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The Lu Family's council hall.

Lu Mingchuan looked at Zheng Yan, who had been shackled but still maintained an unchanged expression and showed no sign of regret, and said coldly, "Zheng Yan, do you realize what you've done wrong?" .

"Zheng Yan doesn't know, please enlighten me, Family Head," Zheng Yan said expressionlessly.

"I don't care about your scheming against Lin Shen, but you shouldn't have dragged my daughter Lu Qing into this." A flash of anger crossed the depths of Lu Mingchuan's eyes; he was very dissatisfied with Zheng Yan's attitude.

"I didn't involve Lu Qing," Zheng Yan still had that indifferent attitude.

"Didn't you? You took the Angel to where Lu Qing was, how could you be sure the Angel wouldn't harm Lu Qing? When you were incapable of controlling the situation, you did something out of your control and placed my daughter's fate in the hands of someone else, that's enough reason for you to deserve death ten thousand times over," Lu Mingchuan said angrily.

"Family Head, what's the use of talking to someone like him? This sort of scum should be chopped up and fed to dogs directly, to avoid tarnishing the name of our Lu Family."

Most of the Lu Family members also looked down on Zheng Yan's actions and requested that Zheng Yan be executed directly.

"The Family Head is right, I did not consider the consequences of this matter thoroughly enough," Zheng Yan nodded and said.

"It's good that you admit it, that is the path you've chosen for your death. Since you've done it, you should accept your fate," Lu Mingchuan gestured for the servants to take Zheng Yan away.

“Wait a moment,” Zheng Yan suddenly raised his voice to stop the people taking him away, and said with an unchanged expression, “Family Head Lu, I indeed handled the matter inappropriately, but my life is not yours to decide.”

“In the Lu Family, if I don’t have the authority, then who does?” Lu Mingchuan scoffed.

“I do.” A voice came from outside.

Many of the Lu Family’s experts changed their expressions. Someone had stealthily entered the most core area of the Lu Family without them noticing beforehand.

Stepping out of the council hall, they saw a silver-haired elder floating above the courtyard of the Lu Family, without wings on his back, and without any device on him, yet able to float in midair. His white robe fluttered with the wind, as if a deity had descended upon the world by stepping through the void.

The Lu Family’s guards immediately launched an attack, as alloy arrows rained down like a deluge from the ground towards the silver-haired elder walking on air.

The silver-haired elder did not even intend to use Base Mutation power, merely pointing a finger, and red, fine Crystal Jade particles flowed out from his fingertip. Those particles gathered together, instantly forming a red Jade Sword floating in front of the elder.

The moment the alloy arrow rain was about to strike, the red Jade Sword moved on its own, suddenly turning into a red streak of light that rapidly shifted, slicing through the entire sky of alloy arrows, shattering them into countless particles that fell to the ground. Not a single alloy arrow was left intact enough to reach the elder.

Such a terrifying scene caused everyone from the Lu Family to freeze in shock, staring at the deity-like, demon-like silver-haired elder, and the archers didn’t dare to make any further moves, utterly stupefied.

If Lin Shen were here, he would have recognized at first sight that this elder must be one of the Ascenders that Tian Xin and Wei Wufu had spoken about.

Ascenders and Mutators are entirely different concepts; it’s a true qualitative change.

Steel, alloy, and Crystal Base all belong to the Base Mutation level, while Ascension is a level above Base Mutation, a significant leap.

Base Mutation is merely the transformation of the human body, while Ascension is a genuine rebirth, like an ordinary person achieving an immortal’s body through a daytime ascension.

Of course, Ascenders are not literally ascending during the day to become deities, but they do possess stronger physiques and survival abilities.

The primary ability of an Ascender is flight. In cosmic battles, without the ability to fly, one wouldn't even qualify to participate in the fight.

Even the constraints of planets could not be escaped, leaving them only to be slaughtered at will.

Ascenders' bodies were even more powerful, capable of surviving in the vacuum of space without the need for spacesuits or oxygen supplies.

Moreover, the most essential foundation of an Ascender, known as "Life Base," was also referred to by some as Spirit Base or Blade of the Heart.

The Life Base was formed from the Base Mutation elements condensed within a Mutator's body. During the upgrade to Ascension Level, a Life Base would also come into existence.

The Life Base could freely merge with the body, and once separated, it could autonomously fly and slay enemies; it could be controlled at will, even from afar. Though not an extremity, it was superior to one, which is why some also called it the fifth limb.

In interstellar wars, the Life Base was the most crucial combat tool. In aerial battles, there were seldom opportunities for close combat, so a long-range weapon like the Blade of the Heart was the main force in warfare.

Depending on the Evolution Skill practiced, the individual's inherent talent, and even the type of Base Mutation Fluid absorbed, different kinds of Life Bases could form during Ascension. Generally, most Life Bases resembled weapons, which is why they were called Blade of the Heart.

For Mutators, Ascenders were super-powerful beings with overwhelming strength.

Yashen Base was much larger than Dark Bird Base, yet it was still just a small outpost on the fringe. Few in the Lu Family had ever seen an Ascension-Level powerhouse; upon seeing the elder, they thought they had encountered a legendary Deity.

"An Ascension-Level expert graces our Lu Family, may I ask what guidance do you have for us?" Lu Mingchuan obviously recognized the Ascender, felt a sense of foreboding, yet still maintained his composure as he addressed the silver-haired elder.

"My surname is Zheng, from Wanderer Base." The silver-haired elder stood in the courtyard with his hands clasped behind his back, the Red Jade Sword Artifact floating beside him, exuding an air of someone who was out of this world.

“Wanderer Base’s Zheng Family?” Lu Mingchuan’s expression shifted subtly as he involuntarily glanced at Zheng Yan. He also bore the surname Zheng. If Lu Mingchuan couldn’t guess what was going on now, he wouldn’t be the Family Head of the Lu Family.

“Indeed.” Zheng Guyuan nodded slightly. Without any display of arrogance, his demeanor was impossible to ignore.

As soon as the words fell, a flash of sword light streaked by, and the Red Jade Sword Artifact beside Zheng Guyuan disappeared in a flash. By the time everyone reacted, the shackles on Zheng Yan had already shattered to the ground, and the red sword artifact had returned to Zheng Guyuan’s side, unimaginably fast.

“Family Head Lu, I’ve said it before, you can’t decide my fate.” Zheng Yan moved his limbs a bit, walked over to Zheng Guyuan’s side, and spoke coldly to Lu Mingchuan.

“Our Lu Family has never had grievances with the Zheng Family of Wanderer Base. What is the meaning of this?” Lu Mingchuan still spoke with neither servility nor overbearance.

“Family Head Lu need not worry. My nephew has been training in your Lu Family, and I came to check on him on my way.” Zheng Guyuan said with a smile, “I once adventured through an Alien World with Lu Xian’er from Sea Corn Base, so in a sense, you’re also my juniors.”

Lu Mingchuan, hearing Zheng Guyuan say this, although still vigilant, knew that Zheng Guyuan was unlikely to trouble their Lu Family any further.

Lu Xian’er was an Ascender who emerged from the Lu Family. Although she had long since left, since Zheng Guyuan knew her, he was unlikely to harm any of the Lu Family under the watch of so many eyes.

Moreover, he had already sent the news about the Realm King Cultivation Device to Sea Corn Base, trusting that someone from there would arrive soon.

“If that’s the case, I’ll leave Zheng Yan to your care.” Lu Mingchuan was helpless, knowing that Zheng Guyuan’s rapid arrival was because he knew Zheng Yan and anticipated what Zheng Yan would encounter after his arrival. He had hastened here early on, certainly not to let them hurt Zheng Yan.

Wanderer Base was much farther from here than Sea Corn Base. The fact that he arrived here first spoke volumes.

“Then I thank Family Head Lu.” Zheng Guyuan said and then, with narrowed eyes, he continued, “There’s one more thing I need the help of Family Head Lu with.”

“Lord Zheng jests. The Lu Family, being merely a house of Mutators, what could we possibly aid someone like you with?” Lu Mingchuan frowned as he spoke.

“Family Head Lu worries too much. Considering my connection with the Lu Family, how could I ask you to do anything troubling? I simply wish to know the current whereabouts of Lin Shen.” Zheng Guyuan said, looking at Lu Mingchuan intently.

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“I don’t believe you one bit, you sly old fox. If you had no designs on my Lu Family, why would you let Zheng Yan go undercover in my Lu Family as an enforcer? Now that his identity has been revealed, you’re telling me about some deep connection, what a load of nonsense.”

That’s what Lu Mingchuan was thinking, but he didn’t show it on his face. Instead, he said with a smile, “What you’ve said is true, given the connection between you and our Lu Family, it is only right that we should help with such a trivial matter. Unfortunately, Lin Shen is not one of our Lu Family. Where he has gone, we have no way of knowing. How about this, I’ll send word out now to inquire, and as soon as we have his whereabouts, I’ll notify you at once. How does that sound to you?”

“This is your Yashen Base, Lin Shen’s location—do you really need to inquire about that?” Zheng Guyuan was clearly dissatisfied.

Lu Mingchuan sighed, impotently saying, “Aside from our Lu Family, there’s also the Xu Family at Yashen Base. Lin Shen’s relationship with the Xu Family is quite special, there’s nothing I can do.”

Zheng Guyuan frowned secretly; this Lu Mingchuan was really slippery, like a non-stick pan, making it impossible for him to get a grip.

He couldn’t really do anything to the Lu Family either. If as an Ascender, without any valid reason, he attacked the younger members of the Lu Family, then Lu Xian’er would dare to massacre the younger members of his Zheng Family. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

If he truly let Lu Mingchuan inquire about Lin Shen’s news, he was afraid that Lu Mingchuan might tip someone off. After all, this was Yashen Base, not Wanderer Base. Without any eyes or hands to use, he didn’t have many good options.

