

## **Starchild 161**

### Chapter 161: Sky Sword

Ow! My head hurts!

Yun Xi's eyes were stimulated by the morning sunshine. He gazed at the unfamiliar ceiling with a lifeless look.

Where is this? Who am I? Why am I at this place? Where will I go?

After a few moments, Yun Xi finally remembered everything. This was Water God's Fantasy Island. He was here to take his star trial. Now, he had become Water God's apostle and obtained his first engagement contract in the first village, and had also opened the fourth side quest "To love, Starchild!"

At the same time, he also had an ultimate quest to "find the most excellent bride for Water God".

"Oh! I was drunk! I don't believe that it was something I did!" Yun Xi only remembered a few things happened last night. He slept after he went to the hot spring? After that... he remembered that something ambiguous happened. He could remember Lu Lu's snow white feet and her sweet lips.

Lu Lu... was the girl Lu Lu?

What an indiscreet experience. Yun Xi smiled bitterly at his blurry memories of last night.

I shouldn't drink too much.

“Master, are you awake?” Lu Lu sat beside Yun Xi and handed him a bowl of hangover-cure soup.

“Err... don’t be so timid. You can be more outgoing.” Yun Xi sensitively noticed that Lu Lu had a look of self-contempt, as if she had suffered some huge blow last night.

“I’m just a childish girl. It’s my luck to marry you.” Remembering her experience last night, she felt embarrassed.

The gap between their experiences was too wide. As his bride, she actually ran away in fright last night.

Master... how many females have you experienced?!

As was expected, even though the great apostle hadn’t married, his experience was still far richer than her’s.

“Well... I want to sleep a little longer.” Yun Xi was defeated by Lu Lu’s innocent eyes. He hid into the warm folded quilt.

“Wake up, master. The other apostle is waiting for you!” Lu Lu said. She knocked Yun Xi’s pillow with her medicine pestle.

“Yun Que? Has he come back?” Yun Xi knew that he couldn’t pretend to be asleep. He hadn’t forgotten his quest of investigating the nearby villages.

“Yes. He wants to see you as soon as possible.” Lu Lu gazed at Yun Xi’s mask, and suddenly had a bad presentiment in her heart.

She felt that something would be changed.

“I see.” Yun Xi stretched himself.

“Let me help you put on your clothes.” Lu Lu gently pressed on Yun Xi’s shoulders and helped him wear clothes that were made by hers. Because it was clothes made by using the materials from old clothes, they didn’t look like new clothes, but were very suitable for Yun Xi’s body shape.

“Master...” Gazing at Yun Xi’s back, Lu Lu indulged in her memories.

In fact, they were her father’s clothes. However, she couldn’t even remember her father’s face, because he passed away too early. The only thing he left in the world was this old clothes.

“What’s wrong with the clothes?” Yun Xi looked at himself. It seemed that they were traditional clothes. Its sleeves were white and the cuffs were sewed with black patterns.

“No, nothing,” Lu Lu said and shook her head, then pushed Yun Xi’s shoulders, “Master, go do your things. No matter what are you going to do, I will support you!”

“Thanks.” Yun Xi patted Lu Lu’s shoulders, then turned around and left.

...

In the village chief's house, Yun Xi saw Yun Que who had just returned from a nearby village. She seriously gazed at him and said, "We have a problem."

"What happened? You couldn't find suitable brides for Water God?" Yun Xi looked at Yun Que in confusion.

"No. It's going well. Look, this is the list of candidates." Yun Que handed over the second scroll she made to Yun Xi.

"She is..." Yun Xi opened the scroll and immediately noticed a girl's portrait. The smiling girl couldn't be anyone except for Ling Ling.

He didn't expect that he would see another Starwings Knight's girl so early. Gold will shine everywhere. They were excellent girls. Even though they had lost their memories, they were still the cutest girls in this world. It wasn't surprising to see them becoming the most suitable candidates in their villages.

"Ling Ling, a third-ranked female swordsman, seventeen years old." Reading the information on the scroll, Yun Xi felt that he would have his second fiancée soon.

"Are you going to do something to her?" Yun Que noticed Yun Xi's strange look, then said in disdain, "Look at yourself! Weren't you too freewheeling last night? Lu Lu is only sixteen years old! I know you are not a man who knows how to control your desire, but we are looking for the suitable bride for Water God! Can you restrain your shameless, salacious character during this period of time?"

Ah... I think that I'm a upright gentleman... Yun Xi innocently looked at Yun Que, not understanding why she was so angry.

"Puff!" Yun Que drew in a deep breath, then said something serious.

Even though the apostle named "Yun Hai" was a helpless, estrous scum, but his combat power was strong. She couldn't ignore his combat record of defeating the Mountain Lord, although she didn't think that it could prove why Water God would choose him as its apostle. He was just a shameless thief inside!

"I have found out who the Sky Sword is!"

"What?!" Yun Xi was shocked. He didn't expect that he would meet with the most terrible enemy in this trial so soon. It was a Sky Sword! A legend at the top of the whole Sky Sword God's Domain!

"Who is the Sky Sword?"

"Shaya Langnis, a nonhuman Sky Sword. Three hundred years ago, she defeated the previous tenth Sky Sword and replaced the Sky Sword's ranking. She is a strong Sky Sword who stands a chance to become one of the top three Sky Swords. Before she became a Sky Sword, she was called 'Slime Sword Master'."

Chapter 162: Slime's Legend

"Slime Sword Master?" Yun Xi had never heard of such a strange title. Of course, maybe it was just because he was too ignorant. He didn't have any way to have heard of it in the small village he was born in.

Most people in White Lotus Sword Domain only knew that Yun Hai the Sword Master was a “Sky Sword”. To them, other Sky Swords were just like some distant legends.

“Yes. Come with me.” Looking at Yun Xi’s face, Yun Que knew that he knew nothing about Shaya Langnis, the most terrible newborn Sky Sword.

