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Tang Maolin was an official Level 2 Spiritual Master who had passed the assessment, and had specialized channels to properly deal with this batch of dense silver ore.

He expressed that he would sell this batch of dense silver ore as soon as possible, and then immediately transfer the profits to Lu Sheng's account, in order to repay Lu Sheng's life-saving grace.

Lu Sheng was also not afraid that Tang Maolin would embezzle it. Firstly, Tang Maolin did not look like someone who would bite the hand that fed him.

Secondly, if Tang Maolin did such a thing, Gu Pingsha of Immortal Forest Village would definitely be the first to hit him on the head with his pipe.

Tang Maolin still respected this father-in-law of his very much.

And Gu Pingsha, a Level 2 Spiritual Master, chose to live in seclusion in a small village in the mountains, obviously he was not some money-grubber.

All in all, this trip to the Ox-Head Mountain could be considered a success. Not only that, Lu Sheng also obtained a set of silver spirit weapon.

Those hundreds of spider webs were all made of dense silver, Lu Sheng had weighed it, and it was at least four to five catties. [2-2.5 kg or 4.4-5.5 lbs]

"It's much easier for a spiritual master to earn money than a normal martial artist. Wu Xijing is merely a Level 3 Martial Artist, yet he can afford dense silver grade weapons. He also had two obedient Level 4 Martial Artists as his subordinates.

But it also depends on ability. Tang Maolin is also a Level 2 Spiritual Master, yet he can only use dense iron weapons. He was also being chased around like a stray dog ..."

Lu Sheng sat in his seat and thought to himself.

On his left, Zheng Dandan and Lin Zishan were both looking at him. Zheng Dandan, especially, no longer hid her feelings for Lu Sheng. She stared at Lu Sheng's profile, thinking about something.

"Lu Sheng, where do you plan to go after this?" Zheng Dandan suddenly asked.

Lu Sheng turned around. Sunlight poured down from behind him, coating his body with a layer of golden light.

“Liangcheng.” Lu Sheng thought about it and answered, “I’m going there to take care of some business.”

Dong Qingxue told him that the Dongning Spiritual Master Association was located in Liangcheng. If he wanted to take the test, he had to go there.

“Liangcheng? We’re from Liangcheng!” Zheng Dandan blurted out. Her face was full of surprise, “We can go back together!”

Lu Sheng looked at the two of them suspiciously. “Aren’t you two students from the Dongning University of Martial Arts? Why would you go to Liangcheng instead of Dongning city?”

“Uh …” Zheng Dandan was at a loss for words.

Lin Zishan glanced at her helplessly and chimed in, “Dandan is actually from Liangcheng. She told me before we came to Ox-Head Mountain that she wanted to visit her family on the way back.”

“Yes, that’s right. I’ve been wanting to go home,” Zheng Dandan hastily responded.

“Okay then.” Lu Sheng smiled and nodded. “Then let’s go together. I’m not familiar with Liangcheng, so it’ll be helpful to have someone who knows the place.”

“You can even stay at my house! It’s no problem at all!” Zheng Dandan’s face beamed with joy, as if she had just received the greatest news.

Lu Sheng had a good impression of Zheng Dandan.

Before, when Wu Xijing attacked, Zheng Dandan was caught by Wu Xijing’s subordinates. She tried her best to remind him to run. Kindness like that was hard to come by.

Zheng Dandan wasn’t bad looking either. She had long legs and an ample bosom. Out of all the women Lu Sheng had met, only Dong Qingxue was relatively prettier.

Xia Lin and Yang Yuan didn’t even come close.

However, Zheng Dandan’s personality was a bit feisty, and she dressed a bit too girly. Lu Sheng didn’t really like her.

*What am I thinking? Am I really going to date her?*

Lu Sheng shook his head in self depreciatingly and stopped thinking about it. He continued to stare out the window. Lu Sheng didn't speak much for the rest of the trip.

Zheng Dandan, on the other hand, was very excited. She typed furiously on her phone and looked up at Lu Sheng now and then. Her eyes were full of gentleness.

After a few hours of bumpy roads, the bus finally brought them to Qiuming City.

Lu Sheng wanted to take a taxi to the train station, but Zheng Dandan quickly stopped him. "I've called someone to pick us up. Let's go to the Liangcheng together. It's not far from here. Wait, let me share our the location to that person right now."

Then, despite Lu Sheng's objections, she took out her phone and started typing.

Lu Sheng thought about it and didn't say anything. He had always been a casual person, so he just let Zheng Dandan do as she pleased.

The three of them were standing next to a bus stop.

There were many people waiting for the bus.

Zheng Dandan and Lin Zishan were both beautiful women. Naturally, they attracted a lot of attention.

A white-collar young man in a business suit, who thought he was a little handsome, walked up with a phone in his hand.

"Hey beautiful. Can we add each other as friends—" Before he could finish speaking, Zheng Dandan and Lin Zishan rebuked him with a single sentence.

"Do you have a martial arts badge? Show me and I'll add you."

The young man had no choice but to run away.

The way he looked at Lu Sheng was full of jealousy and jealousy. He had seen how both Zheng Dandan and Lin Zishan treated Lu Sheng with affection.

He gave Lu Sheng a look filled with anger and jealousy. He had seen how both Zheng Dandan and Lin Zishan treated Lu Sheng amiably.

*Why?*

Could it be that this kid who looked like a high school student was an official martial artist? He was just a bit handsome ...

“My friend said he’ll be there in 15 minutes ...” Zheng Dandan put away her phone and informed Lu Sheng with a smile.

Lu Sheng nodded. Suddenly, his phone rang. Lu Sheng picked it up, and a cold voice came from the other end of the phone.

“Lu Sheng, I’m Dong Qingxue.” Lu Sheng was slightly taken aback. “Hello, Instructor Dong. What business do you have with me?”

Dong Qingxue kept her words brief.

“The Qiming General Selection has been advanced. Where are you now? I’ll go pick you up immediately.”

*Qiming General Selection was brought forward?*

Lu Sheng was a little surprised, but he did not say anything. He then reported his location in Qiuming City.

“Okay, I’ll be there in about fifteen minutes. Get ready.” Dong Qingxue hung up the phone.

Lu Sheng kept his phone and his eyes flickered.

The Qiming General Selection had been brought forward. Judging from Dong Qingxue’s tone, it seemed like it was about to commence.

In that case, his own Spiritual Master Assessment may have to be postponed. Lu Sheng didn’t really care.

Even if he didn’t take the test, he was still a genuine Level 3 Spiritual Master. The test was only for him to enter the Star Web so that it would be easier for him to set up a business in the future.

However, with Tang Maolin’s help in dealing with the dense silver ore, he was not in a hurry for the time being.

“Lu Sheng, what’s wrong? Do you have a friend coming to pick you up?” Zheng Dandan looked at Lu Sheng in confusion. She had a bad feeling about this. Beside her, Lin Zishan was curious as well.

Just now, when Lu Sheng answered the phone, he did not purposely avoid the two of them. Both of them heard Lu Sheng give out their location.

Lu Sheng nodded and apologized, “Yeah, something came up. I might not be able to go to Liangcheng for now.”

Zheng Dandan's face was filled with undisguised disappointment. However, she quickly recovered and said quickly, "Then where are you going? I'll ask someone to drive you."

"Thank you, but there's no need." Lu Sheng shook his head. "My friend will be here soon."

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"Okay." Zheng Dandan stopped talking.

The three of them fell into silence. People walked to and fro on the platform. After a while. The roar of an engine came from afar and echoed through the streets. Many people craned their necks to look.

All they saw was a cool, light green sports car speeding towards them from afar.

"What the fuck, it's the Oasis Assassin from the Lion Country. This car is worth more than ten million!" The young man who came up to talk to Zheng Dandan and Lin Zishan was still there. When he saw the sports car, he exclaimed with envy.

***Phew~***

In the next second, the ten million yuan sports car stopped in front of the bus stop. It kicked up a cloud of dust and exhaust fumes.

Passers-by moved out of the way, but they didn't dare to say anything.

The door of the sports car opened, and two people stood up. A young man and a young woman. Both of them were dressed fashionably and had the temperament of a rich second generation kids.

"Dandan!" The girl with big earrings and heavy makeup waved at Zheng Dandan excitedly.

"Wenhui!" Zheng Dandan's eyes brightened as she yelled back. She then turned around and said to Lu Sheng and Lin Zishan, "My friend is here."

From afar, the young man who witnessed this looked like he had just swallowed a fly. Now he finally knew why he was rejected when he tried to strike up a conversation.