If it weren't for worrying about Zheng Yan's safety and some other reasons, he wouldn't have come over alone in advance. If he had brought more people along, it wouldn't have been so troublesome.

"Lin Shen really isn't with the Lu Family. After coming out of the Realm King Cultivation Device, he and Wei Wufu left together, but I reckon they should still be in Yashen Base. It won't be hard to find them; I'll take care of this matter," Zheng Yan offered.

At that time, he watched as Lin Shen and Wei Wufu left and realizing that Zheng Guyuan probably wouldn't be able to get anything from Lu Mingchuan, he voluntarily spoke up to prevent Zheng Guyuan from losing face.

"Fine, you handle it. I'm a bit thirsty; a cup of tea wouldn't be an issue for the Family Head of the Lu Family, right?" Zheng Guyuan wasn't really in the mood for tea; this was a warning to the people of the Lu Family not to think about sending any messages.

Zheng Yan turned and left. He had been in Yashen Base for several years and naturally had his own ways. Finding someone in Yashen Base wasn't hard for him.

"Please, come inside," Lu Mingchuan invited Zheng Guyuan in without any change in his composure.

Zheng Yan overestimated himself and underestimated Yashen Base.

In fact, as soon as Zheng Guyuan dropped in on the Lu Family unannounced, the Ye Family had already received the news.

"Miss, Madam Ye requests your presence; it's an important matter," the Ye Family's old butler came to the small training arena and said to Ye Yuzhen, who was in an ambiguous position with Lin Shen.

Ye Yuzhen was slightly shocked. If it weren't something extremely important, the old butler wouldn't have used such a tone to summon her.

"I'll see what it is. I'll be back soon. Wait for me here," Ye Yuzhen said to Lin Shen with a smile.

"I'll wait for your return," Lin Shen nodded.

Ye Yuzhen followed the old butler out of the training arena, casually asking, "What's the matter that you're in such a hurry for me to go? It's not that Mushroom Beasts are attacking the base, is it?"

"No, an Ascender has arrived at the Lu Family specifically for Zheng Yan, said to be an uncle of his. Right now, they are looking for Young Master Lin. Madam Ye asked for you to discuss this matter," the old butler explained.

“Is that so? Zheng Yan has Ascension Level elders?” Ye Yuzhen was also taken aback, and she hastened her steps to find Madam Ye.

The conversation outside the door wasn’t quite clear to Lin Shen, but Wei Wufu had heard it all.

“This is bad. Zheng Yan, elders, Ascenders, we’re in trouble,” Wei Wufu said quietly to Lin Shen.

Lin Shen was momentarily stunned and asked uncertainly, “You mean that scoundrel Zheng Yan? He has an Ascension Level elder in his family, and now they’ve come to trouble us?”

“Yes.” Wei Wufu nodded.

Lin Shen walked to the door and peered outside. Ye Yuzhen had gone far. After contemplating for a moment, he said to Wei Wufu, “Wei, let’s go.”

“Where to?” Wei Wufu asked while walking along.

“First, leave the Ye Family... no... leave Yashen Base...” Lin Shen muttered as he walked.

Ascenders were enormously powerful, which he had never seen, but he knew that a place like Yashen Base had neither Ascenders nor beings who could contend with Ascenders.

If he continued to stay with the Ye Family, and Zheng Yan and Ascenders came knocking, then it would just put Ye Yuzhen and the Ye Family in a difficult position.

If they didn’t hand over Lin Shen, that would mean offending an Ascender, possibly bringing disaster upon their entire clan.

If they handed over Lin Shen, that would put Ye Yuzhen in a tough spot.

Lin Shen didn’t want to make things difficult for Ye Yuzhen, and he had no desire to test human nature, so his only option was to leave.

Before that Ascender found him, leaving Yashen Base and plunging into the vast wilderness might offer him a glimmer of hope for survival.

“Wei, if the two of us were to fight desperately, could we kill an Ascender?” Lin Shen asked Wei Wufu in a grave tone, looking back at the gate of the base after the two of them quickly left Yashen Base.

“We, dead,” was Wei Wufu’s response, which completely snuffed out Lin Shen’s wild hope.

“Then let’s hurry.” Lin Shen summoned the Red Jade Lion and rode off into the forest trail with Wei Wufu.

Lin Shen was afraid of a beast tide, but an Ascender was far more terrifying.

Soon after the two of them had fled Yashen Base, Zheng Yan had received the news and rushed back to the Lu Family as fast as he could, bringing the news of their departure with him.

“Run? Where can they run to? In the ends of the earth, death is the only escape,” Zheng Guyuan snorted coldly, rising to his feet and walking out.

“Uncle, let me go with you. I want to chop off Lin Shen’s head with my own hands,” Zheng Yan said through gritted teeth. He had been humiliated in front of the entire world, and he blamed all of it on Lin Shen, determined to kill him.

“Alright,” Zheng Guyuan said, pulling Zheng Yan by the hand and flying away through the sky.

In the Ye Family’s living room, Madam Ye lounged on the sofa, idly playing with a black cat’s ears.

“Mom, do you know who Zheng Yan’s Ascender elder is?” asked Ye Yuzhen as she entered, worried.

“He’s not here for you, so why are you so anxious?” said Madam Ye with a bemused smile, seemingly unconcerned.

“Mom...” Ye Yuzhen went behind Madam Ye, massaging her shoulders while coquettishly saying, “You’ll help him, right?”

“Him? Which him?” Madam Ye asked, smiling.

“Mom... stop teasing me... you know who...,” Ye Yuzhen said as she shook Madam Ye playfully.

“Alright, alright, stop shaking me, you’re going to break my neck,” Madam Ye laughed.

“So, you’re saying yes?” Ye Yuzhen’s face brightened with hope.

“Even if I said yes, it wouldn’t matter; that young man has probably already left Yashen Base by now,” Madam Ye remarked.

“What do you mean?” Ye Yuzhen, as clever as she was, immediately understood upon posing the question and incredulously looked at Madam Ye, “I was wondering why the old butler was so straightforward this time, telling me the reason. Turns out he did it deliberately for Lin Shen to hear. Mom, why would you do that? Is Zheng Yan’s elder really that formidable? Even you have to resort to such measures to drive Lin Shen away?”

“An Ascender, whether formidable or not, what’s the difference? I didn’t drive Lin Shen away; he chose to leave on his own. Should I have tried to stop him?” Madam Ye said with a serene smile, “If there’s anyone to blame, it’s him. The Lin Family are all the same, always running from trouble. His older brother did the same, and so does he.”

“This is infuriating,” Ye Yuzhen said, unsure who to blame at the moment.

Blame Madam Ye? She truly hadn’t driven Lin Shen away. It was Lin Shen who, upon hearing an Ascender was looking for him, ran away without even speaking a word.

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Lin Shen had no idea how powerful Ye Yuzhen’s background really was. It was beyond anyone’s normal expectation that somebody inside the Yashen Base could stand against an Ascender.

If he had known that when Ye Yuzhen claimed she was from a wealthy family, there was not even a hint of exaggeration, that she truly came from an ultra-powerful family capable of dealing with Ascenders, he would not have left the Ye Family for anything, not even if it meant breaking his legs.

With such a powerful backer to rely on, who would want to risk their life running around outside!

After leaving the Yashen Base, Lin Shen and Wei Wufu didn’t head towards the Dark Bird Base. .

They knew they couldn’t outrun an Ascender, not even with a Crystal Base mount.

Running back to the Dark Bird Base now would only bring trouble to the entire Lin Family, and it might even lead the Zheng Family’s Ascender to discover the secrets of the Dark Bird.

So, from the start, the two of them had been running towards the Blue Tree Sea.

“Wei, do you really think that Ascender can catch up to us? He won’t think we’ve run back home and go to the Dark Bird Base to search for us, right?” Lin Shen said, looking around the Steel Forest with some worry.

“Don’t worry, he can catch up,” Wei Wufu said with a resolute gaze.

He knew much more about Ascenders than Lin Shen did, so if he said the Ascender could catch up, Lin Shen felt relieved.

“Wei, how about this: we’ll split up once we get there. I’ll run to the Blue Tree Sea and lure them away. You go back to the Dark Bird Base and tell my elder sister to find somewhere to hide first,” Lin Shen suggested after thinking for a bit.

“There’s no use; we won’t make it in time,” Wei Wufu shook his head.

“Whether it’s useless or not, we have to try. I can’t gamble that after killing me, he won’t go to the Dark Bird Base,” Lin Shen said.

Wei Wufu stared at Lin Shen for a long while and then, with a fiery look in his eyes, gazed into the depths of the Steel Forest and said, “Let’s take a gamble; maybe there’s a sliver of a chance.”

“Where’s the chance?” Lin Shen asked, noticing that Wei Wufu was speaking much more fluently than before.

“Blue Tree Sea, Mutation Point, Primeval Eggs, me, Crystal Base,” Wei Wufu explained, swinging his trident, effortlessly sending a Mushroom Beast that had leaped at them flying.

The number of Mushroom Beasts ahead was increasing. Although they were all Red-Cap Mushroom Beasts, the quantities were staggering, with groups of ten or twenty roaming together everywhere.

“If you wanted to advance to Crystal Base sooner, you should’ve told me. We have a Mutant Sea Demon God, you could use that for your Ascension,” Lin Shen said, not understanding what Wei Wufu meant.

“No time, Primeval Eggs, quickly,” Wei Wufu said, his trident moving in broad sweeps that the Mushroom Beasts couldn’t get close to.

The Red Jade Lion kept running, breaking through swarms of mushrooms.

They had no time to waste; they needed to reach the Blue Tree Sea before the Zheng Family’s Ascender found them.

“The Blue Tree Sea is so dangerous now, we might not be able to break through. Even if we could, it’s not certain we’d find the Primeval Eggs. And even if you did find them and succeeded in your Ascension, do you really think a newly Ascended Crystal Base can defeat an Ascender?” Lin Shen sighed and said, “Let’s stick with my plan. I’ll lead them away, and you go back to the Dark Bird Base to inform my elder sister.”