Sometimes, a Sky Sword’s ranking couldn’t represent his true strength, because most of them were born in different eras and hadn’t fought with each other. Then what was the standard people used to rank them? Other than the three Sky Swords who were recorded to have killed a god, people judged other Sky Swords by their fame during their eras.

As a newborn Sky Sword, Shaya Langnis hadn’t had sufficient time to accumulate her fame, however, “it” was undoubtedly a top-class Sky Sword.

Yes, generally, people thought that Shaya Langnis was an “it” and not a “he” nor a “she”. It was due to her race: slime. It was neither male nor female, nor was it a fantasy creature. It didn’t even have parents, naturally it didn’t have a name. It was said that the her true body was a green slime.

Shaya Langnis wasn’t its original name. It was a name it inherited from a girl it had swallowed. It was said that this Sky Sword had a terrible natural ability: Unlimited Division, and it could eat anything. If it was angry, it could even swallow a whole world.

As a Ten Leaves Alliance elite, Yun Que had read about the Slime Sky Sword’s records. It was too exaggerated to say that it could eat a whole world, but it really had eaten a whole race. It was cruel and merciless, and had strong aggression. If it considered one as its enemy, no one could escape, no matter if it was a human, a city, or even a race.

Yun Que had even read the Slime Sword Master's dairy through a secret method. The dairy recorded a part of its mood, which looked pretty messy and complicated:

Tear off the surface, nothing in the world is unintelligible.

Disinteresting, unpleasant, chaotic stuffs.

Cry, tangle, confession, want to provoke my fond.

How to describe my mood? Even to this day, I can't give an answer.

I find that I'm a despicable creature.

Noise, noise. So bored, so bored, so bored. Can't help it. I'm not good at handling relationships. I'm not happy.

Too shallow. I'm bored.

However, I hate to be eliminated. If I can't become the most popular one, I will find it unbearable. After all, I hate to be defeated.

Even if I'm dirty and foul, even if I had to lie, if I can't look down on the earth, I will lose the meaning of my life.

No calculation. No aversion. Enjoy the fruits after the people.

She said that “Other people’s happiness is my happiness”. Is she an angel?

Treated everyone equally and gently.

I can’t pray for her. I love her. I want to hear her cry. I want to make her cry. It is a good thing.

But it is very important. I want to see her smile. It’s unbelievable. I hate myself.

Maybe I’m in love.

Say yes and mean no. I thought this thing in my heart and did that thing. I couldn’t do it. I was helpless.

Today, the world is as ugly and beautiful as usual. I can’t leave her alone. Therefore, I will keep going. I must become strong.

To be honest, Yun Que didn’t really understand what she had read. She only saw indifferent and arrogant through the words, which made her feel cold from the bottom of her heart.

It was said that the slime liked a girl named “Shaya Langnis”, but finally, it ate her and inherited her name. In addition to the female body it often used, the Slime Sky Sword also had various avatars, which were all inherited from the creatures it had eaten.



Multi-headed blindworm, mountain-like old dragon, three-headed mutated golden dragonhawk... After the Slime Sword Master became a Sky Sword, the strong beings it had eaten could be written into a long list. Even the Ten Leaves Alliance couldn't figure out how many creatures the Slime Sky Sword had eaten and how strong it had become now.

Apart from the three strongest Sky Swords, Shaya Langnis, who insisted that its title was "Slime Sky Sword", was the last enemy Yun Que wanted to face because she could think of no way to defeat it. Even though slime was a kind of small and weak monster, but it was a slime that had been recognized as a Sky Sword! It had become an insoluble bug.

As for the reason... one would know it after seeing it.

"Look, this is the omen of the Sky Sword's coming." Yun Que took Yun Xi to a stream that was close to the village. She pointed at several water-drop-like creatures and said in a serious tone.

"Aren't they slimes?" Looking at the several weak monsters which could even be killed by ordinary people, Yun Xi couldn't imagine the relationship between them and the Sky Sword.

The several slimes had green skin and did not look sticky but very cute. He even had an impulse to poke and pinch them in his hands.

"Yes, they are the problem. They are the Sky Sword's avatars, containing endless evolution ability. Today, you only see several lower-level slimes which can even be killed by ordinary villagers easily, but soon afterwards, there will be more and more mutated slimes. No matter how many slimes you have killed, there will always be more and more of them. Metal slime, ruby slime, emerald slime, fire slime, dark slime, holy slime... till the golden slime king is born, then everything will end."

Yun Que shook her head and continued, "Golden slime king can transform itself into all kinds of creatures, including dragons and other rare fantasy creatures. And Shaya Langnis the Sky Sword is even

more terrible than any golden slime king. It is the child of the whole slime race, it isn't even inferior to the great Water God."

#### Chapter 163: Three Phases

"From what I know, the omen of Slime Sky Sword's coming is composed of three phases," Yun Que said, "The first phase is the birth of green slimes."

"At first, there will only be several slimes. Gradually, there will be dozens of slimes, hundreds of slimes, thousands of slimes... in a month, the world will have thousands of different slimes."

"At first, the slimes are harmless. They don't attack any living beings and only do their best to find and absorb nutrient substance to replicate themselves. At this time, the process is still under control," Yun Que said in a serious tone.

"However, in the second step, elite slimes will be born amongst the green slimes. The proportion is 100:1. Elite slimes don't look different from ordinary green slimes, but they can naturally form a mental network amongst each other, connecting the whole slime race in the world."

"The principle of the mental network is still unknown, but its goal is to accelerate Shaya Langnis's birth. As the mental network collects more and more energy, stronger and more stronger slimes will be born and twist the world's rules. Finally, after the birth of the golden slime king, the third phase will start."

Speaking of this, Yun Que paused for a while. Even though Ten Leaves Alliance had only collected this much information.

"In the third phase, Shaya Langnis will be born in the world, then she will control or destroy the world. Her other abilities and her sky sword... are still unknown."

“Sky Sword” was the title presented to the strongest swordsman in Sky Sword God’s Domain, however, it was also a sword’s name.