She was a Ms. Perfect. No wonder she had to ask if he was an official martial artist before adding him as a friend.

Thinking about this, the young man's gaze towards Lu Sheng turned sour. So what if he was handsome?

The two people on the sports car quickly walked up to them.

The girl with the big earrings and Zheng Dandan hugged each other excitedly, jumping up and down.

The blonde young man dressed in colourful clothes smiled and said, "Dandan, long time no see. You seem to have become even prettier. Why don't you introduce your friend here?"

"What are you doing here?" Zheng Dandan let go of the girl named Wenhui and glanced at the blonde young man with an unpleasant expression.

She didn't seem to like him, but she still introduced him. "This is Lin Zishan, my best friend at the university. She's a Level 2 Martial Artist ... This is ..." Zheng Dandan didn't know what to say when she introduced Lu Sheng.

To be honest, she didn't know Lu Sheng's identity or background. Lu Sheng's mysteriousness and brilliance couldn't be explained in a few words.

"Lu Sheng. I met him when I was travelling at Ox-Head Mountain. He's a *good friend*."

Zheng Dandan emphasized the words "good friend".

Unfortunately, the girl with the big earrings and the blonde young man didn't notice this. All their attention was on Lin Zishan.

"A Level 2 martial artist. Impressive. Hello, I'm Dandan's good friend. My name is Xu Wenhui." The girl with the big earrings extended her right hand to Lin Zishan and spoke enthusiastically.

The blonde young man's eyes brightened when he heard that Lin Zishan was a Level 2 Martial Artist. He introduced himself, "I'm Cao Mingliang. Since you're Dandan's friend, you'll also our friend from now on."

As for Lu Sheng. The two of them glanced at him and ignored him. He looked like a high school student. He wasn't dressed very well, but was quite handsome. He met Zheng Dandan when they were travelling. There was no need for them to get to know each other.

Lu Sheng didn't mind. He looked down at his watch. Dong Qingxue said she'd be there in 15 minutes. She might almost be here.

Zheng Dandan and the others chatted for a bit. The blonde young man, Cao Mingliang, said, "Alright, let's catch up when we are back in Liangcheng ...". He took out his keys and unlocked the car. He pointed at the cool sports car and smiled. "I just upgraded to this Oasis Assassin a week ago. It's a four-seater. What a coincidence. I bet it knew I was going to pick up the two beauties today."

Zheng Dandan stared at the back seat of the sports car and frowned.

"There are only two seats. Where will Lu Sheng sit?"

Xu Wenhui widened her eyes in shock. She didn't try to avoid Lu Sheng and asked directly, "Dandan, you're planning on bringing him along?"

Zheng Dandan nodded and turned to Lu Sheng, "Lu Sheng, where are you going? We'll give you a ride."

"There's no need. I told you my friend is coming to pick me up." Lu Sheng declined politely.

"How about ..." Lin Zishan spoke up, "Dandan, you take Lu Sheng first. I'll wait for you here. Or, I can take another car."

Zheng Dandan hesitated. Cao Mingliang and Xu Wenhui were not happy about this.

"What's going on, Dandan? He's just a friend you met while travelling. Why do you think so highly of him? Even Zishan has to give up her seat for him? Is it because you think he's handsome? Isn't it easy for you to grab a bunch of handsome guys with his looks? I'm telling you, I don't agree!" Xu Wenhui said bluntly.

Cao Mingliang was also not happy, "Yeah, didn't he say his friend is coming to pick him up? Let him wait for his friend and take the bus together. How about this ..."

Cao Mingliang took out a stack of cash from his pocket and threw it in front of Lu Sheng. He said softly, "This should be enough for you to take a taxi to Liangcheng."

In Cao Mingliang's mind, a high school student's friend can only ride on the bus or take a taxi.

"You ..." Zheng Dandan was both angry and anxious, such that she couldn't even utter any words in this situation.

Lu Sheng, on the other hand, stared at the banknotes scattered on the ground, that Cao Mingliang threw. His eyes filled with a strange expression.

Just then, the rumbling sound of propellers came from above everyone's head. This sound was so loud that it was accompanied by a gust of wind that blew the cash all over the place.

On the bus stop next to them, the people waiting for the bus looked up to the sky and gasped.

Everyone looked up in shock.

They saw a giant black helicopter hovering 10 meters above the bus stop. It was right above them.

On the body of the helicopter, the words "Eastern Division" were written in large letters.

A beautiful officer wearing a dark blue uniform stood beside the open door. She stretched out half of her body and threw a long rope ladder down from above.

"Lu Sheng, come on up. We're in a hurry."

"Right away." Lu Sheng greeted Dong Qingxue. He then turned around and smiled at Zheng Dandan, Lin Zishan, Xu Wenhui, and Cao Mingliang. "My friend is here to pick me up. I'll be taking my leave. We'll meet again if fate allows it."

Then, Lu Sheng leaped into the air. His entire body turned into a puff of smoke and climbed up the rope ladder onto the helicopter.

***Tatatat~***

The door of the large black helicopter closed. The rotors let out one last gust of wind, creating a few small tornadoes on the street before they left.

The people waiting at the bus stop were in awe. Many of them took out their phones to take pictures.

The young man who was jealous of Lu Sheng was now completely dumbfounded.

His mouth was wide open, big enough to fit in a whole fist.

He originally thought that Lu Sheng, who looked like a high school student, was the most normal one out of all of them. He thought that he was the son of a rich family who drove a sports car because of his looks.

He didn't know that Lu Sheng was the most powerful one out of them. A super car was nothing. Lu Sheng used a large combat helicopter from the Eastern Division to pick him up.



Plus, the way Lu Sheng got on the helicopter ... Normal martial artists wouldn't be able to do something like that.

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"Oh my god, this must be the so-called genius among common people ..." The young man mumbled.

What just happened shocked him as much as a middle-aged woman riding a bicycle into a real estate department with a grocery basket. "Bam!" Then she bought the entire building.

The young man deeply felt the mysteriousness and terror of this world. He stopped waiting for the bus and called for a taxi.

Cao Mingliang and Xu Wenhui were also dumbfounded. It took them a long time to recover from the shock.

"Dandan, this high school friend ... Where did he come from?" Cao Mingliang thought back to the military helicopter that just flew away and then looked at his own sports car.

Before, he thought this Oasis Assassin was super cool. Now, he felt like it wasn't even worth as a toy.

Zheng Dandan and Lin Zishan were slightly better off. They had seen Lu Sheng's capabilities. It wasn't surprising that someone with that kind of capability would have a mysterious background.

Zheng Dandan coldly glared at Xu Wenhui and Cao Mingliang. She grabbed Lin Zishan's arm and said, "Zishan, I think we should take the bullet train back to Liangcheng."

Lin Zishan froze but quickly nodded. "Okay."

Then, the two of them ignored Cao Mingliang and Xu Wenhui, who were both green and red in the face. They turned around and left the bus stop.

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***Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh—***

Lu Sheng sat inside the helicopter and looked out the window. Qiuming City was becoming smaller and smaller until it looked like a city made out of Legos.

It wasn't Lu Sheng's first time flying, but it was his first time taking a helicopter. He couldn't help but feel a sense of novelty.

When Dong Qingxue saw his expression, she asked, "Do you like it? If you like it, you can join our Eastern Military Region ..."

"Will you give me one?" Lu Sheng said with a smile. "That's a pretty good idea."

Dong Qingxue was speechless. "I mean, you can sit in it every day."

"In the future, when you become a Master and a Major General in the Military Region, the military will prepare one for you." Qin Shaojun patted Lu Sheng's shoulder and said half-jokingly.

Lu Sheng smiled and didn't say anything. He looked away from the window and his expression returned to normal.

They had not seen each other for a few weeks, but Dong Qingxue and Qin Shaojun were still the same. One was cold and serious, while the other was lazy and frivolous.

In Dong Qingxue and Qin Shaojun's eyes, Lu Sheng had changed. This kind of change was hard to describe. The biggest feeling was ... In the past, Dong Qingxue and Qin Shaojun could more or less see through Lu Sheng, but now ...

Lu Sheng, who was sitting quietly by the window, had his eyes lowered. At first glance, he looked like an ordinary high school student. The two of them couldn't see through him at all.

"What a strange kid ..." Dong Qingxue muttered. Then, she took out a document and said, "Three days ago, all the Prodigy Training Camps in the Eastern Provinces were announced to have ended. The candidates for the Qiming General Selection from each province have also been decided.