“Let’s try,” Wei Wufu ignored him and continued to charge towards the Blue Tree Sea, in sync with the Red Jade Lion.

“We’re still so far from the edge of the Blue Tree Sea, and there are already so many Mushroom Beasts. The success rate of your plan is too low,” Lin Shen said, a bit exasperated.

Wei Wufu stopped talking and focused on waving his trident, clearing away the Mushroom Beasts that were leaping towards them.

These Steel-Level Mushroom Beasts posed no threat to them, and so neither Lin Shen nor Wei Wufu had to use their Base Mutation powers.

The Red Jade Lion ignored the bites of the Red-Cap Mushroom Beasts, running swiftly and jumping, even stepping on the bodies of beasts to rush forward.

Eventually, they saw it—the Steel Forest that looked like a sea, resplendent and blue: the legendary Blue Tree Sea.

The Red Jade Lion did not hesitate and charged into the Blue Tree Sea. After entering the Blue Tree Sea, Lin Shen and Wei Wufu noticed that there were actually fewer Mushroom Beasts here than outside.

“Strange, wasn’t it said that the source of the Mushroom Beasts was the Blue Tree Sea? Why are there fewer of them here?” Lin Shen looked around, finding it difficult to spot any Mushroom Beasts among the steel blue trees.

Just as Lin Shen was puzzled, he suddenly saw a dark figure standing atop a huge blue tree far away, staring at them coldly.

If it weren’t for the figure’s chibi stature, Lin Shen and Wei Wufu might have mistaken it for a black-clad swordsman wearing a conical hat.

As a unique existence among the Mushroom Beasts, Lin Shen recognized the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast at a glance.

“Something’s not right, that guy seems off.” As they drew closer, Lin Shen noticed that the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast standing on the treetop had a body that appeared different from before.

Where it had been pitch-black metal before, it was now a luminous, translucent black, as if carved from black crystal.

“It has actually ascended to Crystal Base!” Lin Shen felt a headache coming on.

A Black-Capped Mushroom Beast at the Alloy Level had already been troublesome enough, but now that it had ascended to Crystal Base, the threat was even greater.

Lin Shen had originally thought that with the Crystal Base Level Red Jade Lion, they could at least make the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast wary, but it seemed he had been too optimistic.

The Black-Capped Mushroom Beast remained unmoving on the treetop, staring at them coldly. Lin Shen could even see the sneer and mockery at the corner of its mouth.

Boom!

The ground shook as if hit by an earthquake, and then they saw Blue-Cap Mushroom Beasts rising from the ground, surrounding Lin Shen and the others from all sides.

“Crap, why are there so many Alloy Level Blue-Cap Mushroom Beasts?” As Lin Shen saw the massive figures emerging around them in the Blue Tree Sea, he was shocked by their number, which must have surpassed a hundred.

Last time, he had only encountered two Blue-Cap Mushroom Beasts, but this time, a hundred had appeared all at once. These creatures were reproducing way too quickly.

“Base Mutation.” Wei Wufu was already using his Mutation Power as he spoke, his body enveloped in purple carapace.

Without any hesitation, Lin Shen also activated his Mutation Power, and his mirrored steel carapace transformed into armor to protect his body.

Both of them understood that a fierce battle was inevitable. If they failed to break out soon, they would be trapped by the swarm of Blue-Cap Mushroom Beasts, even with the Crystal Base mount.

The Red Jade Lion could fight continuously, but their Base Mutation power couldn't be used indefinitely. Once their strength was overly depleted and they couldn't maintain the Mutation State, they would be highly vulnerable without the metallic carapace's protection and would struggle to survive amidst the horde of beasts.

Moreover, with the Crystal Base Level Black-Capped Mushroom Beast lurking nearby with its menacing stare, they had enough trouble with just that one creature.

To make matters worse, they were being pursued by deadly Ascenders—it was truly a case of being caught between a rock and a hard place.

Just as they were preparing to desperately fight their way out through the Blue-Cap Mushroom Beasts, a red streak of lightning suddenly crossed the sky.

Flashes of red light streaked across the Blue Tree Sea, leaving behind a trail of red afterimages.

In an instant, all the Blue-Cap Mushroom Beasts ceased moving, as if they had been struck by acupoint sealing.

Boom!

The next second, Lin Shen and Wei Wufu saw the heads of all the Blue-Cap Mushroom Beasts simultaneously burst open. The creatures fell thunderously, none spared. The ground trembled, steel branches rattled, and dust rose up into the air.

Two figures arrived, breaking through the air as if they were celestial beings. One of them was none other than Zheng Yan, whom Lin Shen and Wei Wufu were very familiar with.

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The red lightning transformed into a red jade sword, hovering next to another silver-haired elder, making it clear to Lin Shen and Wei Wufu that he was the Ascender from the Zheng Family.

Even though they had long known that Ascenders were terrifying, the sight of the Ascender who hadn't yet arrived slaying over a hundred Blue-Cap Mushroom Beasts with a single sword still caused Lin Shen's scalp to tingle.

For a moment, Lin Shen didn't know how to fight this battle; the speed of the red jade sword was faster than the bullets he fired with his Angel Revolver. Just the speed alone was enough to make one despair.

Boom!

The two figures in the sky, like having activated a speed booster, instantly landed on the ground, and the terrifying strength caused the stone ground harder than granite beneath the silver-haired elder's feet to crack like a spider web.

"Ascenders are too terrifying," Lin Shen frowned slightly.

If the opponent were Crystal Base Level, even a top-level Crystal Base, he still might stand a chance with his current strength and trump cards. Search* The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

But facing an Ascender, Lin Shen saw no possibility of victory.

Wei Wufu jumped down from the back of the Red Jade Lion, a trident in hand, and stared intently at Zheng Guyuan.

"You're called Wei Wufu, right? From the Wei Family of Tiancheng?" Zheng Guyuan squinted his eyes as he sized up Wei Wufu.

"If you want to fight, then let's fight. Less talk, less bullshit," Wei Wufu said emotionlessly, standing in front of Lin Shen.

"The Wei Family of Tiancheng, guarding a city for a hundred years, is the hardest backbone of humankind. I'm not nearly done admiring it; I would never harm a member of the Wei Family." Zheng Guyuan said, his gaze shifting to Lin Shen still atop the Red Jade Lion, "This person has taken something that should belong to my nephew. I'm here to seek justice for my nephew, which is only right and proper. It has nothing to do with you, you'd better leave."

Lin Shen sneered inwardly. His words were pleasant to hear, but it was nothing more than fear of the Wei Family's reputation, not wanting to kill Wei Wufu and invite trouble.

His eyes shifting, Lin Shen said to Zheng Guyuan, "What is your relation to Zheng Yan?"

"This is my second uncle, Zheng Guyuan, an Ascender. I'm afraid you haven't even heard of this name," Zheng Yan said disdainfully, "Your path to death is of your own choice, and others can't be blamed. If there's anyone to blame, it's that you chose to go against me, you picked the wrong opponent."

However, Lin Shen completely ignored Zheng Yan, still looking at Zheng Guyuan with a cold laugh, "You're here to find me, but it's probably not just for vengeance on behalf of Zheng Yan. Are you after the two Mutant Sea Demon God General eggs I have, or do you want this Angel Revolver in my hand?"

"Both," Zheng Guyuan's expression remained unchanged, the red jade sword floating beside him trembled slightly, and in the next second, it suddenly disappeared.

“They’re not on me.” Lin Shen didn’t see anything, but as Zheng Guyuan spoke, he picked up on something wrong in his tone. Before the red jade sword even moved, he had already flipped off the back of the Red Jade Lion, shouting as he did.

Hum!

The red jade sword stopped in front of Lin Shen, the sword tip already touching his forehead, and just by touching, the tip pierced through the Mirror Carapace, and blood started to seep slowly from inside the carapace.

Wei Wufu’s face changed, his actions were much too slow, and he didn’t have time to intercept the red jade sword.

“Wei, don’t move,” Lin Shen called out to Wei Wufu, who had raised his trident, wanting to sweep the red jade sword away.

Lin Shen stared at the red jade sword before him; the blade, which resembled blood jade, had strange patterns on it.

Those patterns weren’t etched on the surface of the blade but seemed to be within the sword itself, emitting a strange light, like a vicious dragon or a venomous snake, and they also seemed to be alive, constantly shifting and changing.

Lin Shen knew this was the spirit of a Life Base; the stronger the spirit, the stronger the Life Base.

If it were an ordinary person seeing such a miraculous object as the red jade sword, their courage would likely be shattered by now.

Lin Shen could feel that Feizi, in his backpack, hadn’t moved at all, probably sensing the terror of the Ascender and not daring to show itself.

“Those two Mutant Sea Demon God General eggs aren’t on me. If you kill me, you’ll never get your hands on them.” Lin Shen slowly took off his backpack and threw it on the ground, then emptied his pockets, letting Zheng Guyuan see that he didn’t have the Mutant Sea Demon God General eggs on him.

When Lin Shen left the Ye Family, he didn’t take the Mutant Sea Demon God General eggs with him. Firstly, since they hadn’t hatched yet, they were useless to him; secondly, he considered that if he were to die, he wouldn’t want the Zheng Family to benefit from them.

Leaving them for Ye Yuzhen was still better than letting the people who killed him snatch them away.

“You’re a smart man. Tell me, where is it? Two Mutant Sea Demon God General eggs in exchange for the two of your lives,” said Zheng Guyuan indifferently.

“What makes me believe you?” Lin Shen countered.

“You don’t have a choice,” Zheng Guyuan’s gaze intensified, and the Red Jade Sword trembled again. The tip of the sword pierced a little deeper, and blood immediately seeped out.

“Alright, I’ll tell you where they are,” Lin Shen immediately said loudly.

