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Over twenty kilometers southwest of the Yashen Base, in a cave on a small mountain, Xu Tiange leaned back in his chair, humming a tune with pleasure.

His mood had been quite good lately. As a standout among the younger generation of the Xu Family, he had been the first to advance to Alloy Level and had received significant responsibilities from the family. There might even be a chance for him to become the helmsman of the Xu Family in the future.

A few days ago, he had discovered a Mutant Egg, and though it had been snatched up first by a merchant convoy from the Lin Family, he had captured Lin Miao, the owner of the Lin Family merchant convoy. It was almost certain that the Mutant Egg would end up in his hands in the end.

Xu Tiange was no fool; he was well aware of the Lin Family merchant convoy's background and connections.

All three families at Dark Bird Base had good relations with the Lu Family, who had many dealings there. The Xu Family had always wanted to get involved but had found no opportunity.

Moreover, Xu Tiange had heard that Lin Zongzheng and Lin Xiangdong, the real powerhouses of the Lin Family, had not returned to the base in nearly two months, and they were likely in dire straits.

Of course, even if Lin Zongzheng and Lin Xiangdong were around, Xu Tiange wouldn't care.

How could the Lin Family of Dark Bird Base compare with their own Xu Family? Even if Lin Zongzheng and Lin Xiangdong came together, he would still claim the Mutant Egg. With a Mutant Egg, who among the youth of the Xu Family could contend with him?

He had heard that the Lin brothers placed great importance on loyalty and would certainly not ignore Lin Miao's safety, so retrieving the Mutant Egg was almost a sure thing.

"Boss, Elder Lei from the Lin Family has brought people back," the lookout brother ran back to report.

On hearing this, Xu Tiange's eyes lit up, but he still suppressed the excitement in his heart and asked, "How many people came?"

“Including Elder Lei, a total of three people,” the brother replied.

“Three people, then it must be Lin Xiangdong and Lin Zongzheng who have arrived. It seems the rumors aren’t reliable; they haven’t disappeared after all. I’ve heard those two have some skills, so we need to be careful when dealing with them,” Xu Tiange said thoughtfully.

“Boss, the man calls himself Lin Shen, and the other person is his protector,” the brother quickly said.

“Lin Shen? Who is Lin Shen?” Xu Tiange wore a puzzled look, having never heard this name before.

“Lin Shen is Lin Family’s fifth son, the youngest in the family who has not been involved in the family business, and still without Base Mutation despite being over twenty years old. He’s utterly useless other than eating, drinking, and having fun,” said a white-haired old man beside him, his face devoid of any wrinkles.

“Elder Zhou, you know this person?” Xu Tiange was surprised that a Crystal Base Powerhouse like Elder Zhou would know Lin Shen.

“I’ve heard of him by chance. When Lu Qing from the Lu Family went to Dark Bird Base before, she dated him for a while, but they broke up soon after she returned,” Elder Zhou said.

“So, it’s him.” Upon hearing Elder Zhou’s account, Xu Tiange remembered and laughed, saying, “Such an important matter, and the Lin Family sends him to deal with it; it seems Lin Xiangdong and Lin Zongzheng really are missing.”

“Bring them here.” Since neither Lin Xiangdong nor Lin Zongzheng had come, Xu Tiange no longer had as many concerns.

Confronting Lin Shen, who only knew how to indulge in pleasures, was naturally preferable to facing Lin Xiangdong and Lin Zongzheng.

At the foot of the mountain, Lei, with a grim face, said, “Lin Shen, what exactly do you plan to do? We don’t have the Mutant Egg now; isn’t going there just asking for death? We should head back before Xu Tiange arrives and think of a long-term plan.”

“You go back first,” Lin Shen said indifferently.

“How can that be? Lin Shen, what do you take me for? I’m just an old man; I’m not afraid of dying. I’m worried about you getting into trouble; I wouldn’t know how to explain it to the family heads,” Lei sighed.

Before Lin Shen could say anything more, someone from the mountain shouted, “Lin Shen, our boss invites you up for a talk.”

Without hesitation, Lin Shen walked up the mountain, with Wei Wufu following closely behind.

Lei muttered to himself, “May Heaven protect us, hopefully nothing goes wrong.”

The trio walked up the mountain trail, watched by many Mutators on either side. As they entered the cave, they saw Xu Tiange sitting confidently in a chair like a bandit chief, with Elder Zhou, who had white hair, standing behind him. .

“Tie them up,” Xu Tiange commanded from his lofty position, staring coldly at Lin Shen.

He thought that a sheltered kid like Lin Shen, who had never seen much of the world, could easily be frightened and manipulated, so his first step was to intimidate him.

After all, it was just the three of them, and with Elder Zhou, the family-appointed Crystal Base protector, Xu Tiange was not afraid that they could turn the sky upside down.

At his command, several of his men rushed forward, attempting to grab Lin Shen and his companions outright.

“Ah!”

A scream stunned everyone, as the Mutator rushing forward was beheaded by Wei Wufu with a swift stroke of his Alloy Blade, the body crashing down while the blade still dripped with blood.

His Crystal Base Tang Sword had been lost on that planet, and Lin Shen didn’t have the means to provide him with a new one, so he had to make do with an Alloy Blade for now.

Xu Tiange was momentarily dazed. He hadn’t anticipated that, under these circumstances, Lin Shen and his men would dare to strike, and to behead someone at that. Were they reckless or just foolish? Didn’t they realize that Lin Family’s caravan members were in their possession?

Lei was also dumbfounded, not expecting that the guard Lin Shen brought, who had remained silent the entire way, would draw his sword and kill without a word—wasn’t this seeking death?

“You’re courting death,” Xu Tiange raged. The moment he stood, his body was enveloped by an Alloy Carapace.

The Mutators from the Xu Family also underwent Base Mutation, brandishing their weapons.

“Misunderstanding... it’s a misunderstanding...” Lin Shen began.

“You’ve killed a man; how can there be any misunderstanding?” Xu Tiange asked fiercely, his eyes filled with rage.

“My brother here, he’s socially anxious. Too many strangers coming at him and touching him made him uncomfortable; he had to act,” Lin Shen explained earnestly.

“You call this social anxiety? I’ve got the nerve of a bull, just kill them,” Xu Tiange said through gritted teeth.

“Don’t move!” The Mutators, wielding their Base Mutated powers and readying their weapons, were about to jump in to punish Lin Shen’s trio, but Lin Shen’s commanding shout stopped them.

Lin Shen held a revolver in his hand, its barrel pointed at Xu Tiange, and said, “You’d better not do anything rash, or my gun won’t discriminate.”

After a moment of silence, the room burst into laughter, even Xu Tiange, who, after laughing, pointed at his heart and spoke ominously, “Come on, aim here. If you can so much as damage a single hair on me, you can take my surname from then on.”

Xu Tiange didn’t recognize the Pet Capsule Pistol and thought it was just an ordinary revolver in Lin Shen’s hand. Even if the bullets were armor-piercing, they wouldn’t penetrate his Alloy Carapace.

The others also regarded Lin Shen’s antics as a joke, threatening an Alloy Level Mutator with an old revolver—wasn’t it laughable?

Even Lei, his comrade in arms, thought this younger brother Lin Shen was far too outrageous, sighing inwardly, conscious that things were likely to go poorly today.

Elder Zhou watched Lin Shen coldly, like one would observe a fool performing; not only would bullets from a handgun not harm an Alloy Mutator, but even if they could, as a Crystal Base Powerhouse, he could pluck them out of the air effortlessly.

“Bang!” The gunshot sounded, and in the midst of everyone’s laughter, Lin Shen actually pulled the trigger.

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Lin Shen fired the gun, but the person he shot was not Xu Tiange, it was Elder Zhou standing next to him.

The Xu Family knew the details of the Lin Family, just as the Lin Family had an understanding of the Xu Family.

Before Lin Shen came, he had already reviewed Xu Tiange's detailed profile.

The most outstanding talent of the younger generation of the Xu Family, not even twenty years old and already a Alloy Level Mutator.

Apart from the abundant resources provided by the Xu Family, he was also a very hardworking individual, with great prospects of becoming the new leader of the next generation of the Xu Family.

For such a family's future hope, the Xu Family would definitely arrange top-notch protectors around him.

The fact that Elder Zhou had such distinctive features of white hair and a youthful face, was always standing by Xu Tiange, instinctively protected Xu Tiange when Lin Shen drew his gun, and his contemptuous attitude towards Lin Shen's armed threat.

If Lin Shen couldn't tell who was the expert protecting Xu Tiange, then he was really as dumb as a pig.

Seeing Lin Shen open fire, and seemingly missing, the muzzle deviating towards him, the derision in Elder Zhou's eyes deepened.

If it were an attack from a Mutator, he would have used his Base Mutation powers to first shield himself with a Crystal-based Carapace.

But to him, a firearm was nothing but junk; how could it possibly hurt him, a noble Crystal-based Variant?

Elder Zhou wanted to show off, planning to pluck the bullet out of the air with his bare hands, to show Xu Tiange the strength of this loyal servant of the Xu Family.

But the moment the gun fired, Elder Zhou only felt a blur before his eyes and didn't have a chance to react, then his brain suddenly went blank.

“Who am I... Where am I... What happened...” Elder Zhou’s brain only managed to flash these thoughts before he fell backward, stiff as a board.

In the center of his forehead, a bloody hole was spurting out red and white matter.

For a moment, everyone in the cave was petrified, Xu Tiange became like a robot, his neck turning stiffly in Elder Zhou’s direction, watching him fall stiffly, the red and white matter splattering partly onto his face.

“Elder Zhou is dead... killed by a gun... How is that possible... It must be fake... I must still be dreaming...” Xu Tiange stood there dumbstruck, as if he had lost his mind.

The laughter of the other Mutators in the cave froze on their faces, the more joyful they were just now, the more uncomfortable they felt now.

Lei Uncle was both shocked and overjoyed, hardly believing his own eyes; a single bullet took down the Crystal Base Powerhouse beside Xu Tiange, he even wondered if he was dreaming.

“What did you say just now? Where did you tell me to aim and shoot?” Lin Shen pointed the gun at Xu Tiange again.

What about Crystal Base? Without the use of Base Mutation powers, the flesh and blood body of a Crystal-based creature was still somewhat inferior. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

The Pet Capsule loaded in the gun contained an Alloy-grade Black Armored Bee initially put in by Tian Xin, accelerated to speeds beyond Crystal Base’s 44, piercing the skull of a Crystal-based human was not challenging at all.

If Elder Zhou hadn’t been so arrogant, looking down on the gun in Lin Shen’s hand and used his Base Mutation power early to shield himself with the Crystal-based Carapace, it would not have been so simple for Lin Shen to kill him.

Of course, Lin Shen didn’t give him the chance. Lin Shen had been aiming at Xu Tiange from the start, and only a split second before firing did he switch his target to Elder Zhou. By then, it was too late to shield himself with Crystal-based Carapace, after all, using Base Mutation powers takes time, and that certainly couldn’t be quicker than the speed of a bullet.

Xu Tiange turned his head with difficulty, managed a forced smile and said, “Brother, it’s a misunderstanding, all a misunderstanding. I’m actually socially anxious, I was too nervous just now, I misspoke. Don’t take it to heart, brother.”

