle of *Army Attack Tactics* .

Lin Huang spent about nine hours managed to master forming his Life Power into the shape of an electric drill and completed the first level of *Army Attack Tactics* . His progress was quite good and he performed almost as well as a genius! However, he still could not compare to the true geniuses.

According to the information Lin Huang retrieved from the network, An Luoyu was the fastest person to master *Army Attack Tactics* and this was about 20 years ago. He spent about half an hour to complete the first level. He was a true genius.

Upon completing the first level of *Army Attack Tactics*, he received a pop-up notification from Xiao Hei.

“Life Skill detected. Do you want to turn it into a card?”

“Does it require card pieces?” Lin Huang asked.

“No, as it is a self-learned and self-mastered Life Skill, you do not have to give anything in order to turn it into a card.”

“Alright, turn it into a card.” Lin Huang nodded.

“It’s done. You obtained a Rare Life Skill Card.”

Lin Huang immediately looked at the card that he had just obtained.

“Life Skill Card”

“Life Skill Name: Army Attack Tactics”

“Rarity: Rare”

“Mastery Level: Level 1”

“Effect: 12% increment in the rotation speed of Life Power. Increases attack power and defense power by 12% respectively.”

“Remarks: For the first five levels, with every upgrade, each of the Life Skill effects will be increased by 12%.”

“Card Remarks: Usable”

“With every upgrade, there will be 12% increment. Five levels will mean a 60% increase. When one reaches the sixth level, each of the Life Skill effects will be increased to at least 72%. It is indeed similar to the power of an Ultimate Life Skill.” Lin Huang had previously checked out the effects of different levels of Life Skill.

For low-level Life Skills, the speed, attack power and defense power of Life Power increased by less than 30% while mid-level Life Skills increased the effects from anywhere between 30% to 50%. On the other hand, high-level Life Skills would increase the effects on Life Power between 50% to 70% while Ultimate Life Skill increases the effect on Life Power between 70% to 100%.

“Xiao Hei, after turning it into Life Skill card, will I be rewarded with card pieces when I practice?” Lin Huang asked.

“Yes, you will obtain card pieces.”

“What are the rules for leveling this skill?”

“It will be upgraded to the second level with 200 card pieces. After upgrading to the second level, it will require 400 card pieces to upgrade to the third level. Then, 800 card pieces are needed to be upgraded to the fourth level. After leveling to the fourth level, 1,600 card pieces are required to upgrade to the fifth level.”

“Starting from the sixth level, there are some changes to the rules of leveling the skill. In order to upgrade from level five to level six, it requires 10,000 Life Skill card pieces. From level six to level seven, 30,000 Life Skill card pieces are needed and to upgrade from level seven to level eight, you will need 90,000 Life Skill card pieces. ”

“Upgrading from level eight to level nine is a whole different set of rules. It will require 810,000 Life Skill card pieces.”

“810,000...” Lin Huang was speechless but he muttered, “Lucky for me, it isn’t too difficult to reach level six..”

In just a short while after the Life Skill card was made, Lin Xin came back from school and he unlocked his door when he heard the front door open. “Brother, I’m home!” Lin Xin shouted.

“What do you want to eat? Take your pick from the kitchen.” Lin Huang said as he walked down the stairs and towards the kitchen. He took out the leftovers.

After changing her shoes, Lin Xin went to the kitchen chose three dishes.

Lin Huang was steaming the rice and said, “I forgot to steam rice. You might need to wait for a while. It was a busy day today.”

“It’s okay. I am not hungry yet.” Lin Xin pulled Lin Huang to the living hall and sat on the sofa. She opened the photos saved in her Emperor’s Heart Ring and pictures of sceneries popped up in front of them. “Brother, I’ve made up my mind! Let’s go to Xiagong City!”

Xiagong City was a popular vacation site because of the palace ruins.

The palace ruins were 80 kilometers west of Xiagong City. People have said that they were remnants of the old times and was evidence that the Protoss had once descended upon this world.

The ruins had now become a popular tourist spot and had around 10,000 visitors per day!

