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The Heavy Armor Beast yanked its foot out and stomped down viciously on the Steel Thorn Turtle once more.

Still, it was as before, the foot of the Heavy Armor Beast was pierced again by the strikingly hard spikes on the back of the Steel Thorn Turtle.

Despite its painful howls, the Heavy Armor Beast was reluctant to give up and tried to step down with its other foot; Lin Shen quickly commanded it to back away.

That Steel Thorn Turtle looked quite ordinary, but it was definitely not an average Steel Thorn Turtle.

Although the Heavy Armor Beast was rather unwilling, it had no choice but to follow Lin Shen's order, turning around and charging at the other Steel Thorn Turtles.

One by one, the Heavy Armor Beast resumed its previously invincible stance, crushing several Steel Thorn Turtles in a matter of moments.

The seemingly ordinary, yet extraordinary, Steel Thorn Turtle chased after the Heavy Armor Beast, wanting to battle it, but Lin Shen forcibly controlled the Heavy Armor Beast to evade.

In terms of speed, the Heavy Armor Beast was quite slow among Alloy Level creatures, but it was still a bit faster than the Steel Thorn Turtle, so no matter how frantically it pursued, it could not catch up to the Heavy Armor Beast, which continued crushing one Steel Thorn Turtle after another.

Suddenly, Lin Shen noticed that the Heavy Armor Beast's speed had slowed down, and even its running movements were somewhat off, as if it were limping.

"Was it hurt that badly just now?" Lin Shen found it strange—if the injury to that foot was affecting its mobility, why did the symptoms only show up now?

Glancing down at the injured foot of the Heavy Armor Beast, Lin Shen immediately felt that it might not be just a simple injury.

There was no Base Mutation Fluid seeping from the wound on the Heavy Armor Beast's foot, and it didn't look severe, but its whole leg seemed to be unable to bend, walking with a heavy thud on each step, as if that was not its leg, but a crutch.

"Not good, the spikes on that Steel Thorn Turtle seem to carry something like a toxin," Lin Shen realized the problem.

The toxin-like substance was still spreading in the Heavy Armor Beast's body, increasingly restricting its movements.

The Steel Thorn Turtle caught up and the Heavy Armor Beast tried to kick it furiously, but it got its neck caught in the turtle's mouth and couldn't shake it off no matter how hard it tried.

Attempting to kick with its other leg was futile as that leg was now as unresponsive as wood.

"A stitch in time saves nine," Lin Shen steeled himself and summoned the Meteoric Iron Swallow.

As the Steel Thorn Turtle stubbornly clung to the neck of the Heavy Armor Beast's foot, the Meteoric Iron Swallow transformed into a black blade and slashed towards its neck with incredible speed.

Who would have thought that the Steel Thorn Turtle was not quick in movement, but astonishingly fast in withdrawing its neck; it loosened its grip and retracted its neck, evading the strike of the Meteoric Iron Swallow.

The Steel Thorn Turtle, having dodged the attack from the Meteoric Iron Swallow, extended its neck lightning-fast, attempting to bite the Heavy Armor Beast's leg again.

However, it never anticipated that the Meteoric Iron Swallow, which seemed to fly forward ferociously, would make a bizarre turn and return even faster than before, striking the Steel Thorn Turtle's neck once again.

Firstly, the Steel Thorn Turtle did not expect such a move, and secondly, the distance was too close, and the Meteoric Iron Swallow's speed was so surprisingly fast that it gave no opportunity for the turtle to retract its neck again.

A black lightning streaked by, and with a crisp snap, the Steel Thorn Turtle's neck was severed by the Meteoric Iron Swallow, sharp as a blade.

Its neck was not as hard as its shell and spikes, and fell victim to a single deadly blow from the Meteoric Iron Swallow, enhanced by both Swift Slash and Swallow Return.

"Killed the Mutant Steel creature, Poison Spike Turtle..."

After the death of the Steel Thorn Turtle, Lin Shen had no great joy on his face. Instead, he ordered the Heavy Armor Beast and the Meteoric Iron Swallow to clear out the remaining Steel Thorn Turtles even faster.

The Steel Thorn Turtles that swore to defend the Base Mutation Egg to the death still recklessly charged at the Heavy Armor Beast, fearless of life and death.

If there were a choice, Lin Shen would not want to exterminate them completely, after all, steel materials were not very valuable, and it probably wouldn't be possible to transport so many items back.

The reason he commanded the Heavy Armor Beast and the Meteoric Iron Swallow to hasten the killing of the Steel Thorn Turtles was due to his worries.

Not long after, Lin Shen's concerns developed towards the worst possible scenario.

The two injured legs of the Heavy Armor Beast could no longer move; even its body had begun to stiffen up, making walking increasingly difficult.

What was more painful was that the wings of the Meteoric Iron Swallow also started to stiffen, its flight path became highly unstable, and its speed also slowed down considerably, nearly falling from the sky several times.

Luckily, they were both Alloy Creatures, a level higher in strength than the Steel Thorn Turtles; otherwise, they might have already been killed by the swarming turtles by now.

Lin Shen had previously refrained from going down to hit the Mutated Poison Thorn Turtle's acupoint himself, fearing that he too would become infected by the substance, whether it was a toxin or something else, which was why he let the Meteoric Iron Swallow try.

The result was very bad; even the unharmed Meteoric Iron Swallow had been affected, and Lin Shen didn't know how to save them. He could only watch helplessly as their bodies gradually stiffened until they completely immobilized, like metallic statues.

About a dozen Steel Thorn Turtles remained, but fortunately, Lin Shen still had the Supersonic Gunman, who connected shots to the head and killed the remaining turtles.

"I must leave here quickly," Lin Shen did not dare to stay, fearing the corpses of the Steel Thorn Turtles and the Base Mutation Fluid flowing out of their bodies would attract other Base Variant Creatures.

Even the Base Mutation Eggs in the sand pits had been mostly given up by Lin Shen, who only intended to pack a few in his backpack for backup.

"I wonder if that Mutated Poison Thorn Turtle laid eggs here..." As Lin Shen pondered, the Death Powder coiled around his arm suddenly moved on its own, wriggling out of his sleeve like a snake towards a sand pit.

"Death Powder, come out, don't touch my mutant Base Mutation Egg," Lin Shen thought, moving step by step towards the sand pit, unable to straighten his waist and walking with great difficulty.

Unfortunately, Death Powder didn't heed his command; it burrowed into the sand pit. Before Lin Shen reached the pit, Death Powder came out on its own and then pounced on another sand pit.

Lin Shen had given up on chasing it and helplessly watched as Death Powder rapidly shuttled among the sand pits, visiting hundreds of them in turn.

After exiting the last sand pit, Death Powder pounced on the corpse of the Mutated Poison Thorn Turtle. Its body and mouthparts expanded to an extreme degree, and it swallowed the corpse of the Mutated Poison Thorn Turtle in one gulp.

"I haven't collected the Base Mutation Fluid yet... That's the rare Base Mutation Fluid of a mutant creature..." Lin Shen was very frustrated, as he watched the good stuff being ruined; these were materials from a mutant creature. S~earch the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Although it was a lower level, the presence of the word "mutant" made it valuable enough.

It was even more disappointing because the Mutated Poison Thorn Turtle likely laid eggs, which were probably Mutant Eggs that Death Powder had privately consumed.

If Lin Shen had acquired them, he could've used the Mutant Eggs to complete Base Mutation, which would surely have made him stronger than the other Steel Mutators.

As Lin Shen was considering ways to fully control Death Powder, it surprisingly crawled back on its own, climbing onto Lin Shen's arm, and while crawling, its body shrank until it turned into a capsule in the palm of his hand.

"Base Mutation evolving..." Lin Shen saw such a message displayed on the capsule.

"Come on... evolving now... are you playing with me..." Lin Shen tried to unlock and summon Death Powder, but the key wouldn't work after several attempts, completely unable to summon it.

In this place teeming with dangers, this damn thing went off to evolve after stuffing itself, and Lin Shen had no idea how long the evolution would take. He had the heart to curse its eighteen generations of ancestors.

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The ground was covered with the carcasses of Steel Thorn Turtles, and both the Heavy Armor Beasts and Meteoric Iron Swallows had become lifeless metal statues.

The Heavy Armor Beast was too big to take back; it was probably impossible now. The Meteoric Iron Swallow could be taken back, but Lin Shen feared that it carried some kind of toxin, so he did not touch it.

"Had I known this would happen, I should have let the Death Powder take care of the Poison Spike Turtle." Lin Shen had feared that the Death Powder would also be poisoned, so he had not dared to use it.

Now, seeing that it had directly devoured the corpse of the Poison Spike Turtle and not only survived but also evolved, he knew that his concerns had been completely unnecessary.

"Mutated Poison Thorn Turtles are mutated creatures, yet they carry no Fire Seed. Is it because of the location, or do mutated creatures not necessarily carry a Fire Seed?" Lin Shen didn't have time to ponder too much; after collecting as much Base Mutation Fluid from the Steel Thorn Turtles as possible, he proceeded along the coastline.

Beyond the white beach was a forest of alloy plants; unlike near Dark Bird Base, there were no green plants here at all, all the plants were metallic.

