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Lin Shen suspected that Tian Xin, this little punk, was just learning on the fly, using the same strategy on him that he had just used on Tian Xin.

“You think I’d believe that?” Lin Shen took out his Leaf Blade, walked up to Tian Xin, and abruptly thrust the blade towards his eyes.

“I have evidence... it’s inside my backpack...” Tian Xin suddenly yelled.

Lin Shen’s hand couldn’t stop in time; he forcefully diverted it a little, and the Leaf Blade didn’t hit Tian Xin’s eyes, but stabbed the flesh below, right on the bags under his eyes.

One had to admit, the strength of a Crystal Base Level body was truly frightening. Even with Lin Shen’s forceful stabbing with the Leaf Blade, it only made a shallow cut, barely breaking the skin.

“Sorry, you shouted too slowly, and I was a bit too quick. Be more careful next time,” Lin Shen said with a smile.

“No problem, no problem, this isn’t your fault,” Tian Xin quickly said it was okay.

“I’m telling you to pay attention, shout faster next time, what are you thinking about?” Lin Shen said, walking behind Tian Xin. He saw that there was indeed a small backpack on his back, woven from metal wire and fastened between his two wings.

Lin Shen took down the backpack, originally intending to tear it open forcefully, but after trying to rip it twice, the backpack was completely unscathed.

“Heaven Brand backpack, name brand, high-end, made of Crystal Spun Silk material, very durable. If you like it, friend, I’ll give it to you,” Tian Xin said, trying to ingratiate himself.

“This was originally mine. Why would you give me my own thing?” Lin Shen glared at him.

“Yes, yes, yes, it’s indeed yours when it’s in your hands. It’s just my confusion speaking wrongly,” Tian Xin said with his mouth, but inside, he was itching with hate: “Damn it, trash, idiot, just don’t let me find an opportunity. When I recover, I’ll steal everything of yours, not even sparing your underwear. I’ll steal it all ten times over.” Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Lin Shen couldn't be bothered with him, and upon inspection, he discovered that the backpack even had a combination lock.

"Friend, the password is six sixes," Tian Xin became much more cooperative, not waiting for Lin Shen to ask and volunteering the password himself.

"Why do you advanced and sophisticated Celestials still use this kind of traditional combination lock?" Lin Shen didn't turn the dials but instead looked at Tian Xin and asked.

"Other methods like fingerprint, iris, facial recognition, or even DNA-based locks, they actually aren't too reliable after a defeat. A combination lock can last a bit longer," Tian Xin thought with a little devilish flame in his heart, eagerly flickering: "Just open the lock... hurry up and open it... How could I possibly give you the true password... As soon as there's an incorrect input... I'll let you village bumpkins realize how ignorant and foolish you really are..."

"Makes sense," Lin Shen commented, reaching for the combination lock. His finger was on it, but under Tian Xin's anxious gaze, he didn't turn the dials. Instead, he turned his head back to Tian Xin and said, "You said your civilization is so advanced, and Celestials are so clever, thinking everything through so carefully, even anticipating the problem of the enemy stealing the bag after defeat. Surely, you must have also designed a mechanism against enemies trying to open the lock. Tell me, if I happen to have a bad memory and remember the password incorrectly, could there be any danger from entering the wrong one?"

"That..." Tian Xin's cold sweat started to break out on his forehead.

"Right, my memory isn't very good. What was the password you said earlier?" Lin Shen asked with a smile.

"Six sixes..." Before Tian Xin could answer, Wei Wufu, who was wolfing down the Base Mutation Fluid, wiped his mouth and interjected.

Tian Xin's face immediately darkened. Lin Shen was clearly giving him a way out, but before Tian Xin could even hesitate, Wei Wufu dismantled the escape route.

"Can't you speak properly? If you can't, why don't you go back to school for a few more years?" At that moment, Tian Xin wished he could go up and give Wei Wufu several hard slaps.

"No, no, no, he remembered it wrong. The password I told you was 994572," Tian Xin said, trying to bluff his way through.

Lin Shen had already guessed there was some anti-theft design on the lock and would definitely not attempt to open it himself. If he didn't find an excuse now, he would suffer later, and he did not want to suffer the consequences.

"Is that so?" Lin Shen asked, turning to Wei Wufu.

"Not... six sixes..." Wei Wufu was suddenly much more articulate.

"You..." In his heart, Tian Xin cursed Wei Wufu with ten thousand words, but he had to keep a smile on his face and said, "Friend, that friend was a bit too far, he must not have heard it clearly. I said 994572, you can trust me, a good friend wouldn't deceive another good friend."

"Alright, since we're good friends, then I'll trust you," Lin Shen responded, stretching out his finger and dialing the combination to the numbers 994572.

With a click, the lock opened.

Tian Xin couldn't believe Lin Shen actually used the password he gave to open the lock; inside, he regretted it terribly.

"If I had known this, I should have fabricated another one..." Tian Xin's regret was so intense he could almost bite his teeth to pieces.

Regret was useless now; all he could do was watch helplessly as Lin Shen dumped out everything from the backpack.

Aside from a few articles of clothing, there was a metallic box the size of a spectacle case in the backpack, along with a few other items that seemed like everyday use items.

"Where's the evidence you mentioned?" Lin Shen asked Tian Xin.

"It's in that box," Tian Xin said helplessly.

Lin Shen picked up the box and looked it over, then, surprisingly, without any unnecessary talk, he slowly opened the unlocked box.

"What is this?" Lin Shen asked in surprise as he looked inside the box.

"Haven't you heard the story of The Three Treasure Chests of The Ancient Realm King?" Tian Xin was slightly taken aback, but then immediately said, "The Ancient Realm King I'm talking about waged wars across the universe, and in just ten thousand years, he became a generation Realm King and established his own universal dynasty—the Ancient Dynasty. Unfortunately, the Ancient Dynasty existed for only a short twenty or so years before it was replaced by other dynasties."

“A dynasty established over ten thousand years, just to be replaced in a little over twenty?” Lin Shen felt the discrepancy was too great.

“Indeed, the Ancient Dynasty was the shortest-lived dynasty in the history of the universe, which is quite a pity. However, the story of The Ancient Realm King and The Three Treasure Chests is widely circulated and, after countless millennia, is still enjoyed by many,” Tian Xin vividly began to recount the story of The Three Treasures Keys.

The Ancient Realm King almost never faced defeat in his life. It may sound like a long time to establish a dynasty in ten thousand years, but in the history of the entire universe, very few could rise from nothing and build a dynasty in just ten thousand years.

After the establishment of the Ancient Dynasty, The Ancient Realm King encountered a strange event.

All his close friends and dear ones, anyone he cared about, started to die one after another in unexpected ways.

As immensely powerful as The Ancient Realm King was, it seemed unlikely that someone was deliberately harming his loved ones, as he already took strict precautions. Yet, his most beloved Imperial Consort still died right in front of his eyes, and The Ancient Realm King was powerless to stop it.

Afterward, as loved ones continued to die before his eyes one by one, it proved that it was not mere scheming, but fate, a punishment from the heavens for slaying too many beings during his quest to establish his dynasty, designed to leave him bereft of kin and companions, to grow old alone.

The Ancient Realm King, who had been invincible across the universe, exhausted all methods yet could only watch helplessly as his brothers, his closest friends, wives, and descendants died one by one in accidents before his eyes.

In the end, The Ancient Realm King had no choice but to issue a bounty to the entire universe: whoever could solve his plight would be rewarded with vast power and wealth.

Those desiring power could dominate the skies; those seeking wealth could become the richest in the universe.

Once the bounty was announced, many capable individuals and fraudsters alike tried their hand, but still, no one could solve his dilemma.

Not until only a little Prince and two young Princesses of his direct lineage remained, did someone finally arrive to help The Ancient Realm King out of his predicament.

This person asked The Ancient Realm King to forge three treasure chests, and upon opening the first chest, instructed The Ancient Realm King to place within it the item he deemed most valuable, warning him repeatedly that it must be the most precious and expensive thing he could think of besides sentimental items.

The Ancient Realm King thought the person wanted his most valuable possession as a reward. By then, The Ancient Realm King was at his wit's end and thought little of worldly possessions, so without hesitation, he placed what he deemed his most valuable and precious item into the chest.

The person nodded, then opened the second chest and continued, telling The Ancient Realm King to put what he now thought was the most precious and valuable item into it.

The Ancient Realm King, without hesitation, placed another cherished item inside.

Again, the person nodded and went on to open the third chest, prompting The Ancient Realm King to place what he currently thought was his most valuable item into it.

This time, The Ancient Realm King felt somewhat displeased, feeling that the person was just too greedy, asking for more and more. He had already placed his two most treasured possessions inside, yet the person was still not satisfied.

The Ancient Realm King figured the person just wanted something valuable, so he casually chose a very valuable item to place inside. Although it was not his most cherished item at the moment, its worth was not far off.

The person locked all three chests and, unexpectedly, returned the three keys to The Ancient Realm King. Then, he made an even more unexpected statement.

He implied that if the three items The Ancient Realm King had placed inside were indeed those he considered most valuable at the time, then his predicament would be resolved.

But, if any of the items in the chests were not among the three that The Ancient Realm King valued most, for every item that was wrong, one of his blood relatives would die. One wrong item would result in the death of one relative, two wrong items would lead to two, and three wrong items would mean that three would die.

The Ancient Realm King had only three blood relatives left; if all were wrong, then all would perish.

The Ancient Realm King asked the person, "How do you determine what's wrong and what's right?"

“That question, Realm King, should be asked of your own heart,” said the person. After these words, he drifted away, not asking for any reward or taking the three chests with him.

And indeed, the person’s words came true: the Prince died, and the two Princesses lived on.