Xu Tiange was truly frightened, feeling the fear of being dominated by guns and bullets that humans had over two hundred years ago. Even with an Alloy Carapace to protect

him, he still felt as if he was wearing nothing at all, with no sense of security whatsoever.

Elder Zhou's corpse beside him was still bleeding, his eyes bulging in death. If a Crystal Base could be killed with a single shot, Xu Tiange did not think his bones were harder than Crystal Base's; he also did not want to become a cold corpse at a young age, with a promising future ahead of him.

The more things a person possesses, the less they wish to leave this world so easily.

Lin Shen approached Xu Tiange, who dared not move at all, even very talentedly raised his hands, a gesture no one had used for many years.

Lin Shen walked behind Xu Tiange, the muzzle of the gun pressing against the back of his head.

"Don't... don't shoot... brother... we can talk it out... it was all my fault before... I apologize to you..." Xu Tiange said with a trembling voice, feeling his soul almost bursting out of his head the moment the gun touched his skull.

Wei Wufu's method of crippling people without a word was downright diabolical, even more ruthless than Xu Tiange; who knew if the next second Lin Shen would just shoot him dead. Xu Tiange was genuinely scared, these two simply didn't play by the rules.

"Where's my sister?" Lin Shen said indifferently.

"What are you standing around for? A bunch of useless fools, go bring my sister here now." Xu Tiange shouted at the other stunned Mutators below.

Those Mutators who had come to their senses hurried towards the side cave.

"Stop." Lin Shen said coldly.

Some people stopped, but others continued to run inside.

"Bang!" Another gunshot rang out, the bullet whizzed past Xu Tiange's head and directly exploded the head of a Mutator who was still running toward the side cave.

Everyone once again stood frozen in their tracks, and Xu Tiange was so scared he turned to stone, standing there with his legs trembling.

The moment Lin Shen fired the gun, Xu Tiange thought he was the target and felt as if his soul had truly left his body.

Now, he was even more afraid to move. At such a close distance, he hadn't seen how the bullet had flown past. The bullet's speed was too fast, far beyond what could be expected from a handgun.

"Brother, you tell me what to do; I'll follow your lead," Xu Tiange said, swallowing the nonexistent saliva in his mouth with some difficulty.

"Wei, Lei, go get our big sister out," Lin Shen instructed Wei and Lei.

"Okay," Wei responded and then walked toward the side cave.

"Mr. Lin Shen, rest assured, we're going to get the boss out right now," Lei said, filled with joy and unconsciously changing his form of address.

"You, lead the way," Lin Shen said casually, pointing to a Mutator.

The Mutator hurriedly led Wei and Lei down the side cave, not daring to delay.

The Angel Revolver had only one bullet in it before, but not anymore. Ever since Lin Shen returned to Dark Bird Base, he had managed to get a Pet Capsule and filled up all seven chambers.

Fortunately, he had money, and the Lin Family had stock, otherwise it wouldn't have been easy.

Lin Miao and the caravan members were all locked up with Alloy locks and confined in a cave.

Apart from Lin Miao, who appeared rather calm, everyone else's expressions were more or less filled with unease.

They all knew that Mr. Lin Zongzheng and the other had been gone from the base before the caravan had set off. If they hadn't returned, who could come to exchange for them? Who would dare to?

Lin Miao might have seemed composed on the outside but was anything but calm inside. Of course, she knew her two younger brothers were not at Dark Bird Base, but as the head of the family and leader of the caravan, she couldn't be the first to break down.

"Boss, do you think Mr. Lin Zongzheng and the other will make it in time?" The young Mutator from the caravan asked, despite having asked many times before, still unable to help himself from asking again.

"They will," Lin Miao replied calmly, without hesitation.

The young man felt somewhat reassured and leaned against the wall, taking a few deep breaths. His emotions settled a lot.

Suddenly, the stone door blocking the cave was opened, and three people walked in.

“Boss, you’ve suffered; we’re here to rescue you,” Lei, seeing Lin Miao locked and sitting on the ground, immediately teared up with gratitude as he rushed over. When had Lin Miao ever suffered like this?

The sight of Lei stirred both shock and joy among the people. Lin Miao’s heart soared with happiness, yet she still calmly asked, “Did my third or fourth brother come?”

“Boss, it’s neither of them. Mr. Lin Zongzheng and the other haven’t returned to the base yet,” Lei said as he took the keys from the guard and began unlocking the Alloy shackles on Lin Miao.

“Not them? Then who brought the Mutant Egg to exchange for us?” Lin Miao asked with slight amazement.

“There was no Mutant Egg. The person who was supposed to deliver the Mutant Egg might have encountered trouble on the way and never made it back to the base,” Lei added.

“Then why would the Xu Family release people?” Lin Miao looked puzzled at Lei. If neither her third nor fourth brothers were available and there was no Mutant Egg to exchange, why would Xu Tiange let them go?

The other members of the caravan looked at Lei, sharing Lin Miao’s confusion.

“It was Mr. Lin Shen...” Lei started excitedly.

“Mr. Lin Shen? Which Mr. Lin Shen?” Everyone was momentarily confused, unable to figure out who Lei was talking about. In their memory, Lin Shen was always the pampered one, only concerned with eating, drinking and having fun.

“My fifth brother came?” Lin Miao was the first to catch on.

She knew Lin Shen’s character well. It wasn’t strange for Lin Shen to come here when nobody else was in charge at home. What puzzled her was how Lin Shen, without a Mutant Egg, managed to persuade the Xu Family to release them, and from Lei’s demeanor and how he referred to Lin Shen, it seemed her younger brother must have done something incredible.

“Mr. Lin Shen, he’s amazing...” Lei began, his words spitting forth as he exaggerated the events that had taken place.

Everyone listened in disbelief, unsure whether Lei misspoke or they had misheard.

A handgun killing a Crystal Base Powerhouse, is that even possible? You're supposed to tell us what happened, not recite a mythological tale.

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Yashen Base, Xu Family Courtyard.

"You mean to say, he slapped your face, killed our Xu Family's Crystal Base, and then walked into the Yashen Base with you unabashedly?" Elder Mr. Xu narrowed his eyes, staring at Xu Tiange, whose face was swollen like a pig's head, and slowly spoke.

"Yes." The pain on Xu Tiange's face was scorching.

However, it wasn't Lin Shen who did it, but Xu Tiange who had requested to apologize to Lin Miao and slapped himself.

If not for this, Xu Tiange would have feared that Lin Shen would kill him to silence him and wouldn't have let him return. But in front of the elder, he still wanted to save face and was embarrassed to say that he had slapped himself.

What Xu Tiange didn't expect was that Lin Shen had no intention of killing him. Not only had he not killed him, but he also followed him to Yashen Base, bringing only Wei Wufu with him.

Lin Miao and the others had already returned to Dark Bird Base under Lin Shen's arrangements.

"Xiao Tiange, how do you think we should handle this matter?" Elder Mr. Xu asked, looking at Xu Tiange.

Xu Tiange felt tense, but his face showed no expression. After thinking, he said, "Elder, if it were up to me to deal with it, I think we should not trouble Lin Shen further. Not only should we not trouble him, but we should also try to clear up any misunderstandings between us, and it would be best if we could establish some sort of relationship with him?"

“How is it? Do you think our Xu Family’s strength is less than that of the Lin Family and cannot avenge you?” Elder Mr. Xu said with a cold face.

Xu Tiange hurriedly said, “Elder, you misunderstand, our Xu Family is certainly stronger than the Lin Family. My reason for saying so is not due to the strength of the Lin family, but because of the people behind them.”

“The people behind them? Are you referring to the Lu Family? Do you think our Xu Family is afraid of the Lu Family?” Elder Mr. Xu’s voice grew colder.

Seeing this, Xu Tiange braced himself and said, “The people behind the Lin Family are definitely not the Lu Family. The gun that Lin Shen has is also not something the Lu Family could possess.”

“Go on,” Elder Mr. Xu said, his gaze oppressively fixed on Xu Tiange.

Xu Tiange continued, “That revolver is absolutely no ordinary object; our Xu Family does not possess such a thing, and the Lu Family likely doesn’t either. How could a mere Dark Bird Base of the Lin Family have such a thing?”

“Lin Shen knows full well that Yashen Base is our Xu Family’s turf, yet he dares to come here like this. I don’t think he’s a fool, so he must have a reliance that we are unaware of.”

“Also, since the Lu Family has a good relationship with the Lin Family, I chose not to strike in the base but to ambush their convoy outside; this was to avoid conflict with the Lu Family over this matter. Now that Lin Shen has entered the base, if we try to make a move on him, the Lu Family, for the sake of their business at Dark Bird Base, will not sit idly by. Starting a conflict with the Lu Family now would not align with our Xu Family’s interests.”

“My child, you have indeed grown up,” Elder Mr. Xu said after listening, the false coldness on his face dissipated, revealing a look of relief: “You’re able to put aside personal honor and not be blinded by hatred; this is good. Without relevant intelligence, you can make the correct decision, and that’s even better. Our Xu Family has a successor.”

“Elder, are you saying that you know the origin of that gun?” Xu Tiange showed his clarity and wisdom again. He was not carried away by a few words of praise from Elder Mr. Xu but caught the underlying point instead.

Elder Mr. Xu looked at him with more approval in his eyes: “Indeed, I have seen such a gun before. To be precise, it is not a gun, but a Pet Capsule Launcher. Such a thing cannot be made by human hands; do not ask me where it comes from, I do not know either. The fact that the Lin Family can possess such a thing undoubtedly indicates there are people behind them, and you have judged this accurately.”

After a pause, Elder Mr. Xu continued, "What did you say the name was of the odd-speaking person following Lin Shen?"

"Wei Wufu." Xu Tiange promptly replied, his impression of Wei Wufu was quite deep.

"His surname is Wei, so there seems to be no mistake. A city for a thousand people, a Wei every hundred years. Wei Wufu's Wei is probably that Wei," Elder Mr. Xu continued, his eyes sparkling with speculation: "I had not expected someone from the Wei Family to be involved with the Lin Family, whether by chance or with an agenda."

"Elder Mr. Xu, you're saying Wei Wufu is from the Wei Family of Tiancheng?" Xu Tiange's complexion changed slightly upon hearing this, showing a look of concern.

The Wei Family of Tiancheng, even though it was thousands of miles away, still had an extremely resounding reputation, so loud that it was almost deafening.

The Base Mutation Zones around Tiancheng were numerous, and since the beginning of the base mutations, they had faced wave after wave of attacks from base variant creatures.

The Wei Family of Tiancheng, with more than a thousand members at first, defended the city for over two hundred years. Countless members of the Wei surname died to ensure the city didn't fall, and Tiancheng is still under the rule of the Wei to this day.

A thousand people for one city, a Wei every century, that was the most unbreakable frontline of humanity. [Search the website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"That's not an ordinary Pet Capsule Launcher, only a place like the Wei Family could have it," Elder Mr. Xu mused and said, "The Wei Family is the Wei Family after all, they're not unreasonable. Even if they have their schemes, they won't push us to a dead end. Just do as you said, try your best to repair the relationship with the Lin Family. Lin Shen didn't truly harm you, which already says a lot. You can go ahead with it, no need to be overly cautious. I'll send someone to inquire in Tiancheng and confirm whether that Wei Wufu really belongs to the Wei Family or not."