Lin Shen dared not rashly enter the alloy forest. With his weak body, if a Base Variant Creature suddenly emerged from the underbrush, he wouldn't even be able to run.

Looking along the coastline, there were large reefs and cliffs in the distance with a clearer view.

Lin Shen wanted to see if he could find a hiding place there; if he could just hold out for seventy-two hours, he would be able to activate the damned teleporter and return.

After walking a few meters, Lin Shen felt that he could not go on, or he would never make it to the reef area in his lifetime and would die of exhaustion.

He called the Supersonic Gunman over, asked him to crouch down, and then Lin Shen lay on his back, letting the Supersonic Gunman carry him.

It wasn't that Lin Shen didn't want to challenge himself, but just walking those few meters had left him drenched in sweat and sore all over.

"What place is this, exactly? Is it the interior of the mysterious Gourd Mountain? If the interior of Gourd Mountain can form its own world, what kind of existence is Gourd Mountain itself? Did my third and fourth brothers come here? Could my missing second brother possibly be here too..." Lin Shen pondered a lot while lying on the Supersonic Gunman's back.

He also knew that the third and fourth brothers might still be alive, but the chances of the second brother still being alive were very slim.

The Supersonic Gunman's speed was clearly affected, but he could still walk briskly without much trouble.

After walking two or three kilometers along the coastline, Lin Shen suddenly saw what looked like a person lying on the beach ahead.

The person lay on the beach, with waves lapping over the body in gentle strokes, but the person remained motionless.

"Could it be a dead body?" Too far away to see clearly, Lin Shen asked the Supersonic Gunman to quicken the pace and head over.

He wondered if the person was from the Qi Family or the Wang Family, but as they got closer, Lin Shen immediately recognized the clothes on the body.

"Wei Wufu? Is he dead?" Lin Shen was slightly startled.

Although he knew Wei Wufu had his own motives for following him, Wei Wufu had stood up to help him in dangerous situations. Seeing him dead here, Lin Shen still felt somewhat saddened.

Upon reaching Wei Wufu, the Supersonic Gunman set Lin Shen down.

Lin Shen asked the Supersonic Gunman to drag Wei Wufu's body out a bit, to where the waves could no longer reach it.

Wei Wufu's clothes were torn in several places, but there appeared to be no wounds on his body. His hair was messy, soaked by the seawater, and clung in strands to his scalp.

Lin Shen reached out to check for breathing and felt the pulse, somewhat surprised to find that the guy was actually still alive, seemingly just unconscious.

This discovery left Lin Shen somewhat conflicted. If Wei Wufu hadn't helped him before, Lin Shen would have immediately had the Supersonic Gunman blow him away with a shot to prevent future trouble.

However, Lin Shen, influenced by his older brothers and sisters, always had a clear sense of gratitude and resentment, making it impossible for him to eliminate someone who had helped him.

Just as Lin Shen was considering how to deal with Wei Wufu, the guy actually woke up.

Upon opening his eyes and seeing Lin Shen, he was momentarily taken aback, but said nothing and tried to push himself up from the sandy ground.

But as soon as he moved, his complexion drastically changed. There seemed to be some problem with his legs; they did not allow him to stand, leaving him to sit up using his upper body alone.

"Are you alright?" Lin Shen asked, looking at his legs. S~earch the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"My legs won't move," Wei Wufu answered.

Lin Shen fell silent upon hearing this. Legless meant his life was over; for a Mutator, having no legs meant it was impossible to fight against Base Variant Creatures anymore.

"It's just that they won't move, they're not useless," Wei Wufu said, seemingly reading Lin Shen's thoughts, his face expressionless.

Lin Shen felt this was just Wei Wufu's final act of defiance. His legs seemed completely numb, and if they weren't useless, what else could they be?

However, Lin Shen did not want to dwell on this issue and noticed the watch on Wei Wufu's wrist, which was similar to his own. He asked, "After you covered for my escape, what happened? Why was everyone gone when I returned to the canyon, and how did you end up here?"

"Encountered a monster, couldn't beat it, ran, the slow ones died, escaped into the mountains, Dark Bird led the way, found Gourd Mountain, there was a cave on the

mountain, entered the cave and ended up here, got a watch on my wrist, fell into the sea, there were Base Variant Creatures in the sea, couldn't beat them, fought desperately, Base Variant Creatures retreated, passed out, woke up, saw you."

Lin Shen was taken aback by Wei Wufu's succinct way of speaking. Normally, people's speech contains a flow of cause and effect, transitions, and embellishments, often filled mostly with useless information.

Wei Wufu, on the other hand, didn't use any superfluous words in his speech, providing only useful information, as if reciting from an outline.

"What kind of monster?" Lin Shen focused on the term Wei Wufu used; he said 'monster,' not Base Variant Creature.

"Don't know, like a person, but not like a person, like a Base Variant Creature, but not like one," Wei Wufu replied.

"That... can you describe what that monster looked like..." Lin Shen felt as if he had both heard and not heard.

Just as Wei Wufu was about to answer, the sound of surging seawater caught their attention. Both men turned their heads to look and their faces instantly changed.

A creature with a body made of blue alloy, eyes that resembled rubies, human-like in form but with fish scales, fins on its back and crown, and gills below its cheeks, emerged from the sea. It was carrying a red metal fork and stared at Lin Shen and Wei Wufu with predatory intensity, advancing step by step towards the sandy beach.

"You go, can't win against mutated alloy creatures," Wei Wufu said.

"No shit, if I could leave, why wouldn't I?" Lin Shen despaired, knowing his physical condition was a significant problem, unable to even run away, he quickly called the Supersonic Gunman to carry him.

But as soon as the Supersonic Gunman moved, it immediately drew the attention of the Base Variant Creature, which didn't care whether the Supersonic Gunman was coming for it or not. Its scaly legs burst with terrifying strength and speed, bridging over a dozen meters in an instant to close in on the Supersonic Gunman, and thrust its fork towards him.

"Are you fucking insane!" Lin Shen nearly cried out in despair.

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"Mutated creatures are rarely seen outside, so why are there so many here—encountering two of them just on this beach." Lin Shen knew that he couldn't retreat at this time; once he did, that would be the end of him.

Wei Wufu, that ruthless man, with that swift Tang Sword, couldn't fight off the mutant creature. The Supersonic Gunman definitely wasn't a match either.

If the Supersonic Gunman died, he would be like meat on a chopping board, ready to be slaughtered at will.

"Fire!" Lin Shen gritted his teeth as he issued the command.

The Supersonic Gunman didn't hesitate and pulled the trigger. Bullets roared out of the barrel towards the mutant creature's head.

While firing, the Supersonic Gunman narrowly dodged the creature's pitchfork by a hair's breadth.

The mutant creature tilted its head and dodged the bullets from the Supersonic Gunman. Its speed was almost equal to the gunman's; it was only by fortune that the gunman was a top-tier speed-based pet, otherwise, it would have been difficult to avoid that pitchfork.

"Continue." Lin Shen reached into his pocket and took out something, throwing it with all his might to Wei Wufu. Although they had only exchanged blows once, Lin Shen knew the Supersonic Gunman was definitely not a match.

Speed was the Supersonic Gunman's strongest weapon, and yet, it still didn't give him an edge against the mutant creature. He was certainly far inferior to the creature in other aspects and stood no chance in a fight.

Wei Wufu caught what Lin Shen threw to him, a Crystal Base blade shaped like a green leaf. He immediately pinched the blade between his fingers and stared adamently at the mutant creature while whispering softly, "Let's go."

Lin Shen paid him no mind. Even when Wei Wufu had a pet and a Crystal Base Level Tang Sword, he was no match for the mutant creature. Now with only a Leaf Blade, it would be odd if he could actually defeat the mutant creature.

"Find the right moment, shoot its eyes, and leave the rest to me," Lin Shen ordered.

Wei Wufu frowned slightly. He couldn't understand what Lin Shen meant by that. He didn't think Lin Shen himself had any capability to harm the mutant creature.

Wei Wufu said nothing. He was well aware that Lin Shen couldn't get far. If he and the Supersonic Gunman died, Lin Shen could only die as well. Escaping or not, it made little difference.

The mutant creature, having avoided the bullet, swung its pitchfork in a sweeping motion at the Supersonic Gunman's waist. The gunman hadn't even had a chance to fire a second shot, which showed that the creature still held a slight advantage in speed. Its speed value could be a perfect twenty.

Of course, like Death Powder, it's possible the speed value could have broken past the limit of twenty, reaching the transcendent twenty-one. But Lin Shen felt it wasn't as fast as Death Powder and probably didn't reach twenty-one.

The Supersonic Gunman could only quickly retreat while firing another shot, which, once again, was aimed at the mutant creature's face.

This was all deliberate from Lin Shen, keeping the Supersonic Gunman's aim fixed on the mutant creature's face.

At such a close range, the bullets still missed as the creature turned and dodged, swinging its pitchfork in a wide arc and aiming again for the Supersonic Gunman.

"Now!" Lin Shen suddenly shouted, and the Supersonic Gunman, instead of retreating, rushed forward, getting almost in front of the mutant creature and firing a shot at its face.

