

# SUPER GENE II: EVOLUTION

## Chapter 61 - 61 Threat

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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. [search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.](#)

"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.

“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.

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## **Chapter 62 - 62 "Going Home"**

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Lin Shen followed Ye Yuzhen into the castle, which was quite compact due to its modest footprint.

There was no grand garden or the like; instead, there were various buildings and defensive structures everywhere, indicating that the castle's owner was a cautious person who planned ahead.

In such a compact layout, there were impressive design details to marvel at, like the subtle elegance of a floral pattern in a corner that added warmth and beauty to this steel fortress.

"A meticulous male host and a tender female host, a tiger and a rose together, make a perfect match." The iron walls and decorative greenery gave Lin Shen a favorable impression of the castle's owner before even meeting them; he always preferred places that were both safe and comfortable.

There were hardly any servants or maids in sight within the castle, only Mutators coming and going, each dressed in a carefully tailored uniform.

On the left breast of the deep blue uniforms these people wore, Lin Shen noticed a very special flower emblem, although he couldn't recognize what type of flower it was.

Ye Yuzhen led Lin Shen to a building at the very center of the castle. Ye Yuzhen glanced at Lin Shen and took a deep breath before pushing the door open and entering.

Inside was a retro-styled living room where a woman in her thirties, looking every bit the lady of the house, sat on a sofa holding a sleek black cat, her fingers gently stroking its ears.

"Lin Shen, let me introduce you to..." Ye Yuzhen started to introduce Lin Shen to the lady but was cut off by him.

"Is an introduction necessary? You both look so similar and beautiful; it's obvious, you must be Yuzhen's sister, right? My name is Lin Shen, and I'm Yuzhen's boyfriend..." Lin Shen preempted.

The lady just smiled, not saying a word, while Ye Yuzhen, annoyed, chided, "Sister your big head, this is my mom."

"Sorry, sorry, I really didn't notice. I can't believe you're so young and actually Yuzhen's mom," Lin Shen quickly apologized.

"Yuzhen, your boyfriend is quite interesting. Why don't you stay for dinner tonight?" the lady suggested with a smile.

Ye Yuzhen was about to say that Lin Shen couldn't stay, but Lin Shen beat her to it, saying, "Thank you, Auntie."

"You kids have fun. I need to step out for a bit, and if I'm not back by six, go ahead and eat without waiting for me. Lin Shen, if you don't have any urgent business, feel free to stay at our place for a few days. We'll have a good chat when there's time," the lady said as she stood up and walked towards the door. She picked a hat with a veil from the coat rack, donning it to cover her mature beauty.

As she was about to leave, she paused and half-turned to say to Lin Shen, "You can also call me Yi." Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

With that, the lady left.

Lin Shen and Ye Yuzhen both paused briefly, puzzled by the lady's parting words.

Ye Yuzhen glared at him fiercely. "Who let you agree to stay here? What exactly are you up to?" she demanded.

"Yi asked me to stay; go ask her," Lin Shen said, sinking into the sofa with a tired expression. "Why don't you help me get the guest room ready? I'm a bit tired and want to rest for a bit."

He had just been through a big battle and used Super-Base Change, exhausting his energy, on top of running for his life and shopping in the market, he was indeed very fatigued.

If he didn't have to be considerate of Ye Yuzhen's family, he would have already lain down on the sofa.

"Don't even think about it, get out of here," Ye Yuzhen retorted, grabbing a pillow and hurling it towards Lin Shen angrily.

"What was that... What's it called again?" Lin Shen feigned forgetting.

"Don't you know anything else to say?" Ye Yuzhen was on the verge of biting her lip through.

"If you think it's inconvenient for me to stay in the guest room, I don't mind taking a loss and staying in your room," Lin Shen said, catching the pillow.

"Dream on. Take him to the guest room on the third floor," Ye Yuzhen snarled, glaring hard at Lin Shen before calling the old butler over to give the order.

The butler politely invited Lin Shen and Wei Wufu upstairs, and surprisingly, there was even an elevator.

After settling into the guest room, Lin Shen fell asleep as soon as he touched the bed, as he was truly exhausted from the day.

He slept very soundly, waking only when it was already dark outside. It was the persistent knocking on the door that roused Lin Shen; without it, he might have slept straight through until the next day.

“Mr. Lin, it’s time for dinner. The young lady invites you to dine downstairs,” the butler said very politely as Lin Shen opened the door.

“Has Madam Ye returned?” Lin Shen asked after a moment’s thought.

“The madam has not yet returned,” the butler replied.

“Understood, I’ll wash my face and come down immediately,” Lin Shen said before he returned to his room, closed the door, and did not go to the bathroom to wash his face.

He took out his backpack and pulled out the mosaic-covered Spiraled Snail Base Mutation Egg; surely enough, the mosaic had disappeared.

In fact, Lin Shen didn’t need to look to know that the mosaic should be gone; a new Fire Seed information had already emerged in his mind upon waking.

[Failed Super-Base Evolutionary Seed—Gun Fighting Skill: Shake the wrist at the instant of firing, bestowing the bullet with centrifugal force, causing it to travel along a curved trajectory.]

“Isn’t this just bullets that bend?” Lin Shen thought hard and his eyes lit up.

Gun Fighting Skill only existed in past films and television works, and practically no human had ever managed to achieve it.

In fact, teams had conducted experiments before and discovered that not only could humans not shake their wrists to make bullets fly in an arc, even mechanical arms, which were much stronger and faster than humans, could not achieve curved bullet trajectories.

This was another skill that seemed to make sense but had no practical application and only existed in the imagination.

The skill wouldn’t be of much use to most people, but Lin Shen had an Angel Revolver capable of .44-speed shooting, so the Gun Fighting Skill was very useful for him.

Without Gun Fighting Skill, he would have to shoot directly, which would expose him to the danger of enemy attack.

With Gun Fighting Skill, he could completely hide in the shadows, not even showing his face, and shoot the enemy with these bending bullets; others wouldn't even see how or when he fired the gun, making it a must-have secret technique for a sneak attack.

With Gun Fighting Skill, who would want to be a close-combat gunman, foolishly shooting face-to-face? Wasn't it better to take pot shots from places unseen by the enemy?

Regrettably, although Lin Shen really liked Gun Fighting Skill, this Fire Seed ability couldn't enhance his strength substantially.

"I'll go back to the market later to see if I can find a few more Base Mutation Eggs with Fire Seeds." Lin Shen knew well that to control his own fate, these were still not enough.

After washing his face, Lin Shen called Wei Wufu and went downstairs with him to the dining room, where he saw Ye Yuzhen already waiting at the table.

Besides Ye Yuzhen, there was another person present, but it wasn't Madam Ye; it was a man.

"Brother, let me introduce you. This is my boyfriend Lin Shen, he's really amazing," Ye Yuzhen suddenly acted as if she had become a different person, coming over to warmly cling to Lin Shen's arm, her face expressing happiness as she cozied up next to Lin Shen, looking like they were truly a couple in love.

Lin Shen felt his arm sinking into something soft and elastic, warm and comfortable, yet he couldn't help but frown and think: "Something's wrong, Ye Yuzhen is up to something; there must be a scheme."

"Lin Shen, right? You've got guts, I like that. But let's get one thing straight; although I admire you, I took an oath that anyone who dares to have designs on my sister must get past me first. I cannot break that oath. You came prepared, didn't you?" the man said with a smile as he approached Lin Shen.

"Sorry, I don't know how to fight," Lin Shen said as he pulled out a chair and sat down, sipping water from a cup. He had no intention of taking any test. That was just too cliché.

"That's quite a coincidence, I don't know how to fight either," the man still wore a smile on his face.

"Then what can you do?" Lin Shen asked, taken aback, his question reflecting a subconscious challenge. This was not going according to his expectations.



"I... can... play... the... Xiao..." the man said solemnly.

"Cough... cough..." The water Lin Shen had been drinking almost spurted out. It went up his nose, making him tear up from the acidity.

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Playing the flute horizontally, playing the Xiao vertically, Lin Shen was stupefied when the man took out a Xiao and placed it to his lips to demonstrate.

He didn't know what others saw, but from his perspective, a man nearly as tall as Wei Wufu, just a bit skinnier, held something pixelated in his hands, slowly bringing it to his mouth.