All the Sky Swords had their own sky swords. Of course, Shaya Langnis had her sky sword. However, Ten Leaves Alliance failed to collect her sky sword’s information, as if it didn’t exist. It was inconsequential, because if Shaya Langnis didn’t have a sky sword, she wouldn’t be recognized as a Sky Sword.

“Besides, according to my judgement, as long as there is still a slime left in the world, Shaya Langnis won’t die. Even if we eliminate all the slimes in the world, she will only be driven out of the world but not be killed. From the beginning, she was in an unassailable position.” Yun Que knew the Sky Sword very well, naturally, she didn’t really think that Water God’s camp could win. Fortunately, she knew that her quest wasn’t to defeat the Sky Sword but to find the most beautiful bride for Water God.

It was the only good news. If her quest was to defeat Shaya Langnis the Slime Sky Sword, her percentage of winning would undoubtedly be zero. She wasn’t at the same level as the Sky Sword. Just let Water God worry about the world’s future! She thought.

“What a terrible Sky Sword!” Yun Xi finally understood what a terrible enemy they would face.

It was the child of slime race and would never die as long as there was still a slime left in the universe. Moreover, it could reproduce and divide itself endless times, and could become stronger by swallowing its enemy. It was as strong as an evil god!

Wait! Its properties...

Yun Xi suddenly had a vague idea in his heart, but failed to remember it.

“Therefore, what can we do?” Yun Xi shook his head and looked at the several green slimes. He had vaguely guessed at what Yun Que would do.

“Of course, kill them all! In the first phase, there is still an opportunity to take advantage of it. If the second phase starts and the slimes form a mental network, it will be too late!” Yun Que said decisively. She had taken off her black bow from her back.

“I will clean this area and you go clean that area. Don’t leave any of them alive! We must eliminate all the green slimes we can see! Even if we can’t stop Shaya Langnis’s coming, at least, we can do our best to delay the time. Now, killing time!”

After publishing the quest of “Slimes must die!” to Yun Xi, Yun Que drew her bow. She shot sixteen tracking arrows to those cute green slimes at the same time and accurately detonated their bodies. As the result, only several pools of green liquid remained on the ground.

“No... something is wrong...” Yun Xi agreed to Yun Que’s judgement, but he didn’t think that this method would be useful.

Anyone could figure out this method of stopping Shaya Langnis, however, Yun Que had also said that Shaya Langnis had never been defeated before. Was it possible that no one had used this method before? Even ordinary people could kill these green slimes!

“You should leave now! Go kill the slimes in other areas!” Yun Que ordered. Her every arrow was accurate and deathful, not letting those green slimes obtain even a slight chance to revive.

After obtaining Water God's Mask, she didn't need to worry about the number of her arrows. She could create arrows by using her blood, which were more handy, manageable and withdrawable. She had understood how to use her ability of "Blood Control" to the limit.

"Ok, I will go to other areas." Yun Xi summoned the mists around him and slowly flew away.

Yun Que was right. He could see green slimes in the forest, beside the stream and on the mountains. Judging from these slimes' appearances, these green jelly-like little creatures were indeed harmless. They didn't even eat plants. They could live within moist mists, soil and rotten leaves. In a way, they were even inferior to herbivores.

It seemed that they also didn't have wits, because they didn't resist when they were eaten by other animals. After eating several slimes, animals gave up eating them, because they were too squishy and didn't have flesh and blood. They tasted just like water!

After being ignored by various animals, these green slimes still kept wandering around the forest and jumping up and down besides the stream.

Chapter 164: Yun Xi's Decision

Looking at the green slimes who were basking in the sun and eating soil, it was hard to believe that these lazy and lowly creatures were a Sky Sword's avatars. Yun Xi hadn't known that a nonhuman creature could become a Sky Sword before. He imagined what kind of character this Sky Sword had.

At least, when Yun Xi caught a living slime and poked its warm and soft skin, he didn't have any hostility in his heart.

Should he let go of these slimes?

Anyway, according to what Yun Que said, as long as Shaya Longnis's avatars appeared in the world, her coming was already an established fact. In this world, only Water God was a match for Shaya Longnis. From the beginning, they didn't have the power to interfere in a war between two "gods". Moreover, Water God hadn't commanded them to fight against the Sky Sword.

"Can there be a way to stop these slimes without killing them?" Yun Xi was lost in thought as he looked at these green slimes.

In his previous trials, no matter if it was the green hippo or the furious stone soldier army, he had only needed to think about how to eliminate them with his maximum efficiency. He hadn't needed to think too much when he was struggling for survival. "Cut across blood and death" was his only choice to keep moving.

However, it wasn't a good choice in this world. He didn't have to kill someone here, because there wasn't an enemy that was threatening his life – apart from the White Tiger when it was controlled by some unknown secret skill.

Even Shaya Longnis, the most terrible enemy in this world, was still just some feeble lower-level slimes at this moment. He had various choices. He had various futures. Perhaps this was the real purpose of his star trial. There wasn't a decided result. Every choice he made would lead him to a different future.

"In that case... although I'm in Water God's camp, I don't have to choose to hurt you. However, I also can't just let you keep dividing." Yun Xi had made his choice. He didn't know which future this choice would lead him to, but he wouldn't regret it.

If these slimes kept dividing, it would finally lead to an unmanageable result. Since that was so, he would do his best to stop them.

As if there was a god that was arranging his fate in the unseen world, Yun Xi's mask coincidentally could solve this problem. His mask could let him control water, and 99% of these slimes' bodies were water. Naturally, he could dominate these feeble slimes.

Although Yun Que's mask offered her stronger attack power, she couldn't control these slimes, because they didn't have blood in their bodies.

"Become a part of me!" Yun Xi reached out his hand to perform his ability.

A lot of mist flocked to these slimes. Soon afterwards, these slimes became smaller and smaller, finally were compressed to dust-like particles.

Yun Xi didn't kill them, but he had extracted the water out of their bodies. Even though his ability was irrational and inexplicable in ordinary people's eyes, it was indeed his hero-ranked power.