"The candidates for this year's Qiming General Selection are stronger than any of the previous selections!" Dong Qingxue's expression was solemn.

To be honest, when she received the document, even she was shocked.

If not for the fact that Dongning Province, which she was in charge of, had also produced a monster like Lu Sheng, Dong Qingxue almost wanted to just go through the motions.

"The genius representatives from more than 20 provinces are all at least Level 3 Martial Artists. Most of them are Gifted Martial Artists, and one of them is even more powerful than the average Gifted Martial Artists.

“He’s an Elemental-type Gifted Martial Artist, and he passed the official Level 2 Spiritual Master assessment a month ago.

“There’s even a monster who’s very likely to have stepped into Level 4!”

Dong Qingxue looked at the document with a serious expression.

Even though she had read the document several times and could almost memorize it by heart, it was still shocking.

However, after talking for a long time, Dong Qingxue looked up and realized that Lu Sheng was looking out the window again. He seemed to be looking at the scenery ...

“Don’t you feel anything?” Dong Qingxue could not help but ask, “I just told you about their strength.”

“Huh? Oh.” Lu Sheng turned his head and put on a “serious” expression. He nodded. “It’s very exaggerated. I’m very shocked.”

“ ... ”

*You were clearly distracted just now, you know? You’re being too fake.*

Dong Qingxue and Qin Shaojun looked at each other, speechless.

However, on second thought, Lu Sheng’s strength would probably be even more exaggerated if someone heard about him.

A Level 3 Martial Artist with combat strength comparable to a Level 5, and a Level 3 Spiritual Master ... Oh, the fact about him being a Level 3 Spiritual Master had not been reported in the document, so others probably wouldn’t know.

“Forget it ...” Qin Shaojun shook his head and said, “You’re telling a monster how monstrous others are. It’ll be strange if he feels anything. Let’s talk about something else.”

Dong Qingxue nodded helplessly. “Okay, then let’s talk about something that interests you.”

“No, no. Instructor Dong, please continue. I’m really shocked ...” Lu Sheng tried his best to make the shock on his face more obvious.

However, Dong Qingxue waved her hand as if she could not be bothered to watch his performance. She continued, “This year’s selection for the Qiming General Selection will be held in the Eastern Military Region. Many of the military’s big shots will be there to watch.

“This year’s Qiming General Selection will no longer be done by drawing lots and fighting in the arena. Instead, it will be done differently.”

“How?” Lu Sheng asked curiously.

Dong Qingxue paused and said word by word, “This time, your opponents will be exotic beasts.”

“Exotic beasts ...” Lu Sheng blinked.

Almost everyone in this world knew about them.

What was the greatest opponent that humans faced? It was those exotic beasts with strange abilities and terrifying strength that surged out from the cracks in the ground and the sky. They were almost endless powerful exotic beasts.

Every year, countless martial artists would throw themselves into the battlefield one after another, sacrificing their young and blazing lives.

Even so, humanity’s habitable zone was shrinking year by year.

It could be said that from the moment the exotic beasts appeared in this world, humans had never had the upper hand in the battle against them. They had always been in a passive state of being beaten and in a passive state of perpetual defense.

One could only imagine how terrifying the exotic beasts were.

In the past, Lu Sheng had only seen them on TV news and in school classes. He had learned some information about exotic beasts.

However, he had never seen an exotic beast in real life.

Now, Dong Qingxue was saying that high school students, who were generally no older than eighteen years old, were going to fight some exotic beasts head-on. How could he not be shocked?

“The situation at the frontline has never been very optimistic. Everyone is looking for a real way to break the status quo, but it will take time.

“Every additional top-notch powerhouse can buy more time for the entire human race. Therefore, the higher-ups have decided not to adopt a gentle and protective policy for geniuses like you who have a high chance of becoming top-notch powerhouses in the future.

“Instead, they’ll let you feel the pressure in advance and turn it into motivation. In the words of a certain big shot, only through the baptism of blood and fire can we create a true powerhouse.” Lu Sheng nodded. He agreed with this idea.

It could be said that Lu Sheng had been working hard to cultivate so that he could face exotic beasts one day. Now, he was just bringing that day forward.

“... Although the difficulty and danger of the selection is much higher than previous years, the rewards are also much more generous.”

Dong Qingxue glanced at Lu Sheng and said, “You should be interested in this.”

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“Go ahead, Instructor Dong.”

“This year, as long as you enter the top ten, you’ll be able to obtain a portion of Exotic Blood. The top three will be able to enter the Exotic Blood pool directly. As for the one who obtains the title of Enlightened Star General ... ”

Dong Qingxue said meaningfully, “You’ll also be able to enter the Exotic Marrow Pool, which is a level higher than Exotic Blood.”

*Exotic Blood?*

*Exotic Marrow?*

Lu Sheng was shocked.

Although he did not know what Dong Qingxue was talking about, but ...

Just from the name alone, it sounded awesome.

“You should be able to guess what it is from the name, right?” Dong Qingxue said to Lu Sheng.

Lu Sheng’s eyes flickered. “Is it related to exotic beasts?”

“Yes.”

Dong Qingxue nodded. “As we all know, many exotic beasts contain energy substances that are greatly beneficial to martial artists’ cultivation. Take the exotic beast meat you ate in the training camp for example.

“However, the exotic beast meat has only undergone the simplest and most preliminary treatment to remove the harmful substances in the exotic beast’s body. Exotic Blood and Marrow, on the other hand, are of a much higher level. Not only are the harmful substances removed, but most of the beneficial components are extracted as well.

“Exotic Blood is extracted from the exotic beast’s cellular fluid. Exotic Marrow is extracted from the exotic beast’s spinal fluid.

“According to the strength of the exotic beast extracted, the Exotic Blood and Marrow are divided into different levels just like the exotic beast meat. The rewards for the Qiming Star General Selection this time are all Exotic Blood and Marrow that are Grade 4 and above. This is simply unprecedented!”

“What about the Exotic Blood Pool and Exotic Marrow Pool?” Lu Sheng asked.

Dong Qingxue explained, “The top ten will only get one Grade 4 Exotic Blood, which is about a few hundred millilitres in total. However, the top three will get an entire incubator, which contains an unknown amount of Exotic Blood. There is almost an unlimited supply of Grade 4 Exotic Blood. The top ranker can exchange the unlimited supply of Grade 4 Exotic Blood for Grade 4 Exotic Marrow.

“You might not understand what this means, so let me give you a simple analogy. A drop of Grade 4 Exotic Marrow can be exchanged for a Grade 4 Exotic Blood. A drop of Grade 4 Exotic Blood can be sold for at least 50 million yuan on Martial Artist Home.

“Although the price of Exotic Blood and Marrow in the military will not be that high, the cost is not cheap either. A pool of Level 4 Exotic Marrow will cost at least a few hundred million, or even more ...”

Lu Sheng was shocked.

He finally understood what Dong Qingxue meant when she said that the rewards from the Eastern Military Region were not something a small Prodigy Training Camp could compare to.

It was no wonder that all the provinces in the Eastern Military Region were so interested in the Qiming General Selection.

If he could get this reward, he would save a lot of effort and toiling compared to others. His chances of becoming a Master would also be greatly increased.

And for Lu Sheng, the benefits were huge.

*The cultivation of the Immortal Golden Body of the Stellar Body Refining Art requires a large amount of energy. If I only use the Marrow Nourishing Pill and the Spiritual Muscle and Blood Strengthening Decoction, it will take me a month or even longer to barely*

*complete the first stage of the Immortal Golden Body. If I can get the Exotic Blood or Marrow, the time will be greatly reduced, and perhaps the completion rate will also be greatly increased in the process ...* Lu Sheng thought to himself.

“So ...” Dong Qingxue instructed Lu Sheng seriously, “It’s not just for us. For the sake of the Dongning Province and your own martial path, you should do your best in this selection.”

“I understand, Instructor Dong.” Lu Sheng nodded solemnly.

Seeing that Lu Sheng’s attitude had changed a little, Dong Qingxue looked satisfied. Next, Dong Qingxue told Lu Sheng some things to take note of during the selection.

After an indeterminate amount of time, Qin Shaojun, who had been leaning against the window, suddenly said, “We’re there.”

Lu Sheng looked out the window. The helicopter flew above a huge military base.

Looking down from above, one could see the buildings below. Countless armoured vehicles were moving in and out, and all kinds of high-precision weapons could be seen everywhere.

“This is the Eastern Military Region. What do you think? Shocking, right?”