The sight was a bit hard on Lin Shen's eyes, yet he couldn't stop examining the censored Xiao.

A Xiao with the Fire Seed on it, this surprised Lin Shen greatly, it was a pity that he couldn't see what the Xiao actually looked like.

"Have you ever played the Xiao?" the man asked, fiddling with the Xiao.

"No," Lin Shen hurriedly shook his head repeatedly.

"No matter, I'll teach you if there's a chance in the future," the man said indifferently, "The rule is simple, you sit there and listen to me play the Xiao. After the tune is finished, if you can still sit there, you will have passed my challenge."

"Can I not listen?" If someone had said this to Lin Shen before he saw that Xiao, he would have definitely considered them insane.

But there was a Fire Seed on that Xiao, it must not be simple, better to be cautious.

"Sure, leave immediately and never show up before my sister again," the man said indifferently.

Lin Shen could possibly stay away from Ye Yuzhen, but leaving was absolutely not an option for him. How could he willingly leave such a safe place to survive the beast tide?

“Since you can’t bear to leave my sister, listen to my tune,” the man assumed Lin Shen couldn’t bear to part with Ye Yuzhen and was willing to risk listening to his tune; he nodded silently and placed the Xiao to his lips.

Ye Yuzhen’s eyes brightened upon seeing Lin Shen’s actions.

“I didn’t agree yet!” Lin Shen couldn’t get the words out in time because the man’s Xiao had already begun emitting a deep and melodious sound.

The very moment the Xiao’s sound started, Lin Shen felt all his pores tremble suddenly, his heart also gave a fierce throb.

“What is this sorcery?” Lin Shen was secretly shocked. He knew music could affect people’s emotions, but how could the sound of the man’s Xiao cause physical reactions in his body?

“It’s not an illusion, the sound of the Xiao is really affecting my body.” As the sound of the Xiao continued to resonate, Lin Shen could clearly feel the changes in his body.

Vibration!

Lin Shen felt like every cell in his body was vibrating, giving him the sensation of being a piece of glass about to shatter.

“Does something like the Sound Wave Skill really exist in the world? Could the Fire Seed on that Xiao actually be the Sound Wave Skill?” The more Lin Shen thought about it, the more likely it seemed.

If he could obtain that Xiao and its Fire Seed, would he be able to kill silently in any place his music could reach? That would be safer and more effective than firing a gun.

Unfortunately, now was not the time to think about these things. Lin Shen’s head buzzed from the vibrations, if they continued, even if his body could endure, his brain would get shaken into a concussion.

Just as Lin Shen was preparing to undergo Base Mutation and combat the sound wave’s vibrations with his Steel Carapace, the Evolution Theory within him started circulating his inner Strength on its own.

That power flowed with the rhythm of the tune and vibrated at the same frequency, the resonance making the vibrations within Lin Shen’s body even more intense.

“Use your Base Mutation power to counter the sound wave attack,” Ye Yuzhen couldn’t help but speak out to remind him.

Wei Wufu's serene eyes stayed fixed on Lin Shen, one hand on the hilt of his knife, ready to draw at a moment's notice should Lin Shen's life be in danger.

Even though they were in the same room, Ye Yuzhen and Wei Wufu were not affected by the sound waves at all.

Lin Shen, who had not undergone Base Mutation, initially experienced increased shaking of his body, which surprisingly began to lessen after a while.

Evolution Theory, in its unexpected and profound nature, utilized the power of the sound wave oscillations to refine his body, gradually allowing Lin Shen to adapt to those vibrations.

Under the vibrations of the inner power's baptism, Lin Shen felt as if tiny impurities were being expelled from his body, making his flesh and blood purer and increasingly capable of withstanding the sound waves' oscillations.

His body was actually mutating to adapt to the sound waves' vibrations, rather than eliminating them.

Suddenly, a bizarre idea emerged in Lin Shen's mind.

The Evolution Theory he practiced was a Base Mutation art, and apart from this particular Base Mutation art called Evolution Theory, there was once another famous theory with the same name.

Lin Shen roughly knew that the Evolution Theory discussed adaptation to nature, survival of the fittest, and the forced mutation and evolution of life.

Lin Shen only had a rough understanding, which might not be accurate, and there were also controversies surrounding Evolution Theory itself.

But that was not the point; the point was that the Base Mutation art of Evolution Theory he cultivated seemed to coincide with the principles of that other Evolution Theory.

Amidst the oscillations of the sound waves, Evolution Theory harnessed the power of those waves to refine his flesh and blood, enabling him to gradually withstand the vibrations, which actually somewhat resembled the theory of the other Evolution Theory. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

However, as far as Lin Shen knew, Evolution Theory, as one of the five classic Base Mutation arts, had a very wide dissemination, and there were many people who practiced it; he had never heard of such an effect before.

“Could it be that this flawed version of Evolution Theory I’m practicing is actually yielding results?” Lin Shen wondered in amazement.

As the power vibrated and flowed within, continuously refining his body, Lin Shen felt his flesh and blood growing significantly stronger.

Every time Mutators underwent Base Mutation, their flesh and blood became stronger, but the primary enhancement was in the outer layer of Carapace.

The limits of hardness and toughness were mainly represented by that outer Carapace; the flesh and blood itself couldn’t reach the upper limits of hardness and toughness.

With the refining of the vibrations, Lin Shen distinctly felt his flesh and blood becoming stronger, especially his resistance to sound wave oscillations.

The man was surprised to see that Lin Shen didn’t undergo Base Mutation and was resisting his sound wave attacks with only his flesh and blood.

The sound wave attacks produced by this man’s Xiao were very special; the Xiao itself did not possess any destructive power but transformed the man’s own strength into the power of sound wave oscillations. The stronger the man’s own strength, the stronger the sound wave oscillations he could produce; thus the Xiao served as a power converter.

Although the man only used thirty percent of his strength, he was a top-tier Crystal Base, with strength values reaching 40. Even just thirty percent of that strength was not something ordinary Steel Mutators could withstand.

And that was assuming the Steel Mutators used their Base Mutation power to counter with a Steel Body.

Having already obtained certain information about Lin Shen from Ye Yuzhen, the man knew that Lin Shen had not undergone Base Mutation before the age of twenty and at best was now a Steel Mutator, which is why he had controlled his playing of the Xiao.

Unexpectedly, Lin Shen’s performance took him by surprise, withstanding his sound wave attacks at thirty percent strength with just flesh and blood, and he seemed quite unaffected.

“This kid isn’t exactly like what Yuzhen described!” the man thought to himself as he played the Xiao and observed Lin Shen, inwardly marveling.

Ye Yuzhen’s gaze towards Lin Shen also became somewhat complicated; Lin Shen was becoming more and more of a stranger to her.

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## Chapter 64 - 64 The Wonderful Uses of Evolution Theory

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At this moment, Lin Shen's feelings were quite complicated.

The "Evolution Theory" Base Mutation technique gave him a sense of déjà vu that could be described as "the harsher the environment, the more comfortable I feel, and the harder the fight, the more thrilling it is." Isn't this just a masochistic Base Mutation technique?

Lin Shen was someone who had not really suffered much, and he did not like to put himself through hardship. If one could enjoy life, why find suffering for oneself?

Moreover, the harsher the environment, the more dangerous it becomes, and the likelihood of losing one's life increases.

If possible, Lin Shen felt that it was necessary for him to change to a different technique. The problem was that apart from this flawed version of "Evolution Theory," he couldn't master any other technique.

"It looks like I'll need to try out several Base Mutation techniques. If I can't find any on this planet, then I'll have to search on other planets," Lin Shen thought to himself.

He might have thought so, but Lin Shen had to admit that this masochistic Base Mutation technique was indeed very useful. Even though his body was still shaking, it didn't feel bad at all. Under the refinement of "Evolution Theory," his body had truly adapted to the shaking brought about by the sonic waves.

This made Lin Shen wonder if he fell into the sea, would "Evolution Theory" grant him the ability to breathe underwater.

"If I went to a planet with no oxygen, could 'Evolution Theory' adapt my body to an environment without oxygen?" Lin Shen wondered to himself.

Seeing Lin Shen remain indifferent, the man changed his mind and decided not to limit his strength to thirty percent but instead increased the output of his sonic wave attacks.

Clearly, "Evolution Theory" was not almighty. It could help Lin Shen adapt to sonic wave attacks, but if the power of the sonic waves exceeded the limits his body could bear, then there was nothing it could do.