It was the reason why only a person who had crossed the barrier between the third rank and the fourth could be called "hero", because the person had overcome all worldly thoughts and entered sainthood. Only after that could one obtain their extraordinary power.

Magic, divine spells, taoist technology, alchemy... no matter what power you were learning and which god's domain you were in, only hero-ranked beings could be recognized by the world and explore the greater secrets in the world.

The "Water Mist" Yun Xi's mask offered him contained a part of Water God's power. It was a hero-ranked ability that could control mist in a wide range.

After being compressed, the polymer of hundreds of green slimes wasn't even bigger than a rice grain. Yun Xi held them in his hand and could barely feel their weight.

"Not bad. In this case, the efficiency should be better than to kill them all." Yun Xi let out a sigh of relief after making sure that the green, rice-grain-like polymer was still alive.

At first, it was just one of Yun Xi's guesses. He didn't really expect that Water God's Mask could let him do it. No wonder that it was a hero-ranked ability. It was too amazing!

After that, Yun Xi controlled the mists around him and compressed all the slimes he could see.

His efficiency was very high. Compared to Yun Que, who had to kill slimes one by one, Yun Xi was ten times faster than her.

"Not bad. It seems that you are not good for nothing." Yun Que expressed her satisfaction with Yun Xi's speed.

Although he was inferior, shameless, and salacious, and actually dared to reach out his sinful hands to his fiancée, but at least, his combat power was reliable. His ability to eliminate all the slimes within a large area (in fact, Yun Xi just compressed and hid them) was a necessary ability they needed currently.

In that case, they should be able to greatly delay Shaya Longnis the Sky Sword's arrival time. Taking this opportunity, she needed to collect the information about all the unmarried girls in the nearby villages!

She didn't have time to take a rest. She must hurry! Time is life!



...

After making sure that Yun Que had left, Yun Xi gazed at a green gem in his hand with a curious look. The green gem wasn't bigger than his little finger. It was the polymer of the thousands of green slimes Yun Xi had compressed.

He hadn't expected that after he caught them all, they naturally merged together, and finally formed the beautiful green gem. No, "gem" wasn't a precise word to describe it. It just looked like a gem, but wasn't as cold as a common gem. On the contrary, it was warm, soft and flexible, just like a girl's skin.

How to describe his feeling precisely? In Yun Xi's memory, the most similar thing was one of the things on a girl's chest...

Cough! Yun Xi shook his head. He put the green gem into his pocket and returned to the village.

"Master, you are back!" Lu Lu was studying the etiquette of being a wife. She immediately put down her pestle and ran to Yun Xi.

"In fact, Lu Lu... there is something I have to tell you..." Yun Xi hesitated, but finally said, "Maybe I will get my second fiancée soon."

Chapter 165: Bride Expansion Plan

"Master, which girl in the village will you marry?" Lu Lu looked at Yun Xi with curiosity.

Gee? Why this reaction?

Yun Xi thought that after hearing his words, Lu Lu would feel aggrieved and would probably cry. After all, she didn't remember that she was a member of his Starwings Knight and was just an ordinary girl living in the village now.

"Let me guess, except me, the girls in the village..." Lu Lu counted her fingers.

"No, she doesn't belong to this village," Yun Xi shook his head and said, "She is a girl in a nearby village, and her name is Ling Ling."

"Ling Ling!" Lu Lu's face changed. She was surprised.

"Master, have you seen Ling Ling?"

"No, not yet..." Yun Xi looked at Lu Lu awkwardly.

"Master, Ling Ling is a prideful girl. If you want her to be your new fiancée... there may be some problems. Do you need me to persuade her?" Lu Lu threw out her chest, and the expression on her face looked as if she was saying "I can solve this minor issue for you. Come on, praise me!"

What's wrong with this world? Why is my fiancée willing to help me propose to another girl?

"Don't you feel sad?"

Yun Xi thought that this world's tradition was totally different from the real world he knew.

"Master, you are an excellent Water God's apostle. It's your natural obligation to marry a lot of girls. It's already my good luck to be your first bride. So, I know I'm still naive and can't be a match for you now, but I will do my best to let you enjoy a happy life! Master, isn't a bride the woman who should support the person she likes?" Lu Lu looked at Yun Xi's eyes with sincerity. Her eyes were bright, seemingly saying that she firmly believed that it was an honoured occurrence to marry a lot of girls.

"You... are a good girl..." Yun Xi could neither cry nor laugh.

In this world, it was a natural thing for a strong male to marry a lot of girls. In the eyes of the public, Yun Hai was a great, hero-ranked apostle. If he insisted that he would only marry a single girl... it would be regarded as a crime in their eyes!

"Even though Ling Ling was a prideful girl, she would feel satisfied to be the apostle's fiancée." Lu Lu thought in her heart.

"This thing... there is no hurry. We don't have to be hasty." Yun Xi couldn't stand Lu Lu's innocent eyes any longer. He felt that he was committing a crime!

Fortunately, he only signed an engagement with her. As long as the star trial finished, she would return to the original girl in Starwings Knight. As for proposing to Ling Ling, it was also a part of Yun Xi's plan.

The side quest "To Love, Starchild!" was his only way to increase his strength in this trial world as far as he knew.

As a member of Water God's camp, he was doomed to fight against the human's camp, which would have Shaya Longnis the Sky Sword as their strongest combat power. In that case, he must improve his power as soon as possible.

At the same time, he was also investigating the other quests. He wanted to find out the secret hiding behind the endless mist, the existence of apostles, and the hidden quest, which would only appear after he had finished the three side quests.

Of course, he wouldn't give up on completing the main quest. Yun Que was looking for Water God's brides through a wide range of investigations, and he would focus on the special girls he could find.

Lu Lu in the first village, Ling Ling in the nearby village, and the girls of Starwings Knight who would be found in other villages were all Yun Xi's targets.

However, can they really become Water God's bride candidates?

Yun Xi felt that Yun Que and he had missed something.

Water God desired change. It wanted to find a turning point to change the world.

Was this great god really looking for the most beautiful girl? Would it be that simple?