“Speak?” Zheng Guyuan’s eyes were resolute, as if even the slightest disagreement would cause the Red Jade Sword to puncture Lin Shen’s head.

The reason he had come so quickly was partly to save Zheng Yan, but another important reason was for those two Mutant Sea Demon God General eggs; otherwise, he wouldn’t have been in such a hurry to find Lin Shen.

At his level, finding a Mutated Crystal Base egg wasn’t difficult, but finding a pair of mutated twin eggs that also met his requirements was no easy feat.

Had it been just for a Red Jade Lion, he wouldn’t have rushed to help Zheng Yan seek revenge; he should have gone to the Realm King Cultivation Device instead, where the benefits far outweighed those of a Red Jade Lion.

Lin Shen had seen through this fact, which is why he had called out as he did, and those words had saved his life for the moment.

“Can you move that thing away a bit?” Lin Shen pointed to the Red Jade Sword at his forehead and said.

“It’s all the same, wherever it is, I can take your life from a thousand miles away in an instant,” Zheng Guyuan meant that Lin Shen shouldn’t try any tricks, as his sword could take his life instantly no matter its location.

“I’m just trying to point out where I hid the stuff; you’re being a little too paranoid,” said Lin Shen, with the thing stuck in his forehead, not daring to move his head, only carefully shifting his body.

Zheng Guyuan saw his act and let out a cold snort, the Red Jade Sword immediately moved next to him as if it had teleported.

Lin Shen breathed a sigh of relief, wiped the blood from his forehead, moved his neck, and without waiting for Zheng Guyuan to urge him, began looking around, as if he was recognizing a place.

Wei Wufu knew Lin Shen was delaying time, but he couldn't figure out the significance. They had no one to rescue them, and Lin Shen couldn't delay for long; the end result would be the same.

If he stubbornly refused to talk, for the Mutant Sea Demon God General eggs, Zheng Guyuan might still not kill him.

But letting Zheng Guyuan find out that Lin Shen was toying with him might enrage him and make him decide to kill more ruthlessly.

After all, for Ascenders, eggs like the Mutant Sea Demon God General's weren't essential; he probably wanted them for future generations of his family, using them as leverage might not be effective.

Lin Shen was delaying time, but he wasn't waiting for rescue; he was waiting for the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast.

Zheng Guyuan had killed so many of the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast's underlings upon arriving which, knowing the vengeful nature of the beast, it probably wouldn't let slide so easily.

He hadn't seen it since the skirmish began, and he didn't know whether it would dare to come out or not.

Although the chance was slim, it was better than none; Lin Shen wouldn't let go of any opportunity to survive.

"Over there," Lin Shen seemed to see something, his eyes briefly brightened, and then he randomly pointed in that direction and said to Zheng Guyuan.

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Zheng Guyuan and Zheng Yan both looked in the direction Lin Shen pointed, but they didn't see anything. In fact, it was the direction from which they had come, and they hadn't seen anything when they arrived either.

Of course, they couldn't see anything, because there was nothing there to begin with—at least not when they looked that way. By then, everything had already vanished.

When Lin Shen had sized up that area just moments before, there had been something there. He had seen a Black-Capped Mushroom Beast stealthily standing behind a large tree, revealing only half of its gloomy face and pointing its claw in a certain direction.

The next second, the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast had disappeared without a trace, not even a sound.

At that time, Zheng Guyuan and Zheng Yan were both staring at Lin Shen and couldn't see anything behind them. However, for the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast to make no sound that even Zheng Guyuan, an Ascender, could hear, its abilities were indeed not average for a Crystal-based Creature.

Lin Shen knew the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast was not benign. It feared Zheng Guyuan and dared not strike itself, so it wanted Lin Shen to lure Zheng Guyuan to a certain place.

That place must have been a trap set by the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast, and if Lin Shen went there, he might end up in a worse situation than Zheng Guyuan.

However, Lin Shen had no other choice at this point. If he went, there might still be a slim chance of survival; if he didn't, it would truly be a certain death.

"Lin Shen, don't think you can get off just by randomly pointing in a direction. Lead the way in front. If we don't find it, I'll flay your skin and leave you wishing for death without being able to achieve it," Zheng Yan didn't bother to hide his disgust and hatred for Lin Shen.

"Does he call the shots, or do you? If he does, it's all the same to me; just kill me now," Lin Shen ignored Zheng Yan, turning to speak to Zheng Guyuan.

Zheng Guyuan locked eyes with Lin Shen and, seeing that Lin Shen was unshaken as if resolved to death, said indifferently, "You transact with me, naturally, I call the shots."

"Fine, you're a big shot, your word is as good as nine tripods, I believe you," Lin Shen said, then started to gather his possessions. .

"Don't move," Zheng Yan stopped him and took Lin Shen's belongings himself.

"Damn, here I thought you were some tough guy. Turns out you're just a deadbeat," Zheng Yan rifled through Lin Shen's belongings. Apart from the Angel Revolver and his Red Jade Lion pet, which were of some value, the rest was junk.

As for pets like the Iron-horned Horse, Zheng Yan just threw them on the ground, not even bothering to pick them up.

The backpack and the Fatty inside were also tossed on the ground by Zheng Yan, who even kicked it, cursing, "Birds of a feather flock together; only trash would keep such trashy pets."

Lin Shen kept silent, crouching down to pick up the Pet Capsules that Zheng Yan had thrown on the ground and deemed unworthy.

Crack!

Zheng Yan stomped down, crushing the Pet Capsule that Lin Shen was about to pick up into pieces.

Wei Wufu, holding a trident, was about to rush forward, but Lin Shen, who was crouching down, looked up and stopped Wei Wufu, saying calmly, "Under someone's roof, one must bow their head. Old Wei, endure it for now; let's focus on staying alive."

"A wise man submits to circumstances. You really know when to yield and when to stand firm. I'm starting to admire you a little," Zheng Yan said mockingly.

Watching Lin Shen pick up garbage from the ground, Zheng Yan felt an immense pleasure.

"You want to live? That's impossible. Just endure it. In the end, your life will still be mine," Zheng Yan seemed to already see the regret, unwillingness, despair, and frustration in Lin Shen's expressions when he would be tormenting him to death.

Watching Lin Shen endure humiliation in exchange for a slim chance of survival, only to have that hope extinguished by his own foot, could satisfy Zheng Yan and quench the hatred in his heart.

No matter what Zheng Yan thought, after Lin Shen collected his things, he led the way, heading back in the direction they had come from.

Although Zheng Guyuan and Zheng Yan still harbored suspicions, they found it reasonable since the belongings weren't on Lin Shen. Naturally, the only possibility was that they had been hidden along the escape route.

If Lin Shen had headed deeper into the Blue Tree Sea or in another direction, Zheng Guyuan wouldn't have hesitated at all and would have immediately cut off one of Lin Shen's arms first.

Lin Shen walked back the way he had come, but he had no idea what the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast was up to.

He didn't know if the trap it had set would be effective against an Ascender; if it wasn't, Lin Shen was doomed.

If it did work, and even an Ascender couldn't withstand it, would he and Wei Wufu be able to bear it? The outcome probably wouldn't be good either.

Lin Shen wanted to let Wei Wufu go first, guessing that Zheng Guyuan wouldn't stop him for fear of the Wei Family of Tiancheng, but Lin Shen knew that Wei Wufu was not the kind of person who would leave first. If Lin Shen forcefully sent him away, it would only raise the suspicions of Zheng Guyuan and his group.

It was a difficult situation, and Lin Shen could only take it one step at a time.

"How much farther is it? Stop dragging your feet. Every minute you delay, I'll let you live one more day when it comes time to flay you," Zheng Yan urged Lin Shen to hurry.

"Give me the Red Jade Lion to ride, and naturally, I can go faster," Lin Shen said calmly.

Just as Zheng Yan was about to say something, he suddenly felt the ground shake, and the surrounding trees began to violently sway.

The ground within a diameter of more than ten meters where they stood suddenly rose up, and a huge Purple Crystal Mushroom Beast emerged from below.

Zheng Guyuan grabbed Zheng Yan, and in an instant, they flew up into mid-air, while Lin Shen and Wei Wufu were not so lucky. As the colossal Purple Crystal Mushroom burst out, both were tossed about and fell down.

As a mountain-like Purple Crystal Mushroom Beast erupted from the ground and opened its mouth to swallow Zheng Guyuan and Zheng Yan in mid-air, a glimmer of hope rose in Lin Shen's heart.

Such a massive Crystal-based Creature must have incredible strength. Perhaps it could match an Ascender, at least for a while, which could mean a chance for them to escape.

Boom!

Lin Shen's hope was shattered with a loud bang as Zheng Guyuan's Jade Sword flashed by, piercing through the head of the Purple Crystal Mushroom Beast.

Watching the head and cap of the Purple Crystal Mushroom Beast explode together, Lin Shen's mood plummeted.

An Ascender's power was outrageously strong, far beyond anything a Base Variant Creature could contend with. The designs of the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast were utterly useless.

It wasn't just one Purple Crystal Mushroom Beast—even if there were ten or a hundred more, Zheng Guyuan could easily kill them all with a single sweep of his sword.

In the face of absolute power, all scheming and deception seemed like a joke.

“Is this all there is to the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast’s design?” Lin Shen watched as the Purple Crystal Mushroom Beast fell with a thunderous crash, kicking up a cloud of dust and shattered metal branches, his heart filled with doubt.

Given the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast’s vicious and cunning nature, Lin Shen would expect it to produce several Purple Crystal Mushroom Beasts. The fact that only one appeared, as if deliberately served up on a platter, made him suspicious.

“Could there be another move?” Lin Shen’s thoughts raced.

It was only after Zheng Guyuan was sure that the Purple Crystal Mushroom Beast was dead that he descended with Zheng Yan.

Unaware of the existence of a treacherous and cunning creature like the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast, he simply thought it was an ambush by a Crystal-based Creature and wasn't concerned.