“There are tickets available for Xiagong City next Monday. If you’ve made up your mind, I’ll book the tickets now.” Lin Huang shared her joy.

“Let’s go to Xiagong City!” Lin Xin nodded her head.

“Alright!”

Lin Huang opened the ticket booking webpage and checked. There were a few tickets available for next Monday and the two rooms they wanted were next to each other. He immediately purchased the tickets.

“You still have classes tomorrow. We will go to Baqi City on Saturday. We can have some fun there for two days before we board at Baqi City early the following morning.” Lin Huang suggested.

Chapter 96: Lin Xin's Cooking Skill

On Saturday morning, Lin Huang was awakened by Lin Xin because of her knocking.

"Brother, get up. It's time for breakfast!" Obviously, she sounded happy and excited.

"Yes, I know. I'm coming." Lin Huang looked at the clock and it was only 6.30 a.m.

After taking his bath, he changed his clothes and headed downstairs.

There were a few slightly weird-shaped, over-fried eggs on the dining table and a plate of refreshing looking salad.

Lin Huang walked behind the dining table and looked at the bowl of porridge. The girl had learned from the messed-up eggs. At least, the color looked fine and she did not simply add ingredients in the porridge.

"Brother, hurry up. After breakfast, we have to rush to get on the first eagle ride!" Lin Xin demanded.

"Take your time. We are not riding on an eagle to get there." Lin Huang understood why she was rushing.

"How are we going to go to Baqi City then? We are departing today, aren't we?"

"You will know later when we depart." Lin Huang slowly put a spoonful of porridge into his mouth. His facial expression changed immediately, forcing the porridge down his throat. He raised his head and looked at Lin Xin.

"Does it taste good?"

"There's too much salt. It is unhealthy to take in so much salt." Lin Huang tried to be gentle with his criticism.

"Since I didn't add any salt in the fried egg and salad, I added slightly more salt to the porridge." Lin Huang glanced at the spice rack while Lin Xin was talking. Before this, there was at least three-quarters of salt left in the container placed on the semi-transparent spice rack. However, there was none left.

"You can sprinkle some salt or pour soy sauce on the fried egg and salad if you want more taste in your meal." Lin Huang explained patiently.

To reduce the saltiness, Lin Huang took a spoonful of green salad.

As he ate the spoonful of salad, Lin Huang felt like his skull was about to crack. He forced himself to swallow and took a serviette to wipe away his tears.

"Xin Er, how much mustard did you add to the salad?" Lin Huang's tongue was numb.

"I remember you telling me that some of the vegetables must be soaked to taste good. I added the whole bottle of mustard oil into the bowl and soaked the vegetables. I coat the vegetables and mustard oil well from top to bottom by wearing gloves. I spent a lot of time preparing this!" Lin Xin said proudly.

“No wonder the color of the vegetables looks so appealing. It has been coated with mustard...” Lin Huang thought.

“Xin Er, I am stuffed. Enjoy your breakfast. I will wash the plates later.” Lin Huang walked towards the sofa.

“Brother, you have not touched the fried egg.” Lin Xin was upset.

“You can eat it.” Lin Huang sat on the sofa and read the news.

Lin Xin ate all the dishes – the salty porridge, the mustard-soaked salad and even the fried-egg. She gobbled them all!

“Was it possible that she was born with a weird sense of taste?” Lin Huang thought as he glanced at her.

In just a short while, Lin Xin finished all the food on the dining table. Lin Huang closed the news website and cleaned up the table.

“Brother, how are we going to Baqi City?” Lin Xin asked.

“Why are you being so impatient? You’ll know later.” Lin Huang was agitated.

“Have you packed?” Lin Huang asked.

“Yes, last night!”

“I’ll check my room once again to make sure that I did not miss anything. Please check that the windows are closed and the lights are switched off and oh... Lock the door on your way down.”

Lin Xin followed after him and went to check on the things Lin Huang mentioned.

Lin Huang had gone to his room. He closed the windows in his room and folded his quilts. He took one last glance at his room and locked the door. Lin Xin was coming down the stairs.

“I’ve done everything you asked me to do. Can we depart now?” Lin Xin was clearly excited.