“The short-lived nature of the Ancient Dynasty is greatly related to this event,” Tian Xin sighed. “Later, no one knew where The Ancient Realm King met his tragic death. Without an heir, the Ancient Dynasty fragmented, and no one saw The Three Treasure Chests again, although The Three Treasures Keys became well known. It is said that The Ancient Realm King carried The Three Treasure Chests with him at all times, and that whoever finds his final resting place and possesses The Three Treasures Keys would obtain the three most precious items in the universe.”

“You’re not trying to tell me that this is one of The Treasure Keys, are you?” Lin Shen said, looking at the key in the box, a complex look flashing in his eyes.

“Indeed, this is one of The Three Treasures Keys,” Tian Xin stated with certainty.

Lin Shen saw that Tian Xin’s expression was no pretense, but he found it hard to believe that this key was one of those so-called Three Treasures Keys, because it looked very similar to the Gold Crystal Key he had found on Ye.

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Taking the story told by Tian Xin individually, it’s riddled with holes everywhere.

But then again, rumors are inherently full of holes, and many differ vastly from the facts.

However, it’s also possible that within those absurd rumors, some astounding truths are hidden. .

Perhaps it wasn’t Mr. Tian that left The Ancient Realm King utterly alone; maybe his friends and relatives didn’t die in accidents, and it’s even possible that the person who supposedly made The Ancient Realm King put the treasure into the box never existed.

Even if he had put it inside, couldn’t The Ancient Realm King just take it out again?

But if this key is real, then what lock does it open? Could it really be related to The Ancient Realm King? Maybe there really is a treasure box, though it might not necessarily belong to The Ancient Realm King.

Lin Shen held the key, examining it over and over; besides the different serration pattern, this key, in terms of both size and material, was extremely similar to the one Ye had, even down to the heart-shaped design.

“If there truly are The Three Treasures Keys, why does Ye possess one? If this is all a fabricated tale by Tian Xin to save his own life, then what purpose do these two keys serve?” Lin Shen was at a loss, with far too few clues.

Pocketing the key, Lin Shen didn't ask Tian Xin anything more and went to collect the Base Mutation Fluid leaking from the python's wound with his water bottle.

Wei Wufu had drunk quite a bit earlier and couldn't stomach any more now.

“Old Wei, how are you feeling? Any better?” Lin Shen was asking while he collected the Base Mutation Fluid.

“Good,” Wei Wufu nodded.

“That's good to hear.” Lin Shen then bent down and sucked the Base Mutation Fluid spilling from the wound.

After only a few sips, Lin Shen stopped drinking.

This Base Mutation Fluid was indeed potent; it benefited Wei Wufu, signifying that it came from a Crystal Base Level variant creature.

But after Lin Shen drank it, the information displayed on his watch still showed Base Mutation Rate +0. For him, it was only good for rapid recovery of stamina and energy, not for increasing the probability of Base Mutation. Drinking it now would be wasting it, and moreover, drinking too much might cause problems, given the extremely high energy content.

As for Wei Wufu, his legs gradually regained sensation after consuming a lot of the gene fluid.

“Friend, everything I said is true. We can cooperate to find the treasure box. With exactly three boxes, we each can take one. When the time comes, wouldn't I let you pick first?” Tian Xin was still going on about it.

“How do you know The Ancient Realm King died on this planet when you said that no one knows where he died?” Lin Shen chatted, half-listening to Tian Xin.

“Surely, it’s not a secret that my aunt’s second uncle’s wife’s uncle was a historian,” said Tian Xin with a face full of sincerity.

Having heard the beginning, Lin Shen already lost any interest in hearing more.

Suddenly, the crisp sound of a phoenix call came from the sky, and Lin Shen instantly looked toward the source of the sound, catching sight of the translating orange halo.

“It’s that bird... not good... it’s flying this way...” Lin Shen recognized the terrifying orange halo flying in their direction and immediately, without a second word, grabbed Wei Wufu and ran.

He couldn’t make out the bird’s appearance, unaware of whatever terrifying entity it was, and dared not face it.

“Friend... take me with you... I...” Tian Xin watching Lin Shen and Wei Wufu about to run away, shouted anxiously.

Lin Shen hesitated for a moment, then turned around, hoisted Tian Xin up and continued running.

The three of them hadn’t run far when the orange halo was already close by, forcing them to seek shelter in a pile of rocks.

Fortunately, their target wasn’t the orange glow. They watched as the orange light that covered the sky fell, coloring the entire white beach and ocean with an orange hue.

With trepidation, Lin Shen and his companions moved closer behind the rocks, thinking the orange light might carry a high-temperature burn. But, as the light fell, they felt no increase in temperature nearby.

The python’s massive body was directly snatched up, tossed into the sky in an instant.

Such a massive body—I can’t even imagine how many tons it must weigh; a regular crane probably couldn’t lift it. Yet now, it was flung into the air hundreds of meters high like a toy, truly beyond imagination, a demonstration of terrifying strength.

Another phoenix cry resounded, an orange halo surged towards the heavens, meeting the giant serpent in the sky. Just at the moment of contact, the serpent vanished, seemingly devoured by the twisting halo of light.

As the three of them watched dumbfounded, the orange halo flew off into the depths of the ocean and disappeared in an instant.

“Steel Sacrificial Offering +1... Steel Sacrificial Offering +1...”

Suddenly, new information emerged in Lin Shen's mind. Upon careful consideration, it seemed to be the activity of his Sacrifice to Heaven ability.

"What's going on here?" Lin Shen wondered, looking around, but saw no one nearby. Why did the Sacrifice to Heaven suddenly react?

Within the message of the increasing sacrificial offering, Lin Shen felt an inexplicable warm current emerge in his body, spreading throughout, as if it made his blood boil, revitalizing every cell and infusing his muscles with strength, as though he could easily punch through steel.

"Alloy Sacrificial Offering +1..."

Following that message, Lin Shen instantly felt the warm current in his body explode like a volcano, filling him with terrifying energy, wild and surging, as if it were an unstoppable eruption.

He could clearly feel his body undergoing a horrifying enhancement, and even the steel armor he wore was being continuously reinforced.

The armor, mirror-like, began to emit a blood-red glow.

"What in the world is happening to that kid?" Tian Xin was utterly astounded, finding it all very bizarre.

Lin Shen seemed but a Steel Level weakling, yet previously he demonstrated such terrifying speed and could immobilize him with just a finger.

And now his body was glowing as if it were bathed in a blood-red Buddha's light, making the situation all the more preposterous.

Wei Wufu also stared blankly at Lin Shen, who was emitting a blood-red glow, equally clueless about the situation. Since when did a Steel Body have colors? Could Steel Level be enchanted? That was unheard of.

"Are you okay?" Wei Wufu asked.

"I'm fine. You keep an eye on him; I'm going to take a walk." Lin Shen pressed Tian Xin's acupoint again, his strength clearly many times more potent than before. This pressure made Tian Xin's tears and snot pour out.

Lin Shen turned and left. He could vaguely sense the location of the offerings, and since they were continuously increasing—and all at the same place—he wanted to see what was happening and what those offerings were.

With the blessing of Sacrifice to Heaven, Lin Shen felt strength coursing through his body. The gravity here hardly affected him anymore. He sped off into the Steel Forest, heading in one direction.

From afar, the sounds of combat and screams could be heard. Lin Shen stealthily made his way over and discovered that outside the Steel Forest was a mountain, at whose base a group of people were being besieged by a horde of Base Variant Creatures.

Those Base Variant Creatures were very peculiar, each one bigger and more muscular than the Green Giant, made up of metallic bumps; monster giants.

The most numerous were the grey Steel Giants, likely a thousand in number. There were also taller giants with a blue metallic sheen, probably Alloy Level, numbering several dozen.

There were also a few giants that looked like crafted from obsidian, about seven to eight meters tall with immense strength, fists like obsidian hammers, no doubt of Crystal Level.

The most terrifying was in the midst of these numerous giants, a Giant King towering over ten meters high, his body like obsidian and crowned with an Obsidian Crown.

The ones surrounded by these giants were none other than the Qi and Wang families, along with Bai Shenfei.

Bai Shenfei alone was battling the Giant King, and the situation did not seem optimistic.

The Qi and Wang families, under the siege of the surging tide of giants, kept falling, supported only by two Dark Birds.

Every time a person fell, Lin Shen's mind received a prompt of Sacrificial Offering +1, leaving no doubt that these offerings were indeed the people from the Qi and Wang families.

His wristwatch vibrated relentlessly, each of his parameters skyrocketing crazily.

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Lin Shen could now confirm that the sacrifices were indeed people from the Qi and Wang families.

What was strange, though, was the mysterious reason that had made them become the sacrifices to Heaven.

On the way to Gourd Mountain, people had died as well, and Lin Shen had already possessed the Sacrifice to Heaven skill, but Sacrifice to Heaven had not been triggered at that time.

Lin Shen pondered deeply, and eventually, his gaze fell upon the wristwatch.

If there was anything different now compared to before, it was that they had all come to this planet, and everyone had an additional wristwatch capable of teleportation.

“Could it be that anyone with a wristwatch counts as one of my teammates? Tian Xin also has a wristwatch; does he count as my teammate?” Lin Shen felt an urge to immediately go back and kill Tian Xin to test this theory.

After thinking it over, Lin Shen suppressed the impulse.

Ignorance was terrifying, so Lin Shen wanted to know more and to understand as much as possible about how this world really was.

Wei Wufu was a window to understanding the world, but the problem was that this window wasn't big enough and it was somewhat faulty, making it very difficult to open.

The window represented by Tian Xin was sufficiently large, so Lin Shen still needed to learn more from Tian Xin and couldn't kill him so easily.

The Qi and Wang families had suffered heavy casualties, with almost all of the Steel Level members dead; none could survive such battles at the Steel Level.