Zheng Yan was even a bit excited. The Purple Crystal Mushroom Beast was clearly a mutant, and if it happened to be carrying a Mutant Egg, that would be a huge windfall.

As Lin Shen watched Zheng Yan approach the corpse of the Purple Crystal Mushroom Beast to see if there were any Base Mutation Eggs within the shattered cap, a thought suddenly struck him.

“Could it be poison... no... not poison... it must be something more advanced... otherwise, it wouldn't fool Zheng Guyuan...” Lin Shen seemed to have guessed something.

But before he could act, he suddenly felt as if the scenery in front of him became dreamlike, as if reality had turned into something out of a comic book, with little sprites whirling before his eyes.

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Lin Shen only felt as if the world before his eyes had become the bizarre creation of an abstract painter, filled with indescribable, strange and erratic phenomena.

The trees seemed to have come to life, turning into monsters that uprooted themselves from the ground. They didn't attack Lin Shen; rather, they started wiggling and dancing like they were performing a driving test maneuver, the main feature of which was absurdity.

The white clouds in the sky dripped down like milk. Upon closer inspection, it wasn't milk at all, but rather bubbles from a bathtub, in which a beautiful woman was having a bubble bath in the sky.

"Those bubbles are really in your sister's place," Lin Shen's mind was exceptionally excited as he saw a rope extending all the way to the sky, connected to the bathtub.

Lin Shen dashed towards the rope and started climbing up, "Beauty, wait for me, I'm coming to have kids with you..."

Meanwhile, Wei Wufu was lying on the ground, his arms and legs thrashing fiercely, first doing the breaststroke, then the butterfly, followed by the backstroke, all the while muttering to himself, "Swimming... easy... everyone can... don't be afraid..."

Seeing the abnormal behavior of Lin Shen and Wei Wufu, his first reaction was to grab Zheng Yan by the collar and fly straight up into the sky, reaching high altitudes in an instant.

With Lin Shen in such a state, no one would suspect that it was Lin Shen who had lured him into a trap.

Of course, at this time, Zheng Guyuan had no idea that this was a trap, thinking that the appearance of the Purple Crystal Mushroom Beast was a mere fluke.

After all, he didn't know that such a sinister Black-Capped Mushroom Beast was plotting against him, so he didn't immediately feel the urge to kill Lin Shen.

Zheng Guyuan felt his mind was somewhat off; the view before him seemed hazy. Just as he was about to do something, he suddenly felt that Zheng Yan, whom he was holding, seemed a bit off.

Looking down, he saw Zheng Yan hugging his legs and licking them wildly with his tongue, a perverted smile on his face, saying as he licked, "Delicious... truly delicious..."

Zheng Guyuan gritted his teeth, threw Zheng Yan down, and turned his head to search for Lin Shen in the forest, intending to kill him first to prevent any problems.

But as he turned his head, what he saw before him was no longer a forest, but a giant Spirit Base Sea.

Various Spirit Bases were piled up together like an ocean, each shining brightly and seemingly with Spirit Patterns flowing within them.

“Spirit Bases... so many Spirit Bases... an illusion... no... the Spirit Bases are all mine...” Zheng Guyuan at first still had some willpower, wanting to escape far away, even cutting himself with his sword in an attempt to stay lucid, but in vain, as he was slowly overcome.

If the Steel Level Poison Mushroom Beast could induce hallucinations in Wei Wufu, then the hallucinogenic ability of this mutated Purple Crystal Mushroom Beast was obviously many times more potent, to the extent that even Ascenders couldn't escape it.

With no one controlling it, Zheng Guyuan's red Jade Sword fell crookedly and stuck into the forest soil.

Zheng Guyuan's mouth split into a grin, drooling, as he dropped his backpack and belongings, falling down like an idiot, reaching out to grab branches from the trees.

“Mine... all mine... I will become the strongest Ascender...”

All were plunged into madness, and at this moment, a black figure appeared in the forest in the distance, like a killer wearing a conical hat, coldly observing the few who were trapped in illusions.

Instead of approaching Lin Shen and the others, it went to the carcass of the Purple Crystal Mushroom Beast, leapt up, and delivered a beautiful spin kick, bursting the damaged cap of the Purple Crystal Mushroom Beast. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Countless purple dust particles, hard to see with the naked eye, burst out, gathering together to envelop a large area nearby like smoke and mist.

Looking over at Lin Shen and the others shrouded in the purple haze, the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast revealed a sinister smile at the corner of its mouth.

The next second, the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast suddenly leaped in front of Zheng Guyuan, launching a barrage of silky smooth combos, its foreclaws and hindclaws raining down on Zheng Guyuan with the ferocity of a tempest, beating him back repeatedly like a savagely battered heavy bag.

Yet, on his face remained a satisfied smile as he kept saying, “They're all mine... all mine...”

Boom!

Finally, Zheng Guyuan's body crashed into a large tree, breaking the steel-thick trunk, his clothes torn into shreds hanging like tatters.

The exposed skin and muscles were a bruised array of blues and purples, looking quite terrible, yet the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast seemed to size him up with some uncertainty.

Without the protection of the Carapace Guard, the Crystal Base Level Black-Capped Mushroom Beast, even with all its strength, could only leave him bruised, unable to inflict a fatal wound. Such physical resilience was indeed terrifying.

The eyes of the Black Cap Mushroom Beast spun, as if it had thought of something, and it turned to run towards another place.

Lin Shen was hugging a sapling, thick as a fist, climbing and climbing as if trying to ascend to the heavens, yet unable to make it no matter how hard he tried.

Suddenly, Lin Shen jolted, the bizarre scene before him growing even more absurd, the entire world seeming about to twist out of shape.

Afterward, the distortion in his vision slowly corrected itself, and Lin Shen could gradually feel the power inside him flowing in accordance with Evolution Theory.

It was only now that Lin Shen realized he had been influenced by a hallucination but Evolution Theory had saved him, pulling him out of the illusion.

It wasn't just a simple extraction, Evolution Theory was enhancing and mutating his body, granting him a certain resistance to the root cause of the hallucinations.

This was an ongoing process. Lin Shen's world of distortions hadn't fully stabilized, and Evolution Theory hadn't stopped operating, indicating that his enhancement and mutation weren't finished.

After a while, Lin Shen felt that the twisted world before him had almost returned to normal, at least he could clearly see what was in front of him now.

Not far from him, Wei Wufu was continuously changing postures as if swimming, and in another place, Zheng Yan was hugging a branch, licking and kissing it with a perverted smile, god only knew what he was doing in his hallucination.

Even Zheng Guyuan seemed crazy, plucking at the nearby steel grass and branches, muttering something to himself.

“Such formidable hallucinatory power, can even Ascenders not escape unscathed?” Lin Shen was both shocked and delighted in his heart.

He was shocked at the ability of the Purple Crystal Mushroom Beast, but delighted that Evolution Theory could allow him to withstand it, a power that even Ascenders couldn't resist.

Suddenly, Lin Shen heard some noise, as if something was being dragged through the steel forest, and he quickly hugged the sapling again to continue his performance.

During the lull in the performance, Lin Shen sneaked a peek and saw the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast dragging a red Jade Sword over.

This red Jade Sword was only three to four feet in length and as wide as three fingers, which for an ordinary human was considered fairly large, but for a Crystal-based Creature, how heavy could such a large sword be?

It was clear to see that the sword must be truly heavy, as the Crystal Base Level Black-Capped Mushroom Beast was dragging it over.

Lin Shen instantly recognized the red Jade Sword as Zheng Guyuan's Blade of the Heart, his heart stirring.

Whether it was Life Base, Spirit Base, or Blade of the Heart, in essence, they were all the same thing, a tool condensed by Ascenders.

While an Ascender lived, the Life Base was one with them, but if an Ascender died, the Life Base could be preserved for others to use, at which point it became known as a Spirit Base.

Because the Blade of the Heart inherently had spirit, it could exist independently, not perishing alongside the Ascender.

In the battles of Ascenders, it was very common to plunder the Blades of the Heart of other creatures for their own use.

After all, each Ascender could only condense a single Blade of the Heart; the rest had to be seized.

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“I wonder if Mutators can use the Blade of the Heart, I forgot to ask Tian Xin about that,” Lin Shen continued his frenzied acting, secretly spying on every move of the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast.

The Black-Capped Mushroom Beast, dragging the red Jade Sword, walked in front of Zheng Guyuan, two claws clamping on the sword hilt at once, and with a fierce effort, lifted the red Jade Sword and ruthlessly stabbed it towards Zheng Guyuan’s heart.

Zheng Guyuan could have never imagined that he would be stabbed through the heart by his own Blade of the Heart.

If Zheng Guyuan were sober, the actions of the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast would undoubtedly be a suicidal move.

With but a thought from Zheng Guyuan, the Blade of the Heart could disintegrate and merge inside his body, becoming his own source of power.

But now, he was still trapped in an illusion, utterly unaware, and the red Jade Sword directly pierced through his chest, penetrating his heart along with it.

Maybe it was a dying flash of sobriety, but Zheng Guyuan somehow came to his senses, looked down at the red Jade Sword that went through his chest, and then at the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast in front of him.

This frightened the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast, which leapt back tens of meters with one bound.

Zheng Guyuan, seeming to be overcome with rage, dissolved the red Jade Sword embedded in his chest into red particles that merged into his body, only to condense into a sword in his hands once again.

He flung it directly at the rapidly retreating Black-Capped Mushroom Beast, turning the red Jade Sword into a streak of red lightning that instantly spanned the distance between man and beast, giving the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast no chance to dodge, embedding it into its chest in a flash, piercing it as if its crystal base body was made of paper.

The overwhelming power sent the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast flying, crushing an unknown number of large trees before it was nailed to a huge iron tree that would take several people to encircle.

Zheng Guyuan, staring at the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast, was filled with towering hatred. With just a thought, he tried to control the red Jade Sword to mutilate the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast.