Qin Shaojun patted Lu Sheng’s shoulder and said with a smile, “It’ll be even more shocking when we get down there.”

Lu Sheng nodded, but he was not too shocked.

After seeing the Martial Arts Base for in the dream world, Lu Sheng was almost immune to the towering defence line that was still torn apart by the exotic beasts.

The helicopter slowly landed on an empty ground. The door opened, and Lu Sheng followed Dong Qingxue and Qin Shaojun down. They switched to an armoured vehicle that had been waiting for them.

The vehicle quickly drove into a huge triangular building. Vehicles frequently trafficked the building, and there were many soldiers in dark blue military uniforms patrolling around.

The armoured vehicle stopped at the deepest part of the base.

A few armed soldiers checked Dong Qingxue and Qin Shaojun’s identities, then led the three of them through a dark gray door.

“Rest well here tonight. If you need anything, just press the pager on the wall. Someone will bring it to you. Tomorrow will be the official start of the selection.”

Dong Qingxue brought Lu Sheng to a room, said a few words, and then left with Qin Shaojun.

Lu Sheng looked at the room in front of him. The room was not big, and there were no windows. There was only a bed and a washroom.

The walls were made of steel, and there were no decorations. He could even see the rivets at the corners. Lu Sheng habitually scanned the room with his spiritual power, then lay down on the bed.

Since he was unsure if there were any special monitoring devices in the room, Lu Sheng could not practice the Stellar Body Refinement Technique, so he just went to sleep and entered the dream world.

***Phew—***

Lu Sheng once again arrived at the familiar Base 1359 in the dream world.

Ever since he was killed by the Grandmaster Valkyrie, Lu Sheng was a little traumatized. He was not as casual as before when he entered the dream world, and he returned to his initial cautious self.

Lu Sheng carefully turned a corner, and a familiar figure appeared in front of him.

It was a woman with a slender figure. She wore battle armor and held a damaged spear in her hand.

Her eyes were blank, and her pupils were unfocused. She stood there quietly, but she exuded a powerful aura that was cold and inviolable.

From afar, she looked like an ancient war spirit that lingered on the shattered battlefield, unwilling to leave, waiting for her opponent to arrive.

“Should I ...” Lu Sheng hesitated. “Try again?”

However, when he thought of the after-effects of his “death” last time, Lu Sheng decided to make some preparations first. Lu Sheng changed to another street and released his spiritual power.

Soon, Lu Sheng cleared the entire street as if he was mowing grass.

His mind was also filled with memory fragments.



“It’s about time ...” Feeling his slightly swollen brain and the desire to fight and destroy surged in his chest, Lu Sheng’s eyes were calm as he took a deep breath ...

*Divine Illumination Meditation Scripture, Vitality Amplification, activate!*

*Breath of Flames, switch!*

*Ten times the power of an eternal star!*

*Mastery Realm Fist Technique!*

*Level 3 spiritual power!*

*Master technique, Ten Suns, One Sky!*

The Embryonic Master Will was fully released, and Lu Sheng, who was in prime condition, stomped his feet on the ground ...

***Boom!***

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His entire body was like a golden sun as he charged toward the Grandmaster Valkyrie. The Grandmaster Valkyrie sensed Lu Sheng’s presence the moment his aura erupted, but she did not show any emotion.

Her damaged spear swept gently, and her entire person disappeared.

The next second.

The brilliant golden sun and the resplendent ice river collided fiercely ...

Ten minutes later, in a small enclosed room, Lu Sheng, who was lying on the bed, suddenly woke up.

***Huff, huff, huff —***

As if he had just woken up from a nightmare, he was sweating profusely and his face was pale. Even the light in his eyes had dimmed. Lu Sheng’s face was filled with excitement.

“As expected, when I’m in my prime condition and prepared, I can still exchange blows with the Grandmaster Valkyrie. Although I can’t avoid defeat, at least I won’t be killed

instantly like last time. Maybe next time, I won't have to die and can escape unscathed ...” Lu Sheng was very satisfied with this result.

This time, he was fully prepared. He harvested many memory fragments in his mind. As long as he purified them with the Crystal Contemplation Method, the mental damage caused by the death in the dream would quickly recover.

It was inconvenient to practice Stellar Body Refinement Technique in the room, but Crystal Contemplation did not have this concern.

Lu Sheng sat on the bed and began to practice it.

In his mind, a human figure with a bit of diamond luster breathed.

In his heart, the golden sun that represented the core of Lu Sheng's Will was emitting a faint glow, and its strength fluctuated as he breathed.

Numerous dark memory impurities were expelled ...

The night was silent.

The next morning, the sound of a knocking door woke Lu Sheng up from his cultivation.

Lu Sheng opened the door and saw breakfast in front of the door.

“It's like I'm in prison ...” Lu Sheng was a little speechless, but considering that this was the Eastern Military Region, such behaviour felt normal.

After bringing the breakfast into the room, Lu Sheng took a shower first and then slowly began eating.

In a night's time, the memory fragments in his mind were completely cleared.

The result was that the after-effects caused by the death in the dream were completely eliminated. Not only that, but his spiritual power had strengthened a lot, and his Absolute Martial Path had improved.

All the types of martial arts that Lu Sheng had mastered had broken through the bottleneck once.

That was the Perfection Realm.

Dozens of martial arts had reached the Perfection Realm. For ordinary people, it was simply unimaginable.

Lu Sheng, on the other hand, achieved it naturally.

After the breakthrough, Lu Sheng felt that his overall strength seemed to have undergone some qualitative changes. Although he had not tested it yet, Lu Sheng had a strong premonition.

When he entered battle again, he might step into an incomparably wonderful state.

He named this state the first form of Absolute Martial Path.

It was also the initial state of being flawless and perfect.

“How did you sleep last night?” Dong Qingxue asked Lu Sheng, who had just walked out of his room.

“Not bad, but it was a little stuffy.”

“It can’t be helped. This place set up by the Eastern Military Region is the front line of the battle with the exotic beasts a few hundred kilometres ahead. Many exotic beasts can release poisonous gases, so the base’s protection against that leaves us with the current ventilation system ...” Dong Qingxue suddenly paused mid-sentence and stared at Lu Sheng.

Lu Sheng touched his cheek and asked in confusion, “What’s wrong? Is there something on my face?”

“No ...” Dong Qingxue shook her head. “I just feel that you’re a little different today compared to yesterday.”

“Right? I feel the same way.”

Qin Shaojun could not help but interject, “Yesterday, this kid looked like a jade wrapped in sand. Today, the layer of sand outside seems to have been completely washed away.”

Dong Qingxue nodded in agreement.

Yesterday, Lu Sheng was so reserved that no one could see through him.

Today, Lu Sheng was on a higher level. Although he still could not be seen through, if one looked closely, they would find that he was like a polished jade, shining brightly.

It was obvious that Lu Sheng had made a breakthrough in martial arts. Moreover, this breakthrough seemed to be quite significant.

*It had only been one night ...* Dong Qingxue had mixed feelings.

“Is that so? Maybe I’ve become more handsome again. At this age, I develop quickly. It’s normal to feel this way when one’s features develop.” Lu Sheng replied with a straight face.

Qin Shaojun looked at Lu Sheng with admiration and nodded. “The way you look when you’re shameless is totally my style.”

“...” Dong Qingxue could not be bothered with these two clowns. She walked forward on her own.

The three of them walked along a tunnel.

Soon, a huge plaza appeared at the end of the tunnel.

When the three of them walked out of the tunnel, Lu Sheng saw that the plaza was connected to dozens of similar tunnels. It was like the heart of the entire base.

“Dong Qingxue!” At this moment, a voice rang in their ears.

Lu Sheng looked in the direction of the voice and saw two people standing about ten meters away from them.

The two of them were walking toward them.

The leader of the group was a tall and handsome young officer with fair skin who looked to be in his thirties. He had one more star on his shoulder than Dong Qingxue.

Behind the officer was a young man with an indifferent expression. He was about the same age as Lu Sheng.

“Long time no see. I remember the last time we met ...” The handsome officer smiled and said, “It was still the last time.”

Dong Qingxue glanced at him coldly and said, “Shangguan Ling, you’re still as annoying as ever.”

Lu Sheng could not help but glance at Dong Qingxue.

It seemed like the two of them were not on good terms. This was the first time he had seen Dong Qingxue express her dislike for someone so openly.

“Hehe ...” The handsome officer smiled nonchalantly. His gaze swept past Dong Qingxue and paused briefly on Qin Shaojun and Lu Sheng.