"Elder Mr. Xu, rest assured, I will handle this matter with care," Xu Tiange solemnly said.

At this moment, Lin Shen and Wei Wufu were strolling through the market at Yashen Base. Lin Shen wanted to try his luck to see if he could find a Base Mutation Egg with Fire Seed at Yashen Base.

The market at Yashen Base was much bigger than that of Dark Bird Base. Dark Bird Base only had one street with shops selling Base Mutation Eggs and pets.

The Yashen market was much larger than the street at Dark Bird Base, at least ten times the size.

The roads inside the market intersected in every direction, with shops everywhere.

There were shops selling Base Mutation materials, Base Mutation Eggs, pets, as well as recycling businesses.

Each category had its own area, and any single area was much larger than the street at Dark Bird Base.

Coming to the section where Base Mutation Eggs were sold, Lin Shen was dazzled by the variety. On the ground stalls, in shops, and even in some hallway passages, people were selling Base Mutation Eggs.

The varieties were multifarious, big and small, multicolored. Every kind of Base Mutation Egg was available, and naturally the quality varied as well.

Lin Shen mostly just glanced over them, first sweeping through the outdoor stalls and did not see any Base Mutation Egg with Fire Seed.

“Strange, with so many Base Mutation Eggs, not even one has a Fire Seed. When I was at Dark Bird Base before, I found a few just casually... never mind... I’ll look through the shops first before making any plans...” Lin Shen meandered from shop to shop.

After visiting quite a few shops and not finding any Fire Seed, Lin Shen hesitated before a particularly impressive-looking shop and didn’t immediately go in.

The shop’s sign bore the words “With You”, which was one of Lu Family’s stores. In the past, Lu Qing, following People of Lu Family, had opened a branch of “With You” at Dark Bird Base.

As Lin Shen was hesitating whether to go in or not, he just glanced inside and saw on the shelves directly opposite the store entrance several rows of Base Mutation Eggs, one of which was covered with a thick mosaic.

“Damn it, Mr. Tian, are you messing with me on purpose? They’re nowhere to be found but here? Does it have to be this melodramatic?” Lin Shen was somewhat speechless, but without any hesitation, he walked straight in.

Who cares about exes or not? It’s not just a store run by the ex’s family— even if that Base Mutation Egg was laid by the ex herself, as long as they’re willing to sell, he would dare to buy.

Face isn’t worth much, Fire Seed is what’s most important.

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Lin Shen saw a girl in a tracksuit talking to a clerk inside a counter, presumably a customer looking to buy Base Mutation Eggs.

From the back, although she wore loose-fitting sportswear that hid her figure and curves, her legs were undeniably long, and her black, dense hair, tied in a ponytail, made her look very healthy.

Overall, the girl exuded a robust aura as if she were the type to have her monthly periods arrive punctually and copiously.

“She looks highly suitable for having children,” Lin Shen withdrew his gaze, for now, he was here to buy Fire Seeds, and the matter of finding a woman to have children with could be put on hold.

Lin Shen, accompanied by Wei Wufu, walked to the counter and pointed to the Base Mutation Eggs on the shelves behind it, asking, “How are those sold?”

Before the clerk could answer, Lin Shen suddenly heard a familiar voice exclaiming in surprise, “Lin Shen? What are you doing here?”

Lin Shen turned his head to look at the girl who had spoken, and after seeing her clearly, he frowned and said, “Ye Yuzhen, what are you doing here?”

Not only did Lin Shen know this girl, but he would probably never forget her in his lifetime.

Love Strategist Ye Yuzhen, as she called herself, was Lu Qing’s half-sister and best friend; however, Lin Shen thought the title Love Warhound suited her better.

Lin Shen’s breakup with Lu Qing had Ye Yuzhen’s significant contribution. Without Ye Yuzhen’s tireless efforts, Lin Shen and Lu Qing wouldn’t have parted ways so quickly.

“I heard big sister had an accident; you’re here at Yashen Base for sister’s sake, right?” Ye Yuzhen said.

“That’s a family matter of mine, no need for you to worry,” Lin Shen replied coldly, then turned back to the clerk and asked, “How are those Base Mutation Eggs sold?”

The clerk smiled and said, "The Base Mutation Eggs on the shelf, Steel Eggs from the first and second rows start at a thousand, Alloy Eggs from the third and fourth rows start at thirty thousand, each egg individually priced. Whatever you fancy, the price is clearly marked, fair to young and old alike. Since you are Miss Ye's friend, we could offer you a 30% discount."

"Do I look like someone who needs a discount?" Lin Shen pointed to a Steel Egg and said, "I'll take that one, wrap it up for me, how much in total?"

"All right, sir, that Spiral Snail Egg at Steel Level is priced at 999, today's special offer," the clerk continued with a smile.

"Here's a thousand," Lin Shen flamboyantly placed a thousand-yuan bill on the counter, then added, "Don't forget the change."

Lin Shen wouldn't let the Lu Family or Ye Yuzhen take advantage of him, but he certainly wouldn't let them advantage of him even by a single penny either.

The clerk quickly wrapped up the Spiral Snail Egg Lin Shen had requested and handed it over with the one yuan change.

Lin Shen grabbed his purchase and turned to leave; he had nothing to say to Ye Yuzhen, not even the need for a greeting.

"Lin Shen, big sister's matter is quite troublesome, if you're here to ask Lu Qing for help, I can contact her for you," Ye Yuzhen said.

"No need," Lin Shen didn't want to engage in useless chatter and left the With You shop directly.

Ye Yuzhen watched Lin Shen's retreating figure, her gaze somewhat complex.

Only after Lin Shen's figure had completely disappeared did Ye Yuzhen retract her gaze and, after pondering for a while, also left the shop.

"Coming to Yashen Base was indeed the right decision," Lin Shen, having obtained the Base Mutation Egg embedded with a Fire Seed, was in a very good mood.

Having reaped rewards, Lin Shen decided to make the most of it and tour all the shops in one go. If he could find a few more Fire Seeds, the trip would truly be worthwhile.

Unfortunately, after visiting every shop, Lin Shen didn't find any more Base Mutation Eggs with Fire Seeds, which left him somewhat disappointed.

“This place has so many more Base Mutation Eggs than Dark Bird Base, so why is there only one Fire Seed?” Lin Shen couldn’t fathom the pattern behind the appearance of Fire Seeds.

However, obtaining one Fire Seed was already good, and now Lin Shen couldn’t wait to find a place to sleep with the Base Mutation Egg and see what kind of Fire Seed powers he would gain.

“Someone’s following us,” Wei Wufu said.

“Let them follow,” Lin Shen replied indifferently.

He knew the Xu Family was certainly monitoring them all along, but he was here to thoroughly resolve the issue because if the Xu Family went to Dark Bird Base for retaliation, he couldn’t yet protect the entire Lin Family.

It was always better to have a battle in someone else’s home, which was why Lin Shen had come.

Of course, Lin Shen was a pacifist by nature; it was best not to resort to violence if possible. It all hinged on the Xu Family’s leader’s choices.

To Lin Shen’s surprise, the Xu Family really could keep their cool. He had been at Yashen Base for three or four hours now, yet the Xu Family hadn’t approached him.

“Since they’re not coming to me, I’ll continue with my own business,” Lin Shen said after leaving the marketplace; he then went to a marriage agency.

After a full round at Yashen Base, Lin Shen noticed there were quite a few young and beautiful women there, definitely many more than at Dark Bird Base.

Dark Bird Base was just a tiny place, full of old households who all knew each other’s background very well. It wasn’t easy to find someone like Lin Shen there, so he thought it would be easier to look at Yashen Base.

He was from a moderately wealthy family after all, and he wasn’t bad-looking either. Finding someone who met his criteria shouldn’t be too difficult.

With no time to do it himself, Lin Shen opted for the most time-saving strategy: he signed up for a Super VIP at a marriage agency.

The plump proprietress of the agency was smiling so much that her mouth wouldn’t close, practically tripping over herself to serve him tea and wanting to give him a shoulder massage.

“My requirements are simple, a good family background, good looks, and must be able to carry children well,” Lin Shen said as he sipped tea.

“Don’t worry, I’ll arrange it for you. These are the best quality candidates I have, you’ll be satisfied,” the plump proprietress said as she scurried back with a stack of profiles and photographs.

“Handsome, take a look at this one, the Alloy Valkyrie. She’s got family status, strength, marry her and you won’t have to do anything but count money...” the plump proprietress said, laughing at her own words.

“A bit short,” Lin Shen commented as he looked at the photograph.

“How about this one then? She might only be Steel Level, but she’s beautiful, has a gentle personality, very obedient and well-behaved...” The proprietress, without hesitation, picked another one.

“A bit skinny,” Lin Shen glanced at the photograph and frowned.

“No problem, we have plenty of high-quality girls. What about this one? She’s got the looks, the figure, the level, the career...”

“Why does it say in the profile that she has a child?” Lin Shen thought the photo was fine, but upon closer inspection of the profile, there was a child.

“It’s just a girl, it’s no big deal.” The proprietress awkwardly took the profile back and picked out another one.

They compared candidates for a while, but neither this one nor that one pleased him; they went through a pile and still didn’t pick anyone.

“Handsome, I understand now,” the proprietress was surprisingly patient, not showing any sign of annoyance, but instead smiled knowingly.

“What do you understand?” Lin Shen asked with a smile.

“What you want,” she said with a sly grin, “is actually just one word.”

“Which word?” Lin Shen asked curiously.

“Big,” the proprietress said directly.

“Big?” Lin Shen blinked.

“Yes, big,” the proprietress confirmed.

“Big, huh?” Amusement rippled in Lin Shen’s eyes.

“Big.” The proprietress’s eyes met Lin Shen’s, as if they shared a secret understanding, and they both burst into laughter.

“Alright, let’s go for ‘big’ then,” Lin Shen agreed, nodding.

“Definitely big, you’ll be satisfied. Forget about these, I’ll set something up for you tonight, wait for my good news,” she said with confidence.

Lin Shen left the marriage agency and wandered the nearby area. After dining with Wei Wufu, he returned to the hotel he had booked and settled in.

That evening, the proprietress sent a message, telling Lin Shen to meet someone at a tea house; she had already made the appointment and urged Lin Shen to ask no questions, promising a surprise at the meeting.

Lin Shen, accompanied by Wei Wufu, went to the tea house. Such matters were generally best handled alone, but Lin Shen felt uneasy without Wei Wufu by his side, in case the Xu Family posed an unexpected threat.

Upon entering the second floor of the establishment, Lin Shen saw a woman sitting by the window, clad in a black figure-hugging dress, her legs impossibly long, her wavy hair cascading down her back. .

Lin Shen could only see her profile but had to admit that the proprietress did have a point; the woman really was “big.”

At first glance, Lin Shen thought she was exactly what he was looking for, definitely fertile, the kind who could have two babies in three years, and the kids wouldn’t go hungry.

“I guess, you must be waiting for me, right?” Lin Shen approached, picking up the agreed-upon token on the table, a blue rose, and smiled at her.

Their eyes met, and Lin Shen suddenly froze, the rose dropping from his hand to the floor automatically.

“Why is it you?” Both exclaimed at almost the same time.

The woman was none other than the love strategist Ye Yuzhen; Lin Shen almost didn’t recognize her.