But as he moved his intent, the red Jade Sword, which should have followed his thoughts, merely quivered and did not take flight.

The Black-Capped Mushroom Beast was clamping the red Jade Sword with its claws, while the black cap mushroom on its head glowed with a sparkling white light, which made the air where it shone seem much cleaner.

Perhaps affected by the white light, Wufu and Zheng Yan, who were trapped in illusions, also gradually regained consciousness.

Lin Shen originally wanted to continue pretending, but seeing this situation, he could only act as if he had just awoken.

Wufu looked at the scene in front of him, somewhat stupefied.

The Black-Capped Mushroom Beast was pinned to a tree, Zheng Guyuan's front and back white robes were dyed red with blood, whereas both he and Lin Shen appeared unscathed, a picture he wouldn't dare dream of.

Zheng Yan, having regained consciousness, immediately ran to Zheng Guyuan's side and asked worriedly, "Second Uncle, are you alright?"

When Lin Shen heard this, he wanted to smack Zheng Yan for him. Looking at the severity of Zheng Guyuan's wounds, how could he possibly be alright? His heart had been punctured, and for a human, that's no minor injury.

Ascenders are, after all, flesh and blood. Unless some practiced special Evolution Skills or possessed unique talents that could rapidly heal injuries, a pierced heart would be a fatal situation.

Zheng Guyuan's white clothes were quickly turning red; clearly, he wasn't one of those Ascenders with a rapid healing ability. Even if this injury didn't cost him his life, he probably only had half a life left.

Zheng Guyuan paid no attention to Zheng Yan, taking steps towards the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast as a red jade-like carapace surfaced on his body.

With Zheng Guyuan's approach, the red Jade Sword stuck in the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast trembled more and more violently, as if it could fly out at any moment.

The Black-Capped Mushroom Beast gritted its teeth and persevered, the white light on top of its head growing more intense, yet the red Jade Sword still couldn't fly back.

Both Lin Shen and Wufu were quite surprised; a Crystal Base, the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast, was actually contending with an Ascender, its powers indeed very formidable.

Of course, that was because Zheng Guyuan had been seriously injured from the start; otherwise, the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast would have been killed by him long ago.

Although his body was protected by the Carapace Guard, making his injuries invisible to others, Zheng Guyuan was acutely aware of the blood flowing from the wound in his heart, pooling inside his body. He didn't have much longer to live, and he was determined to take the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast, along with Lin Shen and the others, with him before he died.

He cursed his carelessness, for as someone who had fought for years in the Alien World, he had never considered that he would die on his home planet.

In his view, only the mysterious Base Mutation Zones on his home planet contained beings that could harm him.

To him, Base Variant Creatures elsewhere were hardly worth mentioning.

If he had been more cautious and used Carapace Guard from the beginning, he wouldn't have met this fate.

Having survived many great storms, it was in this insignificant trickle of a problem that he capsized—Zheng Guyuan's hatred could not be adequately expressed in words.

He forcefully stimulated his Life Base, but in doing so with too much strength, the blood in his heart burst even more fiercely. If it were not for the carapace wrapping around him, the blood might have already spurted out, causing Zheng Guyuan, who was already unable to exert his full strength, to stagger.

Lin Shen, who had originally planned to seize the opportunity to escape with Wei Wufu, saw this situation and exchanged a look with him. Both silently took out their weapons.

Wei Wufu gripped his trident tightly while Lin Shen also pulled out the Death Powder coiled around his body. With a flick of the wrist, the Death Powder transformed from a string into a long spear.

"There's a Pet Launcher in my backpack. Use the pet inside to kill Lin Shen," Zheng Guyuan said as he noticed his backpack that had fallen in the distance. He communicated to Zheng Yan at his side. Realizing he had no chance left to live and no longer hoping for Lin Shen to go after the Mutant Sea Demon God General, he must make sure Lin Shen was killed.

Zheng Yan hastily ran over to pick up the backpack from the ground, rummaging through it to pull out an antique design pistol-style Pet Launcher and aimed it directly at Lin Shen.

Seeing Zheng Yan aiming the Pet Launcher at him, Lin Shen was not alarmed but rather pleased. There were indeed people who could kill him with that device, but Zheng Yan definitely wasn't one of them.

"That Pet Launcher is of Ascension Level. You haven't activated its power yet. Take out the Crystal Base Capsules inside. The first three are Ascension Pets, which you cannot use. The next five are Mutated Crystal Base Pets – activate them directly or load them into the Angel Revolver. Using them should be enough to kill Lin Shen," Zheng Guyuan advised Zheng Yan while grappling with the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast.

Upon hearing the instructions, Zheng Yan immediately opened the chamber, taking out the Crystal Base Capsules and the key. After a moment's hesitation, he chose not to activate the Mutated Crystal Base Pets directly but instead loaded them into the Angel Revolver, aiming the barrel at Lin Shen.

"Lin Shen, when you strutted around that stellar body relying on the power of this Angel Revolver, did you ever imagine that one day you would die at its muzzle?" Zheng Yan said coldly, the gun pointed at Lin Shen.

"Don't you still want the Mutant Sea Demon God General?" Lin Shen said while charging forward, still trying to confuse Zheng Yan with his words.

"I do—but I want to kill you even more," Zheng Yan said and pulled the trigger without hesitation.

Cold light flashed in Wei Wufu's eyes like a fierce tiger, he rushed towards Zheng Yan.

Lin Shen also charged forward while throwing the Death Powder in his hand as if it were a javelin, aimed directly at Zheng Yan.

The Death Powder turned into a dark red streak of light, flying towards Zheng Yan who was about to open fire.

Zheng Yan's eyes revealed a disdainful look as he shot at the Death Powder in the air.

In his opinion, it was simply an Alloy Level weapon, merely a dead object. The Mutated Crystal Base Pet he fired could obliterate the Death Powder on impact.

The gun fired! Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

The Mutated Crystal Base Capsule shot out at a speed of 44, turning into a Mutated Black Armored Centipede upon leaving the barrel, charging towards the Death Powder.

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Just as the mutated black armored centipede was about to collide with Death Powder, whose body was originally straight as a rod, it coiled into a spring shape, allowing the centipede to pass through it. Death Powder then straightened out and, at an unimaginable speed, shot towards Zheng Yan's forehead.

The speed unleashed by Super-Base Instantaneous Speed was so fast that Zheng Yan, also at Alloy Level, couldn't react in time and could only watch helplessly as Death Powder pierced towards him, filled with utter terror.

Meanwhile, Wei Wufu's purple carapace suddenly swelled, transforming the once thin shell into thick armor. With his formidable physique, Wei Wufu now resembled a humanoid mecha warrior.

Wei Wufu thrust his trident wildly, meeting the mutated black armored centipede head-on.

Sparks flew everywhere, and the powerful impact forced Wei Wufu backwards, his legs plowing two deep furrows into the ground, while the centipede was deflected onto the earth beside him.

The mutated Crystal-based Creature was surprisingly not gaining much of an advantage over Wei Wufu.

Almost simultaneously, a hand encased in a Red Jade Carapace grabbed Death Powder that was thrusting towards Zheng Yan's face. It was Zheng Guyuan who had intervened, seizing Death Powder.

Zheng Guyuan tried to crush Death Powder with a squeeze but found the hard tip suddenly as pliable as boneless, like squeezing cotton, offering no resistance, and he couldn't crush it instantly.

Death Powder took the opportunity to coil upwards, entwining around Zheng Guyuan's arm as if it were silk winding around a finger.

"Fire, kill them," Zheng Guyuan ordered, almost roaring.

As he dealt with the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast, he still found a way to block Death Powder for Zheng Yan. Distracted, his control over the Blade of the Heart weakened even further.

The rumbling sound of something monumental began to surround them, as if the earth and mountains were shaking; a large group of Mushroom Beasts was rushing their way.

Only then did Zheng Yan come to his senses, lifting his gun to aim at Lin Shen once more.

Lin Shen's carapace had become as red-hot as iron, making him look like a metal man who had just climbed out of a high-temperature furnace, furiously charging at Zheng Yan.

"Die!" Zheng Yan screamed, his face twisted in a ferocious snarl as he pulled the trigger.

"Too late." Lin Shen, who was now less than five meters away from Zheng Yan, suddenly accelerated to an inconceivable speed.

Before Zheng Yan's finger could fully press down, Lin Shen, glowing with a brilliant light, was already in front of him, snatching the Angel Revolver from one hand, while pointing the other hand at Zheng Yan.

Zheng Yan's eyes bulged in disbelief; he couldn't understand how someone at Steel Level could burst forth with such speed. Even someone at Crystal Base Level wouldn't have that speed, right?

Zheng Guyuan too noticed this unbelievable scene, and was profoundly shocked. He abandoned his struggle with the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast for the Blade of the Heart, pulling Zheng Yan behind him with his other hand, causing Lin Shen's pointing attack to miss.

"You... must die..." Zheng Guyuan suddenly realized that if Lin Shen couldn't be killed today, this young man could potentially become the Zheng Family's greatest nightmare.

Therefore, he was willing to abandon the killing blow against the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast, which had put him in a life-threatening situation, to eliminate Lin Shen and prevent future threats.

Zheng Guyuan, like a phantom, appeared in front of Lin Shen. His other hand, not entangled by Death Powder, reached out like blood-red jade claws, aiming for Lin Shen's chest.

It was too fast, it was just too fast. Lin Shen didn't even have time to fire a shot empowered by the Seven Steps of Conflict before Zheng Guyuan's hand was already at his chest. This grab threatened to tear his chest open and rip out his heart.

Wei Wufu was preoccupied with the mutated black armored centipede and couldn't come to Lin Shen's aid in time.

Even without the centipede, Wei Wufu's speed would not have been fast enough to rescue Lin Shen. Even in a weakened state, an Ascender was still an Ascender, far beyond the capabilities of an Alloy.