Both of them changed their shoes and walked out of their house. Lin Huang walked two steps forward and summoned the Viridian Wolf at Street No.101.

It was a majestic-looking Viridian Wolf. She paused for a long time and finally said, “Brother, are you an Imperial Censor?!”

“Yes, I am. I discovered it when I registered for the Reserve Hunter Assessment.” Lin Huang did not tell her the truth because it would be hard for him to explain why he did not tell Lin Xin about this earlier.

“It’s going to take a long time to reach Baqi City by riding on your Viridian Wolf...” Lin Xin was curious.

“We’ll ride on the Viridian Wolf until we get out of this foothold. We’ll ride on other monsters later.” He extended his hand and pulled Lin Xin up to sit on the wolf’s back.

The Viridian Wolf stood up and ran towards the east gate of the foothold. They met a few acquaintances in the town who were filled with astonishment because of Lin Huang’s fancy ride! After about three

minutes, they arrived outside the east gate of the foothold. Lin Huang then recalled the Viridian Wolf and summoned the Alexandrian Eagle.

"It's so beautiful!" Lin Xin was staring at the white eagle's pure, frosty appearance.

"The Alexandrian Eagle's speed is faster than an ordinary eagle."

"Brother, you're so amazing. You're capable of summoning two monsters!" Lin Xin complimented Lin Huang.

"Get up. You can sit on this weather-resistant cushion so you can get a better view of the scenery." Lin Huang helped Lin Xin get up on the Alexandrian Eagle and he followed after her.

"Onto Baqi City." Lin Huang instructed the Alexandrian Eagle.

The Alexandrian Eagle roared, fluttered its wings and flew up to the sky with both of them behind it...

Chapter 97: Leng Yuexin Leveled Up – Transcendent

During the two days in Baqi City, Lin Huang brought Lin Xin to places with good food and fun in the foothold. On Monday morning, Lin Xin woke up at 6 o'clock again causing Lin Huang to wake up early too because she was noisy when she was getting ready in the living room.

He showered, changed and then brought Lin Xin to have breakfast downstairs. Whenever Lin Huang stayed in a hotel, he always thought of the food back at Stable Residence. The buffet breakfast in this hotel was not bad at all but it was nothing compared to the food at Stable Residence. Lin Huang then headed to the reception to check out once they were done.

After they left the hotel, he brought Lin Xin to the open air cafe that he went before. He was welcomed by the refreshing fragrance of coffee which made him feel wide awake.

He then asked a staff, "May I know what time you open?"

"Sir, we are open 24 hours. You can come in anytime you want." The lady staff replied gracefully.

"Oh, that's great... Get me a cup of black coffee then." Lin Huang raised his eyebrow, turned around and asked Lin Xin, "What would you like to drink?"

"Coffee must be bitter, are there any other beverages?" Lin Xin looked at the menu and noticed that there were no decaffeinated beverages available.

"We just launched honey coffee a few months back. It's a sweet beverage." The lady staff recommended.

"I'll have that then." Lin Xin nodded.

"Is there anything else? We have desserts too."

"None for me, how about you?" Lin Huang looked at Lin Xin.

"I'm good. We're still full from breakfast." Lin Xin shook her head.

“Alright then. One black coffee and one honey coffee.” The lady staff repeated.

After the bill was paid, Lin Huang brought Lin Xin to sit under the umbrella under the open air. The morning sun hurt their eyes. It was the first time Lin Huang could enjoy the beautiful side of the world without any pressure. Baqi City was quiet in the morning, there were very little people walking at the plaza.

Nonetheless, the city was indeed beautiful. If there were fewer monsters in this world, people would be able live in peace like heaven on earth.

He was staring at the sun for a long time and was distracted when the staff brought his coffee to him. He took a sip but frowned. Lin Xin noticed that and asked, “Is it bad?”

“It’s a little bitter.” Lin Huang assured his sister.

“You can have mine then, give me yours.” Lin Xin pushed her drink to him.

“It’s okay I prefer my coffee bitter.” Lin Huang politely declined her offer.