“Qin Shaojun, long time no see. You’re still as useless as before. Is this the genius representative of your Dongning Province? He really looks ordinary ... Haha ...”

Lu Sheng and Qin Shaojun: "..."

*No wonder Dong Qingxue hates this guy so much ...*

Lu Sheng was speechless. This guy called Shangguan Ling was really asking for a beating.

"Shangguan Ling, if you haven't brushed your teeth in the morning, I suggest you keep quiet ..."

Qin Shaojun's handsome face turned unpleasant.

"The genius representative of your Dongyi Province doesn't look like much either. I don't remember any of the stars marked on the data ..."

The stars that Qin Shaojun mentioned referred to those who were specially marked with the most outstanding strength and were worth paying attention to most.

They were the ones Dong Qingxue had introduced to Lu Sheng at the beginning.

"Is that so?" Shangguan Ling smiled and said, "How about this? Let's make a bet. We'll bet a Grade 5 Exotic Marrow and see which genius representative ranks higher in the selection ... What do you think, Dong Qingxue?"

Dong Qingxue sneered and said, "There are three of us. What do you mean by betting one Exotic Marrow? If you can't afford it, don't bet. Let's go."

"Wait!" Shangguan Ling quickly said, "Then let's bet three. Three Grade 5 Exotic Marrow."

Dong Qingxue's expression changed, but she did not say anything.

Shangguan Ling smiled slightly and said calmly, "Dong Qingxue, don't tell me you don't dare."

"Okay!" Dong Qingxue seemed to have been provoked by the contempt in Shangguan Ling's eyes. She gritted her teeth and agreed.

"Haha, you have guts. As expected of the Dong Qingxue I know!"

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Shangguan Ling laughed and looked at the indifferent young man beside him. He said, "Zhao Lie, three Grade 5 Exotic Marrow should be enough for your flame control talent to advance to the next level."

The indifferent young man had a mocking smile on his face. Rings of red flames appeared around him.

"Of course. Zhao Lie thanks Instructor Dong Qingxue."

"Elemental-type talent?!" Dong Qingxue's pupils constricted and her face soured.

Qin Shaojun cursed, "Fuck you, Shangguan Ling. How dare you cheat! Elemental-type talent shouldn't be written in the data!"

Shangguan Ling's expression was extremely smug. He laughed and said, "Who said that everything must be written down? You're stupid! Three Grade 5 Exotic Marrow, hahaha ..."

With that, Shangguan Ling left with the young man named Zhao Lie.

When the two figures were completely out of sight ...

Dong Qingxue, who had a hideous expression, and Qin Shaojun, who was so angry that his face was flushed red, returned to normal. They looked at the two figures and said the same word at the same time.

"Idiot!"

Lu Sheng, "..."

"What do you think? My performance just now was not bad, right? Did it feel like I was acting?" Qin Shaojun said to Lu Sheng with a grin.

Dong Qingxue's face was also full of sarcasm. "It's an unspoken rule to hide part of one's strength in the data. Only an idiot like Shangguan Ling would think that I would do that. Elemental-type talent is powerful, indeed. I wonder how it compares to a Level 3 Spiritual Master?"

"Don't say that. It makes me want to laugh again ... Hahaha ..." Qin Shaojun could not help but cover his mouth.

Lu Sheng looked at the two of them as if he was meeting them for the first time. He could not help but feel deep sympathy for Shangguan Ling, who was still immersed in his pride.

He did not know how that big idiot got to the position of a Colonel. Wasn't he just a simpleton?

"The Shangguan family has never been on good terms with our Dong family and the Qin family. Shangguan Ling is also famous for his foul mouth. Every time we meet, he will say something sarcastic to us. Do your best, Lu Sheng. Whether we can smash his face this time depends on your performance ..."

Qin Shaojun patted Lu Sheng's shoulder earnestly and said, "If you help us win this round, I'll give you my Grade 5 Exotic Marrow."

"I'll try my best." Lu Sheng said.

Qin Shaojun's face fell instantly. "You don't have any confidence in your words. I suddenly regret agreeing to Shangguan Ling's bet."

"Alright, we're about to enter." Dong Qingxue reminded him and then led the two of them forward.

A huge elevator column stood in the middle of the square. Almost every elevator had a combination of an officer and a young man standing in front of it. The young man walked into the elevator and went down.

It was obvious that the Qiming General Selection that Lu Sheng and the others were going to attend was to be held below the base.

Dong Qingxue and Qin Shaojun walked Lu Sheng to an elevator and pressed the button.

"We'll leave you here. There will be people who will explain the rules of the selection to you ..."

Lu Sheng nodded and walked into the elevator.

Seeing that the elevator door was about to close, Dong Qingxue suddenly took a step forward and stared into Lu Sheng's eyes. She said very seriously, "Lu Sheng, are you confident in this selection? I'm talking about the Qiming General Selection!"

Qin Shaojun also looked at Lu Sheng expectantly.

Lu Sheng shook his head and said, "A little, but not a lot."

Dong Qingxue and Qin Shaojun looked disappointed when they saw him like this. However, they still did not give up. "How much is not a lot?"

In the next second, they saw Lu Sheng, who was in the slowly closing elevator door, speak with a calm expression.

“Just 99%. If I’m suddenly disqualified now, I’ll still lose this competition.”

***Ting!***

The elevator door closed completely, and the elevator went down. Outside the elevator, Dong Qingxue and Qin Shaojun were stunned.

A few seconds later, they heard Qin Shaojun’s speechless but joyful voice.

“Fuck, I was just saying that this kid isn’t confident. It turns out that he’s more confident than anyone else!”

“The selection hasn’t started yet. Wait a moment.” The female officer’s attitude was cold as she spoke to Lu Sheng, then lowered her head to look at the information.

Lu Sheng stood quietly in place and waited.

After about fifteen minutes, the female officer raised her head and listened to the wireless earpiece in her ear for a while. Then, she said to Lu Sheng, “Get ready. It’s about to start.”

Lu Sheng nodded.

Then, he heard a beep from the metal door in front of him.

The door slowly rose up.

A five-meter-long passage appeared in front of Lu Sheng.

“After you go in, just keep going up. Your instructor must have informed you that you’ll be facing real exotic beasts in this selection ...”

The female officer’s expression was serious. “You have to deal with every beast you meet on the way. If you pass on a beast, you will be eliminated. If you run, you will also be eliminated. Because on the battlefield, these two choices will lead to death. But don’t worry, there will be people watching over you throughout the selection. If you really can’t hold on, you can ask, and they will come out to help you. If you are lucky enough to be the first to finish, then congratulations ...”

“You will be the only Enlightened Star General in the entire Qiming General Selection this year.”

Lu Sheng nodded.



Looking at it this way, the criteria for this selection was speed.

At this time, the metal door had completely risen.

The female officer gave Lu Sheng a look. "Go in when you are ready."

Lu Sheng strode into the passage.

The metal door slowly fell behind him, and the female officer's last words came in.

"Kid from Dongning Province, good luck."

"Thank you." Lu Sheng replied softly.

***Kacha —***

The metal door closed completely. Lu Sheng spread out his spiritual power and clearly sensed that something was waiting for him in front.

***Huff, huff, huff—***

The sound of heavy breathing accompanied Lu Sheng's slow approach. A two-meter-tall, five-meter-long beast appeared in front of him.

This beast looked a little like a wild boar, but its mouth was full of dense, one-foot-long protruding teeth.

Its body was covered in a dark gray mane, and its two-meter-long tail was almost entirely made of black poisonous spikes.

"Level 2 Black-toothed Saber Boar ..." Lu Sheng grinned at the monster, revealing a row of neat, snow-white teeth. "I've eaten your flesh!"

The next moment, Lu Sheng's figure disappeared.

When he reappeared, he was right above the Black-toothed Saber Boar's head.

***Roar!***

The Black-toothed Sabre Boar let out an ear-piercing growl. Its eyes were incomparably red, and its entire body emitted a cruel and tyrannical aura.

"Pegasus ..." Lu Sheng raised his right fist, his eyes blazing like stars, and softly uttered a name that only he could understand.

"Meteor Fist!\*"

[\*A Saint Seiya reference.]

**Boom!**

As the fist landed, the back half of the enormous Black-toothed Boar's body exploded. It was like a black sack with the bottom leaking out.

The terrifying power of the fist penetrated its body and exploded, forming a fan-shaped bloody area behind the Black-toothed Sabre Boar.

It was a complete mess.

“So weak?” Lu Sheng landed lightly and looked at his fist.