As Lin Shen was on the verge of having his chest pierced through, anticipation of seeing Lin Shen cut open was alight in Zheng Yan's eyes, eagerly awaiting the gruesome scene.

Zheng Guyuan was also full of madness. This was the strike he delivered with the last vestiges of his life force, seeking only to kill Lin Shen in one blow, consequences be damned.

Although his chest was flooding with blood, it couldn't stop Zheng Guyuan's resolute intent to crush Lin Shen's heart.

Lin Shen desperately tried to retreat, but compared to Zheng Guyuan's speed, his own was like that of a snail's crawl.

In a critical moment, a small white figure suddenly appeared out of nowhere in front of Lin Shen, landing on the back of Zheng Guyuan's hand that was reaching out to grab him.

Zheng Guyuan's hand, flashing towards Lin Shen like lightning, came to a sudden halt.

This momentary pause gave Lin Shen a slim chance at survival.

A gunshot rang out, and Lin Shen's figure madly shifted to the left, evading the hand that Zheng Guyuan had reached out to grab.

The small white figure on Zheng Guyuan's hand also took flight, perching on Lin Shen's shoulder as if it had teleported.

Everyone stared at the white dove on Lin Shen's shoulder, their expressions one of incredulous shock.

Even Zheng Guyuan was stunned for a full second. He couldn't believe that an ordinary-looking dove, apparently flesh and blood, could pause his attack for an instant, completely beyond his comprehension.

Zheng Yan found it even harder to accept. A pet that looked utterly ordinary, not even a Base Variant Creature, could actually interrupt an Ascender's attack.

Just moments ago, he had thought of it as a useless junk pet, and this dealt a dual blow to his psyche, completely breaking his mental defense.

Death Powder took advantage of the moment Zheng Guyuan was dazed to escape his grasp and returned to Lin Shen's side.

Mushroom Beasts flooded in like a tide from all directions, among them the Blue-Cap Mushroom Beasts and Purple Crystal Mushroom Beasts.

Zheng Guyuan felt his strength rapidly fading, his vitality growing weaker, knowing his time was short.

But without killing Lin Shen, he found it difficult to be content. However, the situation was no longer in his control.

With a grit of his teeth, Zheng Guyuan grabbed Zheng Yan and shot straight up into the sky, attempting to flee the Blue Tree Sea with him.

But his current speed was far from what it used to be, not even matching the top speed of speed-type Crystal-based Creatures.

It was clear he didn't lack the will to kill Lin Shen, but even with all his might, he could no longer do so. The earlier strike was his last desperate attempt, consuming his last bit of vitality.

Zheng Guyuan, now barely clinging to life, only wanted to use the flight advantage that remained to an Ascender to flee the Blue Tree Sea with Zheng Yan before his death, to allow Zheng Yan to return to the Wanderer Base and inform the Zheng Family of Lin Shen's existence so they could prepare early.

Having made an enemy, such a figure must be strangled before he truly rose to power, or he would surely become the Zheng Family's nightmare.

"Lin Shen, the next time we meet, I will surely kill you," Zheng Yan roared madly, venting his inner rage and reluctance, as well as alleviating his fear.

With Uncle Er, an Ascender, on his side, they hadn't managed to kill Lin Shen, and he had almost been killed by Lin Shen instead, this instilled an uncontrollable fear in him.

"You won't get the chance. Even an Ascender can't save you today," Lin Shen said as he fired his gun. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

At the sound of gunfire, Zheng Guyuan shielded Zheng Yan with his body, his carapace still hard, impervious to the Mutated Black Armored Centipede.

"Bullshit... what are you... you can't kill me... I will return... next time I'll kill you all...bang..." Zheng Yan's crazed bellowing hadn't finished when his head was penetrated by a Mutated Black Armored Centipede, his eyes bulging to the extreme,

dying without understanding how Lin Shen's shot had bypassed Zheng Guyuan to hit him.

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Zheng Guyuan had only been clinging to his last breath, intending to take Zheng Yan to safety.

Now that Zheng Yan had been killed before his eyes, a wave of desolation surged in Zheng Guyuan's heart. He could no longer hold on, his Base Mutation carapace receded, blood fell from his body like raindrops, and he vomited a large mouthful of blood, embracing Zheng Yan's corpse as they both fell into the forest below.

In his lifetime, he had killed countless enemies and waged wars on alien worlds, but he would never have imagined that today he would be brought to such a state by two Mutators and a swarm of Base Variant Creatures.

Amidst his unwillingness and regret, his body, along with Zheng Yan's corpse, was engulfed by the Mushroom Beast horde.

Lin Shen raised his Angel Revolver, and the launched Black Armored Centipedes flew back, landing beside him.

Lin Shen and Wei Wufu looked around at the Mushroom Beasts flooding in like tidewater and inwardly cursed their luck; they had barely dealt with an Ascender, only to be trapped amidst a creature swarm. Today was truly cursed.

Luckily, they had obtained five Mutated Crystal Base pets. With a desperate effort, perhaps there was a sliver of a chance of survival.

The two men stood back to back, preparing to fight for their lives, when they heard a strange scream. All the Mushroom Beasts halted and didn't charge at them anymore.

Under their puzzled gaze, the creature swarm turned around and gradually retreated into the depths of the forest, leaving not a trace behind in a short time.

It was then that Lin Shen and Wei Wufu saw the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast standing in the forest afar, with Zheng Guyuan's red Jade Sword stuck into the ground before it.

Its gaze fixed on Lin Shen, and although still icy, it seemed to carry a bit less malice.

After locking eyes with Lin Shen for a moment, the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast slowly retreated behind the trees and gradually disappeared from view.

“Is it letting us off the hook?” Lin Shen said with a wry smile.

“Yes,” replied Wei Wufu, pointing at the Blade of the Heart still stuck in the ground. “Not taken away. For us?”

“Seems like it,” Lin Shen said, not entirely sure.

Wei Wufu walked over and pulled out the Blade of the Heart. With his strength, he found it surprisingly heavy, unable to lift it with both hands, dragging it across the ground instead.

Lin Shen actually wanted to search for Zheng Yan’s body, where an Ascension Level Pet Launcher and three Ascension Pet Capsules remained.

Unfortunately, glancing at where Zheng Guyuan and Zheng Yan had fallen, he saw nothing but bloodstains; the Mushroom Beasts likely took everything.

His gaze shifted, Lin Shen noticed a backpack that Zheng Guyuan had dropped on the ground, ran over, and rifled through it, finding only a Pet Egg and some worthless trinkets inside.

“This is...” Lin Shen and Wei Wufu exclaimed in shock, their reasons for surprise different.

Lin Shen’s shock was due to the mosaic on the Pet Egg, while Wei Wufu’s shock was because it was an Ascension Egg.

Lin Shen packed away both the backpack and the Ascension Egg; this really was a huge win.

Wei Wufu, clutching the red Jade Sword, pondered why the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast didn’t take the red Jade Sword but took Zheng Guyuan’s Pet Launcher and three Ascension Pet Capsules.

“Can a Base Variant Creature even use a Pet Launcher and Pet Capsules?” Lin Shen wondered to himself.

Had it been any other Base Variant Creature, Lin Shen would be certain they couldn’t use a Pet Launcher and Pet Capsules, but that particular Black-Capped Mushroom Beast was another story.

After discussing with Wei Wufu, the two decided to first return to Dark Bird Base.

Without the Black-Capped Mushroom Beast blocking their way, their return to Dark Bird Base was straightforward. However, the issue with the Zheng Family wasn't so easily resolved.

Zheng Yan's death might be tolerated by the Zheng Family, but the death of an Ascender outside was something the Zheng Family might not let go of easily.

Even if Zheng Guyuan wasn't killed by Lin Shen and his companions, everyone at Yashen Base knew that Zheng Guyuan had come after Lin Shen. In the end, the Zheng Family would still find them accountable.

"Let's hope the Zheng Family doesn't find out so quickly that Zheng Guyuan and Zheng Yan are dead," Lin Shen had no other solution for now, only to return to Dark Bird Base to consult with his eldest sister and see if there was a way to resolve this.

"Old Wei, do you think that Black-Capped Mushroom Beast left us Zheng Guyuan's Blade of the Heart because it was also afraid of Zheng Guyuan's companions causing it trouble? By leaving the Blade of the Heart with us, it is as if it has passed the trouble onto us?" Lin Shen suddenly thought of this problem.

"It's very clever," Wei Wufu said after a long reflection.

"Let's stash the item for now," Lin Shen found himself without options, and even if it was as he suspected, there was no reason not to take it.

Wei Wufu didn't speak, and no one knew what he was thinking.

"Wei, give it to me straight, are you really from Tiancheng's Wei Family?" Lin Shen couldn't help but ask.

Before deciding to keep Wei Wufu by his side, Lin Shen had spoken to him once.

At that time, Wei Wufu said it was his elder brother who asked him to look after Lin Shen, but Lin Shen had been somewhat skeptical then.

After spending such a long time together, Lin Shen had come to truly believe him because, from what he had come to know about Wei Wufu over these past few days, Wei Wufu simply wasn't capable of lying.

However, Lin Shen knew nothing about Wei Wufu's background or origins.

"Yes," Wei Wufu acknowledged readily.

“That makes things easier. If all else fails, how about our Lin Family moves to Tiancheng and follows your lead?” Lin Shen naturally didn’t wish to rely on others if there was another way.

But in a situation with no alternatives, relying on others was certainly better than death.

Besides, with Wei Wufu, a member of the Wei Family caring for them, they probably wouldn’t fare too poorly in Tiancheng.

“Tiancheng, dangerous, very harsh,” Wei Wufu said.

“How harsh can it be?” Lin Shen asked curiously.

If even Wei Wufu, with his personality, said it was very harsh, it must be truly severe!

“The Wei Family still has thirteen people left.” This was the most complete and fluent sentence that Wei Wufu had ever spoken since Lin Shen had known him.