When the man increased the power of his sonic wave attack to forty percent, which was roughly equivalent to a strength of 16 points, Lin Shen felt his body struggle to bear it and he experienced intense pain.

Left with no choice, Lin Shen had to use his Base Mutation strength, and like a mirror, a Steel Carapace wrapped around his entire body, making him feel much better. .

With the Steel Carapace and his own resistance to sonic vibrations, he was able to withstand a 16-point sonic wave attack, despite only having a hardness and toughness of 11 points.

The man was even more surprised when he realized that Lin Shen was indeed just a Steel Mutator.

He had begun to doubt whether Lin Shen was really the Steel Mutator Ye Yuzhen had mentioned, or if he had already advanced to Alloy Level. Otherwise, how could he withstand his forty percent power sonic wave attack?

Yet, to his surprise, Lin Shen was truly just a Steel Mutator. He wondered how Lin Shen had managed to withstand his forty percent power sonic attack with just his Steel Body, it didn't make sense even to him.

"How much more can he endure?" Lin Shen's resilience piqued the man's curiosity and competitive spirit, prompting him to add another ten percent to his power.

Immediately, Lin Shen's body began to shake violently. He could no longer bear such power and almost instinctively stood up.

He wanted to stay to save his life, not to throw it away. Continuing at this rate would kill him, so there would be no point in staying.

"Damn it!" Seeing Lin Shen's condition, the man also realized he had been too reckless. It was a miracle that Lin Shen could withstand his forty percent power, but as a Steel Mutator, how could he possibly withstand fifty percent?

Seeing Lin Shen about to stand up, the man quickly lowered the power of his sonic wave attacks and stretched out a hand to hold Lin Shen down, preventing him from getting up.

It was a joke; Ye Yuzhen had asked him to help with an act, not to really drive Lin Shen away. If he actually drove Lin Shen away, there would be no way to wrap things up and no way to explain to Ye Yuzhen.

If it caused any injuries, Ye Yuzhen would undoubtedly have a falling out with him.

Just as Lin Shen was about to stand up, he suddenly felt a hand pressing down on his shoulder and his face changed color, thinking the man wanted to harm him.

Just as he was about to pull out a gun, he realized that the power of the sonic wave attack had greatly diminished, leaving him utterly confused.

“Indeed, the new waves in the Yangtze River push forward the old ones, each generation is stronger than the last. Yuzhen, your judgment is not bad, Lin Shen is not only handsome but also gifted with exceptional talent, his strength is unfathomable, much stronger than me. I was being quite reckless just now...” The man, afraid of hurting Lin Shen and having Yuzhen turn against him, hastily concluded after a cursory round and immediately started compensating wildly.

Lin Shen looked at the man with suspicion. The man’s strength was clearly much stronger than his own, so why did he suddenly hold back his power, letting him pass, and then say such things?

After a moment of thought, Lin Shen seemed to understand something and looked at Ye Yuzhen with a curious gaze.

“Are you alright?” Ye Yuzhen was clearly not so easily fooled; she had already seen through the trickery, gave the man a glare, and walked quickly to Lin Shen’s side. While checking his condition, she asked with concern.

“I’m fine, I should even thank your brother for showing mercy.” Lin Shen deactivated his Base Mutation and said with a smile, “I’ve passed this round, so does this mean our matter is settled?”

“Our matter? What matter?” Ye Yuzhen asked puzzledly.

“Getting married, of course.” Lin Shen thought it would be nice to marry Ye Yuzhen, considering that if anything happened to him in the future, with such a family on her side, nobody could bully her or the kids she’d be taking care of.

“It seems the lesson I gave you just now wasn’t harsh enough.” Ye Yuzhen glared at him with annoyance, the corners of her eyes flickering with three parts thin anger and seven parts coquettish irritation, presenting a captivating allure.

“I think it’s a deal, Lin Shen is a really sincere guy, a responsible man.” The man chuckled from the sidelines.

“If it’s settled for you, why don’t you marry him?” Ye Yuzhen sharply glared at the man. The fierceness in her eyes was real, completely different from when she had glared at Lin Shen before.

“Cough cough.” The man pretended to cough and dared not speak further.

“This is my elder brother Ye Tianzhen.” Seeing that Lin Shen was indeed alright, Ye Yuzhen finally relaxed and introduced the man to him.

“In the future, we’re all family, so you can call me Tian Zhen or brother,” Ye Tianzhen said with a smile.

“Tian Zhen, it’s incredible that you can use sonic wave attacks,” Lin Shen murmured, thinking about how to invite Xiao over for a sleep, and he climbed onto the topic of conversation.

“It’s not that I’m strong; it’s that this flute is powerful. It transforms my strength into sonic wave power that can harm people,” Ye Tianzhen said somewhat proudly.

“Is there really such a magical artifact in the world? Where did you find such a treasure, Tian Zhen?” Lin Shen felt a bit troubled.

Such a precious artifact, if he said he wanted to borrow it for a night’s sleep, would Ye Tianzhen lend it to him?

“Speaking of this flute, it actually has something to do with your Lin Family. Don’t you know about it?” Ye Tianzhen said.

“It’s related to my family?” Lin Shen was slightly startled; he had no idea that his family had ever had any connection with this miraculous flute.

“Your second brother is Lin Yin, right?” Ye Tianzhen asked.

“Right.” Lin Shen nodded.

“Then there’s no mistake, this flute originally belonged to your second brother, Lin Yin. Later, he lost a bet to my family and the flute has been with the Ye family ever since,” Ye Tianzhen shared the story behind the artifact.

“This flute was originally my second brother’s?” Lin Shen’s confusion deepened; he had never heard anything about it from his family.

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## **Chapter 65 - 65 Trial**

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Hearing that the flute was originally from his own family, Lin Shen found himself in a dilemma.



He didn't mind losing face himself, but he couldn't tarnish the reputation of his second brother.

How could he ask to borrow an item that his second brother had given away, unless he could win it back fair and square? Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"Tian Zhen, could you tell me about this flute?" Lin Shen had no choice but to inquire about the origins of the flute. Perhaps it would help his research into the origins of the Fire Seed, and he could plan his next move afterward.

Ye Tianzhen thought for a moment and said, "Actually, I don't know much either, just that Yi told me she won this Crystal Flute from Lin Yin of the Lin Family through a bet. It seems to be made from a part of a Crystal-based Creature and has the function of transforming strength into sonic damage."

"Wait, you're Yuzhen's older brother, right?" Lin Shen looked at him strangely and asked.

"That's right." Ye Tianzhen understood Lin Shen's confusion and said with a smile, "Yuzhen is an only child; my dad was her uncle. He passed away early, so I lived with them from a young age. Yi doesn't like being called old by others, so aside from Yuzhen, most people still call her Yi. But it's different for you; it's best if you follow Yuzhen's lead."

Lin Shen had to think it over a few times in his head to understand the relationship between Ye Tianzhen and Ye Yuzhen—their fathers were brothers.

"Tian Zhen, do you know which creature the material for this flute comes from?" Lin Shen asked again.

"You've got me there," Ye Tianzhen answered. "Yi didn't tell me which creature's material it was when she gave me the Crystal Flute. I really don't know, you'll have to ask Yi or your second brother about that."

The group sat down for a meal and chatted while eating.

Ye Tianzhen looked tall and sturdy, yet he was quite gentle and took good care of everyone, often offering witty remarks, making the meal quite enjoyable.

Lin Shen thought of various excuses to borrow the Crystal Flute, but eventually felt it was inappropriate and didn't ask.

"By the way, what bet did my second brother and the Ye Family make?" Lin Shen figured that winning back the Crystal Flute was the only way forward.

It was not convenient to borrow it; if he could, he wouldn't need to keep the Crystal Flute and could just sleep with it for a night before returning it to the Ye Family.

But he had to obtain the flute honorably and properly.

"I don't know." Ye Tianzhen shook his head again; he was also unclear about the specifics of the bet or how it was won.

"It seems if I want to know the details, I have no choice but to ask Madam Ye," Lin Shen thought helplessly.

After the meal, Ye Yuzhen suggested going for a walk, but Lin Shen refused outright.

He was in no mood for a stroll, as he wanted to understand whether his interpretation of Evolution Theory was correct.