Although it was only a Level 2 Exotic Beast, logically speaking, it shouldn't be that weak.

“It seems like I've become stronger ...” Lu Sheng fell into deep thought.

During the battle just now, he naturally entered the first form of the Absolute Martial Path.

This was a very strange state.

Lu Sheng's control over his own power had reached an unprecedented and unimaginable level. So much so that even without using any force exertion techniques, his basic fist strength had reached an astonishing level. One punch was enough to blow up a Level 2 Black-toothed Sabre Boar.

“Condensing power, exploding at a fixed point, identifying weaknesses ... It's as if I've reached an omniscient and omnipotent state.”

“Omniscient, omnipotent.”

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“It's a bit similar to the Mastery Realm Technique, but at a higher and more comprehensive level ...” Lu Sheng could not accurately estimate how much stronger he had become in this state.

He only knew that he had become a lot stronger ... A lot stronger.

“Interesting!” Lu Sheng smiled faintly and gently twisted his neck. The joints in his body made cracking sounds, indicating that he was about to wake up.

“Looks like the potential of the Absolute Martial Path is even more terrifying than I thought ...” Lu Sheng’s body swayed.

His body instantly disappeared from the spot. When he reappeared, he was already dozens of meters away. The second exotic beast appeared with a roar.

This time, it was an exotic beast that looked like a leopard. Its body was covered in dense scales, reflecting a dense colourful light under the snow-white mane.

The leopard was stronger than the Black-toothed Sabre Boar, more powerful, and faster.

It was almost comparable to a Level 3 Exotic Beast.

Half a minute later.

Lu Sheng calmly tossed aside the ugly leopard head in his hand and slowly walked forward.

“Next.”

...

In a huge conference hall.

A huge curved display screen took up almost half of the hall.

In the middle were individual seats.

Colonels in dark blue military uniforms sat down one by one. Dong Qingxue and Qin Shaojun were among them.

“Dong Qingxue.” Shangguan Ling stood beside a seat and greeted the two of them from afar.

Dong Qingxue ignored him and sat down with Qin Shaojun in Dongning Province’s seats.

A victorious smile appeared on Shangguan Ling’s face as he sat down without a care.

Not long after, a middle-aged man of medium build strode into the conference hall.

After the middle-aged man entered, all the colonels in the hall immediately stood up. Their expressions were solemn and respectful.

“Instructor Yu.”

The middle-aged man nodded slightly at everyone and said calmly, "Sit."

The colonels sat down in an orderly and silent manner.

Even Qin Shaojun, who had always been sloppy, was now standing upright with a solemn expression.

This was because this person's name was Yu Feiyi, and he had a golden star on his shoulder.

It represented his rank as a major general in the Eastern Military Region. At the same time, he was also a serious ... Level 7 Master!

"Are all the genius representatives from the provinces here?"

Yu Feiyi sat in the highest and most central position in the conference hall. The rest of the people's seats formed a half-moon shape, surrounding him.

From this position, they could clearly see every corner of the huge curved display screen in front of them. It was as if they could see the entire situation.

"They're all here. They're waiting for you to announce the start of the selection."

A young officer stood up and turned on the display screen above him. Immediately, dozens of surveillance images appeared on the screen.

In each image, there was a young man or woman standing there, waiting quietly.

The colonels below the stage immediately looked for the genius representatives they had brought. Occasionally, they would look at other images.

Yu Feiyi glanced at the images and said, "Have you checked all the exotic beasts for the selection?"

The young officer reported, "All of them have been checked. There are no injuries, no weakening, and no special types ... Each selection path has five Level 2 Exotic Beasts, three Level 3 Exotic Beasts, and one Level 4 Exotic Beast. At the top is a quasi-Level 5 Exotic Beast, the Golden-Eyed Demonic Ape ..."

Soft murmurs rang out from the colonels below. Someone couldn't help but say, "A quasi-Level 5 Exotic Beast, and the Golden-Eyed Demonic Ape at that. We'll need at least two Level 5 Martial Artists to fight it head-on. Isn't this selection a little too difficult for a group of students whose average age is no more than eighteen?"

The young officer looked at the speaker and said expressionlessly, "For this selection, we've arranged for more than fifty Level 5 Martial Artists and ten Level 6 Martial Artists

to guard it. Theoretically speaking, we've already minimized the possibility of casualties."

Yu Feiyi said indifferently, "If we can't even deal with a quasi-Level 5 Exotic Beast after gathering all the top martial artists in the East, then the Dragon Nation has no future to speak of."

The colonels all shut up and didn't dare to raise any objections.

The young officer added, "Actually, this quasi-Level 5 Golden-Eyed Demonic Ape is a common goal we've set for all the genius representatives who can make it to the final stage.

"If they can't kill this Golden-Eyed Demonic Ape despite working together, then the final reward for this selection will only be given out according to the standards of the previous selection."

The young officer paused for a moment, then said in a firm voice, "The military's resources will only be used on the most valuable martial artists."

Only then did the colonels understand that the selection, which was said to have the most generous rewards in history, also had its requirements that needed to be met to be qualified for the promised rewards.

Yu Feiyi also said coldly, "The Eastern Military Region guards the second most important and also the second most dangerous battlefield in the entire Ancient Dragon Kingdom, yet it's been ranked last in the national military tournament for several years. If we continue to hold the selection like a game, then in a few years, I don't think there will be any talents left in the entire East!"

The colonels all felt a chill run down their spines.

Yu Feiyi glanced at everyone's expressions, then said, "Then, let's commence the selection."

"Yes, sir." The young officer nodded and gave the order through the communicator.

Soon, the metal door in the dozens of surveillance images on the screen started to open.

Dozens of young men and women, who represented the most outstanding martial artists in the East this year, walked into the passage one after another.

The selection for the Qiming Star General officially began.

Yu Feiyi looked at the surveillance images and said calmly, "First, zoom in on the images of the most important candidates, then adjust the proportion of the images according to the current ranking."

"Yes, sir." The three surveillance images on the screen were quickly zoomed in.

The proportion of the images was twice that of the other images.

As a Master Martial Artist, Yu Feiyi could easily observe the situation and movements of everyone in the images.

The real-time image proportion adjustment mode was just to make it easier for the colonels below to watch, and also to show the selection process more directly.

In the three huge screens on the display, three boys and girls with different styles came into everyone's view. The one on the far left was a tall and beautiful girl with picturesque features and waist-length hair.

The difference being that the ends of the girl's long hair were slightly upturned, and the strands of her hair trembled slightly like a living thing.

"Genius representative of Dongze Province, Kong Qing, 17 years and 8 months old, Level 3 Martial Artist, Element-type talent. Elemental control: electricity, Proficiency (Element): Level 1 ..." The young officer reported loudly to everyone at the right time.

In fact, the data was present in front of everyone, and what everyone paid attention to was not what was recorded in the data, but the ability displayed in the actual combat process.

Then there is the middle screen.

The screen showed an image of a handsome young man wearing a snow-white casual shirt. Next to the young man, objects like nails were floating about quietly, which painted quite a strange picture.

"Genius Representative of the Jiangzhou Province, Jia Haoran, eighteen years and three months old, Level 3 Martial Artist, spiritually gifted. He has cleared the Level 2 Spiritual Master assessment ..."

The appearance of the boy in the third screen was extremely striking.

Nearly two meters tall, taller than many adults, with dark skin and a ferocious appearance, like a brown bear walking upright.

"Genius representative of Shilin Province, Xing Zhi, eighteen years and nine months old, Level 4 Martial Artist, defensive-type talent. Proficiency (Defence): Iron Skin ..." hen

the young officer mentioned the brown bear boy, many of the officers' cheeks couldn't help but up turn.

Eighteen years old, Level 4 Martial Artist. This was already a very exaggerated result, what was the average strength of those gathered?

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Level 5. And the eighteen-year-old boy in the picture has already reached the Level 4.

There was no shortcut in the stage of tempering bones and muscles that made a jump from Level 3 to 4, and it was the most time-consuming.

This young man named Xing Zhi could break through the Level 4 his age, which can only be described as extraordinary talent.

They could also see from here, not to mention that Xing Zhi was still a defensive-type martial artist, and his defensive talent has reached the level of the second stage "iron skin".

Below the Level 4, no one could break through his defence. It was also possible for Jia Haoran, the Level 2 Spiritual Master to replicate such a feat.

But only possible.

At this stage, this Xing Zhi was indisputably the most invincible among his peers.

Many among them secretly regarded him as the most popular candidate for this year's Qiming Star General position. Even Yu Feiyi's eyes lingered on Xing Zhi for a few more seconds.