Almost at the instant the bullet left the barrel, the creature's pitchfork swept across the waist of the Supersonic Gunman, sending him flying to the side, his waist clearly twisted and his alloy spine appeared to have been broken.

Due to the close distance, the creature was forced to twist its neck to dodge the bullet.

A streak of green light flashed across the air and struck the mutant creature's left eye, which was dodging the bullet.

The ruby-like eye was pierced by the Leaf Blade, causing the mutant creature to painfully reach out and grasp at the Leaf Blade stuck in its eye.

Wei Wufu saw Lin Shen suddenly charging at the mutant creature at the same time, his speed even faster than the bullet fired by the Supersonic Gunman.

Even seeing Lin Shen's speed, Wei Wufu still didn't believe that Lin Shen rushing over was a good decision.

He could tell that Lin Shen was someone who lacked Base Mutation, not knowing what method he used to temporarily burst forth with that kind of speed.

Let alone the fact that his speed wasn't much faster than the mutant creature's, even if he were faster, his strength wasn't sufficient to harm the creature. Charging at it was no different from courting death.

Especially when Lin Shen forcefully pressed his finger against the mutant creature's waist, Wei Wufu thought Lin Shen's finger would definitely break, and the mutant creature would be completely unharmed.

Dong!

Lin Shen's finger thwacked into a depression in the mutant creature's waist, producing a dull sound and Lin Shen's pained grunt.

Just as Wei Wufu predicted, Lin Shen's finger bones were crushed, warping into a chillingly grotesque shape.

And as Wei Wufu thought, the mutant creature was completely unscathed. Even though Lin Shen attacked its weak point, he still couldn't injure it in the slightest.

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But what happened next left Wei Wufu standing there, stunned.

The mutant creature had suddenly stopped moving, standing there with one hand on a fork and the other pinching the Leaf Blade, like a robot that had run out of power abruptly.

"It hurts like hell!" Lin Shen hissed in pain, his twisted fingers swollen like little radishes.

Wei Wufu's gaze upon Lin Shen had become somewhat strange, as if he was seeing him for the first time.

He had seen Lin Shen use Acupoint Sealing on the Supersonic Gunman, but he had never expected that even this mutant creature could be sealed. What kind of strength that was, Wei Wufu had never heard of.

A human without Base Mutation was actually capable of such speed and incomprehensible techniques. Lin Shen was quite something.

"Don't move, come here," Wei Wufu said, seeing Lin Shen take out a vial of medicine from his pocket and about to apply it to his fingers.

Lin Shen had grown accustomed to Wei Wufu's way of speaking and couldn't be bothered to ask anymore, dragging his heavy body over to Wei Wufu's side.

"Squat down, hand," Wei Wufu commanded.

Lin Shen understood his intention, squatted down, and stretched out his injured fingers in front of him.

Wei Wufu's fingers flashed, and he vigorously stroked Lin Shen's injured finger, causing a crisp crackling sound that made Lin Shen howl in agony.

"Apply the medicine," Wei Wufu ordered.

Lin Shen's screams ceased as the instant pain ebbed away. Surprisingly, his finger hurt less, and he felt much better.

Looking down, he noticed that his twisted finger was now straightened.

Without saying anything more, Lin Shen poured a few drops of the medicine onto his injured finger but kept his gaze fixed on the mutant creature.

Fortunately, the mutant had not reached the formidable level of Death Powder. Its acupoints were sealed and it could not move, but Lin Shen did not know how long the effect would last.

His gaze shifted to the Supersonic Gunman, his spine broken. Although not dead, he could no longer even crawl, let alone shoot.

Clenching his teeth, Lin Shen moved in front of the mutant creature and tried to pull the Leaf Blade out of its eye, but the creature was gripping the blade tightly, and Lin Shen couldn't budge it no matter how hard he tried.

"You... have no Base Mutation..." Wei Wufu asked, looking at Lin Shen with a puzzled expression.

He had been certain that Lin Shen had no Base Mutation, but now he was beginning to doubt his judgment.

"I don't," Lin Shen said, letting his hand droop, and looking at Wei Wufu, "Your hands can still move, can you come and finish it off?"

"Can't kill it, here," Wei Wufu fished out something and tossed it to Lin Shen.

Lin Shen caught it and saw that it was an egg.

Yes, an actual egg, not a Base Mutation Egg.

Base Mutation Eggs have metallic or crystalline shells, but this egg looked like a chicken egg or duck egg with a grey-white shell, thin and fragile. It was smaller, slightly larger than a pigeon egg.

"I'm not hungry..." Lin Shen thought Wei Wufu was suggesting he eat the egg. Not that he was hungry, but such a small egg wouldn't fill him up even if he were.

"Don't eat it, use it to Base Mutate," Wei Wufu instructed.

"Use this egg to Base Mutate... Are you sure..." Lin Shen was full of question marks. How could one Base Mutate with this thing? He felt as if Wei Wufu was joking, but Wei Wufu's expression showed no sign of teasing.

"Want to live, use it to Base Mutate," Wei Wufu pressed, noting Lin Shen's skepticism.

Lin Shen still found it unbelievable that he could Base Mutate with this thing, and even if it were possible, it would be a lengthy process—taking at least three to five days, or maybe even half a month, with the longest taking one or two months. In a place like this, how could he Base Mutate?

Most likely, before he even finished Base Mutating, the effects of the Acupoint Sealing would wear off, and the mutant creature would kill him with a stab of its fork.

"Very strong, very fast, difficult, success means survival, failure means death," Wei Wufu explained once more.

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Lin Shen had already completely adapted to Wei Wufu's manner of speaking; he knew what Wei Wufu meant—that the egg had strong potential and would facilitate quick Base Mutation.

Their current situation was difficult, and Lin Shen must undergo Base Mutation for them to survive. If he failed, given their current circumstances, it was certain to be a dead end.

"Are you really sure this thing is a Base Mutation Egg? Are you sure it hasn't been mixed up, and this isn't just one of your small chicken eggs boiled for snacks?" Lin Shen sought confirmation once more.

Because no matter how he looked at it, it appeared to be an ordinary bird's egg, with no connection to a Base Mutation Egg whatsoever.

"If you're afraid... just give it back to me..." Wei Wufu said.

"Then I'll give it a try," Lin Shen thought. "If this is just an ordinary bird's egg, then I won't lose anything. But if it's as powerful as Wei Wufu says, I'll have hit the jackpot. Such a formidable guy as Wei Wufu wouldn't praise a Base Mutation Egg unless it was extraordinary. It's just, why haven't I heard of any gene egg that allows for Base Mutation to be completed in such a short time?"

Having made his decision, Lin Shen did not hesitate any longer; he was not one to drag his feet.

Glancing at the mutated creature that was completely immobilized, Lin Shen picked up the egg that looked like a bird's egg—actually a Base Mutation Egg—and swallowed it whole.

Yes, he swallowed it whole.

Humans who had not undergone Base Mutation could not directly consume Base Mutation Fluid or the essence contained in Base Mutation Eggs; normally, they had to first refine and create Essence Injections, which were then administered into the body in controlled doses.

Humans post-Base Mutation could directly consume some Base Mutation Fluid, but this was not without risks.

The nature of Base Mutation Fluid was more akin to a virus. Humans infected by it would gradually coexist with the virus, attempting to control and incorporate it as part of themselves.

Of course, this was just an analogy; in reality, the properties of Base Mutation Fluid and a virus were somewhat different.

Humans without Base Mutation needed to consume a whole Base Mutation Egg, including the shell, to undergo "infection" and change their body structure.

Because he had previously used a large amount of Essence Injections, it was as if he'd been vaccinated many times, so the risk of this type of "infection" wasn't really high.

After all, he was using the lowest-level Steel Level Base Mutation Egg; failure in Base Mutation would mostly result in headache, fever, and such, not much different from catching a cold. Sëarch the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Wei Wufu, seeing Lin Shen swallow the "bird egg," revealed a hint of recognition in his eyes, thinking to himself, "Six people who used the number fourteen Primeval Eggs have died; so far, no one has succeeded. Now, Lin Shen is so composed and calm knowing full well that failure means certain death—he is truly an exceptional individual. Maybe he really can succeed."

Wei Wufu himself had not realized that it was his cryptic way of communicating that had misled Lin Shen.

The reason Lin Shen was misled was that he had never heard of anyone dying from Base Mutation failure— the concept simply didn't exist in his mind, and he had no awareness of this issue, so he misunderstood.

Of course, if Lin Shen had known, perhaps he would have been even more interested.

His third and fourth brothers had always advised him not to rush into Base Mutation, implying that they wanted to find him a Base Mutation Egg with sufficient potential. Had Lin Shen known the origin of this "bird egg," it's likely he would still have made the same choice.

Of course, another significant reason prompted his decision; he no longer had any usable pets and was having difficulties even walking. Without immediately enhancing his own survival ability, the outcome would still be death.

Normally, one would process a Base Mutation Egg before consuming it, but obviously, that wasn't an option now. Fortunately, the egg wasn't big, and Lin Shen managed to force it down whole.

As soon as the egg entered his stomach, Lin Shen knew it wasn't an ordinary bird's egg, but a genuine Base Mutation Egg.