“Oh...” Lin Xin immediately took a sip of her drink and Lin Huang watch as her eyes brightened up,” It tastes so good!”

“That’s great, but don’t drink too much or else you’ll have trouble sleeping at night.” Lin Huang reminded her.

Lin Xin was indulging in her drink that she did not hear what Lin Huang said. Three minutes later, Lin Xin finished the drink. She let go of the straw and with her puppy eyes she asked, “Brother, can I please have another one?”

“I suppose, please try to get some rest tonight though.”

“You’re the best!” Lin Xin rushed into the cafe soon returned to Lin Huang’s side with a larger coffee cup.

Lin Huang glared at her. She stuck out her tongue and said to Lin Huang playfully, “You did not say that I’m not allowed to order an extra-large one.”

“Don’t come looking for me if you can’t sleep tonight.” Lin Huang was stern.

“I will play my games if I can’t fall asleep tonight.” Lin Xin nodded and said.

After he finished his coffee, Lin Huang read the news on the network. A news article caught his attention. The title of the news was ‘Daughter of the Leng Family became a transcendent at the age of 18’. He clicked on the news, it was Leng Yuexin. Lin Huang read the news article and got to know more about Leng Yuexin’s family background.

She was from the most powerful family among the six royal families in Division7. The news read that their family was powerful ever since the new era, about 800 years ago.

“No wonder relics did not mean anything to her...” Lin Huang had heard about the six royal families before but he did not know that Leng Yuexin’s family was one of them.

“No wonder the Li family would even consider apologizing to her family.”

“Brother, is this Leng Yuexin the one who sent you the parcels?” Lin Xin peeped at the news her brother was reading. “Only 18 and she’s already a transcendent, wow! How do you know her?”

“I followed her team when I journeyed into Wangyou Forest.” Lin Huang simply said.

“Then why did she send you stuff?” Lin Xin was curious.

“I bought some stuff from her but she did not bring it along with her at the time, so she sent them over when she got home.” Lin Huang thought of a quick lie.

“What did you buy from her?” Lin Xin asked further.

“Why are you asking so many questions? Drink your coffee.” Lin Huang was afraid that the more he engaged in the conversation, the more she’ll want to know.

“Did you at least get her signature?” Lin Xin asked again.

“No, I forgot to ask.”

“Please ask for her signature the next time!”

“Sure, I’ll ask her that if we ever meet again.”

After settling Lin Xin, Lin Huang hesitated and sent Leng Yuexin a message. The message was short, ‘Congratulations on leveling up to a transcendent!’

Leng Yuexin did not reply and moments later, Lin Huang switched off his communication device. He was bummed. They were drinking coffee while waiting for the spaceship. Just then, there was a notification from his ring. He opened it and it was a message from Leng Yuexin.

“Thank you. I was in the shower just now so I could not check my message. What’ve been up to?”

“My sister is on a long break so I’m bringing her to Xiagong City.” Lin Huang immediately replied.

“You had a hard time before so it’s good to relax a little. I’m going for a vacation myself in the next few days. I’m going to Division3.” Leng Yuexin told Lin Huang.

“It’s not easy to become a transcendent, you deserve a treat. Enjoy yourself!” Lin Huang replied.

“You enjoy yourself too.”

Lin Huang turned off the device and couldn’t help but smile. Just when Lin Huang had the time to travel, he visited a B-grade foothold while Leng Yuexin who belonged to royalty could go anywhere, anytime she wanted.

“One day I will become a transcendent and travel to other divisions!” Lin Huang promised himself.

Chapter 98: Lin Xin Had Insomnia

It was 8:40 a.m. and the Demonic Crystal Spaceship arrived on time at the central plaza of Baqi City. Lin Huang and Lin Xin scanned their barcodes and boarded the spaceship. They watched as the spaceship ascended into the air and saw Baqi City become smaller and smaller as they got higher. Lin Huang had spent his whole morning familiarizing himself with the spaceship.

Lin Xin's excitement wore out after lunch and she followed Lin Huang back to their rooms. The room numbers were printed on the Demonic Crystal Spaceship's ticket. Each ticket was printed with a different room number depending on where you were staying and was only meant for the person whose name was on the ticket. Everyone had to have a ticket, even infants!