After a while, the teenagers in the screen had already started to fight the exotic beasts that appeared in the passage.

Level 2 exotic beasts were terrifying and invincible existences for many Level 2 Martial Artists.

And in the hands of this group of teenagers known as monsters, many of these exotic beasts were killed in a single encounter.

**Zra-**

Kong Qing, the girl who controlled electricity, dodged, leaving a clearly visible afterglow of scattered electricity.

Appearing again, she was already behind the Level 2 Black-toothed Sabre Boar. The Black-toothed Sabre Boar crashed down with a slight depression on its head, and the battle was over within a second.

The spiritual master Jia Haoran's spiked weapons swam like fish in the tunnel, easily piercing through the body of the Black-toothed Sabre Boar.

Also in a very short time, the Black-toothed Sabre Boar collapsed with bloody holes all over its body.

As for Xing Zhi, his method was even more violent. His whole person was like an armoured tank rampaging in the passage, and the Level 2 Black-toothed Sabre Boar was crushed to death.

In the first level of Qiming's General Selection, a dozen or so screens fluctuated and zoomed in quickly.

Stand-outs from dozens of screens.

The results started to increase from the first level, and some youngsters who had striking performance also attracted everyone's attention again.

"The genius representative of Dongyi Province, Zhao Lie, has a fire element talent, and his proficiency is at level 1 from the looks of it; something that's missing from the disclosed data ..." The young officer reported emphatically.

Shangguan Ling stood up from his seat, and said, "Zhao Lie's recently awakened his ability, and I haven't had time to update his information, my apologies ..."

Yu Feiyi nodded slightly.

Other officers scoffed at the answer.

As if time was the problem. It was obvious that it was a deliberate act. Probably his attempt at making the kid stand out in the selection.

They didn't even bother to retort at such flamboyant acting.

However, the military region did not have a hard and fast rule regarding this kind of reports. The abilities would be displayed in the selection, either way. Unless you did not want to compete for the rankings, so it didn't truly matter in that regard.

Shangguan Ling was rather proud of himself, having taken the limelight.

When he sat down, he directed a meaningful glance at Dong Qingxue's direction. He mouthed the words "three different marrows".



Dong Qingxue and Qin Shaojun chose to ignore this idiot.

They found Lu Sheng's figure in the dozen or so surveillance screens that had just been highlighted, and they didn't panic at all.

The screen fluctuated for the second time.

One or two screens were removed. Later, the screen began changing almost every one or two minutes.

The monitoring screens on the huge display were continuously reduced, and the remaining screens were constantly highlighted.

Gradually, there were only five screens left in the centre of the entire giant display, accounting for the largest proportion, suppressing all other screens.

Lu Sheng was among them.

"It's strange, this is the genius representative of that province, he's advancing quite quickly! No worse than the other four. He might even be a bit faster than them ..."

"Yeah, it looks ordinary, why is that punch so heavy? All it takes is a single punch, they don't even last for a second one."

"Is there any information on him? Read the information."

Yu Feiyi also looked at Lu Sheng on the screen with an interested look in his eyes.

The young officer in charge of the report hesitated for a moment, and then said: "The genius representative of Dongning Province, Lu Sheng, seventeen years and five months old, a Level 3 Martial Artist, a strength-type talent ..."

The young military officer couldn't help but stop after reading the mediocre information.

"Nothing that particularly stands out, and no special abilities demonstrated during ..."

"Yes, it's just strength, and his speed seems to be slightly above that of ordinary Level 3 Martial Artists. He's qualitatively better in most aspects compared to an ordinary Level 3 Martial Artist, but not anywhere near Level 4 ..."

"Strange ..."

Many turned their attention to look in a direction, and Shangguan Ling being one of them.

Dong Qingxue and Qin Shaojun, who represent Dongning Province just sat in their seats. There was no joy or anger on the faces of the two of them, and their faces were expressionless.

“This kid should have mastered at least four or more Perfection Realm Martial Techniques, among which his movement skills and fist techniques reached the Intricate Realm, so the combat effectiveness shown in actual combat is particularly outstanding ...” Yu Feiyi revealed the truth to everyone.

There was a slight change in expression on the faces of the officers.

It would not be surprising if one aspect of martial arts had reached the Perfection Realm, and it would also not come off as surprising that he had studied for or five kinds of techniques concurrently. What was strange was that all four or five techniques had reached the Perfection Realm, including two which had reached the Intricate Realm.

The Intricate Realm and Perfection Realm were not at all comparable to each other.

The most amazing thing was that this Lu Sheng was only seventeen years old, this year.

Could it be that he started practising martial arts in the womb?

Yu Feiyi also showed appreciation, and said lightly: “I haven’t seen such a pure martial arts genius for a long time. There were these kinds of the geniuses who were excellent in comprehending the Martial Dao, back when martial arts was first emerged, but now ...”

Before Yu Feiyi finished speaking, Lu Sheng in the screen had already reached the sixth level.

This was also the threshold.

The exotic beast blocking the way has changed from Level 2 to Level 3, and its strength has been greatly improved. Lu Sheng in the screen didn’t seem to realize this at all. He still moved forward maintaining the same pace.

The Level 3 Exotic Beast roared, and he punched casually.

***Boom!***

Half of the Level 3 Exotic Beast exploded, and Lu Sheng continued to move forward without stopping.

On the huge display, the monitoring screen belonging to Lu Sheng was directly maximized, completely suppressing the other four.

The sudden fluctuation of the screen stopped the discussion among the officers below, and they all stared at the screen in a daze.

And Yu Feiyi's words suddenly faltered, and his whole body subconsciously tensed up slightly.

A few seconds later, Yu Feiyi's slightly complicated voice sounded in the quiet conference hall.

"I'm wrong, this kid's fist technique is not at the Intricate Realm. It's at the Mastery Realm ..."

***Hiss—***

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There was a sound of someone gasping for air.

Dong Qingxue, who had no expression on her face, clenched her hands underneath the table, as her eyes fluctuated violently

As for Qin Shaojun next to him, he secretly flipped the bird on Shangguan Ling, who was looking at him with a surprised expression on his face.

"Keep staring, you stinky bastard!"

...

"I've almost tested the limit of the first form of Absolute Martial Path ..." Lu Sheng killed the Level 3 Exotic Beast with one punch.

Since the beginning, he never spent any of his skills except for the first form of the Absolute Martial Path.

His intentions being to test his combat effectiveness in this form.

The results proved that the first form of Absolute Martial Path could almost allow Lu Sheng to easily have the strength to instantly kill a Level 3 and Level 4 Martial Artist without using any strength-generating skills or boosting means.

This kind of insta-killing and crushing was not in terms of pure strength. But the crushing of skills.

The advantages in all attributes and all aspects of techniques were too great, resulting in a devastating effect.

“Four liang moves a thousand jin, the skill that’s close to the Dao. It must probably refer to this.” Thinking about it, Lu Sheng came to the seventh beast unknowingly.

[TN: Liang and Jin are Chinese units of weight. You can google their approximate weights.]

It is also a Level 3 Exotic Beast.

Looking at the Level 3 Exotic Beast in front of him, Lu Sheng glanced at the monitoring device above his head, thinking.

“Since I’m done with my experiment, I don’t need to hold back any more ... My warm-up is done, it’s time for some people to tremble before me!”

His two hearts beat thumping rhythm, the Breath of Flames switched, ten times the force of the stars activated ...

His BQV soared.

Lu Sheng kicked hard on the ground, and he rushed out like a cannonball.

At this moment, his aura ... had transformed into something more vicious and violent than the Level 3 Exotic Beast in front of him.

Among the Level 3 Exotic Beasts, there was a type called the Shadow Feral Cat that was extremely difficult to deal with. Its entire body was covered in glossy, pitch-black fur that even bullets could not penetrate.

Its half-foot-long claws were even sharper than knives. Steel plates a few centimetres thick would be as brittle as paper under its claws.

In addition to its extreme speed, the Shadow Feral Cat was simply a nightmare that reaped lives on certain battlefields.

Even an ordinary Level 3 Martial Artist could only become its prey. Only Level 3 Martial Artists with well-honed muscles and bones were qualified to contend with it.

But now, this terrifying beast had fallen into a difficult situation.

Its proud claws scratched the skin of the young man in front of it, producing an ear-piercing sound like scratching steel. There seemed to be faint sparks flying everywhere.

When the sharp claws left, only a few deep white marks were left on the young man's skin.