Almost immediately upon the egg's ingestion, a coldness almost enough to freeze someone solid emerged from his abdomen and spread rapidly throughout his body.

Lin Shen immediately lost control of his body, falling straight to the ground, but his nerves became incredibly sensitive—a single strand of hair landing on his skin was enough to cause him stinging pain.

Even when dust settled on his skin, it would immediately cause swelling and redness.

"It hurts... Damn, it really hurts..." Lin Shen had never realized the air could contain so much dust.

The dust, normally imperceptible, fell on Lin Shen, giving him the sensation that his entire body was being pricked by needles.

Wei Wufu watched Lin Shen, who lay motionless on the ground, and many thoughts raced through his mind.

The reason why the number fourteen Primeval Egg was called a Primeval Egg, and not a Base Mutation Egg, was because its origins differed from those of ordinary Base Mutation Eggs.

More than two hundred years ago, various Base Variant Creatures began appearing all over the world, all of them originally emerging from the Base Mutation Zone.

Ordinary people had little concept of the Base Mutation Zone, knowing only that it was an area where Base Variant Creatures gathered.

What they didn't know was why Base Variant Creatures gathered in the Base Mutation Zone and why the appearance of such creatures always began in the Base Mutation Zone.

People like Wei Wufu were very clear: the reason an area turned into a Base Mutation Zone was due to the presence of Primeval Eggs.

It was because these mysterious Primeval Eggs, from unknown origins, fell to various places on Earth, infecting nearby life forms and causing them to undergo Base Mutation, that Base Variant Creatures came into existence.

After more than two hundred years of effort, a small portion of the Primeval Eggs in some Base Mutation Zones ended up in human hands.

According to the records of the Base Alliance, there are a total of sixteen known Primeval Eggs, eleven of which have already been used for Base Mutation. As for those not accounted for, the number is unknown.

Every human who used a Primeval Egg for Base Mutation was much more powerful than those who used Base Mutation Eggs, akin to monsters among Mutators.

Except for the two who had already died, all the other humans who used Primeval Eggs for Base Mutation without exception became the elite of human Mutators, truly standing at the top of the pyramid.

However, using Primeval Eggs for Base Mutation was highly dangerous; almost every known Primeval Egg had taken human lives.

The Primeval Egg in Wei Wufu's possession, labeled number fourteen in the Base Alliance's records, was the fourteenth Primeval Egg to be discovered and documented.

The number fourteen Primeval Egg had been discovered over seventy years ago, and six humans had attempted to use it for Base Mutation since, all without exception had died.

Each of the previous six individuals had made thorough preparations and reached the peak physical condition for an ordinary human, yet they still failed.

Wei Wufu could see that Lin Shen's physical condition had also reached the limit of an ordinary human, which was the most basic requirement for using a Primeval Egg for Base Mutation.

Without such a condition, failure was almost certain; even with it, the likelihood of failure was still high.

Lin Shen possessed such physical condition, and having not undergone Base Mutation at his age, Wei Wufu believed, was it not as if he were waiting for a Primeval Egg?

For some reason, Wei Wufu felt that Lin Shen might succeed because some of the things Lin Shen had done seemed unbelievable to him, almost unscientific.

"Silk is emerging..." Wei Wufu saw white strands, many times finer than hair, resembling down, emerging from Lin Shen's skin, and his eyes lit up at once.

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Chapter 35 - 35: The End of the Terra-cotta Warriors

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Lin Shen was in the midst of experiencing pain that was beyond the description of muscles spasming and marrow being hammered. If he were able to make a sound, his throat would probably have been howled raw.

Unfortunately, he couldn't even move his lips or eyes, let alone cry out; he couldn't even blink.

Lin Shen had heard before that the process of Base Mutation was similar to that of Butterfly Transformation.

The transformation of a caterpillar into a butterfly is known as complete metamorphosis, with a dramatic change in body structure, as if one life form evolves into another. S~earch the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Some even say that the caterpillar is simply a mobile placenta, and the butterfly growing inside will dissolve and absorb the placenta when the time comes.

Of course, this idea is unfounded. The process of human Base Mutation is also a reorganization of bodily structure, with the shell of the Base Mutation Egg melting, decomposing, forming threads, and sculpting an effigy, with its essence merging with the human body to build a new Steel Body.

This process is similar to grinding rice into flour and then mixing it with other ingredients to make rice noodles, hence the pain is unimaginable.

Of course, the actual process doesn't require the body to be literally crushed, but the integration of the essence throughout the body is equally painful, almost unbearably so.

The higher the quality of the Base Mutation Egg, the more painful the process.

Lin Shen had only heard that Base Mutation was painful, but he had not expected it to be so excruciating.

White filaments grew from inside his body, intertwining with one another, and gradually formed an oval-shaped white effigy.

Wei Wufu's expression was complicated. Before Lin Shen, none of the humans who had tried to use the primeval Egg number fourteen for Base Mutation managed to reach the stage of forming an effigy; all of them died soon after swallowing the Primeval Egg.

The fact that Lin Shen was able to sculpt an effigy meant that the shell of the Primeval Egg had already melted and decomposed into a new structure within his body, indicating that he was halfway to success.

What would follow was to see if Lin Shen's body could withstand the integration with the essence, which could also be understood as whether he could coexist with the foreign 'virus'.

Wei Wufu was intently observing the effigy formed by Lin Shen when, suddenly, as if sensing something, he turned his head to look at the immobilized mutant creature.

The mutant creature began to tremble slightly, causing Wei Wufu to frown slightly.

After a moment of contemplation, Wei Wufu pressed his hands forcefully on the ground, propelling his body to leap up, but unfortunately, everything below his waist was unsteady and unresponsive, greatly affecting his speed.

Wei Wufu lunged in front of the mutant creature and fiercely jabbed his fingers into the depression at the creature's waist, exactly where Lin Shen had previously targeted.

The force of his poke was many times greater than Lin Shen's, pressing the depression even deeper.

Unfortunately, when Wei Wufu looked up at the mutant creature, he found that its body's trembling had not stopped.

"What method did he use? Why can he do it, but I can't?" Wei Wufu sighed in his heart, stretched out his hands onto the ground, leaped up once more with force, and then clapped his hands hard, pushing the mutant creature's body away.

The mutant creature rolled out for more than ten meters on the ground before stopping due to the strong gravity here; it was quite a feat to push it that far.

Wei Wufu's only thought was to delay time as much as possible. According to the data, humans who undergo Base Mutation with the Primeval Eggs do so very quickly.

Death comes swiftly, and if successful, that too happens rapidly; there is no need to stay inside an effigy for days or months like with regular Base Mutation Eggs.

Most complete the Base Mutation within three to ten minutes after sculpting an effigy and can then break out of the effigy immediately.

Wei Wufu only needed to hold out until Lin Shen broke out of the effigy. With Lin Shen's miraculous methods, coupled with the Steel Body transformed by the Primeval Egg, defeating the mutant creature might be difficult, but the chance for escape would greatly increase.

Wei Wufu watched the mutant creature lying in the distance, its body shivering continuously, calculating how much time he could delay if the mutation creature recovered its ability to move before him.

"Not enough," Wei Wufu murmured to himself as he glanced at the watch on his wrist.

The mutant creature's body quivered more and more violently, looking like it could regain its ability to move at any moment.

Since Lin Shen had encased himself, less than a minute had passed, and even if Lin Shen were incredibly fast, he would still need more than three minutes.

Wei Wufu once again pressed his hands against the ground and crawled towards the distant mutant creature.

Reaching the violently shaking body of the mutant creature, Wei Wufu pushed against it, continuing to shove it farther away.

After pushing for a short while, the mutant creature's body suddenly jerked, then its arm lifted, followed by its body also starting to move, albeit somewhat stiffly, like a robot from a breakdance performance.

Without a word, Wei Wufu rolled behind the mutant creature and locked his arms around its neck in a rear-naked choke hold.

This move, when used on a human, can lead to loss of consciousness by compressing the carotid arteries and depriving the brain of blood supply in a brief period.

When used on a mutant creature, naturally, the effect isn't as good. Moreover, with Wei Wufu's legs unable to wrap around and immobilize the creature, the move was even less effective.

This was a reluctant choice for Wei Wufu, as confronting the mutant creature head-on was not advisable and would only hasten his death.

From behind it, at least its claws and legs wouldn't easily reach Wei Wufu, and like humans, its arms couldn't fully rotate backward.

Wei Wufu only thought about delaying as long as possible, just waiting for Lin Shen to emerge from his enclosure.

The mutant creature quickly recovered, ignoring Wei Wufu's choke hold. It pulled out the Leaf Blade that was stuck in its eye and flung it aside.

As the Leaf Blade was removed, the mutant creature's eye wound healed at a visible rate, soon completely returning to normal.

This was why Wei Wufu said it couldn't be killed; during their battle at sea, he had inflicted severe wounds on the mutant creature several times.

But the creature's healing was just too rapid, making it virtually unkillable.

In the end, it was Wei Wufu's use of his life-saving ability to grievously injure the mutant creature to the brink of falling apart that temporarily drove it back.

Regrettably, the use of that power also caused his own body to fail, and after dragging himself onto the beach, he had passed out, with his legs taking time to recover.