Their rooms were both on the 7th floor, Room 156 and Room 157 respectively. There was a wall partitioning their rooms but Lin Xin did not want to stay alone. There was only one bedroom in his room and so he let Lin Xin have the bedroom while he slept on the couch in the living room. Lin Huang wanted to train in the morning undisturbed so hoped Lin Xin would be in her own room during the day.

After lunch, Lin Xin was playing Gun Master in her room. Lin Huang locked his room door and began his practice of *Army Attack Tactics*. During his days in Baqi City, he spent all his time accompanying Lin Xin to the point where he neglected training. As his journey in the air would take seven and a half days, he had planned to level *Army Attack Tactics* at least one or two levels. Although he had mastered level one, he was still unfamiliar with the skill rotation. He needed half an hour to go through the skill cycle to obtain one card piece.

He did his calculations, if he got one card piece every half an hour, he would need 200 card pieces to be able to level-up to level two – it would take him 100 hours. Even if he trained 15 hours a day, he would still need seven days to get to level two.

He sat with his legs crossed in the living room and soon, he activated his Life Power to train for *Army Attack Tactics*. He trained from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., five hours passed by in a blink of an eye. He obtained 11 card pieces and successfully shortened the cycle from 30 minutes to only 25 minutes.

After dinner with Lin Xin, she went back to her own room. She did not ask to go to his room this time which surprised Lin Huang. He arrived in his room and locked the door. Four hours later, it was 10:30 p.m., Lin Xin knocked on his door. The skill rotation improved as Lin Huang trained his body, it was now 22 minutes per skill cycle. Within four hours, he managed to obtain 10 card pieces.

He opened his door and saw a giddy Lin Xin. He asked, "Where did you go? You seem happy."

"I didn't go anywhere, I was playing Gun Master in my room all day. I didn't lose at all today and I even got a new high score!" Lin Xin was clearly proud of her small victory.

"Brother, I think I'm gifted. I'm destined to be a gunmaster."

"I think so too. When the summer break ends and you're back to school, tell your teacher about it and get them to assess your skill. However, whether you can become an actual gunmaster one day will depend wholly on yourself." Lin Huang encouraged her.

In a world like this, it was impossible to avoid monsters completely. For a profession that focused on long-distance attacks like the gunmaster, it would be relatively safer compared to other professions.

Although there were very few female gunmasters, Lin Huang hoped Lin Xin would plan her future towards that goal.

“I’ll talk to my teacher then.” Lin Xin nodded. She would be back in school this September and would be in the graduating class. It was time for her to think about her future. There are three options after she graduated from the Hunter Reserve College. One was to enter a more prestigious school such as the military academy which was under the wing of the Union Government, the Hunter Association or other academies that were established by organizations to further her studies. If she was bronze-level, she would be an official member of one of the organizations. Each organization has vast resources to cultivate talents in the field they specialize in and would train outstanding students to achieve either iron-level or bronze-level.

The second alternative would be to participate in the assessment by the Hunter Association or other organizations to become a reserve member before slowly climbing her way to the position of an official member. It would be harder because she would have to bear all the cost on her own before she was bronze-level. These were usually students that were rejected by prestigious schools.

The last one would be giving up on getting to bronze-level, be an ordinary person and live an ordinary life. Of course, that would require her to reside in an area that was not prone to attacks by monster hordes. Lin Huang was wanted by many organizations because of his great score in school. However, when they discovered that he had a broken Life Wheel during a routing body check-up, he was rejected. That was the reason why he went for the second alternative which was to join the reserve hunter assessment.

Lin Huang hoped she could get into one of the prestigious schools to receive professional training so that she would not have to suffer like he did. If her talent of being a gunmaster was scouted, she would have a higher chance of entering these academies in the future. However, Lin Huang was happy with his current condition as it would only be a matter of time before he reached bronze-level. If he entered one of the prestigious schools, he might not have been able to level-up to iron-level as quick as he did because he would not have had any flexibility in his daily schedule as he would be bound to the arrangements made by the school.