What did "Water God's bride" mean to the world that was dominated by Water God?

“Anyway, let me finish the first side quest. I will name it as – ‘Bride Expansion Plan’!” Thinking over carefully, Yun Xi finally made the decision.

Since he couldn’t just see the girls of Starwings Knight becoming Water God’s brides, therefore, he would propose to them all so that they would be exempted from the list of bride candidates.

Lu Lu was the first. Ling Ling would be the second. Of course, Hua Yue, Xiao Cao, Mei Lan, and the other girls, none of them could be left out. Since they were involved into Water God’s world due to him, he must take his responsibility. However, there was an insoluble problem with his plan.

“Will they accept my proposal? I am Water God’s apostle in this world, and they don’t know me. Will they really accept a stranger’s propose?”

Gazing at the pounding green gem in his hand, Yun Xi was at a loss. The stars wouldn’t give him a quest that he would be unable to complete. As the only side quest he could do currently, there must be a way to achieve it. For this reason, even if they refused him, he must propose to them again and again, till he was accepted by them and obtained their powers.

“Lu Lu, can I do it?” Finally, Yun Xi asked Lu Lu, the first girl who accepted his propose.

“Yes, master, you can do it. You can believe in me. You are an excellent, charismatic man. No girl can refuse your proposal. Please trust your wife!”

Lu Lu answered Yun Xi seriously. She gasped her hands and made a decision in her heart.

She must do her best to help Yun Xi achieve his goal!

Chapter 166: Side Quest Four

"I hadn't expected that I would need to learn how to propose someday." Looking at the green gem on his finger tip, Yun Xi felt that there must be something wrong with this world.

He had prepared himself to die hundreds of times to challenge the most terrible monsters in Water God's world. However, there was no such monster that he needed to defeat, or at least, the enemy hadn't appeared up till now.

Shaya Longnis, the Sky Sword was still in her primary form. Even ordinary people could kill the green slimes easily. Using the power from his Water God's Mask, he had easily collected thousands of Shaya Longnis' avatars, and the green gem aggregated by green slimes was shaking on his finger tip.

"You are a part of the Sky Sword's avatars? It's really hard to imagine." Pinching and rubbing the green gem, Yun Xi felt that it had a very smooth feeling, like a girl's skin.

The green gem jumped around in Yun Xi's hand and seemingly it wouldn't escape. Probably its intelligence wasn't able to support its understanding of the meaning of "escape".

A slime wasn't a creature that lived by its speed, defence, or attack. It was simply because it could divide itself infinitely and could survive in any area.

One can find Ice Slime on ice-capped mountains.

One can find Lava Slime in lava lakes in volcanoes.

One can find Sand Slime in dry deserts.

One can find Deep Sea Slime in places that were ten thousand meters deep under the sea.

Thinking it over carefully, the slime race wasn't strong. However, no matter how harsh the environment was, the slime race could produce subspecies to suit the environment.

If it wasn't because the slime race didn't have too many strong individual units, probably they would be able to rise amongst all kinds of races.

No. In fact, slime race was rising because they had had their race's child, Shaya Longnis, the Sky Sword, who was already as strong as a god. As a non-human being, she had been recognized as a Sky Sword. This fact itself had shown how strong she was and what great talent she had.

In fact, it was too difficult for Yun Xi to deal with such an enemy now. However, no matter how difficult it was, Yun Xi wouldn't use it as an excuse to run away.

"So, if I want to survive, the only choice is to propose to the girls?" Yun Xi thought again and again.

The meaning of this trial had gradually become clearer in his mind. From the sleeping beauty in his newbie trial, to the princess imprisoned in the tall tower in his formal trial, then to the side quest in this trial... he guessed that the stars were teaching him how to love.

Unlike the previous trials, in this world, his goal had been expanded to dozens of times bigger. This time, he had to propose to all the Starwings Knights.

“I can become stronger and stronger through proposing and there isn’t a limit?” Yun Xi acutely realized the key point to achieve his quests in this world.

Yun Xi could overlap his power with other people’s powers infinitely. This was a striking property. Habitually, Yun Xi used his best-known unit, green hippo, as the measurement criteria. A hero-ranked person could slaughter a hundred green hippos as easily as winking, but it didn’t mean that the person’s power was a hundred times stronger than the green hippo’s power.

Overlapping a person’s power to another person wasn’t simply equal to one plus one. For example, it wasn’t easy for an ordinary person to beat the 10 second barrier in 100-metre dash. However, if an ordinary person could overlap his strength with another person’s strength, the person would even be able to beat the 8 second barrier easily.

The change in quantity causes the change in quality. If Yun Xi’s strength was two times stronger than the green hippo he faced in his newbie trial, then he could beat down dozens of green hippos at the same time. Once the limit was broken, he could become an invincible god of war!

Yun Xi counted how strong he would become after he obtained all the girls’ powers. He was shocked by the calculation. He probably wouldn’t be strong enough to defeat Shaya Longnis at that time, but he would still reach a realm that was beyond his imagination.

Moreover, Side Quest Four didn’t have an upper limit, which meant that he could propose to as many girls as he wanted. Theoretically, he would finally be able to fight against the Sky Sword. Of course, it was just a theory. Yun Xi didn’t know how strong the Sky Sword was, and how many girls’ powers he would need to obtain before he could defeat the Sky Sword.

At the least, it wouldn’t be sufficient if he only proposed to the Starwings Knights’ girls. He didn’t know how many strong beings were in Water God’s world. However, if there was a legend-ranked unmarried female and she accepted his proposal, he would stand a chance.



Is there really such a strong female existing in this world?

“Isn’t this a bug?” After obtaining Water God’s Mask, Yun Xi felt that the power he could use now was already very exaggerated.

However, Side Quest Four had let him realize that if he could understand how to love and how to propose to a lot of girls, even the fourth rank would become just a starting point for him.

Chapter 167: How to Propose

“Is ‘learn to love’ more effective than ‘death battle’?”

Looking at the Side Quest Four, Yun Xi fell in doubt.