Back in his room, Lin Shen entered the bathroom, turned on the bathtub faucet, filled it to the brim, and then lay down in it.

Submerged in water, Lin Shen executed Evolution Theory, testing whether it worked as he had hoped.

Waves of suffocation hit him, making Lin Shen feel as if his chest would explode. He couldn't bear it anymore.

Evolution Theory continued to run, but unfortunately, it did not evolve the ability to breathe underwater as he had hoped.

"Splash!"

Lin Shen suddenly sat up in the bathtub, splashing the water off his face and gasping for air. Any later, and he felt he might have suffocated.

"It's not working? Could I be wrong?" Lin Shen still refused to give up. After getting out of the bathtub, he suddenly thought of a new tactic.

"The process of drowning is too slow, and the stimulation isn't strong enough. Maybe it requires an extreme stimulus to activate the mutation and evolution effects of 'Evolution Theory'..." Lin Shen found an iron rod, and then he heated one end until it was red-hot.

He rolled up his sleeves, revealing his pampered, delicate arms. With determination, he pressed the red-hot end of the iron rod against his arm.

Just as the iron rod was about to touch his skin, Lin Shen's hand stopped. He just couldn't bring himself to hate himself enough to do it.

“What should I do?” Lin Shen clenched his teeth and tried several times, but he simply couldn’t bring himself to be ruthless to himself.

“Forget it, I’m just an ordinary person. I can’t do something like self-mutilation.” After thinking for a while, Lin Shen called Wei Wufu over.

“Wei, take this.” Lin Shen handed the red-hot iron rod to him.

Wei looked at him with a puzzled face, not understanding what he meant.

“Wei, like this, you take the iron rod, and burn my arm... Ah...” As Lin Shen rolled up his sleeve to reveal his delicate arm, words barely leaving his mouth, Wei Wufu immediately pressed the red-hot end of the iron rod against it.

A sizzling sound was heard, accompanied by the smell of charred flesh and Lin Shen’s screams of pain.

Lin Shen shook off the iron rod and frantically swung his arm, which had been burnt to a crisp. It was still intensely hot and painful. He ran into the bathroom and plunged his arm into the bathtub. The water he had previously prepared was not wasted.

Luckily, he still had some potions in his bag. He took out a bottle and poured it on the wound, and the charred, blistered skin gradually began to improve.

Looking at the shocking burn on his arm, Lin Shen said with frustration, “Wei, I wasn’t ready yet. How could you be so quick?”

“If it’s not good, why call me? What for?” Wei Wufu said.

“Alright, alright, let’s not talk about that for now. Just put down the rod.” Lin Shen felt this method wouldn’t work; it was too painful. He couldn’t endure it a second time.

Moreover, it seemed that the burn had not triggered the evolutionary mutation effect of ‘Evolution Theory’ either. This attempt was still not successful.

“Too slow doesn’t work, and too fast seems to fail as well. Does it have to be a sustained stimulus, like a sonic attack, to be effective? It needs to be both stimulating and enduring, but what kind of method would work?” Lin Shen pondered deeply, then suddenly, his eyes lit up.

He thought of a training method he had heard of before. In the past, people who didn’t have Base Mutation powers would enhance their body’s resistance to impacts by having someone strike their body with suitable implements.

After some consideration, Lin Shen felt this method might work.

Ordinary humans could enhance their resistance to impacts with this method, so as a Mutator, with 'Evolution Theory' within him, surely there should be some effect.

He looked around the room for something appropriate to use but found nothing, so he reluctantly picked up the iron rod and handed it back to Wei Wufu.

This time, Lin Shen was smarter. He said, "Don't act yet, listen to me first. Wait until I say 'start', then you can do it."

"Okay," Wei Wufu nodded.

Lin Shen took off his shirt, revealing his muscular upper body. The only downside was that due to rarely going outside, his skin was rather pale.

"Wei, you hit me with the iron rod, but remember, not too hard. I need to be able to withstand it without getting injured. Also, not too lightly; too light and it won't be effective." Lin Shen adopted a horse stance, held his breath, tensed his muscles, gritted his teeth, and after some mental preparation, closed his eyes and bravely said to Wei Wufu, "Come on, hit me."

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## Chapter 66 - 66 Flexibility

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Lin Shen waited for a while, but Wei Wufu didn't strike as expected. Opening his eyes, Lin Shen saw Wei Wufu standing motionless and couldn't help asking in confusion, "Why aren't you hitting?"

"You didn't say, 'begin.'" Wei Wufu said seriously.

"Uhm... my bad..." Lin Shen tried to say something but, seeing Wei Wufu's face, he felt powerless to argue and could only say, "Okay, let's start over."

Thump!

No sooner had Lin Shen finished speaking than Wei Wufu's iron rod swung onto his body, causing Lin Shen to grimace in pain, his face silently contorting as he clenched his hands into fists, hopping in place and turning circles.

"I didn't say 'begin' yet, why did you start?" Lin Shen asked Wei Wufu once he felt better.

“Adaptation,” Wei Wufu replied.

“Bro, I’m begging you, we don’t need adaptation. Someone as principled as you should stick to your principles, and not be led astray by those without principles or discipline. Can we agree to start only after we say ‘begin,’ okay?” Lin Shen pleaded with teary eyes.

“Okay.” Wei Wufu nodded earnestly, holding the iron rod.

“Also, Wei, when you hit me next time, could you go a little lighter? It’s not that you’re not doing well, it’s just that your brother here hasn’t been resting well lately, so my stamina’s fallen a little bit,” Lin Shen said, gesturing with his hands.

“Understood,” Wei Wufu said with an ‘I got it’ expression.

“Then let’s begin,” Lin Shen said, readying himself before shouting.

Wei Wufu wound up his iron rod and smashed it onto Lin Shen’s chest muscles, making Lin Shen grit his teeth and let out a subdued grunt.

This wasn’t the grunt of injury, but the sound of breath forcefully expelled as the muscles burst with power in resistance to the external force.

Wei Wufu’s control over the strength of his blows could only be described as perfect, and his grasp of physical anatomy was incredibly subtle as well.

With this strike, the muscles bore the brunt of the force, ensuring no harm to the internal organs or bones. [search the website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

“Again.” Lin Shen felt the force was manageable; aside from muscular pain, there wasn’t much of an impact elsewhere.

Blow after blow, although Wei Wufu didn’t understand what Lin Shen was trying to achieve, he continued as instructed.

From within the backpack on the bed, Fatty’s little head stuck out, his eyes curiously watching Lin Shen being hit, seemingly puzzled about what he was doing.

“Switch spots, don’t just hit one area.” Lin Shen seemed to sense some effect; the force of the blows caused “Evolution Theory” to react, with strength flowing towards the damaged muscles, which began to warm up as if undergoing some sort of baptism.

Wei Wufu complied with Lin Shen’s request, striking him all over his body with the iron rod.

“There’s certainly a reaction now.” Lin Shen could clearly feel the warm current inside him cleansing the struck parts of his body, causing slight changes.

But these changes were too minor, and no significant effect was visible for the time being.

“That’s enough, Wei, let’s stop here for today.” Lin Shen decided to call a halt: first, because it was too painful and he couldn’t take it any longer; and second, because he felt the results weren’t that good and he needed to find another method.

Through this session of beating, Lin Shen had confirmed that the defective “Evolution Theory” was indeed a masochistic Base Mutation technique, as it allowed his body to mutate and strengthen when it was subjected to harsh external factors.

However, this mutation and strengthening had its limits. For example, if the stimulus was too strong and Lin Shen’s body couldn’t withstand the force, “Evolution Theory” was useless.

If the stimulus was too weak, it also failed to activate “Evolution Theory.”

It required the right amount of external force for “Evolution Theory” to be effective—it was a process of long-continued endurance.

Of course, this is just Lin Shen’s current research. Whether this is all that Evolution Theory has to offer or just the tip of the iceberg, he can’t quite say at the moment.

After realizing the unexpected usefulness of Evolution Theory, Lin Shen started to consider whether he should continue cultivating based on Evolution Theory.

Now, practicing Evolution Theory has two drawbacks. First, the flawed version of Evolution Theory only includes the Base Mutation part and lacks the later content.

In the future, when advancing to higher levels, it’s unclear whether the latter part of the official Evolution Theory is compatible with the flawed version.

If it’s compatible, that’s good. If not, Lin Shen would have to figure it out himself.