Normally, this woman was always dressed in loose sportswear, who would have thought she was so impressive.

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“Who would have thought that even the great ‘Love Strategist’ would fall to the plight of a blind date?” Lin Shen picked up his teacup and took a sip before speaking casually.

“We’ve known each other for some time; is it necessary to mock me like this? Besides, aren’t you here for a blind date too? You’re not much better than me, so what right do you have to laugh?” Ye Yuzhen said, holding her teacup.

“Well, I should thank you for that. If it weren’t for you, how would I have the opportunity to meet so many girls and sit here drinking tea with you?” Lin Shen curled his lip as he spoke.

Ye Yuzhen, seemingly knowing she was at fault, didn’t retort and, after pondering, said, “I know you came here because of your sister’s issue. You want to find Lu Qing, and I can help set up a meeting with her.”

“You help me meet her? I’d be scared to. Who knows what bad things you’ve said about me behind my back? What if she ends up siding with the Xu Family to deal with me? Then I would be truly wronged,” Lin Shen said sarcastically.

“Lin Shen, can’t you be a little more gracious with your words?” Ye Yuzhen bit her red lip and said.

“That’s a good point. Don’t you know right from wrong, too? How come you never ‘collected’ any verbal grace before?” Lin Shen said with a smile.

Ye Yuzhen glared at Lin Shen, stood up, and reached for her bag, intending to leave.

“Wait, don’t go,” Lin Shen called out without much thought, and surprisingly, Ye Yuzhen actually stopped in her tracks.

“Have you not insulted me enough?” Ye Yuzhen said.

“Aren’t you here for a blind date? We haven’t even talked about anything yet, and you’re leaving already? That doesn’t seem appropriate,” Lin Shen said with a smile.

“No, Lin Shen, what are you getting at?” Ye Yuzhen slammed her bag back on the table and plopped down again.

“What else could I mean? I’m here for a blind date, and so are you. It’s only fair that we get to know each other a bit, isn’t it?” Lin Shen said.

“No, have you lost your mind? Are you really planning to go on a blind date with me?” Ye Yuzhen asked with an incredulous expression.

“If I’m not here for a blind date, then what am I here for?” Lin Shen countered. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

“Fine, how do you want to disgust me then? Go ahead,” Ye Yuzhen crossed her arms, her expression challenging him.

But this gesture made her seem all the more “unapproachable.”

“Let’s not use such harsh words; I’m not you. I don’t just go around bothering people without a good reason,” Lin Shen said before Ye Yuzhen could argue. “Since we’re both here for a blind date, I’d like to know how many boyfriends you’ve had. That’s not too much to ask, is it?”

“It’s not too much, but I don’t want to tell you,” Ye Yuzhen pouted.

“So, what do you think of me?” Lin Shen continued.

“You can’t seriously want to go on a blind date with me? Are you messing with me?” Ye Yuzhen looked at Lin Shen skeptically, a hint of joy hidden in her eyes.

“How many times do you need me to say it? Alright, I’ll say it one last time: I’m here for a blind date, you’re my arranged date, and I just want to have a proper blind date. Is that so wrong?” Lin Shen said earnestly.

Seeing Ye Yuzhen looking like she was on pins and needles, Lin Shen felt incredibly satisfied.

It was because of this very Ye Yuzhen that he and Lu Qing had no shortage of arguments and anger. When she was unhappy, Lin Shen felt quite happy.

On second thought, if things really worked out with Ye Yuzhen, it might not be so bad after all.

Honestly, Lin Shen felt that if he truly found a nice girl, he would just be bringing harm to her.

The ultimate goal of his desire to marry was to carry on the Lin Family line.

One could say that the girl who marries him is merely a tool. Besides, Lin Shen had already decided to walk the path of evolution that might lead him nowhere, unsure of

when and where he might die. Maybe the next time he went to that planet, he wouldn't return.

Lin Shen even felt that if a good girl married him, she would be truly wasted, and even he thought he was good for nothing.

But there was nothing he could do, several of his brothers were missing, and he had to leave some bloodline for the Lin Family before he left.

As for Ye Yuzhen, Lin Shen had no guilt towards her, he had loathed Ye Yuzhen so much that he itched with hatred.

Thinking about how after Ye Yuzhen married him, and they had two kids, if he died out there leaving Ye Yuzhen alone to bring up two children, he couldn't help feeling a bit excited at the tragic prospect.

"That's not right! Why should I die?" Lin Shen suddenly realized, wasn't he cursing himself? He cursed himself several times in his heart: "Tsk, tsk, tsk, I can't die. I'll let her give birth until she's exhausted."

"Besides, when it comes to figure and looks, Ye Yuzhen is actually not bad at all. How come I never noticed before that Ye Yuzhen was so powerful? Could it be that she's had some work done?" That's what Lin Shen thought, though he knew that Ye Yuzhen couldn't possibly have had work done.

If one had fillers in their body, it was almost impossible to become a Mutator. The foreign substances in the body could cause serious problems during Base Mutation, possibly leading to failed mutations or even death, so nowadays, hardly anyone got plastic surgery.

Lin Shen remembered that Ye Yuzhen had been a Mutator for a while, so it was impossible for her to have had work done.

"No way, you can't seriously be falling for me?" Ye Yuzhen said staring at Lin Shen with surprise, but for some reason, there seemed to be a hint of hard-to-detect glee in her eyes.

"I'm into you. Just say whether you agree or not," said Lin Shen.

"Bro, stop teasing me, okay? What's our relationship, you wouldn't be planning revenge on me, would you?" While Ye Yuzhen said this, the glee in her eyes became stronger, almost impossible to hide.

"What is our relationship? You scared away a girlfriend of mine, it's only right that you repay me with one, isn't it?" Lin Shen said, smiling.

“I...” Ye Yuzhen looked at Lin Shen with a complex expression, at a loss for words at the moment.

Suddenly, a noisy commotion came from downstairs, and soon someone ascended to the second floor, heading straight towards them.

The two of them involuntarily turned to look and discovered that the person who had come was Xu Tiange.

Ye Yuzhen frowned slightly, turned to Lin Shen, and said, “I’ll stop him for you. That settles our previous matter.”

As she spoke and was about to stand up to greet the approaching Xu Tiange, she suddenly felt her hand being held down. She turned to see Lin Shen’s large hand on hers, and her cheeks instantly flushed.

“Drink tea, my matters, I’ll settle them myself,” Lin Shen withdrew his hand, continuing to make tea as he spoke.

Ye Yuzhen looked at Xu Tiange walking straight over, didn’t get up again, and thought to herself: “Let’s see what Xu Tiange wants to do first, it’s not too late to help him then. In any case, I can’t let anything happen to him.”

Ye Yuzhen didn’t believe Lin Shen could really handle Xu Tiange. She was very clear about what kind of person Lin Shen was.

At over twenty years old, he hadn’t gone through Base Mutation. He was no good in a fight, but was an expert in all things entertainment. He was nothing more than a pampered young master who grew up spoiled, without ever experiencing hardship or suffering.

He probably had no idea just how formidable Xu Tiange was, nor did he comprehend the true strength of the Xu Family, driven merely by hot blood to Yashen Base hoping to save his elder sister.

His heart was in the right place, but the task was doomed to fail.

Ye Yuzhen watched Xu Tiange step by step approaching, already by Lin Shen’s side, yet Lin Shen still hadn’t glanced his way, continuing to focus on making tea, causing her to frown slightly.

“This is too careless, if Xu Tiange suddenly attacks, how could he defend himself? It’s not his fault though; he’s never worried about such things, never suffered like this.” Ye Yuzhen was about to stand up again when she suddenly heard Xu Tiange speak.

“What are all of you doing, is this how you’ve been taught to take care of guests? How can you let Shen make his own tea? What if Shen burns his hand?” Under Ye Yuzhen’s incredulous gaze, Xu Tiange bent over to take the teaware from Lin Shen’s hands, smiling as he said, “Shen, coming to your brother’s shop and you didn’t say a word. Making tea by yourself, isn’t that a slap in my face? Bro, you do your thing, let your little brother make tea for you.”

After speaking, Xu Tiange also instructed the server, “Go get the two ounces of Ancient Tree New Tea from my safe. This ordinary tea just can’t suit my Shen’s taste.”

“Has Xu Tiange gone mad, or is my brain malfunctioning?” Ye Yuzhen stood there dumbstruck, alternating her gaze between the ingratiating Xu Tiange and Lin Shen, who seemed to be sitting there as if nothing was amiss, unsure what exactly was going on.

Chapter 56 - 56: The Tide of Beasts

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The situation seemed a bit different from what Ye Yuzhen had thought. She had assumed that Lin Shen had come to Yashen Base for assistance from the Lu Family to deal with the Xu Family.

Now, it seemed entirely not the case. Xu Tiange’s various actions made it very difficult for Ye Yuzhen to understand.

He clearly ambushed the Lin Family’s trade convoy and captured Lin Shen’s older sister, so how could he be so friendly toward Lin Shen, even to the point of appearing somewhat deliberately ingratiating?

This made Ye Yuzhen somewhat suspect whether the information she had received was incorrect, and that the Xu Family had not actually hijacked the Lin Family’s convoy. Perhaps there was no enmity between the two families at all; they might even be on very good terms.

Of course, Ye Yuzhen knew this was impossible, and the information could not be wrong.

“Shen, try this tea and see how it is. Sister-in-law, you try it too,” Xu Tiange said as he replaced the tea set and brewed a new pot. After it was ready, he first handed a cup to Lin Shen, then another to Ye Yuzhen.

Ye Yuzhen pursed her lips and glared at Lin Shen but said nothing.

“Let’s sit down and talk,” Lin Shen said after taking a sip of tea, addressing Xu Tiange.

Xu Tiange’s actions already represented the attitude of the Xu Family, and naturally, Lin Shen also needed to express his stance.

He knew the Xu Family must have some concerns, which was why they were behaving this way, but no matter what those concerns were, it did not make much difference to Lin Shen.

As long as he was given a little more time to develop, it wouldn’t be long before he didn’t need to care what the Xu Family thought or did, nor would he need to know what attitude they held.

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Xu Tiange promptly sat down, smiling, and said, “Shen, how long do you plan to stay at Yashen Base?”

“I’ll go back in a couple of days after finishing my business,” Lin Shen replied casually.

“If there’s anything my brother can help you with, just say the word. I can’t speak for other places, but at Yashen Base, I do have some clout,” Xu Tiange hastened to say.

“Alright,” Lin Shen nodded slightly.

Seeing that Lin Shen did not reject the olive branch he extended, Xu Tiange felt much more relieved.

“If the matter is easy to handle, deal with it quickly, but if it’s not urgent and difficult, then put it off for a while,” Xu Tiange suddenly said, seemingly out of the blue.

“What do you mean by that?” Lin Shen asked, looking at Xu Tiange.

“Shen, you may not be aware, but our family has done a lot of investigations recently. All signs point to a large outbreak of Base Variant Creatures in half a month, which could likely form a creature surge. It will be very troublesome then, so it’s better to stay away if one can. Both our families and the Lu Family are already preparing to defend the base with all our might,” Xu Tiange said.

“How come I haven’t heard about the creature surge?” Ye Yuzhen asked, frowning.