The situation wasn't much better for Mutators at the Alloy Level; if it weren't for Qi Shuheng and Wang Tian'er, with their Crystal Base Level pets, they would have almost all been wiped out as well.

Lin Shen had no intention of rushing out to help but silently watched the battle unfold.

As cruel as it was, this was the law of survival.

If it hadn't been for his good fortune in gaining the Fire Seed ability, he might have fallen into the hands of the Qi and Wang families long ago, and his fate would have been worse than death.

The most eye-catching presence in this brutal battle was undoubtedly Goddess Consort Bai Shenfei and those two Dark Birds.

The Goddess Consort fought fiercely against the Giant King; although she couldn't gain the upper hand, she wasn't completely suppressed by the Giant King, and the battle was evenly matched.

Lin Shen judged that the Giant King was very likely a Mutated Crystal Base, a being with a strength comparable to that of the Azure Giant Python.

The fact that the Goddess Consort could fight the Giant King to a standstill meant her level wasn't much different from Tian Xin's.

The two Dark Birds were equally fierce, circling in the sky and swooping down periodically; the Alloy Giants couldn't even withstand a single claw strike from them—their heads would be directly crushed.

The Crystal Base Giants were also thrown into disarray in the face of the Dark Birds, dodging and parrying frantically, not daring to meet them head-on.

Just the two Dark Birds were holding back more than ten Crystal Base Giants, while the other four Crystal Base pets were not faring well in one-on-one fights.

"How did these people end up surrounded by giants in such a place?" Lin Shen frowned and surveyed the surroundings.

Logically, with the mountain's surroundings being so barren, why would so many people leave the easily defensible Steel Forest and come to this barren place?

The fact that so many people could be cornered and surrounded by the giants here was even more abnormal.

"Could it be that they were surrounded when they were trying to climb the mountain? But then, why would they want to climb this lone, isolated peak?" Lin Shen couldn't help but scrutinize the mountain.

The mountain wasn't very tall, only a few hundred meters high, and one could see rows of pits on the mountain from afar, many in number.

Lin Shen estimated that it was very likely the giants normally curled up like stones and stayed in those pits.

The Qi and Wang families wanted to climb the mountain, but they failed to see that those were not natural stones, and as a result, they got surrounded.

"What on earth do they want to do by climbing the mountain?" Lin Shen was too far to see what was on top of the mountain.

“Those giants must have all been lured down by them. I’ll go up to the mountain now and take a look, maybe I can get some benefits.” The strength inside Lin Shen’s body kept climbing, surging violently within him, making it rather uncomfortable for him to stay put and do nothing.

No sooner said than done, Lin Shen circled around to the other side of the mountain. After carefully making sure there were no Base Mutation giants, he began to climb up.

In fact, even if there were Base Mutation giants, Lin Shen was not afraid. As long as he didn’t encounter the Giant King, he now didn’t even need to use his Fire Seed abilities; relying solely on his physical strength, he could compete with those giants.

With the boost from the Sacrifice to Heaven, all his attributes had already broken through twenty, approaching thirty, fully qualifying him to battle ordinary Crystal-based creatures.

With the increase of sacrifices, his attributes continued to grow, just not as quickly anymore.

The giants had indeed all been drawn away by the Qi and Wang families’ people. The side of the mountain also had many pits, which must have been the resting places of the giants before.

He climbed all the way to the top and didn’t see a single Steel Giant; however, he did find a cave.

“I was wondering why I didn’t find anything all the way up. So the cave is on this side; you can only see it from the front. Could it be that those people got surrounded by the giants because they wanted to enter this cave?”

Lin Shen thought to himself, “Do they want to hide in the cave, or did they discover something inside it?” .

Luckily, Lin Shen didn’t need to be troubled by this question; he just needed to sneak a peek inside the cave.

He glanced down the mountain, where the battle had become even more fierce. There were less than twenty people left from the Qi and Wang families, and countless giants were dead or injured, with corpses of giants scattered all over the place.

The battle between the Giant King and Bai Shenfei was even more intense, leaving no spare effort to pay attention to the top of the mountain.

Lin Shen crawled on the ground and inched closer to the cave; he didn’t want to attract the Giant King.

Luckily, the Giant King really didn't have the spare capacity to be distracted, and Lin Shen successfully entered the cave.

"Base Mutation Eggs!" The first thing Lin Shen saw upon entering the cave was the Base Mutation Egg in a pool at the very back of the cave.

The cave was quite large, but not deep; you could see the bottom at a glance. To have a hot spring in such a high place, with the spring water emitting steam, was unexpected.

In the middle of the pool, there was a Base Mutation Egg like a black diamond, half a meter high—the largest Base Mutation Egg Lin Shen had ever seen with his own eyes.

From its shape alone, it was clear that this was a Crystal Base Level Base Mutation Egg.

"This thing wouldn't be the offspring of the Giant King, would it? If so, then I've struck it rich." Lin Shen jumped into the pool, which was not deep and didn't even submerge his calves.

He grabbed the Base Mutation Egg with both hands, trying to lift it, but his first effort didn't succeed.

This took Lin Shen by surprise; his strength was at 27 points, and he could casually lift an elephant with one hand to play ball, yet he couldn't lift this thing—how heavy could it be?

Of course, Lin Shen hadn't expected it to be so heavy and didn't use his full strength.

This time Lin Shen took a proper stance, the posture that made it easiest to exert force, and managed to lift the half-meter high, diamond-like Base Mutation Egg.

"It's really heavy!" Lin Shen felt it was a struggle to carry the Base Mutation Egg out of the pool and placed it on the ground outside.

It was too heavy; he had used all his strength to carry it, and moving it was too slow.

"Good thing the Base Mutation Egg is egg-shaped." Lin Shen began to push the Base Mutation Egg forward, deciding to roll it out, as there was nothing else in the cave besides this Base Mutation Egg.

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Peeking cautiously, he checked the situation at the foot of the mountain. The Qi and Wang Families were left with fewer than ten people, and the battle between Bai Shenfei and the Giant King wasn't looking very optimistic.

When they first arrived, there were more than two hundred people. Now, only a few remained, which made Lin Shen feel somewhat melancholic.

After all, humans have only acquired a portion of the Base Mutation strength and cannot metallize themselves internally and externally like Base Variant Creatures. Generally speaking, at the same level, humans are at a disadvantage.

The reason these people had managed to hold out until now was mainly due to the support of the Dark Birds. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Apart from the two Dark Birds, the Crystal Base pets that Qi Shuheng and Wang Tian'er held were almost all dead. With just this one battle, the Qi and Wang Families had suffered heavy losses and their strength had greatly diminished.

Even if the third and fourth brothers couldn't come back in a short time, with Lin Shen present, we should be able to stand our ground against the Qi and Wang Families.

The precondition is that Qi Shuheng and Wang Tian'er could survive and return. If they and the Dark Birds were to fall here, the Qi and Wang Families would essentially have no hope of competing with the Lin Family anymore.

Because a few more alloy teammates had died, Lin Shen's attributes had already broken through thirty. This level of attributes was no longer considered low among those at the Crystal Base Level.

The maximum attributes for the Crystal Base Level are forty, and Lin Shen already had more than thirty. Sacrifice to Heaven was indeed a very powerful ability, though it was somewhat taxing on the person.

"Isn't it good to just live well? Why insist on rushing headlong into death. The world doesn't have that many troubles; it's all self-created by foolish people." Lin Shen was in a good mood and took advantage of the Giant King's distraction to push the Base Mutation Egg out and walk away.

No sooner had he pushed the Base Mutation Egg out of the cave than a fierce roar came from the foot of the mountain.

The Giant King, who had been fiercely fighting with Bai Shenfei, had unexpectedly abandoned her and was madly rushing up the mountain.

“How did I get discovered? Does the Giant King have some kind of psychic sense?” Lin Shen had made sure the Giant King wasn’t paying attention before he came out, but he was still discovered.

Instinctively, he retreated a bit and went back inside the cave. The Giant King, having spotted him, didn’t give up and continued to accelerate up the mountain.

“With such strong attributes now, what’s there to be afraid of? Just go for it.” Lin Shen subconsciously still thought of Crystal-based Creatures as extremely powerful and didn’t remember for a moment that his attributes were now no weaker than those at Crystal Base Level. He turned to run but then stopped after a second thought.

Lin Shen’s greatest confidence, besides the significant boost in attributes from Sacrifice to Heaven, was also from Acupoint Sealing and his Super Base Change.

His attributes were definitely still not as good as the Giant King’s, but after the hardening from Super Base Change, it was very likely that his attributes would be no weaker than the Giant King’s.

Instead of running away, it was better to test the extent of his strength with the dual boost of Sacrifice to Heaven and Super Base Change.

Even if he couldn’t overcome the Giant King, escaping would be no problem for him.

With the Angel Revolver on him, he could fire a shot and rush out with the bullet. The speed was definitely not something the Giant King could match.

Immediately, Lin Shen activated his Super Base Change. The armor on his body quickly turned as brilliant and lustrous as red-hot steel. Under a rapid quenching of icy energy, the armor became semi-transparent, looking very similar to those at Crystal Base Level. It would be impossible for ordinary people to distinguish the difference.

All these actions taken by Lin Shen were completed inside the cave at the mountaintop, unseen by Bai Shenfei and others at the foot of the mountain.

Bai Shenfei even felt puzzled, wondering why the Giant King had suddenly left the battle.

With the Giant King’s roar, all the giants had abandoned them, following the Giant King’s body as it charged up the mountain. This left the people from the Qi and Wang Families both shocked and elated; they didn’t understand what was happening but felt like they had miraculously escaped death.