This statement silenced Lin Shen. Over two hundred years ago, the Wei Family had more than a thousand members, and now, there were only thirteen left.

The dangers of Tiancheng were evident; even the Wei Family, respected and feared by everyone in Tiancheng, didn’t seem to be faring well, as their numbers dwindled.

After returning to Dark Bird Base, everyone treated them with great enthusiasm.

The people of Dark Bird Base were aware of the reputations of War God Wei and the playboy. Now, the whole Dark Bird Base was abuzz with talk that soon, Dark Bird Base might unify under the three families.

Lin Shen had killed the Mutant Sea Demon God General with a single shot, and to the people of Dark Bird Base, this made him appear to be the mightiest person in the world. The Qi and Wang families combined weren’t match for several shots from Lin Shen.

When he returned to the Lin Family compound, Lin Miao, who had received the news ahead of time, didn’t come out to meet him.

The moment Lin Shen walked into the living room, he saw Lin Miao standing solemnly in front of their parents’ memorial tablets, holding a bamboo stick in her hand.

“Kneel down.” The first words Lin Miao spoke upon seeing Lin Shen made him kneel.

Lin Shen knelt with a thud. To him, Lin Miao wasn’t just a sister; she was more like a mother to him.

“Big sis, what are you doing?” Lin Shen dared not stand up and could only speak in a coquettish tone while kneeling, his eyes gazing pitifully at Lin Miao.

Given how dearly Lin Miao doted on him, she was likely to feel sorry for him and help him up any second now.

Unfortunately, this time Lin Shen miscalculated; Lin Miao still had a cold expression as she said, “What was the promise we four siblings made in front of our parents’ memorial tablets? Have you already forgotten it all?”

“I haven’t forgotten,” Lin Shen quickly replied earnestly.

“Haven’t forgotten? If you haven’t forgotten, then why did you go on such a dangerous adventure? What would we do if something happened to you?” Lin Miao scolded angrily, “Haven’t we already agreed? I, your big sister, along with your third and fourth brothers will handle things outside. You only need to protect your little life, stay alive, marry quickly, have children, and continue the Lin Family’s lineage. Do those promises still count?”

“Of course they count,” Lin Shen quickly responded with a smile meant to appease her.

“If they count, then hurry up and marry and have children. Don’t go on any more adventures,” Lin Miao’s tone softened substantially.

“Sis, I’ve been trying hard to marry and have children, okay? You know my situation. With the whole Lu Qing issue, it’s tough finding someone to marry. I want to, but no one’s willing,” Lin Shen said with a look of aggrieved innocence.

“That’s not a problem. I’ve already found someone suitable for you. When you meet her, make sure you talk things through well, and let’s settle it all this month. We’ll aim to welcome a chubby little baby next year,” Lin Miao said with a smile, helping Lin Shen to his feet.

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“Who’s that?” Lin Shen was utterly baffled, unable to think of any woman Lin Miao might have in mind for him.

Based on Lin Shen’s understanding of her, the women Lin Miao knew were mostly other people’s wives, and there weren’t any young girls.

At this thought, Lin Shen’s heart skipped a beat, “She couldn’t be setting me up for a second marriage, could she?”

Lin Shen didn’t truly believe Lin Miao would introduce him to a divorcee, but he once overheard Cang Yun mention that many famous figures in ancient times liked to marry divorced women, preferably those with children.

They said women who had given birth had proven their capabilities, ensuring they’d be good at childbearing if you married them.

At the time, Cang Yun had shared the story with Lin Shen as a joke, but now that Lin Miao suddenly sprang this on him, Lin Shen seriously wondered if Lin Miao intended to introduce him to some wealthy widow.

Although Lin Shen didn’t mind living off a woman, there was a condition – he had to be attracted to her.

“She’s already in the garden out back, come on, I’ll take you to meet her. Have a good chat, and if you marry her, you won’t have to worry about anything ever again.” Lin Miao pulled Lin Shen toward the back garden.

“Big sister, I have something important to discuss with you, can we go after we’ve talked...” After hearing Lin Miao’s words, Lin Shen became even more convinced that he was right; his sister had gone crazy to the point of introducing him to a wealthy single lady.

“Nothing is more important than this matter. Talk after you’ve met her.” Lin Miao didn’t give Lin Shen a chance to speak and pulled him straight into the garden at the back.

“How about that, isn’t she beautiful? In all my years, I’ve never seen a woman this stunning. If you marry her, it would be your good fortune,” Lin Miao whispered to Lin Shen, her gaze fixed on a spot in the garden.

From a distance, Lin Shen saw a mosaic figure standing by the fish pond. His expression shifted as he looked at Lin Miao and asked, “Big sister, do you know who she is?”

“Of course, I do. Your college junior, Bai Shenfei. Didn’t she help you out a while back? How could you have had the chance to escape if it weren’t for her? Repay the life-saving grace with a marriage proposal,” Lin Miao declared earnestly.

“Sister, what are you even talking about...” Lin Shen was somewhat speechless.

“What, you think she’s too old for you? I’ve already asked; although she’s your younger senior, she’s much younger than your fourth brother, only three years older than you. A woman three years older is like a gold brick; three years is no issue at all.”

“It’s not about the age.” Lin Shen didn’t know quite what to say for a moment.

“What’s with all this talk about this problem or that problem? Go on and have a good conversation with her, and if it doesn’t go well, you’re not allowed to eat today.” Lin Miao pushed Lin Shen forward and left the garden herself.

“Such a beautiful girl would be perfect to carry on the Lin Family legacy, do your best to win her over, your sister is rooting for you.” As she left, Lin Miao didn’t forget to offer encouragement to Lin Shen, making a heart shape with her fingers. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Lin Shen shook his head helplessly and walked toward the fish pond.

“Why are you here?” Lin Shen approached Bai Shenfei, found a place to sit down, and asked listlessly.

“What, now that you’ve become a playboy, I’m unworthy as your senior sister?” There was a sting in Bai Shenfei’s words.

“Bai Senior Sister, please stop teasing me. ‘Playboy’ isn’t exactly a compliment, is it?” Lin Shen sighed.

“How’s your cultivation of the Base Mutation technique I gave you coming along?” Bai Shenfei asked with a smile.

“Haven’t practiced.” Lin Shen said bluntly.

“Why not practice?” Bai Shenfei frowned.

“It’s not working for me,” Lin Shen admitted truthfully. He simply couldn’t master the “Talent Theory,” no matter how hard he tried. Perhaps his talent really wasn’t enough.

“Won’t you give it another try?” Bai Shenfei was clearly a bit displeased.

“No more trying, I’ve already chosen my Base Mutation Technique, and I’ve started practicing it,” Lin Shen had decided to continue practicing the flawed version of Evolution Theory.

The effect of the flawed Evolution Theory was already good enough, at least Lin Shen hadn't heard of any Base Mutation Technique that was more practical than the flawed Evolution Theory he was practicing.

After practicing Evolution Theory, even his duration of Super-Base Change increased significantly; his normal Mutator state lasted longer than that of the average Mutator.

He made this discovery during his fight with Zheng Guyuan— the higher the stress on his body, the more the Evolution Theory allowed his body to withstand.

The more often he used Super-Base Change, the longer Evolution Theory allowed him to maintain that state, an effect that was difficult to achieve with any other Base Mutation Technique.

Applying Evolution Theory to the Steel Carapace was even more effective than on his flesh and blood.

“What Base Mutation Technique are you practicing?” Bai Shenfei asked thoughtfully.

“Evolution Theory,” Lin Shen answered honestly.

Immediately, Bai Shenfei furrowed her brows, “Why would you choose Evolution Theory? Hasn't anyone told you it's the most basic Base Mutation Technique?”

“Basic doesn't necessarily mean bad, I think Evolution Theory is quite good,” Lin Shen asked curiously, “Why are you suddenly interested in what Base Mutation Technique I'm cultivating?”

“Didn't you say you wanted to be my boyfriend? I thought you had been diligently cultivating Gift Theory recently. It seems others are right after all, men's mouths are deceitful, they're unreliable,” Bai Shenfei sighed.

“What, you're being pressured into marriage too?” Lin Shen could sense an indescribable melancholy in Bai Shenfei's sigh, which piqued his curiosity even more.

“If it were only about being pressured to marry,” Bai Shenfei scattered all the fish food into the pond, leaned on the railing, and rested her cheek in one hand while watching the fish scramble to feed.

“Then what is it for?” The more Bai Shenfei withheld, the more curious Lin Shen became; he could barely keep his gossipy soul in check.

“Would you be willing to spend your life with a man you've never met?” Bai Shenfei suddenly asked, startling Lin Shen.

“First, I don’t like men; second, what era are we living in for there still to be arranged marriages? Sister, you don’t have to be afraid. You should boldly stand up against old thoughts and traditions...”

Bai Shenfei interrupted Lin Shen’s impassioned speech with a glare, “What are you talking about? No one is forcing me, Mr. Tian has chosen the person for me.”

“No, Sister, what do you mean? What do you mean Mr. Tian has chosen for you, you haven’t been conned by a fortune teller, have you?” Lin Shen was growing more incredulous. Bai Shenfei didn’t seem like someone who could be fooled by a con artist, yet she was saying such things.

“The Base Mutation Technique I gave you is called ‘Talent Theory,’” Bai Shenfei, tired of his nonsense, calmly stated, “It is a purely human-created Base Mutation Technique. But ever since ‘Talent Theory’ was created up to now, no one has been able to reach the Ascension Level with it. You know about the Ascension Level, right?”

“I know,” Lin Shen nodded slightly.

“The creator of ‘Talent Theory’ was Bai Zai, an elder in my family. Our family has been researching ‘Talent Theory’ for a long time. By my generation, we finally found a method to breakthrough ‘Talent Theory.’”

“What’s the method?” Lin Shen had already guessed a bit.

“Dual cultivation,” Bai Shenfei slowly uttered the two words.

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