The other problem is that cultivating this skill is incredibly arduous. Lin Shen had never really suffered hardships from childhood to adulthood, and he was struggling to adapt.

Why do so many children perform poorly in school? Is it because they lack talent? Of course not; most are simply sly, lazy, gluttonous, or slippery, afraid of hardship and suffering—and Lin Shen was one of them.

“No matter what, I definitely can’t keep using the beating method. I need to find a better way,” Lin Shen felt that beating, besides being too painful, also had the drawback of not being comprehensive—it couldn’t strengthen every minute part of the body.

Sonic attacks were quite effective and not too uncomfortable. However, the Crystal Flute wasn’t in Lin Shen’s possession. Once he got it back, he could use it to enhance his bodily strength.

“Is there really no better way?” Lin Shen couldn’t think of a better method at the moment.

The next morning, when Lin Shen got up for breakfast, he noticed Ye Tianzhen and Ye Yuzhen were not home, and Madam Ye didn’t seem to be back either.

With the masters all away, only Lin Shen and Wei Wufu, the two guests, were having breakfast under the housekeeper’s hospitality.

Luckily, both had thick skins and didn’t find anything amiss, enjoying their breakfast tremendously.

After finishing breakfast, Lin Shen planned to stroll through the market again to see if he could find more Fire Seeds.

Before leaving, Lin Shen made a point of informing the old housekeeper to avoid any misunderstanding that he was leaving for good and to ensure the housekeeper would let him in when he returned.

Once he arrived at the market with Wei Wufu, he found the place unusually deserted; there were not only fewer shoppers, but even the number of vendors had significantly dwindled.

“Boss, is the market not open today?” Lin Shen asked a vendor who was packing up.

“What market closure? This market operates all year round,” the vendor replied while packing up.

“Then where did everyone go?” Lin Shen pressed.

“You don’t know? Recently, near the Blue Tree Sea outside the base, quite a number of Mushroom Beasts have been spotted laying eggs. Some people even got Alloy Base Mutation Eggs. Now everyone is rushing there to hunt Mushroom Beasts and look for Base Mutation Eggs,” the vendor finished packing, shouldered his bag, and left, looking in a hurry—he probably wanted to take advantage of the situation.

Lin Shen and Wei Wufu exchanged a look, both seeing the doubt in each other’s eyes.

Since they left the base, they had encountered Mushroom Beasts that were too strong and too numerous, which is why they had run back.

Wouldn't it be like seeking death for regular Mutators to go out there?

But it seemed that not many Mutators were running into danger; otherwise, it would have spread already. How could so many be bold enough to hunt for Mushroom Beasts and Base Mutation Eggs?

“Could it be that high-level Base Variant Creatures like the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast and the Blue-Cap Mushroom Beast haven't shown up again?” Lin Shen wondered.

“Should we go take another look? Maybe we were just extremely unlucky to encounter the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast before. With so many people leaving the base now, we shouldn't be so unlucky to run into the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast again, right?” Lin Shen was somewhat tempted.

If they could escape before the beast tide formed, nothing could be better.

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## **Chapter 67 - 67: Poisonous Mushroom**

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After discussing with Wei Wufu, the two decided to first go out and see the situation, careful not to stray too far from the base, so that if they encountered a Black-Capped Mushroom Beast, they could directly flee back to the base for refuge.

As they made their way outside the base, they indeed saw many Mutators hastily walking toward the exterior of the base.

After leaving the base, while most Mutators headed in the direction of the Blue Tree Sea, Lin Shen and Wei Wufu chose a direction different from the Blue Tree Sea.

Sure enough, there were far fewer people in this direction, but the two hadn't walked far when they saw a Red-cap Mushroom Beast lying in the bushes.

Upon seeing the two humans appear, the Red-cap Mushroom Beast let out a strange screech and charged out of the bushes, ferociously pouncing toward Lin Shen and Wei Wufu.



Wei Wufu's hand moved, and his blade fell, chopping off the Red-cap Mushroom Beast's head, which flew off as its headless body collapsed to the ground with a thud.

The severed head, however, split open from beneath the mushroom cap, spewing out a dozen or so small Base Mutation Eggs.

"The Mushroom Beast is actually hatching Base Mutation Eggs on its own body; this thing sure can breed, producing so many eggs at once. No wonder the Mushroom Beast horde is developing so quickly," Lin Shen said with some surprise as he picked up a Base Mutation Egg.

Although they were only Steel Mutant Eggs, the fact that a single Mushroom Beast could nurture so many Base Mutation Eggs was astonishing. They had encountered so many Mushroom Beasts before; if they all could breed, how many young Mushroom Beasts would be born at once!

"Forgot to ask how often a Mushroom Beast lays eggs," Lin Shen murmured as he collected all the Base Mutation Eggs and packed them into his backpack to use as snacks for Fatty.

He didn't have time to hatch these Base Mutation Eggs now, and even if he had time, he didn't have an incubator. At normal temperatures, Base Mutation Eggs will not hatch.

The two dared not venture too far from the base and just wandered nearby, leading to a rather surprising find for Lin Shen.

Just by circling near the base for a while, they had encountered four Red-cap Mushroom Beasts, and inside each mushroom cap of the Red-cap Mushroom Beasts, they nurtured several to over twenty Mushroom Beast eggs each.

This caused Lin Shen's heart to race; if the Black-Capped Mushroom Beasts and the Blue-cap Mushroom Giant Beasts were also this prolific, what a terrifying outcome that would be.

Thinking of swarms of Blue-cap Mushroom Giant Beasts and herds of Black-Capped Mushroom Beasts charging towards Yashen Base like a tidal wave, Lin Shen couldn't help but shiver.

"It shouldn't be that bad, steel creatures lay eggs with less energy and fewer materials needed, making it easier to lay eggs in large numbers. Alloy Creatures and mutant creatures probably won't lay eggs as easily if they want to breed large quantities," Lin Shen thought to himself.

"Mushroom Beast," Wei Wufu suddenly pointed in a direction and said.

Lin Shen was puzzled. Wei Wufu was not one to talk nonsense, and there was no need to tell him about seeing a Mushroom Beast. Just go up and chop it with one slash.

If he suddenly said something like this, it must not be an ordinary Mushroom Beast.

Looking in the direction Wei Wufu was pointing, a Mushroom Beast that was almost the same size as a regular Red-cap Mushroom Beast appeared. It had a purplish-red mushroom cap with white spots and was slowly coming out from the trees in the distance.

“A Purple-cap Mushroom Beast, haven’t seen one before. Is this a steel creature?” Lin Shen scrutinized it carefully. It seemed to be a steel creature, but it was different from the Red-cap Mushroom Beast. He wondered if it was a mutation or something else.

“Let me do this,” Lin Shen said without letting Wei Wufu go. He pulled out the Angel Revolver and fired a shot at the Purple-cap Mushroom Beast.

The capsule turned into a steel creature and struck the Purple-cap Mushroom Beast with lightning speed, smashing its head and the mushroom cap to pieces.

The Base Mutation Fluid and the Base Mutation Eggs inside the mushroom cap fell out. Just as Lin Shen had thought, this was indeed a steel creature.

The two went over to pick up the Base Mutation Eggs that had fallen to the ground and were left inside the mushroom cap; there were only three in total, which seemed to be much fewer than the number of Base Mutation Eggs nurtured by the Red-cap Mushroom Beasts.

“Lin Shen, Little Star,” Wei Wufu pulled out a Base Mutation Egg coated with Base Mutation from beneath a mushroom cap and was about to hand it to Lin Shen when he suddenly withdrew his hand and blurted out this sentence.

“Little Star? What Little Star?” Lin Shen watched Wei Wufu with a puzzled look.

“One... two... three... Little Stars...” Wei Wufu pointed in front of him, seemingly counting something.

“Throw the Base Mutation Egg away,” Lin Shen realized something was wrong, threw away the Base Mutation Egg he was holding, and commanded at the same time.

In fact, Wei Wufu had already thrown away the Base Mutation Egg in his hand, but his pupils were now covered in a layer of purple mist.

Lin Shen also felt that something was off with his body, itching all over, and vaguely saw flickering spots of light swirling around, with tiny fairies flying in front of his eyes. .