“Go!” Wang Tian’er and Qi Shuheng called out to their surviving subordinates to retreat. As they withdrew, they occasionally turned their heads to look towards the mountain.

Suddenly, everyone saw a human figure appear on the mountain's summit.

"Is that... a human Mutator?" Someone couldn't help but voice their question.

"It's a human Mutator... and a Crystal Base one... No wonder those giants suddenly ran up the mountain... That Crystal Base must have stolen their home..."

"Besides us, there are actually other human Mutators here, and even a Crystal Base?"

"We fought to the death, and that bastard just went to reap the benefits, how utterly shameless."

"Hmph, cleverness has been outwitted by cleverness. He thought he was smart, but he ended up helping us break the siege while trapping himself. Now, he is probably as good as dead."

As everyone was discussing, the Giant King was already charging toward the mountain peak, too impatient to wait and taking a leap directly.

The stones under its feet crumbled like cobwebs under the tremendous pressure, forming a webbed crack zone of several tens of meters.

The Giant King, soaring high, reached Lin Shen in almost an instant, faster than a regular bullet.

Plus, its massive body and the sonic boom it created made people think its punch could shatter the entire mountaintop.

Bai Shenfei had been keeping an eye on the situation at the peak, constantly pondering who that person could be: "Is it Lin, or Lin Zongzheng?"

Regardless of whether it was Lin Xiangdong or Lin Zongzheng, seeing that he did not dodge but instead swung his arm to throw a punch, the small fist meeting the Giant King's terrifying black giant fist, Bai Shenfei did not think it was a good choice.

She had been fighting the Giant King for so long and had come to know it very well; its strength and hardness were top amongst Crystal Bases, and it might even have broken through the Crystal Base Level limits.

Though its speed was slightly weaker, it was still stronger than that of a typical Crystal-based Creature, probably around 37.

The weakest point of the Giant King would be its toughness, estimated to be less than thirty.

Toughness didn't seem to have much of an impact normally but was equally important. It's like tempering a knife. After heat treatment, the blade's hardness increases. But without proper toughness, it can't cut through harder materials.

That's why a chef usually has two knives—one with a high hardness and a thin blade for cutting vegetables, which stays sharp due to its hardness and wear resistance.

Another one for chopping bones, with a thicker blade. Its hardness might not be particularly high, but its toughness is better, so it doesn't get damaged when chopping bones—at least it won't break just by smashing garlic.

The Giant King's low toughness was only relative to its other attributes. Actually, within the Crystal Base Level, its toughness wasn't considered low.

And given its thick body, unlike a thin slicing knife, having slightly lower toughness wasn't really a problem.

Under everyone's watchful eyes, Lin Shen at the peak of the mountain met the Giant King's aerial punch with his own.

Bang!

A loud explosion erupted between the fists.

The next second, everyone's eyes widened as they saw a scene they would never forget in their lives.

Amidst the explosive sound, countless tiny white cracks instantly appeared on the Giant King's obsidian-like body.

The next instant, the Giant King's massive body, suspended in mid-air, burst apart, turning into countless fragments that were blasted away in all directions, with not much Base Mutation Fluid mixed in.

"Boom... exploded..." A member of the Wang Family with alloy Super-Base strength said tremblingly, the scene was just too shocking.

Not only him, but Qi Shuheng and Wang Tian'er were also stunned for a long while, unable to believe the terrifying power of that punch. It had been a top-tier Crystal-based Creature, and yet it was blasted away by a single punch.

Bai Shenfei also had a look of complexity in her eyes, murmuring to herself, "Who could he possibly be?"

The Giants charging toward the summit also stopped involuntarily at that moment, staring blankly at the figure on the mountaintop, not towering but still imposing enough to make them instinctively fear.

Chapter 45 - 45 Step 1

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After defeating the Giant King, Lin Shen felt the surging Sacrificial Heavenly Power within his body recede like a tide, and he couldn't help but frown.

"No wonder it's an imperfect Super-Base talent Fire Seed. After sacrificing so many lives, it's all out just from killing a single Giant King. It's indeed not perfect." Lin Shen did not dare to linger and pushed the Base Mutation Egg a bit, then descended the mountain using the same path he had come up by.

The giants who had rushed up halfway down the mountain did not dare to follow, watching with their own eyes as Lin Shen disappeared behind the mountain top.

The Base Mutation Egg rolled down nimbly, Lin Shen somewhat unable to keep up, worried that if it kept rolling like this, it might get damaged.

Fortunately, the Base Mutation Egg was much harder than he had imagined; the more it rolled, the faster it went, all the way down the mountain, hitting a huge boulder over a zhang high, shattering the boulder into pieces, while the Base Mutation Egg itself remained unscathed.

Lin Shen descended from the mountain, dusted off the stone powder from the Base Mutation Egg, and did not find a single scratch on it.

"As expected of a Crystal Base Level." Lin Shen praised inwardly as he pushed the Base Mutation Egg in the direction from which they had come.

Before reaching the beach, he encountered Wei Wufu in the Steel Forest. By then, Wei Wufu could walk, although he did not seem to have fully recovered, his legs appeared somewhat ungainly.

"How did you get over here?" Lin Shen thought something might have happened over there and asked quickly.

"The noise, was looking for you," said Wei Wufu.

Upon hearing this, Lin Shen relaxed, guessing that Wei Wufu had heard the sound of him blowing up the Giant King and had some concerns, so he searched for the source of the noise and found his way here.

“We’ll talk more after we get back.” Lin Shen pushed the Base Mutation Egg forward as he spoke.

When the two returned to the rock piles, Tian Xin was still there, motionless—the effect of Acupoint Sealing was still ongoing.

“A Crystal Mutation Egg?” Tian Xin saw the Base Mutation Egg that Lin Shen had pushed back and was slightly surprised.

Crystal-based Creatures were not uncommon, but finding a Crystal Mutation Egg was not so easy. Lin Shen had managed to obtain a Crystal Mutation Egg in such a short time, and it was unclear where he had found it.

Lin Shen did not disclose that it was a Mutated Crystal Base Egg, pushing it into a corner to hide it for the time being.

“Friend, about the matter I mentioned earlier, how have you considered it? If we cooperate, there’s a high chance we could get hold of the treasure left by The Ancient Realm King...” Tian Xin urged Lin Shen even more eagerly.

He no longer believed that Lin Shen was merely of Steel Level, considering Lin Shen’s Steel Body a sham. In reality, he suspected that Lin Shen was of Crystal Base Level, and not an ordinary one at that.

“When it comes down to it, what kind of existence was The Ancient Realm King?” Lin Shen chatted with Tian Xin in a casual manner.

In the following period, Lin Shen learned a great deal of universe knowledge from Tian Xin, which increasingly astounded him.

Previously, Lin Shen thought that being of Crystal Base Level already placed one among the higher echelons, but to the races in the universe, there was hardly any difference between Crystal Base Level and Steel Level.

Steel, Alloy, and Crystal Base were collectively known as Base Variant Creatures in the universe, belonging to the lowest tier of existence.

However, this was not to say that the Base Mutation stage was unimportant. According to Tian Xin, the Base Mutation stage was actually very critical, a foundational phase. Only with a sufficiently high foundation could one go further and become stronger down the line.

The Celestial Race, for example, were born of Crystal Base Level. Only an extremely small chance would result in the birth of Steel Level or Alloy Level newborns, which would be considered congenital deficiencies.

Lin Shen continued to chat with Tian Xin, deliberately avoiding the topic of searching for the remains of The Ancient Realm King.

He was very clear in his heart that with their current strength compared to a being like The Ancient Realm King, the difference was like that between heaven and earth. If The Ancient Realm King had left behind some mechanisms, they might not even know how they died when the time came.

Lin Shen still insisted on his prior decision: once the teleporter could be used, he would transport back immediately. Surviving was his top priority; all else could be approached slowly.

Now that my third and fourth brothers are missing, they must have come to this planet as well, but finding them on such a vast planet is like looking for a needle in a haystack.

If they have perished here, Lin Shen would have to shoulder the heavy responsibility of continuing the Lin Family line and not risk his life doing something completely uncertain.

Tian Xin could tell that Lin Shen didn't want to search for The Ancient Realm King's remains, preferring to tease information out of him instead.

With his life in Lin Shen's hands, Tian Xin dared not stay silent, though it frustrated him to the point of nearly spitting blood.

Under Lin Shen's coercion and temptation, Tian Xin divulged many secrets.

According to Tian Xin, the Base Mutation was merely the first small step in leaving the planet.

Humans are carbon-based creatures with a strong dependency on oxygen and their environment, and without the Base Mutation, survival on other planets in the universe is difficult.

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Some planets have very thin oxygen or even no oxygen at all, and humans without the Base Mutation simply can't survive in such places.

There are also all kinds of environments with high temperatures, low temperatures, and various types of radiation that ordinary humans can't endure.

By the time the countdown on his watch was nearly over, Lin Shen had gained a more macro understanding of the universe.

“Are you really not going to search for The Ancient Realm King’s treasure chest? That is something that can let you directly transcend racial hierarchies...” Tian Xin still wanted to persuade Lin Shen.

“It’s fine and dandy to have nice things, but you have to be alive to enjoy them. The treasure chest of The Ancient Realm King is beyond my fortune; go find it yourself,” Lin Shen said, seeing that the countdown on his watch had ended, signaling that he could teleport again. He greeted Wei Wufu, and, holding the Base Mutation Egg, prepared to teleport back.

“Don’t go... untie me first...” Tian Xin said in panic.

“It will untie itself when the time comes,” replied Lin Shen as he and Wei Wufu activated the teleporter and left the place.

He didn’t kill Tian Xin, firstly because it wouldn’t be easy to kill him—without the blessing of Sacrificial Heavenly Power, his Strength wasn’t enough to kill Tian Xin, who was comparable to a Mutated Crystal Base; secondly, Lin Shen had other plans and hadn’t intended to kill Tian Xin.