“I managed to upgrade to iron-level rank-3 from an ordinary person within a month, that’s kind of ridiculous.” Lin Huang said while patting Lin Xin’s head. He smiled and said, “Enjoy yourself these two months, don’t think about school. After all, you only have one year of fun until your graduation.”

“Brother, why did you not choose to enter one of the prestigious schools?” Lin Xin finally asked the question that had been bothering her. She was under the impression that Lin Huang gave up on his studies and she did not know about his broken Life Wheel. Lin Huang had kept the result of body check-up confidential.

“It’s not that I did not want to study, it was because they didn’t want me.” Lin Huang shook his head.

“How is that possible, you bagged first place in your graduation. The people who were in the top 10 went to good schools. Could there have been a mistake somewhere?”

“No, I had some health conditions. They found out that I would not be able to get to iron-level during the body check-up so I was rejected.” Lin Huang told the truth.

“What happened to you? Is it serious?” Lin Xin asked.

“I’m all good now.” Lin Huang waved his hand, he did not want to talk about it anymore.

Lin Xin insisted on her question so he had to stop her, “I’ll tell you more when you’re at iron-level, you wouldn’t understand me even if I told you now.”

Lin Xin did not push any further. The conversation went on until Lin Huang forced himself to go to bed at 11 p.m. at night. Lin Xin showered too but she could not sleep. She was not sure if it was the coffee that she had during the day or something else. She rolled around in bed until 1 a.m. but she was not sleepy at all. Instead of trying to sleep, she decided to play Gun Master again...

Chapter 99: Lin Xin Is Missing!

Five days passed. Lin Huang sighed loudly when he heard a notification from Xiao Hei.

“You have accumulated Life Skill card – *Army Attack Tactics* pieces x200, would you like to proceed with a card upgrade?”

“Yes!”

“Combining *Army Attack Tactics* pieces x200, Life Skill card *Army Attack Tactics* mastery level has been upgraded.”

Lin Huang then tapped on the card and saw a notification box.

“Life Skill Card”

“Life Skill Name: *Army Attack Tactics*”

“Rarity: Rare”

“Mastery Level: Level 2”

“Effect: 24% increment in the rotation speed of Life Power. Increases attack power and defense power by 24% respectively.”

“Remarks: For the first five levels, with every upgrade, each of the Life Skill effects will be increased by 12%.”

“Card Remarks: Usable”

“That was faster than I expected...” Although Lin Huang said that, he was not relaxed at all. He managed to shorten the skill rotation from half an hour to almost 10 minutes within five days. With every upgrade, the skill rotation cycle after each upgrade became more complicated. The time he took to complete a single rotation went back to half an hour. This meant that he was now back at where he initially started, requiring about 30 minutes for a single card piece.

It was 5:40 in the evening and he noticed Lin Xin coming to his room at six o’clock sharp every day to have dinner together. Since he had some spare time, Lin Huang read the news. A news article caught his

attention immediately as it was a foothold code that he was familiar with – No.7B61. No.7B61 was the official foothold name of the Union Government in Xiagong City.

He started reading the news.

“Before daybreak yesterday, there were 16 murders in foothold No.7B61. From preliminary investigations, those 16 murders were committed humans and there was not a single trace of a monster invasion. Investigations are still ongoing, please do not panic...”

“Xiagong City is such a large foothold. Why is the security here so poor?” Lin Huang frowned.

Had he known about this few days back, he would not have chosen Xiagong City as their destination. He was worried for Lin Xin.

He tried to look for more news related to the incident but there were none. This was the latest case and the media was careful with their words. It would be huge if there was a monster invasion in a large foothold such as this. There would likely be an uproar.

It was 6:05 p.m. when he was done with the news. Lin Huang looked at the time and raised his eyebrow, he sent Lin Xin a message, “It’s time for dinner.”

Three minutes passed but Lin Xin was nowhere to be found. Lin Huang felt that something was wrong, he then video-called Lin Xin. Her phone rang twice and then the call was cut off.

“The person you are calling is currently unavailable, please leave a message after the tone...”