The mutant creature reached back with one hand to grab Wei Wufu's head; its daggersharp nails scraped along Wei Wufu's cheek and plunged into the sand.

Wei Wufu, still choking its neck, rocked his body from side to side to dodge the mutant creature's repeated swipes.

The mutant creature's other hand dropped the fork and reached back for Wei Wufu.

Seeing he couldn't dodge, Wei Wufu had no choice but to release the arm locked around its neck and, with a powerful push on the sandy ground, rolled away.

"Come on, kill me," Wei Wufu attempted to provoke with words, trying to attract the creature's attention.

As a creature with emotions, logically, it should want to kill Wei Wufu first after being toyed with by him.

But for some reason, after giving Wei Wufu a glance, the mutant creature picked up the red fork from the ground and, without hesitation, turned and charged toward Lin Shen's encasement.

This was beyond Wei Wufu's expectations, but his reaction was quick. With his hands on the ground, he exploded with all his strength, like a ground-skimming missile, catching up to the creature, grabbing one of its legs, twisting fiercely, and flipping it to the ground.

The mutant creature kicked back with its other leg; unable to dodge due to his immobile legs, Wei Wufu could only let go with one hand and grabbed its other leg.

He had thought that after being manipulated like this, the mutant creature would be enraged and determined to fight to the death.

To his surprise, even as its legs were held by Wei Wufu, the creature, after lifting the red fork, didn't aim at Wei Wufu, who was holding its legs, but instead flung the fork with all its might towards Lin Shen's encasement.

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Wei Wufu reacted extremely quickly, almost the moment the mutated creature lifted its fork, he released one hand and grabbed a pebble from the sand beside him, hurling it with all his might at the fork thrown by the creature.

Unfortunately, the pebble was too small and not tough enough; it shattered into powder upon impact with the red fork, slightly deflecting its trajectory. But it was only a slight deflection; the fork continued to fly toward the statue.

This was all Wei Wufu could do, with nothing else around to use and his legs unable to move, he couldn't catch up to the thrown fork.

The fork skewed into the statue and actually pierced through it, which left Wei Wufu somewhat stunned.

Primeval Eggs seemed ordinary, but were actually extraordinary; their strength was much higher than that of regular Steel Mutant Eggs, and the statues they formed were more durable than regular Steel Bodies.

Although the mutated creature was of the Alloy Level, the fork's strength had been somewhat reduced by the stone, and considering the statue's own robustness, it shouldn't have been pierced through so easily.

The ease with which it was pierced through only meant that the statue's strength was much lower than Wei Wufu had anticipated.

"How could this be, it's not right, the comparison is too weak," Wei Wufu couldn't help but mutter to himself.

What he was thinking was, why was the strength so low? Something was off. Comparing it to others who had used Primeval Eggs to form statues, Lin Shen's statue was much weaker.

For some reason, what he said came out differently.

The mutated creature seemed to have some special obsession with Lin Shen, not knowing whether it was because Lin Shen had struck its pressure point or for some other reason.

Even though the statue had been pierced, the mutated creature was relentless and dragged Wei Wufu step by step toward the statue. .

With his legs unable to exert force, and his arms wrapped around the creature's legs, Wei Wufu couldn't stop it from moving toward the statue.

As Wei Wufu's mind frantically searched for a way to stop the mutated creature and buy time, the creature suddenly stopped on its own.

Unsure of what had happened, Wei Wufu raised his head to look at the statue's position, wanting to know what had happened and why the mutated creature had stopped on its own.

Looking in that direction, Wei Wufu saw that the red fork stuck in the statue was now emitting steam, which grew denser by the moment. In just a short while, the metallic shaft of the red fork gradually turned golden-red, growing brighter in color, resembling steel heated to red-hot.

In fact, both Wei Wufu and the mutated creature had felt the scorching heat emanating from the red fork, otherwise the creature would not have stopped.

In just a brief moment, the red fork had turned completely into a translucent gold, strikingly similar to the appearance of steel as it approached its melting point under intense heat.

Wei Wufu found it difficult to understand why there was such high temperature.

Base Mutation wasn't steel forging, with such high temperatures, people would be incinerated to ash, let alone undergo Base Mutation.

"Could it be that the energy of the Primeval Egg is too strong, causing such high heat? Then Lin Shen must be doomed. No wonder those who tried to undergo Base Mutation No. 14 in the past all died; with such terrifying energy, not to mention people, even a Steel Body wouldn't be able to withstand it and would melt," Wei Wufu thought to himself darkly.

The mutated creature too stared at the red-hot fork with a puzzled face. The fork was as hard as its body, and if the fork could be burned like that, it would suffer the same fate, which made it uncertain and wary.

The scene fell into an eerie calm. The urgency of the life-and-death struggle vanished, yet the tension seemed to increase even further.

Just as the fork was about to melt, at that critical moment when it was neither solid nor liquid, suddenly, a surge of icy chill burst forth.

The temperature of the fork dropped drastically, changing from gold to red in an instant. After cooling, although still red, the fork turned semi-transparent, as if it had transformed from metal to crystal.

A look of wild joy appeared in the mutated creature's eyes, seeming to indicate that its fork had indeed become Crystal Base material.

Crack!

Just as the mutating creature was delighting in its surprise, the fork suddenly shattered, like tempered glass breaking into countless crystalline particles that fell onto the sand.

"Lin Shen, is he dead?" Wei Wufu watched the scene, feeling that Lin Shen inside the statue must have been dead for certain.

Since even the alloy fork had ended up like this, Lin Shen inside the statue must surely be dead.

Even if Lin Shen could have withstood the initial extreme heat, he couldn't have survived the final chilling.

Let's not mention that Lin Shen doesn't have Base Mutation, even Alloy Mutators would probably not survive, and that alloy fork was the best proof of it.

The mutating creature seemed to think so too, as its gaze had already moved from the statue to Wei Wufu, who was hugging its leg.

Crack!

Another crisp sound drew the attention of Wei Wufu and the mutating creature back to the statue.

In an instant, dense cracks appeared on the statue, and in the next moment, the entire statue shattered with a crash, revealing a figure that had been enveloped within it.

The armor, polished as if made of mirrors, clung tightly to a tall and robust body, shining dazzlingly in the sunlight from different angles like armor forged from mirrors, dreamy and mesmerizing.

The sky and the ocean reflected on the armor added an air of mystery and depth to it.

The mutating creature stared at Lin Shen, subconsciously raising its leg wanting to charge at him, but realizing its leg was still firmly grasped by Wei Wufu. Unable to break free, it stumbled and almost fell.

"Wei, let it go," Lin Shen's voice came from within the armor.

Wei Wufu was momentarily startled, puzzled why Lin Shen would not launch an attack now and instead was asking him to release the mutating creature.

This guy was an Alloy Level mutating creature, not just any Alloy Creature.

Steel Level Base Mutation from Primeval Eggs might indeed have the potential to kill beyond its level, but that was not easy. Furthermore, since the opponent was an Alloy

mutating creature and Lin Shen had just succeeded in Base Mutation to become Steel Level, he shouldn't possibly be that strong.

Wei Wufu nevertheless let go as Lin Shen instructed, and the mutating creature, now unshackled by strength, did not immediately rush towards Lin Shen. Its ruby-like eyes were uncertainly sizing up Lin Shen.

It didn't charge at Lin Shen, but Lin Shen, on the other hand, stepped towards it. With each step, the mirror-like steel armor on his body began to radiate an infinite heat, turning reddish-gold, then golden-yellow. The armor's splendor, with its heat, seemed like a holy warrior burning with life.

The mutating creature instinctively took a half step back. The next second, the creature exploded in fury at its own cowardice, seemingly unable to accept that it was scared off by a Steel creature.

Just as it was about to madly charge at Lin Shen, it suddenly saw white vapor rising violently from Lin Shen's gleaming armor, the temperature on the resplendent armor plunging rapidly, no longer displaying its radiant brilliance.

The mutating creature watched Lin Shen approach through the rising fog. Its pupils shrank violently, as if it had seen something utterly terrifying.

In the fleeting visibility, where the fog could not obscure, Lin Shen's armor appeared in a semi-transparent crystal state.

At merely this sight, the mutating creature did not hesitate to retreat rapidly, like a stray dog, turning and plunging into the sea, desperately diving towards deeper waters.

"Crystal Base Level?" Wei Wufu stared blankly at Lin Shen who emerged from the fog, the semi-transparent crystalline armor emitting a clear and bright luster in the sun, even more dreamlike and unfathomable than when it was a mirrored armor.

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"Wei, I'll carry you on my back; let's find a hidden place first," Lin Shen said as he approached Wei Wufu and extended his hand.

"I have hands." Wei Wufu supported his body with both hands and crawled forward, still moving very quickly. Lin Shen almost couldn't keep up with him, even while walking on two legs.

The two made their way to the reef area and eventually hid behind a relatively concealed rock.

As they were traveling, the semi-transparent armor on Lin Shen's body gradually became cloudy and was no longer transparent at all. After sitting down for a short while, it returned to looking like the previous mirror-like steel armor.

Of course, Lin Shen could not possibly be at the Crystal Base Level; it had just seemed very similar.