“If everyone knew a surge was coming, I fear half the people in the base would run off. Then who would be left to defend it? To avoid panic, this matter is currently known only to a few senior members of the Xu Family, and the Lu Family. But if you observe closely, you should be able to see some hints from the preparations that the Lu Family is currently making,” Xu Tiange replied, looking at Lin Shen. “If it weren’t for you, Shen, I

wouldn't have revealed a word of this message. Please, Shen and sister-in-law, help me keep this secret. If you have any relatives or friends at Yashen Base, find an excuse to take them to another base for a few days. It's not too late to come back after the creature surge is over."

Ye Yuzhen was a smart person. After recalling some recent events at the Lu Family, she quickly understood that Xu Tiange was not exaggerating; there were indeed traces to be found, just that she had not thought about it from that angle before.

Ye Yuzhen now fully believed that Xu Tiange truly had a deep relationship with Lin Shen; otherwise, why would he tell Lin Shen about such a life-threatening matter?

But the previous incident of the Xu Family hijacking the Lin Family's convoy and capturing Lin Miao was definitely true, which made it somewhat contradictory.

"What has this man done to cause such a drastic change in the Xu Family's attitude? Is this still the Lin Shen I know?" Ye Yuzhen looked at Lin Shen with a strange expression, feeling as if the face she thought she knew had become somewhat unfamiliar.

"What's the situation with the creature surge? Explain in detail," Lin Shen was genuinely curious.

Near the Dark Bird Base, creature surges were rare. At most, a few lost Base Variant Creatures would wander near the base and be rounded up and killed. He had never witnessed a real surge sieging the city.

Just as Xu Tiange was about to answer, they suddenly heard a "drip, drip" noise from Ye Yuzhen's side. Both men turned to look at her.

"Sorry, I have to go; something's come up." Ye Yuzhen took out her communicator from her bag, glanced at it, and stood up to say it directly.

Communicators generally only worked inside certain bases, because the equipment outside the bases was easily destroyed by Base Variant Creatures, making the communicators useless once outside the base.

In Dark Bird Base, the lack of equipment also rendered the communicators ineffective. Lin Shen did have a communicator, but alas, there was nowhere to use it.

What Lin Shen used most to understand the outside world was the radio broadcast.

It was said that some mega-bases still had TV stations and networks, but Yashen Base didn't have those, let alone Dark Bird Base.

Ye Yuzhen got up and headed for the staircase, not walking very fast and being extra careful as she went downstairs.

However, even after her figure had disappeared from the second floor, she did not hear the voice she hoped to.

“Damn it, can’t he at least ask for a way to contact me?” Ye Yuzhen muttered under her breath before striding away quickly.

It wasn’t that Lin Shen deliberately didn’t ask; it was that he didn’t think of it. He seldom used a communicator at Dark Bird Base and didn’t carry one, so it didn’t occur to him.

“Give me the details, what’s with the beast tide this time?” Lin Shen asked again.

Xu Tiange thought for a moment and then said, “This beast tide is a bit strange. It actually has something to do with that Mutant Egg your Lin Family bought.”

“What does it have to do with that Mutant Egg?” Lin Shen asked, somewhat surprised.

“To the northeast of Yashen Base, there’s a Steel Forest. The trees in that Steel Forest are a bit different from typical metal plants; the trunk and leaves are blue. A vast expanse of blue forest looks like an ocean from afar, so we locals call it Blue Tree Sea. The Blue Tree Sea is vast, and though it originally housed many types of Base Variant Creatures, recently the variety has been dwindling, with only one species of Base Variant Creature becoming increasingly numerous...” Xu Tiange recounted the events in detail.

After leaving the teahouse, Ye Yuzhen walked down a street, turned a corner, and entered a shop. Without waiting for the server to greet her, she went straight into a private room.

“Yuzhen, Lin Shen is at Yashen Base, why didn’t you tell me?” Just as Ye Yuzhen entered the door, a slightly chubby, sweet-faced girl accused her somewhat indignantly.

“You’ve been broken up with him for such a long time, what’s the point of telling you? Don’t tell me, Lu Qing, that you want to get back with him?” Ye Yuzhen placed her bag on the coffee table and sat down beside the girl.

“Who wants to get back together? I just heard he went to our family’s shop, and I thought maybe he came to see me,” Lu Qing explained.

“Why would you think he came to see you?” Ye Yuzhen leaned back on the couch, crossed her sexy, smooth legs, and asked with a half-smiling glance at Lu Qing.

“Lin Shen’s elder sister was kidnapped by the Xu Family, and he’s surely here because of her. Other than pleading with me, what else can he do?” Lu Qing pouted.

“You want to help him?” Ye Yuzhen asked.

“That will depend on his attitude. If he comes to plead with me, perhaps I’ll lend him a hand,” Lu Qing stated.

Ye Yuzhen thought to herself, “Plead with you? That’s never going to happen, the Lin Shen you know isn’t the Lin Shen of today.”

“I think he should be able to handle it on his own,” Ye Yuzhen said aloud.

“Handle it on his own? How can he handle it? Don’t I know what he’s like? All he ever does is eat, drink, and be merry without any aspiration. A mama’s boy, a brother’s boy, what’s he got to solve this with? Let me tell you, I’m just waiting for him to come to me,” Lu Qing said with annoyance.

“Then you keep waiting,” Ye Yuzhen couldn’t help but want to laugh inside, but she said, “Yeah, right, just wait for him to plead with you. When he does, we’ll have to make him apologize to us too.”

“That’s exactly what I’m thinking, but you know him, he’s never left Dark Bird Base and is unfamiliar with everything here. He probably won’t even find the door if he wanted to plead with me. How about this, next time you see him, if he asks about me, tell him I’m here,” Lu Qing said.

“Okay,” Ye Yuzhen’s smile was a bit strange.

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Chapter 57 - 57 Mushroom Beast (Please Follow)

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Lin Shen and Xu Tiange were still discussing the beast tide issue according to Xu Tiange, those Base Mutation Eggs that the Lin Family had gotten back came from the Blue Tree Sea.

A while ago, the number of Base Variant Creatures in the Blue Tree Sea had rapidly declined, while a type of steel creature known as the Mushroom Beast was rapidly breeding and increasing in number.

A group of Mutators had entered the Blue Tree Sea to hunt Mushroom Beasts, killing a large number of them, and also found a batch of Mushroom Beast Base Mutation Eggs.

Among them, one Mushroom Beast Base Mutation Egg was slightly different. Those Mutators had no clue and never considered the possibility of a Mutant Egg, so they sold the entire batch of Mushroom Beast Base Mutation Eggs to Lin Miao.

When Lin Miao was taking inventory, he discovered that Mutant Egg and immediately found a reliable person to send the Mutant Egg back to Dark Bird Base ahead of everyone else.

Later, Xu Tiange accidentally overheard one of the team members from that group of Mutators mention the incident while drinking and speculated that it might be a Mutant Egg, so he made a move and ambushed the Lin Family's trade caravan. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

What Xu Tiange wanted to talk about wasn't the incident with him and the Lin Family's trade caravan, but rather, afterward, he too took people to the Blue Tree Sea, wanting to see if they could find more Mutant Eggs.

However, after entering the Blue Tree Sea, the situation inside stunned Xu Tiange and all the other Mutators.

The Mushroom Beasts in the Blue Tree Sea were so numerous that it was beyond imagination, and the original Mushroom Beasts were all steel creatures, but they found a considerable number of Alloy Mushroom Beasts inside the Blue Tree Sea.

This discovery startled everyone, and Xu Tiange immediately came back to report the situation to Elder Mr. Xu.

Elder Mr. Xu personally led people to the Blue Tree Sea to check out the situation, and all signs indicated that it wouldn't be long before the Mushroom Beasts would likely break out of the Blue Tree Sea. By then, a beast tide would likely form, and Yashen Base would definitely bear the brunt of it.

Elder Mr. Xu personally met with the Patriarch of the Lu Family, and after research, both families began to secretly prepare for battle.

"Shen, when I went there, I saw a colossal Mushroom Beast, massive like a small hill, and unlike the ordinary red-capped Mushroom Beasts, that huge Mushroom Beast had a blue cap. I'm sure it was a mutated Mushroom Beast. Unfortunately, I didn't have enough people with me at the time, and by the time my family's elder got there, it had already disappeared without a trace. It's such a pity," Xu Tiange said with some regrets.

Lin Shen understood that Xu Tiange was ostensibly urging him to leave quickly, but in fact, he was trying to tempt him to stay and confront the Mushroom Beast tide.

Variant creatures indeed were quite attractive to ordinary Mutators, even if they couldn't get a Mutant Egg, the materials from the body of a variant creature could sell for a high price.

Unfortunately, Lin Shen wasn't an ordinary person. If Xu Tiange hadn't mentioned the variant creature, he might have had a one in ten thousand chance of staying to watch the excitement.

But hearing that there were variant creatures in the Blue Tree Sea, Lin Shen immediately made up his mind to leave right away, to leave immediately and definitely not stay in Yashen Base any longer.

Originally, Lin Shen was thinking of taking care of the arranged meeting before leaving, but now he wouldn't wait any longer, planning to pack up and return to Dark Bird Base as soon as possible.

"Tiange, my little brother, I just remembered something and have to go. Let's call it a day and have a good chat another time," Lin Shen said as he got up to leave.

"Shen, wait for me, I'll walk you out," Xu Tiange was a bit confused, not knowing what was going on with Lin Shen. They were having a good conversation and it wasn't even finished yet, why was he in such a hurry to leave?

However, he couldn't really ask and almost couldn't keep up with Lin Shen's pace. By the time he caught up, Lin Shen had already reached the main entrance with Wei Wufu.

"Stay your steps." Lin Shen greeted and immediately hurried off with Wei Wufu, leaving Xu Tiange stunned at the doorway.

"Where to?" Wufu asked.

"Home," Lin Shen said as he walked.

"The matter?" Wufu asked, slightly surprised.

"Won't deal with it now, we're heading back," Lin Shen said as he walked and recounted the possibility of a beast tide coming out of the Blue Tree Sea.

"Beasts aplenty, perfect, kill them, benefits," Wei Wufu's eyes lit up.

"No matter the benefits, you still need to be alive to claim them. Who knows how many Mushroom Beasts there are in the Blue Tree Sea, how many Alloy Creatures, how many mutant creatures—and what if there are Crystal-based Creatures? Tens of thousands, possibly even hundreds of thousands of Base Mutation creatures, even if their levels aren't high, could wear us out by sheer number. How long can your Alloy Carapace last? Three hours, or four? Fine, let's say twenty-four hours, can you exterminate tens of thousands of Base Mutation creatures in twenty-four hours? Once your Alloy Carapace Guard is gone, can you guarantee your own survival amidst a swarm of beasts?" Lin Shen fiercely lectured Wei Wufu.

“You’re exaggerating,” Wei Wufu obviously didn’t agree.

“I might be exaggerating, but who’s to say my words won’t come true? You only live once. Even with a one in ten thousand chance, you can’t gamble with your life. There’s no negotiation. Listen to me, let’s go home now. This isn’t the place for us to stay. Before the Lin Family has a successor, I need to preserve this useful body of mine and avoid any risks,” Lin Shen immediately led Wei Wufu out of Yashen Base, summoned their mounts, and left without looking back.

Xu Tiange was stunned upon receiving the news, puzzled as to why Lin Shen just walked away.