“Oh no!” Lin Xin never declines his calls. Lin Huang rushed to Lin Xin’s room and continuously rang her doorbell. He rang for more than 10 times but nobody opened the door. He then rushed to the balcony and broke through the sliding door with his foot.

Many people noticed Lin Huang and someone reported his actions to the staff but he could not care less. He looked around Lin Xin’s room but she was nowhere to be found. Her room was the way she left it, there were no signs of a fight. He wanted to find whatever clues he could so he tried thinking like Lin Xin for a moment. He knew that she spent most of her time on the couch in the living room, probably where she played Gun Master.

Lin Huang followed her scent which brought him to the floating elevator just outside her room. Just as he arrived at the entrance of the elevator, the door automatically opened and many staff members in uniform surrounded him.

“Sir, are you the guest from Room 156? Somebody reported to us that you broke into Room 157. For the safety of other passengers, please follow us.” The chief of staff was definitely unfriendly.

“I’m staying in Room 156, the person staying here is my sister. I can show you the ticket as proof of my booking.” Lin Huang searched for the receipt, “Let me know how much the damage will cost, I’ll pay for it. My sister is missing from this spaceship. I must look for her, please do not get in my way.”

The chief of staff saw that his ticket was authentic and asked, “Are you sure she’s missing?”

“Yes! Please check the surveillance camera for me and notify me if you see anything, I’ll take a look downstairs.” Lin Huang could not afford to waste any more time.

“Where and when was the last time you saw her?” The leader asked.

“After lunch, it was about 12:30. We went back to our respective rooms.

“Both of you please follow him while I go to the monitor room with the rest.” The leader instructed his men at once.

Lin Huang was grateful for their help. He followed Lin Xin’s scent to the bar on the first floor, and all of a sudden, her scent disappeared. Lin Huang noticed that there was a green, air purifier block that was the size of a washbasin behind the bar counter. The block was absorbing the odor from the air.

“Boss, did you see this girl?” Lin Huang showed the bar owner a photo of Lin Xin at the counter.

“She was here an hour ago but she left in less than a minute.” The bar owner waved his hand. “She asked if we served honey coffee. Why would she even think we would serve that in a bar?!”

“Did she speak to anyone here?” Lin Huang became more worried.

“No, we hardly have customers before nine. The girl left after she asked her question.”

“You have surveillance cameras here right? Let me take a look.” Lin Huang then placed a Life Crystal that was worth a year of Life Light on the counter.

“I would love to accept this but the surveillance camera I have here is quite old. It has been here for 20 years. I only turn it on at night when there are more people; I don’t usually turn it on during the day.” The bar owner said, “If you don’t believe me, you can take a look for yourself.”

Lin Huang believed what the bar owner said but shoved the Life Crystal in the bar owner’s hand anyway. He went behind the counter and randomly picked some of the recorded videos only to be disappointed that they were all night recordings.

“I told you, I don’t need this Life Crystal.” The bar owner declined.

“Take it.” Lin Huang insisted.

Lin Huang frowned as he walked out from the counter, he had lost his one clue. Suddenly, the communication device of the security personnel beeped. After some whispering, he rushed to Lin Huang, “Our leader found something in one of the video clips, please follow us.”

“Let’s go!” Lin Huang left the bar with the duo...

Chapter 100: Strange Missing Person Incident

The monitor room of the Demonic Crystal Spaceship was about 100 square meters, it was occupied by a semi-circle shaped workstation. Aside from a couple of buttons, there were hundreds of projection crystals connected to the surveillance devices on the workstation.

It was showing a video of a corridor.

Lin Huang walked as fast as he could to the station, Chen Wei then pressed the play button. The video played; Lin Huang recognized the corridor on the seventh floor. He recognized it from the different pictures that were hung on the wall.

About half a minute after the video was played, everyone saw Lin Xin's open her room door. She walked towards the floating elevator and the surveillance camera lost track of her for awhile.

"This is the video showing your sister leaving her room at 5:03 p.m.." Chen Wei said and showed Lin Huang the second video. The second video began from the moment Lin Xin walked into the floating elevator. He played the video. Lin Xin pressed the button, leading her to the first floor and throughout the entire journey, nobody else entered the elevator.