“We’ve been poisoned, the Purple-cap Mushroom Beast is toxic!” Lin Shen identified the source of the problem and quickly reached into his pocket, taking out two vials of medicine, one for Wei Wufu and the other intended for himself.

These medicines could treat both external and internal injuries, but it was unclear if they were effective against toxins, although they were at least harmless.

Wei Wufu opened the medicine and drank it down, Lin Shen was about to drink his vial when he felt the Evolution Theory inside his body kick in.

“The Evolution Theory can also resist poison!” Lin Shen rejoiced internally and put the cap back on the vial.

As the power within his body circulated, the itching on his skin grew more intense, and the flickering fairies dancing around him made his head spin.

But soon, the little stars in his vision began to diminish, and the itching sensation on his body quickly faded.

Under the toxin’s influence, Lin Shen felt his body undergoing some changes but swiftly returned to normal.

Wei Wufu was still counting stars, clearly unaffected by the medicine’s purgative effects.

Fortunately, the toxin was not potent and only induced hallucinations and an itching sensation. Just as Lin Shen was about to pull Wei Wufu back to the city, Wei Wufu’s symptoms from the toxin began to lessen, and after a while, he recovered considerably.

Although the effects of the toxin were not very strong, if it struck during a beast wave, even the short span of time affected could prove deadly.

Lin Shen told Wei Wufu to take some rest while he carefully picked up another Base Mutation Egg and didn’t get poisoned again.

He also touched a bit of Base Mutation Fluid with his finger, this time feeling a bit itchy but without any further hallucinations.

The Evolution Theory took effect again, and soon the itching sensation vanished.

When Lin Shen came into contact with the toxin-laden Base Mutation Fluid of the Purple-cap Mushroom again, he felt almost nothing, suggesting his body had evolved to withstand the mushroom’s poison.

To make sure it was the Evolution Theory working, Lin Shen let Wei Wufu, who had recovered, try touching the toxic Base Mutation Fluid again.

As a result, Wei Wufu fell victim to the poison once more, experiencing brief hallucinations, showing no resistance built from the previous exposure — at least not as strong as Lin Shen's.

The toxin's effect on Wei Wufu, an Alloy Mutator, was not severe, inducing only some hallucinations, which were short-lived. Wei Wufu's visions faded quickly.

Lin Shen, however, was excited at the prospect; he could use toxins to strengthen himself in the future and could also develop a resistance to poison.

While fantasizing about becoming immune to all poisons, Fei Zai, the creature in his backpack, suddenly jumped out on its own and stood on Lin Shen's shoulder, staring sharply in a direction within the forest.

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## Chapter 68 - 68: Chance Encounter

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Lin Shen looked over warily and saw a dark figure standing behind a large tree in the forest, revealing half of its body and watching him with a cold gaze.

"It's that Black-Capped Mushroom Beast." Lin Shen recognized it immediately, his heart tightening.

The creature was secretly watching him, apparently holding a grudge. This made Lin Shen realize his plan to leave before the beast tide was now completely foiled.

After being spotted by Fei Zai, the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast stared intently at Lin Shen before slowly receding into the forest and vanishing from sight.

From the way it looked at him as it left, Lin Shen knew that if he didn't deal with it, it would surely be the first to seek him out for retribution when the beast tide arrived.

"So you think I'm easy to bully?" Lin Shen frowned slightly, contemplating how he could take it down the next time they met.

"Go back?" Wei Wufu asked, looking at Lin Shen. Search\* The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"No need. It's quite intelligent and knows it can't handle us now. As long as we don't stray too far from the base, it probably won't attack us," Lin Shen said after some thought.

He still wanted to see if there were other types of Poison Mushroom Beasts and collect some Base Mutation Fluid with toxins to strengthen himself, which would definitely be a great help with the impending beast tide.

Lin Shen took out a waterskin and collected all the residual Base Mutation Fluid from the Poison Mushroom Beast's body. Such Base Mutation Fluid could not be directly consumed by most Mutators, but for Lin Shen, it couldn't be a better supplement.

Lin Shen found the erroneous "Evolution Theory" increasingly useful. With its power, he could directly consume various Base Mutation Fluids without worrying that untreated Base Mutation Fluids might harm his body.

The two didn't venture too deep, just hunting Mushroom Beasts for Base Mutation Eggs and Base Mutation Fluid nearby the base.

Poison Mushroom Beasts were obviously rare; they hadn't encountered a second one even after half a day.

As they continued searching for Mushroom Beasts, they saw a group of people, dressed quite elaborately and riding high-level pets, coming their way.

Those people were not aiming for them but as they passed not far from them, one of the girls riding a White Gold Beast stopped and scrutinized Lin Shen, who was standing to the side.

As their eyes met, Lin Shen's expression did not change much, but the girl looked surprised.

"Lin Shen, what are you doing here?" Lu Qing looked at Lin Shen, her expression complex, as she dismounted from the White Gold Beast and walked up to Lin Shen.

The others also paused, their gazes sizing up Lin Shen and Wei Wufu.

Seeing that neither man had a mount, and with Lin Shen having a snowball-like Fatty pigeon perched on his shoulder, they regarded them with a degree of disdain.

In this era, almost no one kept ordinary pets anymore.

"Long time no see." Lin Shen greeted Lu Qing with a smile.

Their parting couldn't really be said to be anyone's fault. Distance had grown between them, and without seeing each other, feelings naturally faded over time.

Although Ye Yuzhen played a part in it, if their relationship had been truly firm, Ye Yuzhen wouldn't have been able to damage it so easily.

Even without Ye Yuzhen, there could be a Li Yuzhen or a Zhao Yuzhen in the future. If two people can't stay together over a long distance, issues are always going to arise.

When Lu Qing hadn't seen Lin Shen, she was very confident, but the moment she actually met him, she seemed to lose that confidence instantly.

"About the incident with my older sister, I asked my family to help, but because the Lu Family and the Xu Family have been having some unpleasant disputes recently, the Xu Family didn't agree to release the people nor did they admit to hijacking my sister's merchant caravan..." Lu Qing explained in a low voice.

"Thank you, it's fine, the issue has been resolved." It was a thing of the past, and Lin Shen didn't want to dwell on it any further, as it would benefit no one, he paused then added, "If you have things to do, you can go ahead."

"Resolved?" Lu Qing was slightly taken aback.

Seeing her expression, Lin Shen couldn't help but feel puzzled, thinking, "Didn't Ye Yuzhen tell her that I already rescued my sister?"

"Yes, resolved." Lin Shen didn't want to make a fuss and didn't elaborate further.

Lu Qing, somewhat in disbelief and with a complex expression, said, "We... are still friends... If there's anything I can help you with, I will definitely do so."

"Thank you, it really is resolved." Lin Shen still maintained a smile and a distance.

Feeling Lin Shen's detachment, Lu Qing felt inexplicably uncomfortable. She bit her lip, seemingly wanting to say more, but then she heard someone in the team behind her say, "Lu Qing, since they do not appreciate it, why bother? Maybe they have ways to reach the heavens, and the Xu Family was perhaps begging for forgiveness and sent the people back already."

The speaker was a young man about the same age as Lin Shen, obviously aware of the incident with the Lin Family caravan, his words laden with a hint of sarcasm.

"Zheng Yan, this is my business, you don't have to interfere," Lu Qing glared at the man, then turned to Lin Shen and sighed, "I had Yuzhen pass a message to you previously, she said you had left Yashen Base and gone back, I didn't expect to find you still here. If there's anything I can help with, come find me at 'With You' store number 3, I'm usually there."

"I'm a bit busy today, but I should be able to return by tomorrow at the latest," Lu Qing added.

“Alright, I will definitely come to you if there’s anything,” Lin Shen sighed inwardly and said.

Lu Qing was actually quite nice, and when they were together in the past, they indeed had a good relationship, but the past was the past, and Lin Shen didn’t want to have anything to do with her anymore.

“Lu Qing, we should prioritize important matters, let’s not let the Xu Family get ahead,” Zheng Yan urged.

Lu Qing wanted to say something, but seeing that Lin Shen seemed to have no desire to continue the conversation, she bit her lip and said nothing more, only bidding farewell before mounting the White Gold Beast, ready to leave. Just then, the sound of hoofbeats came from behind.

Everyone turned to look, only to see another group riding high-level pets approaching them.