“Didn’t the beast swarm I described scare him off? With that gun in his hand, he can easily kill Crystal Base creatures. What’s there to fear? Could it be something I said wasn’t right? That can’t be. My storytelling was quite engaging, with proper setup, development, climax, and suspense. It was attractive; how could he just leave? Isn’t the lure of the Mutant Mushroom Beast strong enough?” Xu Tiange scratched his head, trying to figure out where his words might have gone wrong.

He had wanted to attract Lin Shen and have him help out during the beast wave, but Lin Shen left just as they were getting started.

Lin Shen followed the same path back, eager to leave this trouble-filled place swiftly.

While galloping away, Wei Wufu ahead suddenly reined in his mount, causing Lin Shen nearly to collide with him.

“Wei, why did you suddenly stop?” Lin Shen barely managed to halt his mount and asked Wei Wufu beside him.

Without a word, Wei Wufu just pointed ahead on the road.

The road they were on, originally a county road, was now overgrown with various wild grasses. The middle of the road had faint signs of an asphalt path, though it was so damaged it was barely recognizable, full of pits and uneven surfaces.

This was still manageable because merchant caravans often traveled here—if not for them, it wouldn’t take long for the road to be completely overgrown with wild grass and vines.

Right in the middle of the road sat what looked like an overturned black wok, about ten or twenty meters away from the two of them.

“A Base Variant Creature?” As Lin Shen spoke, he made his mount back up behind Wei Wufu, used Base Mutation power to form a Carapace Guard covering his whole body, and drew the Angel Revolver from his waist.

Wei Wufu nodded slightly, drawing an Alloy Blade from his back as he too used his Base Mutation power.

Perhaps because of the clear attack stance of the two men, the “black wok” seemed to sense their intentions and began rotating left and right.

Then, with a bang, it leaped up from the ground.

Only then did Lin Shen realize the black wok was just a part of the Base Variant Creature, resembling a mushroom cap perched on top of its head.

Underneath the black mushroom cap was something that looked like a chibi version of a T-Rex, made of dark, metallic gold, like a figurine.

Overall, it resembled a half-meter tall, chibi dinosaur metal statue with a mushroom cap on top—a big head atop a small body, disproportionate, yet somehow imbued with an oddly adorable harmony.

“Is this a Mushroom Beast?” Lin Shen frowned slightly.

He remembered that normal Mushroom Beasts usually had red caps with gray-white spots and gray-white ferrous bodies.

Even if it were the Mutant Mushroom Beast Xu Tiange mentioned, it should have a blue cap. How then did this one with a black cap appear?

Its head does resemble the typical Red-cap Mushroom Beast, and its eyes also black, like large black gems.

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“Mutation.” Wei Wufu said as he leapt up from his mount, bringing his Alloy Blade down on the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast with the force of thunder.

Lin Shen didn’t stop him but kept the barrel of his gun firmly aimed at the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast.

It was clear that the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast was a mutated Alloy, and just like any Alloy, Wei Wufu had the strength to fight this mutant, which Lin Shen wasn't worried about.

What Lin Shen worried about was why a mutated Mushroom Beast would appear here since this wasn't the way to the Blue Tree Sea. Besides it, were there other Mushroom Beasts nearby?

His gaze swept around, but for the time being, he didn't spot any other Mushroom Beast's presence.

Wei Wufu's blade had already reached the top of the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast's head. Surprisingly agile given its plump body, the Mushroom Beast pushed off the ground with its stubby little legs and astonishingly dodged the lightning-fast strike from Wei Wufu.

At the same time, it twisted its body, and its round tail lashed toward Wei Wufu's waist.

This was an attack method unique to Base Variant Creatures, something humans couldn't employ due to innate limitations.

Mutators accustomed to fighting humans could easily suffer a major setback when facing such Base Variant Creatures.

Clearly, Wei Wufu was an experienced Mutator in battle. The moment the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast swung its tail, Wei Wufu rapidly shifted his position, turning with it, and sliced once more at the Mushroom Beast's neck.

The Black-Capped Mushroom Beast's turning speed couldn't surpass Wei Wufu's movement. The tail that swung fiercely was always a distance from Wei Wufu. But Wei Wufu's blade was about to cut into the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast's neck.

"Beautiful movement technique, beautiful blade technique," Lin Shen couldn't help but exclaim.

When Wei Wufu taught him blade technique, he had told Lin Shen that movement technique and blade technique went hand in hand. Without a good movement technique, one cannot master the blade technique; focusing solely on blade technique without movement is futile.

Unfortunately, Lin Shen's talent in close combat was just average. Despite training with Wei Wufu for so long, he had only managed to learn the merest rudiments.

Just when Lin Shen thought Wei Wufu was about to succeed, whether it was an illusion or not, Lin Shen thought he saw a cunning light in the eyes of the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast, its face seemingly saying: "You've been tricked."

The next second, the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast's twisting motion suddenly halted, facing Wei Wufu head-on. Its chubby paws shot up and astonishingly caught the descending Alloy Blade.

Then with a twist of its paws, the Alloy Blade snapped in two with a click.

Without hesitation, the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast leaped into the air, its fat hind legs delivering a barrage of kicks at Wei Wufu in mid-air.

"Fuck, this Mushroom Beast actually knows kung fu!" Lin Shen's eyes nearly bulged out of their sockets as the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast's flurry of movements made his scalp tingle.

Wei Wufu discarded the hilt of his broken blade and continuously parried with his arms, clashing with the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast's metallic fat legs and creating a series of metallic clanging sounds.

With each collision, Wei Wufu took a step back, evidently the strength in his arms was not quite a match for the strength in the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast's legs.

The strength of both the man and the beast was at the pinnacle of the Alloy Level, probably not much different from each other.

However, having a certain amount of strength doesn't mean one can always exert that level of force. In fact, in actual combat, having a strength of 20 means the limit is 20. One typically can exert only about ten to a dozen in strength, unless they are trained, use a specific method of exerting force, and are prepared in advance; otherwise, it's difficult to exert the full strength of 20.

Even for someone like Wei Wufu, with top-notch combat skills and exerting techniques, he could only utilize about seventy percent of his strength amid the fast-paced battle.

After the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast landed, it swiftly sprawled and flicked its tail like a sweeping leg, a technique from human combat skills, thrashing its tail swiftly towards Wei Wufu's legs, causing Lin Shen to be incredibly nervous.

The attack patterns of the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast flowed seamlessly, making Lin Shen feel rather disheartened.

His own combat skills were not even as good as those of a Base Variant Creature. If he were in the fight, even if his strength and speed were not much different, he would probably have already been knocked down by the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast.

Wei Wufu seemed like a battle machine devoid of emotions, no matter what surprising attacks the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast used, none could elicit even the slightest change in his expression.

Wei Wufu remained disturbingly calm and composed, even when the claws of the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast barely missed scraping past his eyelids, unable to make him blink.

His figure moved swiftly, his actions constantly changing, yet his expression stayed uniformly impassive.

Wei Wufu defended against wave after wave of the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast's onslaught in the most effective way.

Just as the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast jumped into the air and made a slight error, Wei Wufu dove under it, grabbed its tail, and with a powerful shoulder throw, slammed it heavily onto the ground.

The pupils of the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast contracted, and in the next second, it became enraged to the extreme, its legs desperately kicking toward Wei Wufu.

The moment Wei Wufu let go and stepped back, the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast managed to stand up with a carp flip, then leaped back, putting some distance between itself and Wei Wufu.

The Black-Capped Mushroom Beast, with its large black gem-like eyes, stared fixedly at Wei Wufu, its body trembling uncontrollably with extreme fury.

As Wei Wufu charged at it once more, he suddenly noticed the mushroom cap on the head of the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast light up like a bulb, emitting a hazy white light. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

This discovery made Wei Wufu stop in his tracks, observing the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast closely.

Although Wei Wufu's name was Wufu, he was no foolhardy man. Where there's something abnormal, there must be a demon. He was observing.

Yet the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast didn't give him time to observe, as it charged directly at him with the mushroom cap leading the assault.

Being extremely cautious, Wei Wufu didn't punch at its head but quickly sidestepped, avoiding the impact of the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast's charge.

The Black-Capped Mushroom Beast suddenly halted, its body dropping sharply, followed by a fierce tail swipe aimed at Wei Wufu's waist.

Everything happened too fast and Wei Wufu couldn't dodge in time, only able to lift a leg to block the incoming tail with his shin.

Clang!

The sound of metal striking echoed through the forest; Wei Wufu stumbled back two steps, shocked to find that the alloy carapace where his shin had made contact with the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast was rapidly receding.

Wei Wufu was still using his Base Mutation powers, his Alloy Body hadn't been dismissed, yet the metallic carapace on his shin pulled back, unable to form the protective Alloy Carapace around his body once more.

It receded, not shattered or fallen off, the area on his shin appeared as though it had a natural defect where the metal had once been.

The Black-Capped Mushroom Beast continued its relentless attacks without pause, and Wei Wufu evaded when he could or otherwise braced himself for a hard block.

Strangely, wherever his body came in contact with the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast, the metallic carapace would vanish without a trace, impossible to summon back again.

"What kind of power is that?" Lin Shen wondered, realizing he couldn't just watch the battle any longer. He aimed at the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast and pulled the trigger.

The Pet Capsule, transformed from a Black Armored Bee, shot out like a bullet, hitting the white light-emitting mushroom cap of the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast with incredible speed.

Clang!

In mid-air, the Black Armored Bee, already in combat form, with its tail forward and head back, and speed surpassing that of Crystal Base, its sting harshly struck the bulb-like mushroom cap.

Lin Shen surmised that this was the key to the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast's miraculous powers. If he could destroy its mushroom cap, perhaps that would break its mysterious ability.

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The most hardened part of the Black Armored Bee was its stinger at the end of its tail, with a hardness of 19.8 and toughness of 19.6, possessing both hard and tough characteristics. Moreover, with the 44 points of speed enhancement and its innate skill, Penetrating Sting, the destructive power of the bee's tail had reached an extremely terrifying level.

Elder Zhou, who was at the Crystal Base Level, had his head directly pierced through, even though he wasn't using the Crystal Base form at the time, but it was enough to illustrate the horrifying destructive power that the Black Armored Bee could achieve with the Angel's Wheel.

Under normal circumstances, strength of the Alloy Level could hardly withstand a single hit; in the worst case, both involved would shatter upon collision.

Yet, when the Black Armored Bee's stinger forcefully collided with the cap of the Black-Cap Mushroom Beast, a bizarre scene occurred.

The body of the Black Armored Bee, as if having transformed from an incredibly hard alloy into brittle tofu dregs, twisted and deformed upon impact with the mushroom cap and then scattered into an explosion of fragments, while the mushroom head, shining with a lightbulb-like white light, didn't bear a single scratch.

"Wei, let's go." Lin Shen, upon witnessing such a strange scene, almost instinctively turned his mount around to leave, while also firing a shot at the Black-Cap Mushroom Beast, buying Wei Wufu time to escape.

Almost the moment Lin Shen's words left his mouth, Wei Wufu had leaped onto his mount and was galloping furiously after Lin Shen.

This was no longer an issue of whether they could win or not. Fighting any further before figuring out exactly what the Black-Cap Mushroom Beast's bizarre abilities were could easily result in gifting away their lives.