Leaning against the rock, Lin Shen checked the information displayed on his wristwatch.

User: Super-Base Steel Creature (Evolvable).

Strength: 11.

Speed: 11.

Hardness: 11.

Toughness: 11.

Base Mutation Rate: one percent.

Life-form Theoretical Vitality Limit: 200 years.

Base Change Talent: Super Base Change."

Super-Base Steel Creature" was another term Lin Shen hadn't heard of, which he surmised could correspond with mutation, or perhaps a grade higher than mutation.

"Could this 'Super-Base' be related to those Fire Seeds of the failed Super-Base Evolutions?" Lin Shen speculated.

All around were 11s, which was a bit higher than what Lin Shen heard the full values at the Steel Level were. With the previous case of Death Powder as an example, Lin Shen was not surprised.

The term "Base Mutation Rate" was something Lin Shen had heard of before, just not with such detailed data.

To advance from Steel Level to Alloy Level, one needed to absorb Base Mutation Fluid. The more Base Mutation Fluid absorbed and the better its quality, the higher the success rate of advancing to Alloy Level would be.

It seemed that this Base Mutation Rate was a direct representation of the probability of successful Base Mutation after absorbing Base Mutation Fluid.

The Life-form Theoretical Vitality Limit refers to the theoretical maximum lifespan; before Base Mutation, it was one hundred years, now it was two hundred years, doubled.

The Base Change Talent "Super Base Change" was what made Lin Shen's Steel Body appear to be at the Crystal Base Level.

Without detailed information, based on his own understanding of Super Base Change, Lin Shen thought this talent was somewhat similar to the tempering process used on glass or the heat treatment commonly applied during steel forging.

Both glass tempering and steel heat treatment are, in essence, techniques where glass or steel is heated to a near-melting point without actually melting, followed by rapid cooling to enhance the strength of the glass or steel.

The benefits Super Base Change offered to the Steel Body were very similar, but there were also differences.

After heating, the hardness of glass or steel would decrease, with the hardness dropping during this period. It is only after the rapid cooling that the hardness rises.

With Super Base Change, during the heating process, not only did the hardness not decrease, it continued to increase. After rapid cooling, the hardness significantly increased even more.

It wasn't just the hardness that improved; all statistics significantly increased during this process, with even speed and strength enhancing simultaneously.

Super Base Change also had its drawbacks: glass and steel, once heat-treated, would normally retain the enhanced effects permanently.

However, Super Base Change could not maintain its effect indefinitely and would gradually revert to its previous state.

Moreover, using Super Base Change consumed a lot of energy. Just like now, Lin Shen felt as though his body was hollowed out and extremely hungry, struggling to even maintain the Steel Body state.

After deactivating his Steel Body, Lin Shen took out some Base Mutation Fluid from the Steel Thorn Turtle he had collected earlier and gulped it down.

If given the choice, Lin Shen would not want to drink this unprocessed Base Mutation Fluid directly, but right now he had no choice, he could only replenish his energy.

After gulping down several mouthfuls, the Base Mutation Fluid entered his stomach and made Lin Shen feel like a dry sponge that had met water, rapidly absorbing the fluid.

Continuously drinking more Base Mutation Fluid, Lin Shen felt his condition improve significantly. Not long after he drank the Base Mutation Fluid, his wristwatch started to vibrate again.

"Absorbing Steel Base Mutation Fluid... Base Mutation Rate +0... Absorbing Steel Base Mutation Fluid... Base Mutation Rate +0..."

Lin Shen had consumed so much Base Mutation Fluid, yet his Base Mutation Rate hadn't increased at all.

"Do you want some?" Lin Shen passed the water bag filled with Base Mutation Fluid to Wei Wufu.

Wei Wufu didn't stand on ceremony, took the water bag, drank a lot, wiped his mouth, and returned it to Lin Shen.

"Mutation?" Wei Wufu asked Lin Shen.

"The Base Mutation Egg you gave me, is it a Mutant Base Mutation Egg?" Lin Shen pondered and counterasked, seeming as though Wei Wufu didn't know the true quality of that Base Mutation Egg.

"No, Primeval Eggs, number fourteen," Wei Wufu replied.

Lin Shen said with some frustration, "Old Wei, I'm not well-educated, and I have difficulty understanding complicated things. Can you please speak in simpler terms?"

"Social anxiety, hard to speak," Wei Wufu replied.

"You... social anxiety..." Lin Shen looked at Wei Wufu with a strange expression.

Who would have thought that this towering, robust man, always with a cool and icy expression, making people with weak mental fortitude become socially anxious, would himself have social anxiety.

"Then let's just chat slowly." Lin Shen had no choice but to patiently continue the conversation with Wei Wufu.

During his Base Mutation, he had already realized there was something wrong with the Base Mutation Egg; the entire Base Mutation process vastly differed from what he had heard before.

During the Base Mutation, he truly felt as if his body was melting and being reconstructed, a thought that still made Lin Shen shiver in retrospect.

After a lengthy chat with Wei Wufu, Lin Shen finally roughly understood what was going on.

"Six have died before me?" Lin Shen suddenly felt a chill.

According to Wei Wufu, Base Mutators who used Primeval Eggs could be strong or weak.

But even the weakest among them was a Mutant Base Mutator, considerably stronger than regular Base Mutators.

Wei Wufu didn't know much himself because most Base Mutators who used Primeval Eggs wouldn't easily disclose their Base Mutation information. Most of the data about them was inferred from their performance in actual combat.

One thing was certain though, Wei Wufu was a Base Mutator who had used a Primeval Egg, starting as a Mutant Steel Creature and after advancing to Alloy Level, he became a Mutant Alloy Creature.

From Wei Wufu, Lin Shen also learned a very crucial piece of information.

Mutant Base Mutators could only increase their Base Mutation Rate by absorbing the Base Mutation Fluid from mutant creatures; regular Base Mutation Fluid was ineffective for them.

"Where am I supposed to find a Super-Base Creature?" Lin Shen wryly smiled to himself, unsure whether his current situation was a blessing or a curse.

If he couldn't find a Super-Base Creature, would he be stuck at Steel Level forever, likely unable to make further breakthroughs in his lifetime?

"Old Wei, is your leg okay?" Lin Shen asked, looking at Wei Wufu, but Wei Wufu made a gesture to be silent.

Lin Shen immediately shut his mouth and followed Wei Wufu's gaze, peeking through the gaps between the rocks. What he saw made him gape in astonishment.

"What am I seeing? Is that an Angel? I couldn't possibly be dead, right? Is this world the legendary heaven?" Lin Shen saw a beautiful creature with a white robe and pristine white wings on its back, golden curly hair, flying above the sea.

That was clearly not a Base Variant Creature, even less likely to be human. Lin Shen could only surmise it was a being from mythological tales.

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"No, not dead, no, planet," Wei Wufu spoke in a suppressed voice.

"You mean to say, we are on another planet? So, that guy who looks like an angel is an alien?" Lin Shen understood what Wei Wufu meant but felt even more astonished.

He had originally thought he was inside a cave heaven within Gourd Mountain. Little did he expect to have left his own planet and arrived on another.

"Yes," Wei Wufu confirmed with certainty, his gaze still fixated on the "angel" flying above the sea, then continued, "Celestial, dangerous."

"How do you know he's a Celestial?" Lin Shen asked, puzzled.

"Before, many, dangerous. Universe, Human, very weak," Wei Wufu emphasized the word dangerous once again.

What Wei Wufu meant was that he had encountered many Celestials before, and they were extremely dangerous creatures. In the universe, Humans are a very weak race.

"So you're saying, you've been to other planets before, and to many of them?" Lin Shen was even more surprised.

"Yes," Wei Wufu nodded again, his gaze still firmly on the Celestial above the sea.

"This world is far more complicated than I imagined," Lin Shen thought as he noticed that the Celestial had a black object on his wrist, similar to the teleporters they had on theirs, though he couldn't see the details due to the distance.

There had long been speculation that Base Variant Creatures were extraterrestrial beings, but it had always been just that—speculation. Now it seemed that it was not mere guesswork. Those who knew the truth had, for some reason, chosen to keep it hidden.

The Celestial appeared to be searching for something over the sea surface, flying back and forth several times, seemingly unable to find what he was looking for.

After hovering over the sea for quite some time, just when Lin Shen thought the Celestial hadn't found what he wanted and was about to fly away, he saw the Celestial stop in mid-air.

"What is he doing?" Lin Shen couldn't discern the purpose of the Celestial's gesture of extending an arm due to the distance.

Lin Shen looked at Wei Wufu, who shook his head, indicating that he didn't know what the Celestial was doing either.

As the two watched, they suddenly noticed that the sea water below the Celestial began to surge dramatically, with waves much larger than before.

Suddenly, the sea's surface exploded in a spray, and a massive figure leaped through the waves and into the air, hurtling towards the Celestial hovering in the sky.

"Crystal-based Creature!" Lin Shen's mouth hung open in amazement at the size and beauty of the Crystal-based Creature.

Its entire body was an azure blue, resembling a sapphire sea, much like the legendary Crystal Swallowing Giant Serpent. The part of its body that had broken through the sea's surface was already dozens of meters long.