It was hard to believe. However, it seemed that the stars really thought that “learn to love” was more effective. They even reminded him through such an obvious method.

If he wanted to survive in future battles and finish the other quests, the basic principle was to finish Side Quest Four first. To love, then become strong enough to experience the death battle. The stars’ love was too heavy, to the extent that Yun Xi wanted to cry.

“In fact, I don’t want to propose to so many girls. I want to be an upright gentleman!”

However, it seemed that the stars didn’t think so. In that case, even though Yun Xi had obtained his Water God’s Mask and could control the mist in this world, he still needed to do Side Quest Four to strengthen himself. In order to achieve that, he had to ask for his first fiancée’s help.

The next morning, Yun Xi found Lu Lu.

“You mean, you want to know the etiquette and instructions for proposing?” Looking at Yun Xi who had just finished the wedding ceremony (and Yun Xi still thought that it was just an engagement ceremony) with her, Lu Lu’s face turned red.

“In fact, master, you don’t need to be too concerned. You are a great apostle. As long as you ask, there would be many girls who want to marry you. Oh, right, the other girls in the village also have feelings for you. Master, do you want maidservants?”

“No. I need fianceses... no, brides.” Yun Xi looked at Lu Lu awkwardly.

Why could he only finish the Side Quest Four through this method?!

Normally, in order to become stronger, shouldn’t he wash his body under the waterfall, brandish his sword in water to increase his stamina, or sit in meditation on the summit?

“Umm... Of course, master, an excellent man like you deserve to have excellent brides. Let me introduce the customs in this area. The most common method to look for lovers is to take part in the ceremony which will be held regularly by several villages together. If a man wants to propose to a girl, he will give the girl a gift during the ceremony. If the girl receives the gift, the man will have an opportunity. The more expensive or rare the gift is, the more sincerity and respect the man is showing. Of course, the social status gap between the man and the girl is also very important. However, once the man promises to marry the girl, there is no turning back.”

Lu Lu smiled and continued, "Master, you are a Water God's apostle. Your engagement has the highest level. Therefore, even if you don't give a girl a gift and only make a verbal contract with her, both of you won't regret, otherwise, it will be regarded as an irreverence to the great Water God."

"En. Ceremony, activity, the gathering place for young boys and girls. Gift, important, special, engagement, betrothal gifts, witness, marriage contract..." Yun Xi took out a notepad and recorded the main points Lu Lu explained on it.

After recording them, Yun Xi suddenly found that the engagement between Lu Lu and him didn't meet the common sense in this world. It was just a spur of the moment. He proposed to Lu Lu simply because she was a member of Starwings Knight. Before that, they hadn't met each other nor had they loved. He behaved like a scum who cheated her and took advantage of her difficulties.

It wasn't right. It was wrong.

Lu Lu wasn't his childhood sweetheart. Even in Starwings Knight, she was just a girl who longed for "Mei" but not "Yun Xi". Even though she wouldn't remember what happens in this world after the trial finished, shouldn't he feel guilty for cheating this innocent girl?

"Sorry, Did I miss too many things? I haven't prepared a gift for you..." Yun Xi said, but Lu Lu suddenly covered his mouth with her hand.

"No. It's enough. Haven't you had given me a most precious gift? Mountain Lord's hair is a priceless treasure! You gave it to me and it let me become a third-ranked pharmacist, nothing could be better than it. I'm satisfied."

"You are really a good girl." Looking at Lu Lu's smiling face, Yun Xi felt even more guilty.

Sigh. If it wasn't because Side Quest Four was his only opportunity to fight against the Sky Sword, he wouldn't want to do it.

"Come here master, these are the fruits I just picked. Let me feed you." Lu Lu said.

She had known Yun Xi's goal. Since the great apostle wanted to marry a lot of girls, then as his first fiancée, she needed to help him. As for why he wanted so many brides... Wasn't it a matter of course that a man like the great apostle wanted to have a lot of descendants?

The world wasn't as peaceful as what it seemingly was. Disaster could strike at any time. Even in this ordinary village, people did their best to produce descendants in case that unexpected disaster would deplete the number of villagers.

Strong people were respected by everyone because they could protect ordinary people. And Water God's apostles were the people who were at the top of the social class in this world because they could listen and relay the great Water God's words. They were god's spokesmen, they were the people's heroes. Each of them had the power to change the world.

As an ordinary girl who was proposed to by such a great man, it must be her destiny, Lu Lu thought in her heart. Therefore, it was her responsibility to help him achieve his goal because she liked the way the great apostle was very much.

Chapter 168: Lu Lu's Love Diary

When I first saw him, he was riding on the formidable, god-like Mountain Lord's back. Our village is located in the mountains and needs a three days walk to reach the nearest city. Mountain Lord was the greatest, most terrible creature they had ever seen.

Mountain Lord was Water God's subordinate and didn't eat humans, and its existence itself was enough to make the villagers feel reverence. Therefore, the villagers continued to offer it sacrifices even during the most difficult of days.

There were countless legends about Mountain Lord in the village. It was said that Mountain Lord was hundreds of years old and had defeated a lot of hero-ranked creatures who had tried to occupy this area. Mountain Lord had invulnerable fur, could bathe in fires and leap over mountain streams easily. Mountain Lord liked to eat beef. It only ate the beef from cattle that were about one year old.

Ever since Lu Lu could remember, the villagers had told her countless times that no one should provoke Mountain Lord or walk close to its lair. Mountain Lord was sacrosanct in the villagers' eyes. Till that day when two people who were greater than Mountain Lord arrived in this village.

They were Water God's apostles, the spokesmen of the great god, the people that were longed for by all intelligent beings. No one dared to pretend to be an apostle. Only the people who were chosen by Water God could wear Water God's Mask.

At that moment, all the villagers understood that the most honorable guests had come. Lu Lu didn't know the reason, but when she saw the man who wore the silver mask, her heart couldn't stop pounding.

Why? They had never seen each other before, but she felt close to the honorable apostle she had just seen.