By the time Tian Xin regained control of his body, Lin Shen and Wei Wufu had long since departed.

Lin Shen was surrounded by spinning lights, and when his vision returned, he found himself in a pitch-dark cave. Aside from a window-like light far in front, he could see nothing.

“Wei...” Lin Shen called out several times with no response. He could only push the Base Mutation Egg and cautiously head towards the light, which gradually enlarged like an open gate.

Despite being so close to the bright light and the gate, he still couldn’t see his own hand in front of his face, nor could he see anything beyond the door.

After a few tentative attempts, Lin Shen found that crossing the light gate posed no danger and then pushed the Base Mutation Egg through it.

The scene before his eyes changed again; Lin Shen found himself back in the mountains outside the canyon he’d seen before, but his wristwatch had vanished.

Looking back, there was no light gate or pitch-dark cave, just an empty space where a small hill stood meters away. That small hill seemed too insignificant to house such an extensive cave.

Seeing Wei Wufu standing not far off and no one else around, Lin Shen walked a few steps in that direction; still, there was nothing – no way to return to that dark cave.

“It seems next time I want to go in, I must find the Dark Bird to guide the way,” Lin Shen said after exchanging a few words with Wei Wufu, and the two took turns pushing the Base Mutation Egg towards the canyon.

As they reached the Flower Path, Lin Shen suddenly heard a cracking sound—the Base Mutation Egg had developed a crack.

Chapter 46 - 46: Hatching an Aberration

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“Damaged by all the tossing around?” Lin Shen saw the cracks on the Base Mutation Egg and his first thought was that it might have been damaged when it rolled down the mountain.

But then he thought, this was a Giant King’s Base Mutation Egg, surely it was not so easily damaged.

“If it’s not damaged from the tossing around, then it’s probably just the right time for it to hatch,” Lin Shen thought.

Wei Wufu stood by silently, not speaking, but silently using his Base Mutation strength. A mysterious substance poured out from within his body, transforming into a carapace to protect him.

According to Lin Shen, the Giant King was likely of Mutated Crystal Base Level, so its offspring would naturally be of Mutated Crystal Base Level too. Even if it was just born, confused and unaware, taming it was probably not going to be easy.

The cracks on the Base Mutation Egg multiplied, and Lin Shen also took out his Capsule Gun, ready to give a harsh lesson to whatever little thing that might attack him.

Click! Click!

The cracks on the Base Mutation Egg became more numerous, and suddenly it split in half, a round object rolling out from within.

Both Lin Shen and Wei Wufu, who had been prepared for a fierce battle to tame the creature, were stunned when they saw clearly what the object looked like.

Even the way they looked at it was filled with shock and disbelief.

“What on earth is this...” Lin Shen rubbed his eyes, doubting if there was something wrong with them.

But no matter how much Lin Shen rubbed, what he saw remained the same plump thing.

What had rolled out of the Base Mutation Egg was not a Base Variant Creature.

The reason it wasn't considered a Base Variant Creature was that there were no metallic objects on it, just white feathers, a round body, red eyes, and pink claws—it was nothing more than a fat white pigeon.

A Base Variant Creature could not possibly be just flesh and blood, so this white, fat bird didn't look like one at all.

Yet it had clearly emerged from a Base Mutation Egg—if not a Base Variant Creature, then what could it be?

Not only Lin Shen, even Wei Wufu was completely baffled.

While both men were full of question marks, the little thing wobbled its body and toddled over to the fragments of the Base Mutation Egg.

Possibly because it was too fat, it walked like a duck, waddling its bottom comically yet somewhat adorably.

The little thing pecked down, startling both Lin Shen and Wei Wufu.

The Base Mutation Egg was not only heavy but also extremely hard; it had rolled down the mountain and smashed big rocks into pieces without any damage to itself.

Yet this stout creature easily broke these hard fragments into pieces and swiftly swallowed them.

“This fat bird must still be a Base Variant Creature after all, I just don't know why it turned out this way. Anyway, let's tame it first,” Lin Shen rushed forward aiming to snatch the fragments and intending to tame this strange Base Variant Creature using his usual methods.

Lin Shen had just gotten close to the fragments and hadn't even picked them up when he noticed his fat bird waddling towards him.

This startled Lin Shen, making him retreat a few steps, while Wei Wufu also prepared for battle.

The fat bird, because of its weight, did not walk fast, and in its haste, it fluttered its wings a few times. Perhaps it was indeed too fat, because it couldn't even muster a jump, let alone fly, and it failed to catch up with Lin Shen.

While Lin Shen watched its ridiculous antics and felt an urge to both cry and laugh, the fat bird's figure suddenly flashed and then vanished from the spot.

"Not good!" Lin Shen immediately realized something was amiss. Before he could react, he noticed the vanished fat bird appeared at his feet, rubbing its round head against his calf, looking as if it was trying to act cute and coquettish.

"This..." Lin Shen felt today was truly an eye-opener. He had neither seen nor heard of such a Base Variant Creature before.

He carefully reached out his hand to stroke the fat bird's feathers. The fat bird didn't resist at all and even leaned its body against Lin Shen's hand.

Upon touching, Lin Shen was even more certain that it was indeed a creature of flesh and blood. Beneath the fluffy white feathers was warm flesh, not cold metal. .

"What on earth is this thing? Does it have a Pet Key on it?" Lin Shen picked up the fat bird to examine it more closely. The bird cooperated by staying perfectly still, tucking in its neck, and looking at Lin Shen with equally curious red eyes.

It was bad enough that the Giant King's egg didn't turn into a little Giant King, but Lin Shen could somehow wrap his head around the appearance of a bird. However, what puzzled him was how it turned into a flesh-and-blood fat pigeon.

After examining it for a while, he couldn't see where on its body it could possibly hide a Pet Key.

"Key... do you have a key... give me the key..." Lin Shen spoke to the fat bird.

The fat bird tilted its head, looking at him with confusion written all over its face.

Seeing that the fat bird didn't understand, Lin Shen put it down and took out a Pet Key to show it: "This... do you have this thing... give it to me..."

Still, the fat bird didn't understand. Its small face was filled with bewilderment and ignorance. It waddled over to Lin Shen's feet, rubbing its head affectionately against his leg and making cooing sounds.

"Alright, alright, stop rubbing. Go eat something," Lin Shen said in a tone mixed with bemusement and resignation as he picked up the fat bird and placed it back beside the Base Mutation Egg shards.

The fat bird pecked happily at the shards, twisting and turning in a way that actually looked quite silly and adorable.

“What do you think?” Lin Shen asked Wei Wufu with a wry smile.

Wei Wufu stared at the fat bird for a long time before he squeezed out four words: “Too fat, lose weight.”

“I know it’s fat... I’m not talking about that... never mind... forget I asked...” Lin Shen was at a loss for words.

The fat bird was about the same size as an ordinary pigeon, only much fatter, practically round. Coupled with its white feathers, it resembled a snowball from a distance.

Although it wasn’t large, it had a big appetite. It had gobbled up all the Base Mutation Egg shards in just a moment.

It was a mystery how such a small-bodied creature could consume so many shards.

After eating, the fat bird wobbled back over to Lin Shen and once again started rubbing its head against him, its little claws scrabbling up his body, seemingly trying to climb up.

Lin Shen picked it up, and the fat bird’s weight hadn’t increased at all.

The Base Mutation Egg was so heavy that even Lin Shen, reinforced by the power of Sacrifice to Heaven, struggled to lift it. Yet after the fat bird consumed all the shards, it remained surprisingly light, not much heavier than a regular pigeon—as if it hadn’t eaten those shards at all.

“Let’s just go back for now,” Lin Shen said as he placed the fat bird inside his backpack, leaving the top open, unlocked.

This backpack, which he had gotten from Tian Xin, was a Heaven Brand product, considered a luxury in the planet he lived on.

The fat bird was well-behaved, just sitting inside the bag, its round head poking out, its red eyes curiously scanning everything around.

“Not sure whether bringing this thing with me will turn out to be a blessing or a curse,” Lin Shen thought to himself. He now felt somewhat reluctant to part with the fat bird.

Although the creature was somewhat odd, anyone could see that it possessed strong abilities.

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Chapter 47 - 47 Base Mutation Technique

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When the two returned to Dark Bird Base, they found that Qi Shuheng and Wang Tian'er had not returned yet.

They had been teleported to that planet earlier than Lin Shen. Lin Shen had entered later than they had, and their teleporter's cooldown period was a lot shorter than Lin Shen's, so they should have teleported back even earlier.

Now that they still hadn't returned, either they were already dead and thus unable to teleport back, or they were unwilling to come back, having found other gains on that planet.

Lin Shen still hoped that they could return, after all, if he were to go to Gourd Mountain again, he would still need the guidance of the Dark Birds they carried.

The Qi and Wang families, upon learning of Lin Shen's return, became unusually quiet, and no one dared to probe for information.

They were extremely afraid that their own people might never return, and if so, it would probably be difficult for the Qi and Wang families to compete with the Lin Family anymore.

In fact, the four managers of the Lin Family came to visit Lin Shen. Lin Shen did not say much, only instructing them to each mind their roles and maintain the normal operation of the Lin Family's business.

After sending off the four managers, Lin Shen had a thorough chat with Wei Wufu and ultimately decided to have Wei Wufu stay with the Lin Family.

Wei Wufu did not need to manage the affairs of the Lin Family's business, he just needed to follow Lin Shen's orders.

The Lin Family hastened back for a total of four important matters.

The first matter was to wait for Death Powder to complete its evolution; it was Lin Shen's main battle pet. With it, Lin Shen would have more security when going to that planet again.