Under the sunlight, its azure body's countless scales reflected light, dazzling and luxurious to the extreme.

Such a gigantic creature, who knew how many tons it weighed? The momentum of its emergence from the sea truly had a sort of heaven-devouring grandeur.

Lin Shen couldn't help but think, "It's hard to imagine that on a planet with such strong gravity, there could be creatures of such immense size. Shouldn't the stronger the gravity on a planet, the smaller the creatures would be? If I could find this python's Base Mutation Egg and sign a Blood Covenant with the Boundless Strength Contract, how powerful would my strength become? What a pity."

The python's gaping mouth was swallowing towards the Celestial in the air, who compared to the python, was pitifully small.

The next second, Lin Shen saw the Celestial's White Robe tear as a white jade-like substance rapidly spilled out from within his body, instantly enveloping him entirely and solidifying into a White Jade Carapace, even the wings on his back coated with a thin layer of jade.

From a distance, the Celestial resembled a statue of an angelic warrior sculpted from crystalline white jade, sanctity radiating from its majestic form.

With a flutter of his wings, the Celestial soared across the sky like a startled swan, stepping on the head of the giant python with one foot of white jade.

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The python, as if struck by a heavy blow, plummeted back into the sea with a tremendous crash, stirring up waves several dozen meters high.

The Celestial seized the opportunity to press the attack, charging at the python in the water. Before he even reached it, a giant tail suddenly lashed out from the waves beside him, striking the Celestial with great force.

The Celestial had no time to dodge. He crossed his arms in front of his body to take the blow, and his body was immediately hurled away like a cannonball, flying dozens of meters through the air before plunging into the sea.

"To be hit by such terrifying strength, even a Crystal Base Level being couldn't withstand it, right?" Lin Shen muttered to himself.

The python turned over and also dived beneath the surface of the water. The sea became even more turbulent, with countless eddies stirring and spouting columns of water like fountains, like a continuous eruption of volcanoes, causing the surrounding sea to surge relentlessly.

It seemed that the Celestial had not been killed, and was actually engaged in battle with the python underwater.

"He clearly has wings but chooses to abandon his advantage to fight that Crystal Base Level Azure Giant Python in the sea. Is he brainless, or is his strength so great that he can disregard environmental influences?" pondered Lin Shen.

"Strong," Wei Wufu said just one word, and it was unclear whether he referred to the Celestial or the python.

Parts of the python's body occasionally surfaced but the Celestial could not be seen breaking the water.

Suddenly, the tumultuous sea exploded with a water column over a hundred meters high, and the body of the Celestial was hurled from it. .

The python, swift as a shadow, burst through the waves, opening its Heaven-Swallowing maw, and swallowed the Celestial whole in one gulp.

"The Celestial doesn't seem to be doing too well," Lin Shen thought to himself.

But the very next second, Lin Shen saw a large hole explode in the belly of the python, and the Celestial burst out from the opening.

Boom!

The python's body descended in free fall, crashing onto the sea surface. The raging waves rushed onto the beach, flooding the area where Lin Shen and Wei Wufu were hiding.

Fortunately, the wave came quickly and receded just as fast. When the water pulled back, the Celestial was seen dragging the body of the python, step by step, onto the beach.

It might have been that the Celestial had expended too much strength in the fight, or that the python's body was simply too heavy. Without the buoyancy of the water to support it, the Celestial could only drag it halfway up the beach before he could move it no further.

Thump!

The Celestial collapsed straight onto the ground and lay motionless on the beach.

Base Mutation Fluid continued to flow from the python's abdominal wound, but there was still no movement from the Celestial. He appeared to be dead.

"You stay, I go," Wei Wufu, supporting his body with his arms, crawled towards the body of the python.

Lin Shen guessed that Wei Wufu wanted to drink the python's Base Mutation Fluid, perhaps it would help his body heal.

After a moment's hesitation, Lin Shen did not go out and continued hiding behind the rocks.

Wei Wufu crawled closer, sized up the Celestial for a moment, then went straight to the python's wound and began to drink the blue Base Mutation Fluid flowing out.

"Friend, that's my prey. I do not recall inviting you to partake of my kill," a hoarse voice rose from behind Wei Wufu.

Wei Wufu turned to look back, only to see the Celestial slowly rising from the ground, staring at Wei Wufu with an icy gaze.

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Chapter 39 - 39: Pet Capsule Accelerator

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"Aliens also speak Mandarin?" Hearing the Angel speak, Lin Shen was momentarily baffled.

Over two hundred years ago, when human technology was at its peak, no one had managed to break out of the solar system, let alone discover aliens.

Besides, how long has humanity existed? How long has Mandarin been around? Even if one started traveling at the speed of light from the day Mandarin was created, they probably wouldn't have reached an alien planet by now, to say nothing of teaching Mandarin to aliens. What a joke.

But the Celestial's Mandarin was really quite standard, at least Lin Shen felt he definitely couldn't match it. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Watching the Jade Armor on his body disappear and revert to his original form, with a smile still on his face, Lin Shen couldn't help but feel a bit awkward looking at the Celestial.

Wei Wufu wiped off the Base Mutation Fluid from his mouth and seemed a bit embarrassed as he said, "You die, waste."

Lin Shen understood Wei Wufu. What Wei Wufu meant was he thought the Celestial was dead, and the spilled Base Mutation Fluid on the ground was a waste.

But the Celestial didn't understand Wei Wufu. The initially smiling face gradually turned cold as he stared at Wei Wufu and said, "You want me dead. It looks like I was wrong to call you 'friend'. Garbage like you doesn't deserve to be my friend, so the only option left for you is to die."

Lin Shen finally understood why Wei Wufu was socially anxious. With the way he spoke, it wasn't just him who would feel anxious; others would too.

Wei Wufu obviously felt it was too troublesome to explain and simply chose not to.

"Pretend, you, weak, lay down," Wei Wufu said.

The Celestial somehow understood it, and his expression grew colder, "You're saying I'm pretending, I'm weak, and you want me to lay down and die?"

"You, no strength," Wei Wufu said again.

"Alright, alright, alright. A crippled Alloy human dare say I'm weak? Then I'll show you whether I, Tian Xin, have strength or not." The Celestial threw a punch directly at the seated Wei Wufu.

Lin Shen hesitated whether or not to help. The Celestial named Tian Xin was far too powerful, two levels above him. He didn't believe he could leap two levels to defeat Tian Xin.

Wei Wufu didn't seem to have any intention of dodging. With one hand propping onto the ground and the other clenched into a fist, he met the oncoming punch.

As the two fists collided, to Lin Shen's surprise, it seemed to be an even match. The upper half of the seated Wei Wufu's body leaned back against the giant python's body, which didn't seem to be a hard hit as he quickly sat upright again.

Tian Xin also retreated several steps, staggering and nearly falling to the ground.

Wei Wufu was still just at Alloy Level, one level below Tian Xin, yet this clash was evenly matched. Lin Shen realized that Tian Xin's recent battle with the giant python had drained him too much. Now he was out of strength and possibly even injured, although it didn't show on the surface.

"Stop pretending, lie down," Wei Wufu said to Tian Xin.

Upon hearing this, Tian Xin forcibly swallowed the blood that had reached his mouth, stood his ground, and laughed in a fury, "Alright, alright, alright. Trash from a crippled Alloy rank dares to mock me? Today, I'll show you just how easy it is to kill trash like you."

With that, Tian Xin seemingly produced a gun from nowhere, and with the barrel pointed at Wei Wufu, he coldly said, "You uncivilized brute of a peasant, do you recognize what this is?"

"Celestials use guns too?" Lin Shen watched in surprise.

He had thought that Tian Xin's words would be followed by something earth-shattering, but it turned out to be merely a revolver.

The power of a pistol, surely would not be enough to harm Wei Wufu, a mutated alloy Mutator like himself; Lin Shen was puzzled as to why he would take out a gun at this moment—could it be some kind of high-tech laser gun?

Lin Shen had initially thought that he would bring out some powerful Base Mutation pet.

"Pet Capsule Pistol!" Wei Wufu rarely spoke a complete sentence, his eyes taking on a more serious look.

"I didn't expect you, a savage and uncivilized bumpkin, to have some insight to recognize the Pet Capsule Pistol," Tian Xin said with slight surprise, but immediately regained his arrogant demeanor and held the gun, saying, "This is indeed a Pet Capsule Pistol, but not an ordinary one, it's called the Angel Revolver. It accelerates the transformation speed of pets to 44, which means it's even faster than the Crystal Base Level speed, allowing the pet capsule to transform into a pet almost instantly after leaving the barrel. And it will reach the target at a speed of 44—do you understand what this means?"

Without waiting for Wei Wufu to respond, Tian Xin added ominously, "And this Angel Revolver of mine, its internal compression space can hold seven pet capsules. Guess how many Crystal Base Level pet capsules I've loaded in it?"

Wei Wufu fell silent; of course, he knew what that meant.

The bullets fired from that Angel Revolver, he simply couldn't evade; if he tried to block with his body, even if he used his arm to shield, he still couldn't withstand Crystal Base pets hurtling towards him at a speed of 44.

As for how many Crystal Base pet capsules were inside the Angel Revolver, it truly no longer mattered—one was enough to end his life.