She had a feeling that she knew this man, even before she was born in this world. However, it was impossible.

Both his broad shoulders and mature temperament had hinted that the apostle was far older than her. Compared to him, she was just like a child.

When she was asked to be Water God's bride, she was really scared, because nobody in the world knew what would happen after becoming Water God's bride.

Water God was the only supreme god in the world. Even though over 90% people in the world believed in Water God, but no one had really seen the god with their eyes. To mortals, the god was just a distant, untouchable symbol, and only the god's apostles walked around the world to preach the god's will.

She was afraid that she would never return to the mortal world after marrying Water God. He must have seen her frightened face and thought that she was a naive girl who couldn't be left alone, so he proposed to her to protect her in this way.

She knew it. She knew that she was pitied and protected. However, she also knew that she had fallen in love with the apostle, who did his best to help her. He felt the weakness in her heart, and stretched out a helping hand. She was too immature compared to the gentle apostle.

When he proposed to Lu Lu, she froze.

What should I do? Is my expression strange? Will he think that I'm a weird girl? Why am I so immature? Whooooa!

When he held my hands, I found out that his hands were very large, and his expression was steadfast.

Is this what an adult should become?

Compared to him, Lu Lu thought that she was too indecisive. She stayed awake the whole night and pondered again and again.

No, how can a girl like me make him like me? Why aren't I a mature lady? If so, I would have the guts to answer him freely and bravely.

What? The apostles were going to leave? They would go to other villages to choose new candidates for Water God?

Why? I haven't given him my answer! Was it because my indecision disappointed him?

No, it wasn't due to her, Lu Lu knew it. To the great apostles, Water God's will was the most important thing. This village was just the first station on their journey.

"From the beginning, I shouldn't have felt hopeful to become the great apostle's bride." Lu Lu thought in her heart. However, it wasn't the end. I needed to tell him my answer. Even if he rejected me, I should let him know my heart!

Maybe I still felt afraid and my will wasn't strong enough, but I will tell him!

"I will! I agree to be your bride! I want to stay with you! I fell in love with you at the first glance!"

Thank god! The apostle hadn't left. He was still in the village!

This must be the last opportunity fate gave her!

Therefore, I told him, then got the answer I wanted.

...

Holding the fresh vegetables and fruits from other villagers in her hands, Lu Lu ran along the village path with a smile. She was happy and even the wind in her ears was euphonious.

In the golden sunshine, the man who wore the silver mask was leaning on the giant white tiger's body, as bright as a sun.

Today is still a sunny day.

I hope that he can find more beautiful brides!

Chapter 169: Yun Xi's Gifts

"Engagement gifts and betrothal gifts?"

Yun Xi leaned on the white tiger's soft belly. He kneaded the green slime gem and was lost in thought.

Lu Lu was so pure that she didn't even ask for any gift from him. She was just a rare exception. This world had its own traditional love system and courtship ritual. Since he had decided to finish Side Quest Four "To Love, Starchild!", he should be preparing gifts for the girls he would propose to.



However, there was the problem. Apart from a few weapons, materials, and the green gem, he was literally as poor as a church mouse. If he hadn't become Water God's apostle, he couldn't even freeload off this village.

"Even though this isn't a real world, there must be a reason for their proposal ceremony. At least, the gifts must be something I have chosen with my true heart. Otherwise, they will lose their memories in this world, and it will be too sad to them at that time."

Yun Xi kneaded the green slime gem and made a decision. At any rate, he should present the best gifts he had for them as engagement gifts. He would send them to his fiancées, the of Starwings Knights girls.

The engagements would be fake, the fiancées would be fake, and the world itself was just a fantastic dream, like a bubble under a summer sky. However, at least the gifts he would present to them would be real. Perhaps this was the only thing he could do in Water God's world for them.

"The best gift I can offer them is... not something from the people in this world, but something made by myself." Yun Xi gradually figured it out as he basked in the sun.

Yes, a gift which could only be made by him in this world, a gift which had never appeared in this world, the thing that was most popular amongst the Starwings Knights girls. They even held rated battles for it!

"There are honey, cream... no butter, but I can make it myself. Got the enriched flour, but I have to make an oven and baking tools myself." Yun Xi nodded after listing all the materials and tools he needed.

He could do it! This world didn't have "bread", and the villagers were used to eating pancakes that were made of wheat flour. However, it was simply because they hadn't learned suitable fermenting technology.

Water God had no connection with any other worlds, just like the period before star bridges were built amongst different god's domains. It wasn't surprising to learn that there was no "bread" in this world.

"I think that 'bread' can be a decent gift in this world. With my mask's power, I can make bread that will retain its freshness for as long as possible. Oh, right, I can also control mist during the working process."

Yun Xi suddenly saw the light. He knew how to use his hero-ranked power now. To bakers, it was very important to blend water and flour when making bread. When one was "bringing yeast into play" and "kneading dough", "water" was a necessary factor. In fact, the bread's taste and quality had been decided even before it was put into the oven.

"Baking" was just the last step. Laymen thought that it was the most important process, but in fact, it was the simplest step in the eyes of experts. Yun Xi had a feeling that with his Water God's Mask, he could make unprecedented, perfect bread.

"I've decided! Even though the world is fake, but the bread I will make will be real! Apart from that, I don't have anything else that can be presented to them. Let me start!"

Yun Xi got excited after realizing what he could do and what extent he could reach.

"Lu Lu, can you go to the smithy to order these things for me? The faster the better. Oh, and I also need fine flours and creams."

"Little Mu, you are their Mountain Lord, can you look for these things for me? Yes, mushroom, vanilla, and honey. I have seen them in the forest."

Soon afterwards, Yun Xi had collected all the materials and tools he needed. Benefiting from his identity as Water God's apostle and Little Mu's dominance in the forest, all the materials and tools were the best.

"Master, what are you going to do?" Lu Lu asked with curiosity.

"It's just an idea. Lu Lu, I will give you a foretaste in a short while." Yun Xi felt satisfied looking at the familiar materials and tools.