The second was to acquire more pets, equipment, and Fire Seeds in preparation for the next visit to that planet.

The third matter was to go on a matchmaking visit and have children. With no amount of preparation being enough for that place, and no knowledge of what dangers might be encountered, Lin Shen had to ensure the continuation of the Lin Family's bloodline in case he did not return. This was a promise he had made to his brothers and sisters, and it had to be fulfilled.

The fourth matter was to learn an Evolution Skill suitable for him.

After undergoing Base Mutation, one can begin to practice the Evolution Skill, which is a method for purifying and refining a Base Variant Body.

Simply put, it is about removing impurities within the Steel Body, Alloy Body, and Crystal Base, enhancing the Attribute quality, and improving absorption of the Base Mutation Fluid.

Of course, this is just the human understanding. In fact, in the universe, the Evolution Skill is not referred to as such but rather called "Evolution Skill."

There are countless varieties of Evolution Skills in the universe, with almost every race possessing its unique Evolution Skill.

However, Evolution Skills are also ranked, and according to Tian Xin, the five most widespread and top-ranked Evolution Skills in the universe are the "Heavenly Heart Skill," "All-Life Genesis," "Evolution Theory," "Divine Transmutation Scripture," and "Origin Scripture."

These are abbreviations for the five supreme Evolution Skills, for example, "Heavenly Heart Skill" is officially known as "Celestial Unity Mind Skill." It was initially created by the Celestial Race and later became widely propagated, with many races considering the "Celestial Unity Mind Skill" as an essential part of their core curriculum, claiming it to be the foremost among the top five Evolution Skills.

Of course, Lin Shen felt that Tian Xin was somewhat boastful.

Lin Shen analyzed on his own that these five Evolution Skills could not be considered the supreme ones; they were simply the most classic and widespread.

It's all interconnected logic, and Lin Shen did not believe that the Great Cosmic Clans of the universe would be so generous as to share their most cutting-edge Evolution Skills with other races.

There are far too many races in the universe, and a newly space-faring race like humans would have difficulty attracting attention from those Great Clans.

Many races, after stepping into the universe, quickly disappear without a trace, and then new races rise once again.

Tian Xin said he knew of the human race, but only a very few humans, those humans were not very famous, just happened to be known.

This was also confirmed by Wei Wufu, who agreed that indeed many humans had ventured out, but as for universally known human powerhouses, there hadn't been any thus far, only a few with some minor fame.

Tian Xin mentioned a cosmic ranking of races, in which humans didn't even qualify to make the list.

The ranking stops at one hundred million, and most races, just like humans, don't qualify, which shows the vast number of races in the universe and the intensity of the competition.

As for the possibility of invasion by one of the great cosmic clans, this wasn't something to worry too much about for the time being.

Even for those great clans, traveling across the universe to another life planet is extremely difficult and requires an excessively long time.

By the time they arrived, humans might have already vanished into the long river of history.

Interstellar pathways were mainly reliant on teleporters, like the wrist device Lin Shen wore previously; you could only use a teleporter within a specific teleportation area and teleportation was all directional, with each device corresponding to a single planet.

There hadn't been any teleporters discovered that could transport individuals here, and even if there were, with such poor base mutation resources, it was unlikely many would come.

Like on the planet Lin Shen and his group visited before, where one could stumble upon mutant creatures just by wandering around, encountering mutant creatures here was as likely as winning the lottery.

What puzzled Lin Shen was the fact that on that planet teeming with mutant creatures, not a single Fire Seed was found, which was quite strange.

"Could it be that only the native base variant creatures here carry the Fire Seed?" Lin Shen couldn't help but entertain the thought.

This would need to be confirmed through finding more Fire Seeds.

Lin Shen recalled the "Celestial Unity Mind Skill" he learned from Tian Xin, and although he had committed it to memory, he had no intention of practicing it. Search* The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

First, he didn't trust Tian Xin, and second, there was no need.

On their planet, there was not only the "Heavenly Heart Skill" but also "Evolution Theory," "All-Life Genesis," "Divine Transmutation Scripture," and "Origin Scripture."

The five great classical Evolution Skills of the universe were all circulating here.

Lin Shen compared what Tian Xin said about the "Celestial Unity Mind Skill" with the "Heavenly Heart Skill" he had seen previously, and they were almost identical, with roughly the same content, only minor details differing.

However, in the Evolution Skills, the five classical skills were all referred to by their abbreviations.

The sole difference was that only the Base Mutation level part had been circulated through the Evolution Skills, while Tian Xin's version included the latter parts as well.

Lin Shen had asked Wei Wufu about this, and he didn't know who had originally brought these Evolution Skills back, stating that initially, only the Base Mutation part was known, and later, some humans obtained fragments of the rest, though most weren't complete.

As Lin Shen suspected, the five great Evolution Skills were actually quite basic, and even the large bases and major families had abandoned these five classic skills in favor of practicing more advanced Evolution Skills.

Like Wei Wufu, who had all five base Evolution Skills at home, but chose to practice another secret Evolution Skill, which, reportedly, was a secret technique from a great cosmic clan obtained through an opportunity by one of his family elders.

Furthermore, Wei Wufu had already promised Lin Shen that he would teach him that secret Evolution Skill.

Chapter 48 - 48 'Talent Theory

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Talent is truly a mysterious thing, for the same task can seem difficult to those without talent and simple to those who possess it.

Lin Shen began to suspect that he was especially devoid of talent, he had studied very hard but somehow could never grasp the concepts taught to him by Wei Wufu.

Even though his movements were identical, Lin Shen just couldn't sense that flow of strength within his body that Wei Wufu talked about.

"Don't rush, keep it simple, learn." Wei Wufu tried to teach him over and over, how to do it.

Lin Shen really wanted to tell Wei Wufu that he wasn't in a rush, he simply couldn't learn it.

"Old Wei, I've got the picture now, let's call it a day. There's no use hurrying something like this, you'll just tire yourself out. Teach me slowly, and I'll learn slowly, we have plenty of time," Lin Shen said as he received a message that Qi Shuheng and Wang Tian'er had returned to the base and decided to stop practicing for the time being.

He had been training from morning to evening, encompassing seven or eight hours. Lin Shen remembered all the movements and theories after half a day, but for some reason, he could not put them to practical use.

Dark Bird Base was such a small place that very little could be kept secret. With a little inquiry, Lin Shen learned that the Qi and Wang families had returned with only seven people in total, plus Bai Shenfei made eight, a terribly heavy loss indeed.

However, it was said that they brought back several carloads of things, all tightly covered, with no indication of what was inside.

Lin Shen guessed that after they had broken free from Giant Mountain, they went to another place and got ahold of some things, only he did not know what they had obtained.

It wasn't long before Bai Shenfei came to visit, and Lin Shen had her ushered into the parlor.

"Sister Bai, it seems your journey this time has been quite fruitful," Lin Shen said as he poured tea for Bai Shenfei.

Bai Shenfei stared at Lin Shen, as if trying to discern something from his expression.

"Fruitful, no. We almost died there," Bai Shenfei said indifferently, "I heard that you came back with Wei Wufu?"

Lin Shen nodded and replied, "After I escaped, I hid and was worried about your safety, so I didn't leave. I waited for three days and only Wei Wufu came out. He said he got separated from you all after entering that cave and didn't know what had become of you. We waited another half a day and still didn't see you, Sister Bai, and I thought..."

Bai Shenfei continued to fix her gaze on Lin Shen's eyes, as if to judge whether his words were true or false. After a while, she spoke, "Indeed, there was some trouble. If it hadn't been for the help of a master, things would have probably been quite difficult."

"A master? What kind of master? Does Dark Bird Base have someone stronger than you, Sister Bai?" Lin Shen asked with feigned surprise.

"Certainly someone much stronger than me." Bai Shenfei couldn't read anything from Lin Shen's expression and pondered before asking, "I heard that your second brother disappeared after entering Gourd Mountain many years ago?"

"Are you suggesting the master who helped you was my second brother?" Lin Shen asked excitedly.

"I didn't see that person's face; it's just speculation. Qi Shuheng and Wang Tian'er guessed that it was your fourth brother, but I don't think so. Your fourth brother isn't that powerful," Bai Shenfei said lightly.

Lin Shen's expression fell, "We thought my second brother had perished after he went missing for so many years. If it really was him, that would be incredible."

"By the way, how was your haul?" Lin Shen asked again.

"The gains of the Qi and Wang families do not compensate for their losses, and furthermore, they suspect that the master is either your third or fourth brother, so they probably won't dare to rashly harbor any ideas against the Lin Family in the future."

After a pause, Bai Shenfei continued, "Now that this matter is concluded, I shall return to Sea Corn Base today. Would you like to come back with me to Sea Corn Base? I can introduce you to the training camp I'm in, the very same one Brother Lin once stayed at."

Lin Shen truly hesitated for a moment. It wasn't that he wanted to join any training camp, but with the departure of Bai Shenfei, he didn't know if there would be another chance to see her, or if there would still be an opportunity to obtain the Fire Seed from her.

After musing for a long while, Lin Shen suddenly looked up at Bai Shenfei and asked, "Bai, do you currently have a boyfriend?"

Bai Shenfei was slightly taken aback, "Why do you ask that?"

"If you don't, what do you think about me?" Lin Shen thought to himself, if he could win over Bai Shenfei, he would not only get the Fire Seed but also solve the Lin Family's problem of lineage continuation.

“You want to be my boyfriend?” Bai Shenfei looked at Lin Shen with a bit of surprise.

“Who wouldn’t want such a beautiful girlfriend?” Although Lin Shen couldn’t see her expression, from the tone of her voice, it seemed there was a slight possibility, which somewhat surprised him.