From a distance, Lin Shen could see Xu Tiange leading the way at the front, and he thought to himself, “What are both the Lu and Xu families doing here? This isn’t the way to the Blue Tree Sea.”

Almost instinctively, Lu Qing controlled her mount to block in front of Lin Shen, worried that Xu Tiange would cause trouble for him.

The possibility she feared seemingly became reality, as Xu Tiange really did come their way, heading directly toward Lin Shen.

“Xu Tiange, what do you want?” Lu Qing asked coldly as Xu Tiange, who had already arrived in front of her, approached.

“Miss Lu, I’m not here for you, why so nervous,” Xu Tiange dismounted and, bypassing Lu Qing, walked toward Lin Shen.

Lu Qing tried to stop him again but was held back by Zheng Yan, “He doesn’t appreciate your concern, why bother like this. Let’s wait and see what happens. When he gets into trouble, he’ll naturally come to you.”

“I’ve said it’s my matter, and it’s none of your business,” Lu Qing shook off Zheng Yan’s hand on her arm, ready to stop Xu Tiange again, but Xu Tiange’s actions stunned her.

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## **Chapter 69 - 69 Base Mutation Box**

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“Shen, is there anything I, your brother, can do for you? On the turf of Yashen Base, anyone who crosses you is crossing my Xu Family,” Xu Tiange stood by Lin Shen’s side, facing the people of the Lu Family.

The Mutators brought by Xu Tiange also swarmed behind the two men, confronting the Mutators of the Lu Family.

Lu Qing and the others were somewhat dumbfounded, at a loss as to what was happening. How had it suddenly become as if they were trying to bully Lin Shen, and Xu Tiange had come to help Lin Shen stand up to them?

Originally, they had all thought Xu Tiange came for Lin Shen. Zheng Yan had already made up his mind that when Xu Tiange dealt with Lin Shen, he must stop Lu Qing from intervening.

But now, it seemed like the complete opposite. Not only was Xu Tiange not troubling Lin Shen, but he also adopted a stance of ‘This is my big brother, mess with him and you mess with me to the death,’ catching Zheng Yan and the others off guard and unable to understand the situation.

“You all...” Lu Qing was also surprised, looking back and forth between Xu Tiange and Lin Shen, and only then began to believe that Lin Shen’s earlier claim of having resolved the issue was the truth. However, she had no idea what means Lin Shen had used to make the Xu Family protect him instead, it was baffling.

“There’s no trouble here, you can all go do what you need to do,” Lin Shen told Xu Tiange.

“So it was a misunderstanding, then that’s good. You go ahead, I need to talk to Shen about something, I’ll come find you later,” Xu Tiange instructed his people to leave first, while he stayed behind.

“We should go too,” Zheng Yan, worried the Xu Family would get ahead of them, hastily urged Lu Qing.

“Go ahead,” Lin Shen nodded to Lu Qing. [search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.](#)

Seeing that all Xu Tiange’s people except him had left, Lu Qing finally believed that Xu Tiange wasn’t just putting on an act. It seemed his relationship with Lin Shen was truly out of the ordinary.

“Lin Shen... till we meet again...” Lu Qing didn’t know what else to say, sighed lightly, and rode off on the White Gold Beast with Zheng Yan and the others.



Once Lu Qing and the rest had gone far, Xu Tiange said to Lin Shen in a low voice, “Shen, someone found a Base Mutation Box near Jinshui Lake, we’re rushing over there. Didn’t expect to run into you. Want to join us?”

“There’s a Base Mutation Box here?” Lin Shen responded with some surprise.

Since encountering Wei Wufu and Tian Xin, Lin Shen was no longer the stay-at-home who knew nothing of the world.

The Base Mutation Box and Mutation Point could be considered as one and the same thing, the origin of Base Mutation on this planet.

Before, Lin Shen only knew that Mutation Points were source sites of spread, infection, and Base Mutation. Some Mutation Points were discovered nearby Base Mutation Boxes, though most were damaged.

Piecing together the intelligence he gathered from Tian Xin and Wei Wufu, Lin Shen now knew that the Base Mutation Box was essentially a cosmic transport container.

Because space travel requires a lot of time, life forms need to hibernate within the transport container during their journey, to endure the long voyage.

Of course, some transport containers are used for storing goods, like the Base Mutation Eggs that required these containers for transport.

The Base Mutation Boxes that crashed all over the world over two hundred years ago were these transport containers, carrying Base Mutation Eggs, origins unknown, as well as the reason why they crashed onto this planet.

One thing was certain: the spacecraft carrying these containers had not crashed on this planet. Something likely went wrong in outer space, scattering the containers all around.

Most of the containers were damaged in space. After crashing to various parts of the world, the Base Mutation Eggs fell out, becoming sources of infection – the well-known Mutation Points and Base Mutation Zones.

Those referred to as Primeval Eggs are, in fact, alien Base Mutation Eggs.

What puzzled Lin Shen was that since that incident two hundred years ago, no other transport containers had fallen. If there were any near Yashen Base, they should have been discovered earlier, so why was it found only now?

There could only be two possibilities. One was that this transport container was from the batch that fell two hundred years ago.

Its contents were sealed because it wasn't damaged, so the Base Mutation Eggs inside didn't turn into a source of infection. Plus, due to the crash site being hidden, it remained undiscovered by anyone.

There was another possibility, that this transport cargo had fallen recently and wasn't from the same batch as those over two hundred years ago.

"The Mushroom Beasts in the Blue Tree Sea are rampant; could it be related to that transport cargo?" Lin Shen wondered but then felt something was off, as the Blue Tree Sea and Jinshui Lake were in two opposite directions. If the rampant Mushroom Beasts in the Blue Tree Sea were related to the transport cargo, then the cargo should be located in the Blue Tree Sea as well.

"Intact? Damaged?" Wei Wufu obviously thought of this too and asked Xu Tiange.

"The Base Mutation box is intact." Xu Tiange actually understood what Wei Wufu meant, but he didn't know the Base Mutation box was actually the transport cargo.

"Lead the way," Wei Wufu said directly.

Lin Shen slightly frowned, but seeing the expression on Wei Wufu's face, it seemed he was set on going.

After pondering for a moment, Lin Shen also nodded to Xu Tiange.

"With Shen and Elder Brother Wei involved, those bastards from the Lu Family don't stand a chance. The Base Mutation box will definitely be ours. If there are Primeval Eggs inside, how about I purchase them at a high price?" Xu Tiange said.

"Alright," Wei Wufu didn't seem to care whether the Base Mutation box contained Primeval Eggs or not.

Xu Tiange was overjoyed, hesitated no longer, mounted his steed, and led the way at the front.

Lin Shen and Wei Wufu also summoned their mounts to follow, but it was a pity that they were still riding Iron-horned Horses and couldn't keep up with Xu Tiange. Thinking it over, Xu Tiange said, "Shen, Elder Brother Wei, I'll go ahead first to prevent my brothers from suffering at the hands of the Lu Family. You can head straight to Jinshui Lake from here. You'll see us when you get there."

"Go ahead," Lin Shen said, as he actually had something to ask Wei Wufu that he couldn't when Xu Tiange was around. This arrangement suited him well.

Xu Tiange repeatedly urged Lin Shen and Wei Wufu to come quickly, then galloped away on his fast horse.

“Elder Wei, why go?” Lin Shen looked at Wei Wufu and asked.

He knew their current situation, and Wei Wufu was well aware that the Black-Capped Mushroom Beasts must be watching them in the shadows; it really wasn't the time to get involved in other matters.

With a determined look in his eyes, Wei Wufu said, “Base Mutation box, unknown, need to ascertain, risk, nip in the bud.”

Lin Shen understood what Wei Wufu meant and said with a wry smile, “Haven't you thought about the danger to yourself?”

“For me, it is a duty that cannot be shirked.” Wei Wufu paused, then added, “You, go back, I'll go.”

“I might as well go with you,” Lin Shen could tell from Wei Wufu's expression that persuading him would be futile.

Thinking that Jinshui Lake wasn't far from the base, and so far from the Blue Tree Sea, if there was danger, he was confident that he could escape back to the base. It was a good idea to accompany Wei Wufu to see the Base Mutation box, as he had never seen one before.

If there were Super-Base Primeval Eggs inside, there was hope for advancing to Alloy.

When the two arrived at Jinshui Lake, they could see from afar the people from the Lu Family and the Xu Family. Surprisingly, there was no friction, as both groups stood by the lake, staring at the surface of Jinshui Lake.