And there was no doubt about it; how could Celestials not have Crystal Base pets? They were naturally of the Crystal Base Level.

Lin Shen, on the other hand, was both shocked and delighted—he hadn't expected there to be something like a Pet Capsule Pistol.

From Tian Xin's description, the Pet Capsule Pistol was a device that accelerated the transformation of pets and gave them initial speed.

Being able to accelerate to 44, that thing was indeed terrifying—it was much faster than using keys to let the pet capsules transform into combat stance and almost impossible to interrupt.

However, Lin Shen still didn't quite understand; it seemed that using the Pet Capsule Pistol didn't require keys to transform pets into their combat form, so what was the point of having keys?

But this was something Lin Shen was pleased to see—if that was the case, then all he needed to do was snatch the gun, and all the pets inside would be his, wouldn't they?

"High-tech gadgets... I like..." Lin Shen, tapping into the power of Base Mutation, transformed into his Steel Body.

Mysterious steel material flowed from his body, covering his exterior and forming a mirror-like armor, encasing his whole person within.

"Don't shoot yet. Let's talk. We can actually cooperate for a win-win situation; there's no need to be enemies," Lin Shen hurriedly walked out from behind the rocks, he had to get within seven steps of Tian Xin before he fired the pet capsules.

When Tian Xin saw someone else appear, he was startled at first, but when he realized the newcomer was clad in a Steel Carapace, he was enraged with laughter: "What day is today that all kinds of trash dare to come out and disgust me? First, a crippled alloy, now some garbage steel. Cooperate with me? You barbarians from the savage society, scum and dregs, what gives you the right to cooperate with me? Do you really think that because I'm injured, I can't kill you?"

"Don't—go back," Wei Wufu frowned upon seeing Lin Shen come out.

He knew that although Lin Shen was only Steel Level, if he really started fighting, even Alloy Level might not be his match.

But after all, there was a clear difference in their levels. It had been such tough work for the two of them against a mutated Alloy Creature, and this Tian Xin in front of them was much more difficult to handle than the mutated Alloy Creature.

Lin Shen had previously shown great speed, but compared to the 44 speed of the Pet Capsule Pistol, it was simply too slow.

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Lin Shen ignored Wei Wufu and continued as he walked, "Aren't you curious why we came here?"

"I don't care why you're here." Tian Xin obviously wasn't buying it, her gun still aimed at Wei Wufu; she was about to pull the trigger.

In her view, even a disabled Alloy Level was a bigger threat than Lin Shen, a mere Steel Level.

"Do you know there's a being more advanced than the Base Variant Creatures? Kill him, and you'll never know where that being is." Lin Shen sped up his speech, whether or not he could save Wei Wufu's life was now up to fate.

"What are you talking about?" Tian Xin actually paused her finger, although her gun remained aimed at Wei Wufu, her gaze shifted to Lin Shen.

"It seems you know what I mean, don't you?" Lin Shen said while walking, appearing to head towards Wei Wufu, when in fact Wei Wufu's position was within seven steps of Tian Xin.

Tian Xin didn't stop him and said coldly, "I don't know, but I hope what you know can trade for your life."

"Above the Base Variant Creatures, there's an even higher lifeform; you should know about that, right?" Lin Shen said.

"That's just a legend. Don't tell me there's something like that on this planet." Tian Xin said disbelievingly, but she didn't look like she was going to shoot.

"If you don't believe me, then shoot." Lin Shen had reached Wei Wufu's side and internally breathed a sigh of relief.

"Whether I believe it or not is up to me, just finish what you're going to say," Tian Xin said.

"I can't explain it," Lin Shen shook his head.

"Why can't you explain?" Tian Xin asked, puzzled.

"Because I can't make up anything more," Lin Shen said with a smile.

"You're asking for death," feeling insulted by Lin Shen, Tian Xin, not bothering to shoot Wei Wufu, turned the gun towards Lin Shen and pulled the trigger.

Lin Shen got the reaction he wanted; as Tian Xin's finger moved to pull the trigger, his speed suddenly increased to an unimaginable pace.

The shooting speed of the Angel Revolver is 44, which is faster than Crystal Base, but Lin Shen's speed now surpassed 44, almost like a phantom.

Before Tian Xin's finger had fully pulled the trigger, Lin Shen was already in front of her, under her gaze filled with doubt, surprise, disbelief, and fear, Lin Shen's finger viciously hit an acupoint on her body.

Tian Xin's body immediately froze in place, the trigger halfway pulled, unable to go any further.

"Impossible... A Steel Level trash... How could it have such speed... and moreover, from that primitive and uncivilized Human race..." Tian Xin felt her worldview and cognition being overturned.

A Steel Level couldn't possibly be that fast; it was an ironclad rule. Not to mention Humans, who had only been in the universe for a short time, but even races that had developed for countless eons in the universe couldn't break through the barriers between levels.

What baffled Tian Xin even more was that although she was wounded, her body's strength remained; how could a Steel Level, with whatever method used, render her immobile with a single strike, making it difficult for her to even speak.

Tian Xin looked at Lin Shen, her eyes full of confusion and perplexity. Sëarch* The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Wei Wufu's eyes were similarly complex as he silently thought, "This man... is getting more and more outrageous..."

Lin Shen didn't care what they thought and slowly reached out to remove the Pet Capsule Gun from Tian Xin's hand.

In Lin Shen's view, a Celestial without a Carapace to protect them was much easier to handle than a Base Variant Creature.

Tian Xin's body was incredibly resilient, a blow from an Alloy Level weapon would probably not harm her, but she was vulnerable; Acupoint Sealing worked better on soft targets, the harder they were, the more difficult they were to seal, the softer, the easier.

Even the most resilient being, impervious to swords and guns, will succumb easily if you find their weaknesses.

Sometimes Lin Shen himself feels that the ability to seal acupoints is just like human nature. If you are strong-willed enough, it's hard for others to manipulate you. But if you are too weak-willed, even if you are inherently strong, you are still easy to be manipulated; that's human nature to bully the weak and fear the strong.

"Wei, do you know how to use this?" Lin Shen looked over the construction of the pet capsule pistol, which was very similar to a revolver, but also had some differences.

Similar to Tian Xin's carapace, the white jade body of the gun was etched with mysterious symbols, and its design was exaggerated, or rather flamboyant, with a blend of retro and technological aesthetics.

The gun's firing pin was shaped like a little angel's wing, which looked very unique.

Shooting was something Lin Shen could do, but he didn't know how to open the magazine. The way to open it was different from any gun he had seen before; he wanted to see what pet capsules were inside.

"Yes," Wei Wufu nodded.

Lin Shen handed the gun to him, and Wei Wufu pressed something on the gun before flicking it, causing the gun cylinder to pop out at an angle.

Wei Wufu glanced at it and handed the gun back to Lin Shen.

When Lin Shen took the gun and saw it, he couldn't help but curse, "What a pauper, still trying to show off, shameless."

The gun cylinder had seven chambers, each capable of housing one pet capsule; however, six were empty, with only one filled with an alloy level pet capsule.

"No wonder that fellow never shot. It turns out he could only fire once, and it wasn't even certain to kill Wei Wufu," Lin Shen retracted the gun cylinder.

"The stock, the key," Wei Wufu added another word.

Understanding what Wei Wufu meant, Lin Shen pressed the same spot on the gun. He pulled out something like a magazine from beneath the stock, which contained not bullets, but a key.

"This thing is quite ingeniously designed." Lin Shen played with it for a while, and soon, he completely understood how to use it, filled with pleasant surprise.

To others, this was a formidable weapon for utilizing pets, but the key was the strength of the pets inside; the gun was merely an accelerator.

But for Lin Shen, with this device, he could achieve speeds even faster than those at the Crystal Base Level.

However, Lin Shen still hadn't figured out where the energy that accelerated the pets' transformation and movement came from, and whether it could be used indefinitely.

Lin Shen asked Wei Wufu, who said he didn't know either. Humans couldn't make such a thing; it was an alien technological product. Only a few humans had it, mostly acquired through purchase or barter with aliens.

Wei Wufu had encountered some pet capsule pistols before, but he only knew how to use them, similarly lacking understanding of their design.

"Your name is Tian Xin, right? I'm giving you a chance now. Whether you can seize it is up to you," Lin Shen said as he tapped Tian Xin once more.

Tian Xin instantly regained the power of speech. After his complexion changed a few times, he suddenly put up a smile and said, "Friend, you were right, I think we can cooperate for mutual benefit. Let's be friends."

"Next, you're not going to tell me that you know of existences on this planet that are above Base Variant Creatures, are you?" Lin Shen said with a smirk.

Tian Xin said seriously, "There might actually be some, though I can't be certain. All I know is that a Realm King died on this planet, and if we can find his relics, we'll be able to ascend to great heights. I braved death and hardship to come here for that very Realm King's relics."

"Realm King?" Lin Shen looked at Tian Xin, puzzled.

"To divide the heavens as one's domain, to command the earth as king, to rule over thousands of stars, to hold the power of life and death over countless races, such is a Realm King. Only the most powerful and invincible kings in the universe have the right to be called Realm Kings," Tian Xin slowly explained.