Even though Lin Shen couldn’t see what Bai Shenfei actually looked like, judging by the way others looked at her, he knew that Bai Shenfei must be attractive. Truly, if she were to become his girlfriend, it wouldn’t be a loss.

“Unfortunately, I don’t like younger brothers,” said Bai Shenfei as she stood up, “Since you don’t want to go, I won’t force you.”

Bai Shenfei thought that Lin Shen didn’t want to go with her to Sea Corn Base, so he’d found such an excuse to tactfully reject her.

Lin Shen sighed helplessly; he knew that with such a rash question, how could Bai Shenfei possibly consider him? He would feel the same if he were her.

After escorting Bai Shenfei to the front gate and just as he was about to turn around and go back, Bai Shenfei turned her head, suddenly saying to Lin Shen, “If you really want to be my boyfriend, it’s not entirely impossible.”

“Whatever your conditions are, just say them,” Lin Shen said contemplatively.

Bai Shenfei threw an object to Lin Shen, “If you can learn this and come find me at Sea Corn Base, I might consider giving you a chance.”

After speaking, Bai Shenfei turned around and left without waiting for Lin Shen to say anything more.

“I take your words seriously, Bai,” Lin Shen caught the object to discover it was a notebook. Flipping it open, he saw that it was filled with handwritten text.

“Take it seriously.” Bai Shenfei’s voice floated back faintly, her figure already out of sight. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

“Is this Base Mutation?” Lin Shen examined it closely, finding some familiar content. It appeared to be a sort of Base Mutation technique, but because there was only content and no name, he couldn’t tell what it was exactly called.

Turning to the last page, there was only the part about Base Mutation, without any content that followed.

“Suddenly giving me a Base Mutation technique, what exactly does Bai Shenfei want to do?” Lin Shen couldn’t quite grasp her intentions at the moment.

Back in his room, Lin Shen studied the technique several more times. This Base Mutation technique was even more complex than the one Wei Wufu had taught, and it seemed not to be just some ordinary technique like the five classic Base Mutation skills.

“It seems this Base Mutation technique is quite advanced. If I can master it, not only would I solve the issue of Base Mutation, but I’d also get a beautiful and strong girlfriend to continue the family line, and on top of that, obtain the Fire Seed—truly killing three birds with one stone,” thought Lin Shen, feeling somewhat excited.

However, he also knew that even if he really learned this Base Mutation technique, Bai Shenfei might not truly become his girlfriend.

He couldn’t figure out what Bai Shenfei really meant.

After Bai Shenfei left the Lin Family, she glanced back at the Lin Family’s gate from a distance and murmured to herself, “‘Talent Theory’ is not so easy to master. I wonder how many geniuses are unable to master it. Otherwise, I wouldn’t be stuck at the Base Mutation level unable to break through. I don’t know what kind of exceptional talent is needed to master ‘Talent Theory’, to become the key that unlocks the door to my destiny.”

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Indeed, things turned out just as Bai Shenfei had predicted. Both the Qi and Wang families became very compliant and didn’t stir up any more trouble, even making some concessions on matters that involved the interests of all three families.

The reason was simple: the punch Lin Shen threw to kill the Giant King was too terrifying.

They had not encountered Tian Xin and mistakenly believed that aside from themselves, only the Lin brothers were at that place. Naturally, they were very afraid, worried that the person might be one of the Lin brothers, coming back to cause them trouble.

Lin Shen temporarily had no intentions of dealing with the Qi and Wang families, firstly because he was not yet strong enough, and secondly, because he genuinely lacked the time and effort.

In the past few days, he had been learning the Base Mutation technique from Wei Wufu, but with no progress at all, unable to sense the flow of strength Wei Wufu spoke of.

“Wei, take a look at this Base Mutation technique for me,” Lin Shen decisively gave up. With his current Attribute, if he could have mastered it, there should have been some results over the past few days. Persisting without results would just be a waste of time.

Lin Shen was not a person who clung to things unnecessarily. When it was time to let go, he did so decisively. He didn’t like waiting for miracles to happen.

Wei Wufu took the notebook Lin Shen handed over and slowly began flipping through it.

This notebook wasn’t the one Bai Shenfei had given to Lin Shen, but a copy he had made himself.

Wei Wufu read the notebook once, then turned it over and read it again, occasionally flipping back and forth. This went on for more than two hours.

Lin Shen waited patiently beside him, not rushing Wei Wufu.

“Ask your question,” said Wei Wufu after putting down the notebook and looking at Lin Shen.

“Can I practice it?” Lin Shen asked bluntly.

“Try,” Wei Wufu replied with a single word.

“If I can practice it, I will, If I can’t, then I won’t. What do you mean by ‘try’?” Lin Shen frowned.

“Advanced, there are errors, missing continuations, correct them, try it, no harm,” Wei Wufu said.

Lin Shen understood. Wei said that this Base Mutation technique was very advanced but there were some errors in it and it was missing subsequent parts.

He could help make some corrections, and it wouldn’t hurt for Lin Shen to try practicing it.

This was similar to what Lin Shen had in mind. Trying it indeed wouldn’t do any harm.

The several places where there were errors in the Base Mutation technique were actually intentionally copied incorrectly by Lin Shen.

“Wei, please help me correct it. I plan to give it a try,” said Lin Shen.

“Sure,” Wei took up paper and a pen and corrected the parts he thought were errors.

Lin Shen watched on the side. The parts Wei corrected were exactly the ones he had written incorrectly. He didn’t pick out any other issues.

“Wei, do you know what this Base Mutation technique is?” Lin Shen asked, taking the corrected Base Mutation technique from Wei Wufu.

Originally, Lin Shen had not expected Wei Wufu to truly know what this Base Mutation technique was. After all, such advanced techniques should be confidential to anyone who possessed them and would not be easily disseminated.

Unexpectedly, Wei Wufu hesitated and then said, “Maybe... I know...”

Lin Shen was greatly surprised and hurriedly asked Wei Wufu for details. After Wei Wufu explained for quite a while, Lin Shen finally understood the situation.

Wei Wufu had never seen this particular Base Mutation technique before, but he had heard of one, and the one Lin Shen had copied was very similar to it.

The Base Mutation techniques practiced by humans mostly come from the universe, with only a very small number being of human origin.

Among that small portion of human-created Base Mutation techniques, the vast majority are derived from or copied from other Base Mutation techniques.

The only Base Mutation technique that Wei Wufu knew to be entirely conceived by humans, from theory to practice, was the one created by Bai Zai, who was revered as the “Pioneer of Base Mutation,” known as “Talent Theory”.

It was precisely because “Talent Theory” took a completely different approach from other Base Mutation techniques that Wei Wufu, although he had not seen “Talent Theory”, could guess that it was indeed “Talent Theory”.

Of course, the fact that Wei Wufu used the word “possibly” indicates that he couldn’t be absolutely sure it was “Talent Theory”, just that it was a very likely guess.

Wei Wufu claimed that Bai Zai was nearly invincible with “Talent Theory,” and at first, Lin Shen was puzzled, wondering why he had never heard of such a famous person.

It was only later that he learned Bai Zai's prowess was limited at the Base Mutation level, because no matter how one practiced "Talent Theory," they couldn't break through the Base Mutation level.

In other words, Bai Zai could only be invincible at the Base Mutation level, with no possibility of advancement, and the requirements to start practicing were so high that ordinary people simply couldn't do it.

Later on, even stronger individuals researched Bai Zai's "Talent Theory," but alas, the result was the same for everyone; no one could break through the Base Mutation level, no matter who tried.

To this day, there's still a school of people persistently studying "Talent Theory," and it's said that some breakthroughs were made about a decade ago, but after so many years, there still hasn't been anyone who has managed to successfully practice "Talent Theory".

In fact, besides Bai Zai, there have been very few people in history who could practice "Talent Theory," not to mention break through it.

"This is really interesting. Without talent, one can't succeed, and with talent, one still can't break through; such a Base Mutation technique indeed has no value in spreading. It's better suited for ruining geniuses," Lin Shen decided to give it a try.

Since Base Mutation techniques can be replaced as long as you don't break through the Base Mutation level, there's no harm in trying it out.

No sooner said than done, Lin Shen began to attempt practicing the Base Mutation technique given to him by Bai Shenfei, which led to another disappointment.

This Base Mutation technique still could not make him feel the flow of strength within his body, which made Lin Shen slightly frustrated.

According to Wei Wufu, only humans with exceptional talent could possibly practice "Talent Theory". If he couldn't do it, this meant that his talent was not very good, at least not one in ten thousand.

"I don't believe this," Lin Shen directly took the "Celestial Unity Mind Skill" he had obtained from Tian Xin to practice, wanting to first experience what that feeling of strength flowing was like. Then, he planned to attempt practicing "Talent Theory" or the secret Base Mutation technique passed down by Wei Wufu.

He didn't know until he tried, and to his astonishment, Lin Shen could not practice the "Heavenly Heart Skill," which was said to be learnable by nearly everyone, even by any Steel Mutator.

“Is my talent really that bad?” Lin Shen was somewhat disappointed, but then he thought something was off.

Even if his talent was poor, it shouldn't be so bad that he couldn't manage a Base Mutation technique that everyone else could learn, right?

Still not giving up, Lin Shen sought out two more of the five classic Base Mutation techniques to test.

He first tried the “Origin Scripture,” but had the same result: he couldn't achieve any success. Then he practiced the “Divine Transmutation Scripture,” and it was the same; he still could not succeed.

“Could it be that I really have no talent for cultivation? But that's not right either. Ordinary Base Mutation techniques require one to have completed the Base Mutation, and since I've already done that, it proves that I have talent. Why can't I succeed?” Lin Shen was completely baffled.

Wei Wufu was also at a loss about what was going on with Lin Shen; he had never heard of a Mutator who couldn't practice any of the five fundamental Base Mutation techniques.