Seeing Lin Shen and Wei Wufu coming over, Xu Tiange quickly called them over.

The Mutators from the Lu Family were somewhat puzzled to see Lin Shen and Wei Wufu riding the Iron-horned Horses. Everyone there knew about Lin Shen's background, and to both the Lu and Xu families, the Lin Family of Dark Bird Base didn't amount to much. What puzzled them was why Xu Tiange was so polite to these two.

Lin Shen stood by the lake and saw a strange oval device floating on the clear surface. It resembled a metallic football, about a meter high, and less than half a meter in diameter. It was surrounded by rings of crystals that glowed and intertwined, constantly rotating, giving off a mysterious and high-tech aura.

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“Wei, can you swim?” Lin Shen glanced at the bottomless lake and then turned to ask Wei Wufu.

“I can’t.” Wei Wufu’s answer made Lin Shen sigh in relief.

Originally, Wei Wufu had suffered greatly in his battle with a mutated creature in the sea, partly because he wasn’t very adept at swimming.

“I can’t either, so it looks like we can’t participate. Let’s just head back and rest.” Lin Shen said.

“Shen, don’t rush. I’ve already asked someone to find a boat. It will be here soon,” Xu Tiange hurriedly said.

“What’s the use of a boat? If we fall in, won’t we die just the same? I’m definitely not getting on that boat,” Lin Shen said, pulling Wei Wufu, ready to leave.

Lin Shen was surprised; Wei Wufu, who was usually quite single-minded, just let himself be pulled away so easily, which was unexpected and made Lin Shen take a second look at him.

“It’s not a transport pod,” Wei Wufu said.

“If it’s not a transport pod, then what the hell is that?” Lin Shen was stunned. He had never seen a real transport pod and had only heard the name mentioned by Tian Xin and Wei Wufu. When he saw it just now, he thought that was what the transport pods of space ships looked like.

Having never seen it, the people from the Xu Family and Lu Family probably had not seen it either. They all thought it was a Base Mutation crate, waiting for the boat to come to open their mysterious boxes. .

“I don’t know,” Wei Wufu didn’t know what it was either.

Lin Shen felt that it was even more important to stay away from things they didn’t recognize. After all, if that thing was a bomb sent by aliens, the closer you were, the sooner you’d die.

Hum!

Just as Lin Shen was wondering if it might be an alien super bomb, he suddenly heard a humming sound and instantly pulled Wei Wufu to the ground. Both lay prone and quickly activated their Base Mutation Strength, soon enveloping their bodies with metallic carapaces.

Unfortunately, that wasn't the prelude to a bomb exploding. The People of Lu Family looked at the two men lying on the ground with eyes as if they were staring at fools, full of contempt.

Even though they were startled too, at least they hadn't been scared to the ground like those two. Naturally, they felt they had the right to mock them.

Lu Qing and Xu Tiange both wanted to help Lin Shen up, but after taking a few steps, they were distracted by the strange sound that started up again and turned to look at the hovering object above the lake.

Lin Shen and Wei Wufu got up; they didn't feel there was anything embarrassing about their reaction.

In Lin Shen's view, even if it happened a million times over, he would still hit the deck. Those who didn't were not showing bravery, but a slower reaction time.

And if they were indeed brave, it was just the behavior of a reckless man.

After getting up, Lin Shen glanced at the object above the water and saw that on the exterior of the rugby ball-like machine, circles of crystals were rapidly spinning. Moreover, the speed was still accelerating. The crystals themselves were no longer visible, only their afterimages flowing, seeming to form a strange light tunnel.

"Let's go," Lin Shen called to Wei Wufu, urging him to quickly move away from the object.

Unfortunately, he was still a bit slow. As he ran desperately, he suddenly heard an emotionless, cold voice from behind: "No. 014 Realm King Training Device self-check complete, all systems are safe, device starting up safely..."

Hum!

Lin Shen's head buzzed, causing him to instinctively cover his head with his hands. His body was dragged backwards by a huge force, and his vision instantly blurred into a tunnel of time racing backwards.

Thud!

Lin Shen landed hard on the ground, feeling like he was severely seasick. He lay there, retching a few times, but nothing came out.

Hearing the same sound beside him, Lin Shen turned his head and saw that Xu Tiange was also lying on the ground, vomiting.

Wei Wufu had just stood up and was brushing the sand off his body.

Not far away, Lu Qing sat on the beach, holding her chest with her hands, also looking uncomfortable.

“Wait... the beach... it looks so familiar... and this gravity...” Lin Shen was fully awake now and immediately stood up to look around. Wasn’t this the same beach he and Wei Wufu had visited before? This familiar strong gravity was not the normal gravity he was used to.

Thinking of something, Lin Shen looked down and sure enough, he saw an extra watch-like device on his wrist. The model was slightly different from last time and was white in color.

The previous one should have been black, and he didn’t know what the difference was between the two devices.

Looking around, he saw that Wei Wufu, Xu Tiange, and Lu Qing all had the same white teleporters on their wrists.

Lin Shen glanced at the numbers displayed on the watch, 71:59:04.

Like the black teleporter, it was a 72-hour countdown, meaning they should be able to activate the teleporter and return after 72 hours.

“What... what place is this... how did we end up here... what about the others?” Xu Tiange finally came around and cried out in horror.

“Where are we?” Lu Qing’s face also looked terrible, she got up and staggered over to Lin Shen’s side and sat down beside him with a thud, obviously still not used to the gravity here.

“Don’t worry, do you see the watch on your hand? Once that countdown ends, we’ll be able to go back,” Lin Shen reassured the bewildered Lu Qing.

“Shen, do you know where we are?” Before Lu Qing could speak, Xu Tiange was the first to come over, eagerly grabbing Lin Shen’s hand and saying.

“Let go of me,” Lin Shen shook off Xu Tiange’s hand and explained to them both, “We’re no longer on our planet. Don’t be so surprised; it’s normal. Humanity has long entered the Interstellar Age. Interstellar teleportation is common, it’s just that you weren’t aware of it.”

Lin Shen spoke as if he had experienced countless interstellar teleportations, as casually as eating or sleeping.

Only Wei Wufu knew that, including this time, Lin Shen had only teleported twice and was as much of a novice as anyone else.

However, Lin Shen's words clearly had an effect, as Xu Tiange and Lu Qing were noticeably less tense, though still in disbelief.

"Shen really is knowledgeable and experienced. I, Xu Tiange, also have the eye for recognizing talent and wasn't wrong in choosing my elder brother," Xu Tiange shifted the conversation, then cautiously asked, "Shen, why are there only the four of us here? Where are the others?"

"The teleportation is random, but we shouldn't be too far apart. If you want to find someone, you can go and look around yourself. There're many Base Variant Creatures here, and quite a few mutations, so just be careful," Lin Shen said.

"No, no, no. I'll follow your lead, Shen. Wherever you point, I will strike; wherever you go, I will follow. United as brothers, together we can cut through metal," Xu Tiange thought to himself, "Lin Shen's identity must be extraordinary, perhaps even more significant than I had speculated. He seems to know his way around this spooky place, which speaks volumes. I'm glad I didn't choose to become his enemy.

In this eerie place, Xu Tiange was determined to stick with Lin Shen, the veteran. As for the Mutators of the Lu Family, if they could be found, good; if they died, so be it. Better that than dying himself.

Sadly, he didn't know that Lin Shen had only been here once before and that most of the teammates who came with him last time had died. Being Lin Shen's teammate was the most dangerous thing of all.

"We should find a place to take cover first, so we're not targeted by the Base Variant Creatures here." Lin Shen surveyed his surroundings; the reef area he had seen before was nowhere in sight, suggesting they were probably far from it.

Just as he was looking for a place to hide, he felt the teleporter on his wrist vibrate.

"Signal connected, syncing the visual feed. The Realm King Cultivation Device will broadcast the trainees' images to observers to verify training correctness and safety, enabling observers to provide timely rescue..." The information was slowly playing on the watch.

Over Jinshui Lake, the crystals on the outer ring of that bizarre mechanism had stopped spinning, but from the top of the device, a beam of aurora shot straight upwards, treating the sky as if it were a canvas, projecting a colossal image that occupied the heavens, many times more realistic than any human naked-eye 3D effect.

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