Compared to being Water God's apostle, he preferred to be an ordinary baker. It was time to give his first fiancée a gift. The first bread in this world would be born in his hands.

"Therefore, I will make butter bread. Everyone likes it and it's the bread I know best!" Yun Xi was itching for a try.

Why? Even when he fought with the green hippo in the dark forest, he didn't feel so excited.

Why? It was the simplest food he had made countless times for his childhood sweetheart, Hua Huo. However, when he made it again in this strange world, he couldn't stop his heart from pounding.

Had something just changed?

Maybe it was because it was a gift he would present to his fiancée, so that is why he felt so excited.

“Foretaste?” Looking at the flour, cream, and honey in the front of Yun Xi, Lu Lu couldn’t imagine how to mix them and eat them.

Well... even if they taste bad, I will eat them all! It will be the food made by the apostle personally. As his wife, I can never say “It tastes bad!”.

“Puff!” Yun Xi took a deep breath. There was mist between his fingers.

“...” The soft, slippery, green gem lay on Yun Xi’s shoulder and gazed at him curiously.

Chapter 170: Upgrading!

“Gee? This is...”

Yun Xi’s every movement looked holy and mysterious in Lu Lu’s eyes. When he reached out his fingers (which were covered with mist) and started to do something to the flour, she firmly remembered every step in her heart. However, she couldn’t understand what Yun Xi was doing.

Of course she couldn’t understand. Yun Xi’s skill was the most consummate skill that was summarized by countless bakers across thousands of years. It was the crystal of wisdom inherited by bakers from one generation to another. People who hadn’t reached this rank could never understand it.

A third-ranked baker could already be regarded as a master in the mortal world. Even though a third-ranked baker wouldn’t be as strong as a third-ranked swordsman, their skill would still far surpass ordinary people’s imagination. In fact, a third-ranked baker was rarer than a third-ranked swordsman, because ordinary people wouldn’t continue pouring their energy, time and enthusiasm simply for becoming a third-ranked baker.

As a third-ranked swordsman, you would have endless glory, wealth and power. However, if you were a third-ranked baker... not only that, including painter, musician and pharmacist, in ordinary people's eyes, you were just a "human" who had perfect technique.

As long as you were talented in battle, even if you could only reach the first or the second rank, your status would be higher than that of a person who had achieved a third-ranked non-combat career.

Only the people who had poured their hearts into their careers would have the chance to reach the third rank in their careers. Yun Xi was the only third-ranked baker in the small town's history where he was born. After he completed the baker's third-ranked professional certification, countless nobles and rich men had sent out invitations to him, trying to recruit him to be their chef.

Even if it were in the outside world, a third-ranked baker was pretty rare, not to mention in Water God's world. Water God's world wasn't as peaceful as it seemed. Pharmacists were popular due to the danger in this world. As for the people who were good at making food... they were very rare.

In other words, Yun Xi was the only third-ranked baker in this world. He could even call himself "the best cook" in this world.

...

I understand! So that is what it is!

Controlling the mist, Yun Xi could feel that he was in excellent condition. Everything originates from water. Water is the most subtle part in food that can influence people's taste buds, and bread wasn't an exception.

Now, with the power of his Water God's Mask, Yun Xi could even control the water molecules in the dough. He was like a person who was using a cheat and could remove all flaws from the raw materials perfectly.

It should be more water molecules here.

There are impurities. Reject them.

Ok, the proportion is perfect. I shouldn't change it.

For the first time, Yun Xi used the power of his Water God's Mask to make bread.

He was brainstorming. Countless ideas were emerging in his heart like a fountain. He suddenly understood the parts he felt confused about when he made bread in the past.

The essence of cooking was to use water, fire, and raw materials in a proper way. The best chef could make a perfect dish with the simplest seasonings and freshest food ingredients. It was a general rule to all cooking-class careers. If you could release the food's natural delicate flavour, you could make the mortal world's best food.

As a third-ranked baker, Yun Xi had touched this realm a long time ago. The butter bread he made even contained a special effect that could restore a person's physical strength strikingly when eaten. He had reached a mortal's limits. However, something had been changed now. With the power of Water God's Mask, he was surpassing a mortal's limits.

“Water molecules, accelerate!”

Yun Xi knew how to handle raw materials well with ease. However, he didn't put the semi-finished dough into the oven but started heating the dough in an incredible way.

A large number of water molecules moved fast and vibrated at a high frequency on Yun Xi's hands, toasting the dough perfectly and evenly. As Lu Lu gazed at him in surprise, the white dough gradually became golden, spreading a tempting scent in the air.

Is this Water God's divine power? Why did the dough suddenly become big in the apostle's hands and emanate a pleasant scent? What is happening?

“I can actually do it in this way...” Yun Xi also felt shocked after seeing his idea come true. No, it wasn't a skill that could be learned by mortals. Whether it was the preparation method of the raw materials or the way to accelerate water molecules, the two techniques were far surpassed a mortal's limit.

“Bang!” At the moment the first loaf of bread formed, countless information suddenly appeared in Yun Xi's mind. They were his perception to the world's nature and his understanding about super powers. The world had changed in his eyes.

It was the so-called “transcendence”. From now on, he wasn't a mortal anymore.

In an instant, he understood it.

His rank was upgraded!

Not as a swordsman or as a greatsword maid, but as a baker. He was a fourth-ranked baker now!

The upgrading process of common careers wasn't as complicated as the upgrading process of battle careers. It was a natural process after one finished a piece of work that surpassed a mortal's limits.

A painter's upgrading process was to draw a painting that would expose your inner world and shock people's hearts.

A musician's upgrading process was to write a music piece that could strike a chord in the audiences' hearts.

A pharmacist's upgrading process was to create medicine that could even heal hero-ranked beings.

In a word, the upgrading standard for all non-combat careers was the same: to create a masterpiece that surpassed a mortal's limit.

“Bang!”

On Yun Xi's fingertip, the first fourth-ranked food he had made, the golden butter bread, suddenly became three times bigger as its tempting smell spread throughout the whole village.