The Black-Cap Mushroom Beast's eyes, deep like black gemstones, were fixedly staring at Lin Shen, appearing to have shifted its hatred onto him.

It attempted to rush towards Lin Shen, but was struck by a second bullet on its body.

Although the abilities of the Black-Cap Mushroom Beast were strange, it was after all still at the Alloy Level, evidently not fast enough to evade the bullets fired by the Angel Revolver.

The Pet Capsule shot out and, with a flash in midair, transformed into a Cross-Horned Horse at the Alloy Level, crashing into the Black-Cap Mushroom Beast.

The Cross-Horned Horse, resembling a horse but like a rhinoceros, had a horn at the front that was shaped like a cross.

That creature wasn't particularly hard anywhere else, except for that cross-shaped horn which was very hard, comparable to the Black Armored Bee's stinger. Lin Shen had specifically rummaged for it from his fourth brother's vault and, equipped with the Angel Revolver, its striking power was equally astonishing. Search* The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

In order to get this pet, he had even broken the lock of his fourth brother's vault.

The Cross-Horned Horse's cross-shaped horn collided with the body of the Black-Cap Mushroom Beast, which Lin Shen saw very clearly.

The horn, clearly very hard, seemed to suddenly turn soft upon making contact with the body of the Black-Cap Mushroom Beast, incredibly bending upon impact.

It wasn't just the horn; the entire body of the Cross-Horned Horse seemed to turn soft as well, the powerful impact squashing it like a balloon into a pancake shape, then instantly exploding, turning into a shower of fragments and splashing Base Mutation Fluid.

The body of the Black-Cap Mushroom Beast, however, remained completely intact, merely pushed back a few steps by the strong impact.

After regaining its stance, the Black-Cap Mushroom Beast let out a strange cry and angrily pursued Lin Shen.

Boom, boom, boom, boom!

Lin Shen, while spurring his mount to sprint, twisted his waist and shot continuously at the Black-Cap Mushroom Beast, as one Pet Capsule after another was lightning-fast ejected and transformed into Base Mutation pets that collided with the Black-Cap Mushroom Beast in midair.

Of course, these pets weren't Alloy Level, but Steel Capsules that Lin Shen had loaded.

Steel pets naturally stood even less of a chance of injuring the Black-Cap Mushroom Beast, but the speed bestowed upon them by the Angel Revolver gave them powerful impact force. Every hit on the Black-Cap Mushroom Beast would push it back a few steps, making it impossible to catch up.

After firing all seven capsules, Lin Shen reached into his pocket, pulling out a few more Steel Pet Capsules to load.

With a pull on the stock, the key chamber also opened, with the previous keys having already shattered automatically due to the death of the pets.

He loaded the corresponding Pet Keys into the chamber, the whole motion smooth and fluid, and then fired another volley at the pursuing Black-Cap Mushroom Beast.

The shooting made the Black-Cap Mushroom Beast leap in fury, but it just couldn't catch up and was quickly shaken off.

Just as Lin Shen thought he might successfully escape, he saw the mushroom cap on top of the Mushroom Beast, which was radiating white light, suddenly intensify its brightness. What was originally a dim light like an energy-saving lamp now shone like a miniature sun, radiating light in all directions.

Then Lin Shen heard that strange cry again, indescribable, like the roar of a beast yet akin to insect song, bizarre in every sense.

As Lin Shen was puzzling over the creature's actions, he suddenly heard Wei Wufu's loud shout, "Ahead!"

Lin Shen withdrew his gaze from the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast to look forward, where he discovered a multitude of red mushrooms with white spots, the size of pot lids, sprouting from the previously barren asphalt road.

The red mushrooms sprouted at an astonishing pace, and in the blink of an eye, the road ahead and the forests on both sides were teeming with them, seemingly endless, their exact number unknown.

Pop! Pop!

One by one, the red mushrooms sprang up, transforming into Red-cap Mushroom Beasts that charged at Lin Shen and Wei Wufu from all directions with raucous cries.

"Break through!" Lin Shen knew he couldn't stop. If they were surrounded, their only option would be to fight to the death—a near-certain death trap. The only choice was a desperate dash back to the Yashen Base.

Wei Wufu took the lead, charging ahead to clear a path for Lin Shen, knocking aside the Mushroom Beasts that swarmed at them and swinging his fists to smash the ones that leapt their way.

Lin Shen leaped up and, flipping onto his mount's back, rapidly struck out, sealing the acupoints of the Red-cap Mushroom Beasts that pounced from behind.

Each Red-cap Mushroom Beast that had its acupoints sealed toppled to the ground, only to be trampled over by the others, quickly vanishing without a trace.

Boom! Boom!

The ground started to shake, and then they saw it: a Blue-cap Mushroom Giant Beast, its giant blue cap towering above the forest, emerged, as colossal as a true Tyrannosaurus Rex, perhaps even larger.

Every step it took seemed to make the ground tremble, and to make matters worse, another huge Blue-cap Mushroom Giant Beast appeared from the forest on the other side, blocking their path back to the Yashen Base from both directions.

The Black-Capped Mushroom Beasts behind them relentlessly pursued, closing the distance fast, while Red-cap Mushroom Beasts flooded around them like a tide.

“Damn it, what the hell is this? Mutant creatures that I’ve hardly even heard mentioned before are swarming here—what kind of rotten luck is this!” Lin Shen activated his Super Base Change as his carapace started to glow red-hot, preparing to fight for his life.

Without hesitation, Wei Wufu leaped into the air, rushing towards one of the Blue-cap Mushroom Giant Beasts, “I’ll clear the way, you go.”

The Blue-cap Mushroom Giant Beast charged head-first, like a massive hammer from the heavens, clashing with Wei Wufu’s fist.

With a thunderous crash!

The body of the Blue-cap Mushroom Giant Beast reeled back as Wei Wufu’s punch dented its blue metallic mushroom cap.

Wei Wufu’s figure also fell from the sky, shaken by the terrifying force, landing amidst a group of Red-cap Mushroom Beasts and instantly cutting down his enemies.

Seeing another Blue-cap Mushroom Giant Beast charging with earth-shattering force and the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast close behind, Lin Shen had no choice but to abandon his mount. As a capsule fired from the Angel Revolver, his figure rapidly passed through, rushing behind the Blue-cap Mushroom Giant Beast and sealing its acupoint with a quick touch, freezing the giant in place.

Lin Shen turned just in time to see his Alloy Mount torn in half by the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast, which then turned and furiously gave chase once again.

After a brief rigidity, the Blue-cap Mushroom Giant Beast also turned and started to chase him with big strides.

He did not seal the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast’s acupoints simply because he had not yet discovered where its vital points were located.

The waves of Red-cap Mushroom Beasts kept surging around him. Lin Shen gritted his teeth and rushed forward. The strength from his Super Base Change allowed him to burst a Red-cap Mushroom Beast's cap with a punch, not even necessitating acupoint sealing. He trod over their bodies as he continued to forge ahead.

Fist like blazing fire, sparks flying, one after another, the Red-cap Mushroom Beasts fell beneath Lin Shen's feet, but they also hindered his escape.

As the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast and the Blue-cap Mushroom Giant Beast caught up again, Lin Shen gritted his teeth, preparing to fire another shot.

Suddenly, he felt his backpack move; the fat bird inside, awakened by the jostling, pushed open the lid and jumped out.

Lin Shen, unable to catch it, fired his gun while bursting forth, widening the gap with the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast. Just as he was about to continue the charge, he noticed the formerly raging horde had mysteriously quieted down.

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All the Mushroom Beasts stopped moving, their eyes fixated on Lin Shen's side.

This eerie scene also made Lin Shen and Wei Wufu involuntarily stop in their tracks and turn to look behind them.

Upon looking, both were taken aback.

Behind them, the Mushroom Beasts had likewise ceased their attack, including the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast. The difference was, perched atop its mushroom cap was a pigeon, fat as a snowball.

The Black-Capped Mushroom Beast stood still, its luminous mushroom cap reverting to its original black. Lin Shen seemed to make out its expression, rigid with the corners of its eyes twitching uncontrollably.

"Fei Zai, what's going on here?" Lin Shen was both shocked and delighted, unable to determine just what his odd white bird, Fei Zai, had done to make the entire Mushroom Beast horde stop their attack.

It was certain that the Mushroom Beasts hadn't lost their ability to move; they glared furiously at Fei Zai perched atop the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast, eyes nearly shooting flames, yet not one charged forward.

"Coo... Coo..." Fei Zai emanated pigeon-like coos, and the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast under its claws suddenly began to move.

Lin Shen and Wei Wufu instinctively retreated, only to realize that the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast wasn't charging at them but was instead stepping forward, its pace not fast.

The Mushroom Beasts in front slowly parted, still glaring at them furiously.

"What's this supposed to be? Taking a hostage?" Lin Shen and the other followed the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast as they walked through the Mushroom Beast crowd.

Wherever they went, the Mushroom Beasts reluctantly parted, forming a path. Even the two Blue-cap Mushroom Giant Beasts, after a series of angry roars, shifted their tremendous bodies aside.

Under the watchful eyes of countless Mushroom Beasts, the two followed the seemingly hostage Black-Capped Mushroom Beast as they slowly walked forward.

Fei Zai stood on the black mushroom cap, occasionally issuing a coo as if warning the Mushroom Beasts not to act rashly.

After traveling several miles, they finally passed through the Mushroom Beast horde. The beasts behind began to stir, seeming ready to charge again.

The Black-Capped Mushroom Beast stopped, no longer moving forward, and glared menacingly at Lin Shen and his companion.

"Coo... Coo..." Fei Zai called out to Lin Shen a few times, as if telling them to go ahead.

Lin Shen and Wei Wufu exchanged glances and simultaneously broke into a sprint toward the direction of Yashen Base.

As they ran, Lin Shen couldn't help but look back at Fei Zai, wondering how it would escape later on.

Fei Zai remained on the top of the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast, immobile, until Lin Shen and his companion had gotten quite a distance away, then it suddenly vanished in a flash.

Lin Shen felt his backpack grow heavier; somehow, Fei Zai had made its way back inside the backpack.

From behind came the strange cries of the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast, filled with intense hatred and reluctance, as if warning Lin Shen and his companion to never show themselves again or else they would be dead for sure.

Lin Shen and Wei Wufu ran desperately without looking back. Inside the backpack, Fei Zai's red eyes peered through the gap, coldly watching the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast with a chilling ruthlessness, resembling the blood-red eyes from the shadows of dark hell.

After running over a dozen miles without the Mushroom Beast horde catching up, the two finally stopped to catch their breath.

The carapace on Lin Shen's body had receded, and he felt as if his body was falling apart with soreness.

Taking off the backpack, he opened the lid, took out a Base Mutation Egg and fed it to Fei Zai, saying happily, "Fei Zai, well done."

Fei Zai stretched out his chubby head, opened his mouth, and swallowed the tiny Base Mutation Egg. He then adorably nuzzled Lin Shen's palm with his head, looking endearingly dumb and cute.

Had it not been witnessed with his own eyes, it would have been difficult to imagine that this cuddly, fleshy pet, Fei Zai, could actually suppress the eerie Black-Capped Mushroom Beast.