Still relentless, Lin Shen went directly to his brother's study, broke the lock, and took out several Base Mutation techniques his brother had collected to practice.

After trying out several more Base Mutation techniques, Lin Shen's expression grew increasingly grim. Just when he thought he really couldn't practice any Base Mutation techniques, another try yielded some results.

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Lin Shen finally sensed the power flow Wei Wufu was talking about, it was like water seeping and flowing through sand.

That power coursed through his body, washing over his flesh, bones, and internal organs, as if he wasn't made of flesh at all, but sand, and the fine liquid continuously permeated and flowed inside him, removing impurities from his body and slowly expelling them.

“It worked... I can still practice...” Lin Shen looked at the Base Mutation technique that he consulted for confidence, with “Evolution Theory” written on the cover, one of the five fundamental Base Mutation techniques.

“As long as I can practice, I’ll start with ‘Evolution Theory’ first. After I get used to the feeling of the power flow, I can then practice other Base Mutation techniques, which should be more effective.” After discussing with Wei Wufu, Wei also thought Lin Shen’s idea was feasible, to practice “Evolution Theory” first and then other Base Mutation techniques.

Wei Wufu had studied “Evolution Theory” in the past, and when he looked at the “Evolution Theory” Lin Shen got from Mr. Lin Zongzheng, he found some errors in it.

Strangely, after Wei Wufu corrected those errors, Lin Shen couldn’t sense the power flow in his body any longer.

When he practiced with the erroneous version, he was able to regain the sensation.

“Strange!” Even Wei Wufu found it exceedingly odd. He confirmed over and over that he had not remembered incorrectly, the “Evolution Theory” in Lin Shen’s possession indeed had many errors.

“Anyway, it’s just a transition. Let it be wrong, it doesn’t have much impact.” Lin Shen continued to practice with the erroneous version of “Evolution Theory,” and the effects were surprisingly good.

After Lin Shen became adept, he tried to learn the secret techniques taught by Wei Wufu, but it still didn’t work out.

When he tried “Talent Theory,” it was even less successful.

“Could it really be that I am fated to miss out on the Fire Seed of Goddess Consort Bai?” Lin Shen felt a bit forlorn, fearing that his plans to gain both power and wealth were going to fall through.

Lin Shen tried all the Base Mutation techniques he could find once again, but the result was the same, he couldn’t sense the power flow with any of them except for the flawed “Evolution Theory.”

The cultivation effects of the erroneous “Evolution Theory” were unexpectedly good; just a few days of practice significantly extended the duration of his Steel Body, and even the duration of Super Base Change saw some extension.

Humans were originally beings of flesh and blood, and using the Steel Body through Base Mutation not only consumed a huge amount of energy, but because of the overload, the body couldn’t maintain the state of Steel Body for long.

Therefore, general Mutators, even those at the Crystal Base Level, couldn't maintain a combat stance at all times and usually stayed in a normal human state.

All kinds of Base Mutation techniques have the effect of extending the duration of the Steel Body; it's just a matter of how strong or weak the effect is.

The biggest advantage of the five fundamental Base Mutation techniques is stability, and their effect on enhancing duration is decent, but it was not as noticeable as the "Evolution Theory" that Lin Shen was practicing. Just a few days of practice extended his abilities a lot, which even surprised Wei Wufu.

"Since the other Base Mutation techniques don't work, then I can only practice 'Evolution Theory.'" Lin Shen was still able to accept the current outcome.

Although he couldn't learn the secret or special Base Mutation techniques, fortunately, the effects brought by "Evolution Theory" were not bad, and finding the subsequent parts of "Evolution Theory" was relatively easy.

If he practiced "Talent Theory," he wouldn't even have the next parts, and he would need to create them himself, which would be way too troublesome.

"It's just too bad that I'm not destined for Goddess Consort Bai." Knowing that his chances of catching up with Bai Shenfei were slim, Lin Shen officially put matchmaking on the agenda.

Nowadays, Lin Shen needed to practice "Evolution Theory" every day, learn combat skills from Wei Wufu, and spare time to look for potential Fire Seeds. He simply had no time to date; matchmaking was undoubtedly the most time-efficient and cost-effective way for him to ensure the Lin Family's succession as soon as possible.

For this reason, Lin Shen spent quite a lot of money on matchmakers, but the girls in the base, upon hearing that it was for Lin Shen, shook their heads like fans and refused to even meet him.

Lin Shen was very helpless. He had long been prepared for such a scenario; had it not been for this, Lin Shen, burdened with heavy responsibilities, would not have remained unmarried up to this point. After all, marriage laws no longer existed in this era, and many were married as young as seventeen or eighteen.

Lin Shen had the height, the looks of a dashing young man, and the money. Even though he did not participate in running the Lin Family's business, the pocket money his elder sister gave him each month was already a fortune to ordinary people.

No girl wanted to be matched with Lin Shen, and that was because of his well-known ex-girlfriend at the Dark Bird Base, Lu Qing from the Yashen Base's Lu Family.

Yashen Base was one of the stronger bases nearby, and the strength of the Lu Family surpassed the combined forces of the Qi, Wang, and Lin Families. Search* The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Of course, that was before the big three families were severely weakened. Now, there's no way they could compare to the Lu Family.

Dark Bird Base and Yashen Base were not too far apart, and there were frequent trade interactions between them. One time, Lu Qing followed her family to Dark Bird Base to open a shop and stayed for a few years. Somehow, she and Lin Shen saw eye to eye, and quickly developed a romantic relationship.

When Lu Qing left Dark Bird Base, she warned everyone that whoever dared to mess with her man, Lin Shen, would face the consequences themselves.

The problem was that Lin Shen had already broken up with Lu Qing, but no one at Dark Bird Base knew it. Even when Lin Shen spoke up, no one believed him. Instead, they suspected that Lin Shen couldn't stand the loneliness and wanted to take advantage of Lu Qing's absence to have a secret affair.

Lin Shen really had no solution; he couldn't possibly find Lu Qing and then drag her to Dark Bird Base for a press conference to announce publicly that they had broken up.

"Lin Shen, when are Mr. Lin Zongzheng and the fourth brother coming back?" An old man who found Lin Shen practicing combat skills with Wei Wufu asked anxiously.

"Lei, when did you get back? Where's big sister?" Lin Shen's heart leaped with joy upon seeing the old man.

Lei had been in charge of the Lin Family's accounts and always followed Lin Shen's eldest sister. Since Lei was back, it meant that the big sister should have returned as well.

"We had an incident at Yashen Base, our goods and the family head got detained..." Lei explained anxiously, "Lin Shen, you need to tell me, when exactly is Mr. Lin Zongzheng and the fourth brother coming back? We can't delay this matter any longer; it will get more troublesome for the family head."

"Lei, take it easy, what exactly happened?" Lin Shen's expression darkened, but he still tried to calm Lei down as he spoke.

Lei hurriedly explained the situation. The big sister took goods to sell at Yashen Base, which normally wouldn't be a problem, as they were already well-established sales channels; just needed to deliver the goods.

After delivering the goods, they also needed to pick up a batch of goods from Yashen Base to make the trip worthwhile.

It was during this pick-up that the problem occurred. The big sister collected some miscellaneous goods without noticing anything unusual. However, upon closer inspection later on, they discovered a Mutant Egg amongst the goods—a naturally surprising find.

It wasn't long before the seller requested the return of the goods sold to the big sister.

Since both parties were in business, the transaction was already complete with the payment settled; naturally, there was no possibility of returning the goods.

Actually, the seller wasn't the one seeking the return of the goods. The Xu Family had learned about the Mutant Egg and captured the seller, forcing him to come for the return.

The big sister refused to return anything, and so the Xu Family simply detained both the big sister and the goods.

Luckily, the big sister was foresighted and had the Mutant Egg sent back to Dark Bird Base ahead of time, preventing them from seizing it.

Xu Tiange released Lei to inform the Lin Family to bring the Mutant Egg in exchange for the captive.

Lin Shen was aware of the Xu Family; other than the Lu Family, it was the Xu Family that rivaled at Yashen Base, with significantly more power than the Lin Family.

"Where is the Mutant Egg?" Lin Shen asked gravely.

"I've already asked around, they say the person who was supposed to deliver the Mutant Egg hasn't come back. We don't know if there has been an accident on the road, or something else happened," Lei said urgently. "Lin Shen, when exactly can Mr. Lin Zongzheng and the fourth brother return? This issue can only be resolved if they step in."

"Lei, you get some rest first, have something to eat. Once you've rested, we will head to Yashen Base," Lin Shen said. He had originally planned to go out to see if he could find the Fire Seed in other bases, and to also consider possible marriage alliances.

Now that such an incident had occurred, it was the perfect opportunity to visit Yashen Base.

"Lin Shen, what's the use of you going to Yashen Base? Mr. Lin Zongzheng and the fourth brother are the ones who need to go," Lei was too anxious and spoke without

thinking, but he quickly tried to explain after realizing it, “Lin Shen, I didn’t mean it that way, you know the Xu Family’s power. If Mr. Lin Zongzheng and the fourth brother step in, there might be a chance that they will do us a favor...”

“Lei, I understand what you mean, but I don’t know when the third brother and the fourth brother will be back. Saving people is urgent, we’ll first go to Yashen Base to assess the situation. At the very least, we can’t leave big sister there all alone with no support,” Lin Shen said calmly.

“But...” Lei wanted to say something more but was interrupted by Lin Shen.

“No buts, Lei, if you’re tired, you can stay here and rest. I’ll go on my own,” Lin Shen affirmed.

“If you’re really going, old man, I’ll show you the way,” Lei said as he saw Lin Shen’s determination and resignedly stated.

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