"The time here shows 5:04 p.m.." Chen Wei said. "Since she went to the first floor, we looked at the surveillance cameras on the first floor and we found her in a couple of surveillance videos.

Chen Wei played another video which showed Lin Xin exiting the floating elevator. There were a few people waiting at the entrance. One of them was a middle-aged man in a white shirt, he glanced at Lin Xin as she walked out.

Lin Huang frowned and asked Chen Wei, "Which room is that man in white shirt staying in?"

"He's staying on the ninth floor, from what we know, he's harmless." Chen Wei assured Lin Huang.

Lin Huang did not want to overthink things and proceeded to ask them about the next video.

"The third surveillance camera is located outside the bar on the first floor." Chen Wei played another video.

In the video, Lin Xin contemplated a few times outside the premises, unsure if she should enter the bar or not. She finally walked in but left after a very short while.

"Seems like the bar owner did not lie, she left the bar in less than a minute." One of the security personnel who followed Lin Huang to the bar made a remark.

"So where did she go after she left the bar?" Lin Huang asked anxiously.

"We saw from the camera that she walked around the hall on the first floor. She brought some snacks but she disappeared after she walked into a blind spot which the surveillance camera could not capture at about 5:40 p.m."

That was the last video, it was taken at the cutoff point between the two stores. Lin Huang stared at the video for a couple of minutes, there was no sign of Lin Xin at all. A few people went to the same direction with rubbish in their hands and left without it afterward.

"There's a rubbish bin at the blind spot. We didn't think anybody would want to steal a rubbish bin so we did not install a surveillance camera there. That's our mistake..." Chen Wei explained.

"Wait, there was a girl who would look in that direction occasionally. Did she see something?" Lin Huang pointed at the location opposite the camera to a girl who looked the same age as Lin Xin. She sat on the bench and she had ponytails. The girl had a drink in her hands.

Lin Huang continued to play the video. 10 minutes later, the girl went to the rubbish bin to throw the empty can away and left immediately after.

“Please bring me to this location.” Lin Huang proceeded to say, “Also, please get the girl in the video for me. I need to talk to her.”

“Sure, we will get her for you, since there aren’t many clues left.” Chen Wei agreed with Lin Huang.

A few minutes later, the two security personnel brought Lin Huang to the location where Lin Xin was last seen before she went missing. This time, Lin Huang did not only activate *Blood Hunt*, maximizing his ability to smell while activating *Boundless Vision* at the same time. His iris turned into an amber color like a falcon’s eyes.

There were two full, green leather rubbish bins that were half the size of a human at the blind spot. Lin Xin’s scent disappeared next to the rubbish bin. It was different from the scent back in the bar where it was fading because her scent disappeared abruptly right here. Lin Huang frowned and looked around, he pushed *Boundless Vision* to its peak but he could not find a thing.

Just when he was trying to figure out what he missed, a fat lady came along with a bag of rubbish. She seemed to be a merchant nearby. She was upset because the bins were full. She shouted at the security personnel, “I thought you would’ve added one more rubbish bin here today, why are there only two left? These rubbish bins are overflowing with rubbish. They aren’t pleasing to the eyes?”

“Sister, we are just security personnel. What can we do with that...” One of them said.

“So who should I talk to then?” She didn’t let him finish.

Lin Huang heard the conversation and turned around to ask, “Sister, you said there were three rubbish bins here?”

“I think it was 5:40 p.m., I had just finished eating my take-out and came here to throw the food container away. It’s only been half an hour and it’s gone now. That’s strange, was there someone who stole the rubbish bin?” The time she stated matched the time when Lin Xin went missing.

“Sister, did you see a girl who was 13 or 14-years-old here?” Lin Huang asked.

“I see so many girls every day, how can I remember?” The fat lady rolled her eyes. Just as she was getting ready to leave, she turned around, “I know about the girl you’re talking about... I recall a girl in ponytails sitting there with a drink in the afternoon.”

The lady pointed to the direction where the girl in the video sat at.

“Thank you sister.”