Without it, Lin Shen and Wei Wufu would likely have had a hard time getting out of there unscathed.

"I just wanted to get away from this place of trouble, but instead, I've walked into even bigger problems," Lin Shen said to Wei Wufu after slinging his backpack on again. "That Black-Capped Mushroom Beast has already taken a grudge against us. It's very dangerous to leave Yashen Base now; it seems we have no choice but to seek temporary shelter within Yashen Base."

"Alright," Wei Wufu agreed without objections.

Summoning two Steel Level Iron-horned Horses, since there were no Alloy Mounts available, the two men had to make do.

Returning to Yashen Base, Lin Shen spent the journey pondering over what to do next.

The beast tide from the Blue Tree Sea was far from ordinary, and it was unknown how many terrifying Mushroom Beasts resided within. Once the tide formed, it was uncertain whether Yashen Base could withstand it.

Fortunately, Yashen Base housed Crystal Base Level powerhouses, who were significantly stronger than those at Dark Bird Base. Relying on the base's defense infrastructure, it should not be reduced to slaughter, at least.

The premise was that there weren't many Crystal Base Level Mushroom Beasts among them, or at the very least, Lin Shen and his group hadn't seen any Crystal Base Level Mushroom Beasts.

However, thinking of the eerie Black-Capped Mushroom Beast, as well as the countless Mushroom Beast horde, was still enough to send shivers down one's spine.

"We need to find a safe place to settle down." The sheer number of Mushroom Beasts was terrifying, and Lin Shen felt that Yashen Base's outer defense lines were unlikely to hold; there would probably be street battles, and they would need to find a relatively safe place to stay.

The most well-fortified locations within Yashen Base were naturally those of the Lu Family and the Xu Family.

There was no need to consider the Xu Family, as Lin Shen feared their schemes; the Lu Family was a good choice, but unfortunately, Lin Shen was somewhat too embarrassed to approach the Lu Family for help.

After much deliberation, Lin Shen decided to buy some pets first, as the battle they had just fought had nearly depleted all his pets.

In case the beast tide truly broke through, an inevitable close-range battle awaited, and at the very least, he had to ensure that his Angel Revolver could be used normally.

With the modest wealth that Lin Shen had, he couldn't afford any Alloy pets. Buying more Steel pets to use as ammunition was the only option; if Yashen Base fell, he could still have a chance to break out and escape using his Angel Revolver and the Seven Steps of Conflict.

Due to his limited funds, Lin Shen could only browse through the market stalls, trying to buy some cheap goods. After all, they were to be used as ammunition—any pet would do, regardless of their level or attributes.

After shopping around for a while, the not-so-wealthy Lin Shen had to compare goods at three different stores. While browsing, he suddenly saw a familiar figure standing in front of a stall opposite him, speaking to the owner.

"Why is Ye Yuzhen here?" Lin Shen felt surprised, as Ye Yuzhen, being Lu Qing's close friend, came from a family not as prestigious as the Lu Family but was still far from ordinary. Why would she come to a street stall to buy a Base Mutation Egg?

Today, Ye Yuzhen looked nothing like she did on the day of the blind date. She was wearing her usual sportswear, which completely concealed her good figure.

However, her body proportions were still noticeable, and in combination with her baby-smooth skin and glossy black hair, she was somewhat eye-catching.

The only imperfection was that Ye Yuzhen's looks were not the sweet or pure beauty in the traditional sense.

If she were to become an actress, she would probably fit the role of a beautiful, strong, and ruthless antagonist with schemes—capable of decimating the protagonist's team till only the title remained.

Lin Shen subconsciously moved closer to hear what she was discussing with the owner. After listening for a while, his eyes filled with increasing astonishment; it seemed he had stumbled upon some incredible secrets about Ye Yuzhen.

Chapter 61: Chapter 61 Threat

Ye Yuzhen seemed to sense something and turned his head to see Lin Shen, his face immediately taking on an unpleasant look.

Lin Shen smiled, turned around, and was ready to leave.

Ye Yuzhen immediately rushed over, blocking Lin Shen's path, adjusted his emotions, and asked as if nothing was wrong, "When did you get back? I heard you left Yashen Base, did you not?"

"Not too early, not too late, just when you were talking about 'tou', 'tou', 'tou', 'tou'... what tone is that word supposed to be in again, I can't quite remember..." Before Lin Shen could finish speaking, Ye Yuzhen covered his mouth and dragged him to an isolated place.

"Why are you dragging me? Mind your image, you are a strategist, strategists should use their mouths, not their hands; how can you personally resort to violence?" After Ye Yuzhen let go, Lin Shen said with a deadpan expression.

"I warn you, if I hear a single word related to this matter outside, I will definitely not let you off," Ye Yuzhen threatened fiercely.

"I've always been someone who responds to kindness, not force. It seems someone actually wants to threaten me; looks like I need to go print some flyers," Lin Shen said playfully as he made to leave.

Ye Yuzhen quickly reached out to hold him back, biting her lip and saying, "What exactly do you want?"

“Take me home,” Lin Shen said seriously, with a subdued smile.

“What do you mean? Take you home, to whose home?” Ye Yuzhen looked at Lin Shen with a puzzled face, not understanding what he meant.

“Of course, take me to your home,” Lin Shen replied.

“Why should I take you to my home? Have you lost your mind?” As soon as Ye Yuzhen saw Lin Shen’s face darken, ready to walk away, she quickly caught him again, whispering, “You have to at least tell me why you want to go to my home, right?”

“I met you for a marriage interview and found you quite satisfactory; it’s only reasonable to meet your family now, isn’t it?” Lin Shen said. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

“Reasonable, my foot. I already apologized to you, can’t you stop playing with me?” Ye Yuzhen said exasperatedly.

“Just tell me whether you’ll take me or not.” Lin Shen had made up his mind to go to Ye Yuzhen’s home. Her family’s defenses should also be very good. After the beast tide broke into the base, it should be a relatively safe place.

Since he had caught Ye Yuzhen’s weak spot, it would be a pity not to make good use of it.

“Impossible. I won’t take you to my home even if I die; get that through your head,” Ye Yuzhen said, gritting her teeth.

“Impossible, is it? How should I write the flyer later? Someone ‘tou’, ‘tou’, ‘tou’, ‘tou’...” Lin Shen pretended to be lost in thought, slowly turning around to leave.

“Fine, fine, fine, if you want to go to my family’s ancestral tomb, I’ll even take you there, okay?” Ye Yuzhen grudgingly said as she held on to Lin Shen.

“I’ll pass on visiting your family tomb for now; we can talk about that when we’re buried together in the future,” Lin Shen paused, then added, “I’m meeting our parents; what kind of gift should I bring, I wonder?”

“Who’s ‘our parents’ with you...” Ye Yuzhen was almost amused by her anger.

“Tou’, ‘tou’, ‘tou’, ‘tou’...” Lin Shen began to chant again.

“All right, all right, all right, it’s yours, everything’s yours, is that okay?” Ye Yuzhen said in frustration. “Seriously, what do you really want to do? If you don’t feel vindicated, why don’t you just beat me up? Beat me however you like, I’ll take it even if it kills me.”

“How could I bear to hit you? I’ve finally taken a liking to someone, and I’m waiting to marry you. It wouldn’t be good if you were injured. Stop wondering, let’s go buy some gifts to meet our parents,” Lin Shen said as he put his arm around Ye Yuzhen’s shoulder and walked toward the market.

Ye Yuzhen struggled with her waist a few times but couldn’t undo it, so she just stopped bothering with it.

When they arrived at the gift shop, Lin Shen simply bought a few things and came out.

“You’re really generous, all these items together must cost over a hundred bucks, you’ve really spent a fortune,” Ye Yuzhen commented as she saw what Lin Shen was carrying, her lips twitching uncontrollably.

“A small gift from afar conveys deep feelings,” Lin Shen genuinely had no money left. After buying the pet, he didn’t even have money for food, otherwise, he wouldn’t mind spending a bit more.

Now, he was holding onto Ye Yuzhen as a big thigh, hoping to at least secure a place to eat and live.

“If you carry these things to meet my parents, do you believe they’d break your legs and throw you out along with this trash?” Ye Yuzhen said as she snatched the things from Lin Shen’s hands and dumped them into a trash can before heading to another high-end gift shop of her own.

“Don’t throw them away, that’s all money. If you don’t like them, you can return them,” Lin Shen hastily picked the items out of the trash and went to get a refund.

In a short while, Ye Yuzhen came out holding several exquisite bags and handed them to Lin Shen, “Take these instead.”

Lin Shen accepted them and handed them over to Wei Wufu, “Hold these for me.”

“Don’t tell me you’re actually thinking of bringing him to meet my parents?” Ye Yuzhen looked at Lin Shen as if he were insane.

“Which wealthy person doesn’t bring a bodyguard? It’s a sign of our distinguished status. Let’s go, hurry up and head back, my parents are getting anxious,” Lin Shen half-hugged, half-pushed Ye Yuzhen forward.

“I just don’t know what sins I committed in my past life…” Ye Yuzhen complained reluctantly, twisting her body as she walked on.

As they got to the front door, Ye Yuzhen glanced at Lin Shen with some nervousness and said, “Are you really going in?”

“Of course I’m going in. Why else would I be here?” Lin Shen looked at the Ye Family’s castle-like home and felt particularly satisfied.

“Fine, you’ve got guts. Just don’t say anything stupid later,” Ye Yuzhen said and walked towards the gate, ringing the bell. It wasn’t long before someone opened the door from inside.

The castle with white walls and a blue roof was like something out of a fairy tale. From the outside, one couldn’t tell it was built of base mutation materials, but the door alone was half a meter thick which showed just how extensive the defense system of the castle was. The Ye Family’s security was even better than Lin Shen had imagined, probably no worse than the Lu and Xu Families.

Of course, in terms of scale, the Lu and Xu Families were much bigger, but in terms of equipment, they might not be better than the Ye Family.

“It looks like Ye Yuzhen’s parents have more backing than I thought,” Lin Shen thought. Even though he hadn’t been out much, the architectural standards of the castle told him that Ye Yuzhen’s parents were not simple.

Before Lin Shen and Ye Yuzhen could enter the castle, a beautiful, well-dressed lady, appearing to be only around thirty years old, had already seen the two clearly through surveillance.

“Is that Lin Yin’s youngest brother?” The lady asked an old man next to her as she observed the two on the monitor, who seemed somewhat awkward and ambiguously close.

“Yes, madam. His name is Lin Shen. He is the youngest of the Lin siblings. His reputation at Dark Bird Base wasn’t very good. However, with the recent attack on the Lin family’s caravan and the absence of Mr. Lin Zongzheng and the fourth child from the base, only Lin Shen could handle the situation. According to the information from our spy in the Xu Family, although Mr. Lin Shen’s own abilities are not impressive, he possesses a handgun capable of killing Crystal Base Level pets, presumably a Pet Launcher with an unknown grade,” the elder detailed meticulously, even recounting the conversation between Lin Shen and Ye Yuzhen without missing a word.

“How do you think he compares to Lin Yin from back then?” The lady asked after listening.

“He is far inferior, one is in the heavens, the other on earth,” the elder answered without hesitation.

“A difference between heaven and earth, huh? Not necessarily. I find him quite interesting,” the lady said with a meaningful smile.