The young man seemed to be enraged. He stretched out his strong, tanned arms and clamped the Shadow Feral Cat under his armpit.

***Crack*** —

Accompanied by a series of bone cracking sounds, this Level 3 Shadow Feral Cat, which was called "Shadow Nightmare" by the veterans, was crushed like a piece of paper.

***Pata*** —

Casually throwing the Shadow Feral Cat's corpse on the floor, the young man, who was as strong as a brown bear, coldly scanned the wounds on his body. He muttered to himself, "Speed-type beasts are indeed a little troublesome. I've wasted too much time here. Those two have probably caught up to me. I have to speed up ... However, the last beast should be very strong. There's a high chance that it's at Level 4. With their strength, it should take a long time, and I might not even be able to defeat them. So ..."

The strong young man pulled down his clothes that were torn by the Shadow Feral Cat and snorted.

"The first place is still mine."

After that, the young man moved his feet and advanced rapidly in the tunnel like an armoured tank.

***Zzzla*** —

Similarly, the Shadow Feral Cat was lying on the ground stiffly, its body twitching unconsciously.

The long-haired girl, whose eyes were dyed with a faint layer of dark blue due to the sparks, was panting slightly, trying her best to recover the stamina she had expended in the previous battle.

"The sixth beast has already reached Level 3. There should be more Level 4 beasts after that ... I have to conserve my stamina. Speaking of which, it can't be a Level 5 beast, right? Impossible!"

The long-haired girl shook her head. "That's too ridiculous. No one can get past it, if that's the case." After saying that, her figure flashed, leaving behind a cluster of lightning in the air, and disappeared.

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### ***Whoosh-whoosh-whoosh-whoosh —***

A Shadow Feral Cat fell from the ceiling of the tunnel. It scratched the ground with its claws and tried to stand up again.

However, due to the excessive bleeding, its body was covered in cuts and bruises, and it had almost no strength left.

Two long black nails mercilessly pierced through its eyes, ending its life.

The young man in the white shirt rubbed the space between his eyebrows. His delicate face was filled with calmness.

“I still have more than half of my spiritual power left, so I’ll have to use it sparingly. As for this half of the Ink Nails, I’ll wait until a Level 4 beast appears before using it.”

Thinking of this, the seven or eight long black nails beside the handsome youth flew back into his pocket and were temporarily sealed as a trump card. The youth moved his feet and quickly rushed to the front of the passage.

“Level 3 again ... Burn up in the inferno of fire!”

The young man, whose arms were entangled by tiny fire snakes, grabbed the Shadow Feral Cat’s neck tightly with both hands.

His ten fingers dug deep into the cat’s flesh, and the scorching flames gave off a thick burning smell.

After a short while, this Level 3 beast was finally half-cooked and completely lost all signs of life, turning into a pile of charred meat.

### ***Huchi huchi —***

Zhao Lie placed his hands on his knees, panting heavily. In order to deal with this Level 3 Shadow Feral Cat, he had used up almost half of his fire ability.

Of course, it had a satisfying result.

“If I’m not wrong, this should be the extremely powerful Shadow Feral Cat among the Level 3 beasts. Many Level 4 Martial Artists might not be its match. And I actually killed such an exotic beast the first time I encountered it!”

Zhao Lie looked at his hands and couldn’t help but exclaim, “I’m really too strong.”

He raised his head and looked in front of him.

“Even a Level 3 Shadow Feral Cat has appeared. The selection should be coming to an end soon. I wonder how fast I’m progressing? If I go all out, even if I don’t get first place, I should be in the top three.”

Thinking of this, Zhao Lie couldn’t help but reveal a proud smile.

He raised his head and looked at the invisible camera in the corner of the tunnel’s ceiling, muttering to himself, “Right now, those chief instructors of the various provinces outside are probably shocked by my amazing feat. Hehe, even if they weren’t shocked earlier, there should be people who were taken aback by me right now. After all ...” Zhao Lie looked at the Shadow Feral Cat’s corpse on the ground and said confidently, “This is a Level 3 beast, the Shadow Feral Cat ...”

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## **Chapter 120**

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“How is this possible?!”

In the conference hall, the young officer stood up abruptly from his seat, his eyes staring at the huge display screen in front of him, his expression filled with shock.

His behaviour, which was close to losing his composure, deserved everyone’s dissatisfaction and attention.

However, at this moment, no one turned their heads to pay attention to him.

In fact, he wasn’t the only one who had lost his composure. He wasn’t the first, either.

“A ... a Level 4 beast was also killed in an instant with a single punch?!”

The officer’s voice was almost distorted, his eyes almost popping out of their sockets as he stared at the display screen.

In the huge conference hall, more than half of the officers stood up and leaned forward, their eyes staring at the huge surveillance screen at the centre of the display, without blinking.

Their faces were filled with shock and disbelief.

Even Major General Yu Feiyi’s face showed traces of emotion.

At this moment, more than half of the display was taken up by one surveillance screen.

The handsome young man on the screen was clearly visible. Everyone could almost see the long and thick eyelashes on his calm face.

As for the second screen, it belonged to the young man, Xing Zhi, who everyone thought highly of, but it wasn't even given a tenth of the size of Lu Sheng's screen.

The rest of the youngsters who fell behind were squeezed to the corners of their screens, looking like pieces of tofu.

Perhaps other than Shangguan Ling, whose mouth was wide enough to stuff a duck egg in, no one saw the flaming young man standing in front of the Shadow Feral Cat's corpse, smiling proudly.

"The others are still fighting the seventh exotic beast at the fastest speed. This fellow actually passed the Level 4 beast at the second last stage?!"

"And it was still an instant kill with a single punch! Right from the beginning until now, this young man called Lu Sheng has only thrown nine punches, one punch for each exotic beast. No of the beasts has been able to force him to throw a second punch!"

"What's his strength? Level 3? Or Level 4?! Even a Level 4 can't kill a Level 4 Exotic Beast with a single punch! He doesn't have a visible aura, so he's definitely not Level 5!"

"Is there any problems with the exotic beasts in his passage? Have they really been tested?"

Someone couldn't help but shout at the young officer in charge of the selection.

No one answered him. The young officer was also staring blankly at the huge display in front of him. The screen was replaying the video of Lu Sheng killing the Level 4 Exotic Beast with a single punch.

In the video, the frail Lu Sheng stood in front of the terrifying Level 4 Exotic Beast. He just calmly threw a punch, then pulled back his fist, and stepped over the Level 4 Exotic Beast whose body had exploded.

It was so simple.

But it was also so shocking.

Only in a situation where one's strength was completely overwhelming could one create such a shocking effect.



And when this strength appeared in the body of a mere seventeen-year-old ... Everyone in the conference hall was dumbfounded.

Even Dong Qingxue and Qin Shaojun were dumbfounded.

They couldn't help but think of what Lu Sheng had said in the elevator.

***"... not a lot, but. Just 99%..."***

***99% it is!***

***Fuck!***

"His BQV should be over 200, reaching the level of a Level 4 Martial Artist. But the quality of his Inner strength is too high. Or rather, the bones and tendons he cultivated at Level 3 are too strong. Coupled with his brilliant combat skills, he was able to reach this stage ..." Yu Feiyi spoke slowly. His eyes shone with a different light.

"A pure and powerful physical body, terrifying combat skills ... Even if he doesn't have any additional talent, it's enough to create such a monstrous existence. This is what I want, a genius with the potential to become a General!" Yu Feiyi was not stingy with his praise.

Lu Sheng, at this moment, had already reached the end of the passage.

The selection passage was a stair-like slope that led upward. At the end of the passage was a huge platform that connected all the passages.

At the center of the platform, at the end, was a huge iron cage.

Inside the iron cage, a huge humanoid figure several meters tall was squatting quietly.

The huge figure blotted the lights from above and cast a shadow. Only a pair of dark golden eyes filled with a tyrannical aura could be seen, as well as terrifying breathing sounds that sounded like lava rolling in a volcano.

The Golden Eyed Demonic Ape! A quasi-Level 5 Exotic Beast.

Even though they were separated by a surveillance screen, the officers present could still feel the immense pressure brought about by the giant beast.

Even they couldn't guarantee that they could absolutely crush this terrifying exotic beast in a head-on battle.

At this moment, the young officer in charge of reporting the information hesitated for a moment before speaking up.

“The Golden-Eyed Demonic Ape in the last stage hasn’t been released yet. In fact, it’s up to the representatives to decide whether to proceed with this stage.

“If they feel that everyone who has reached this stage is strong enough, they can press the button in front of the iron cage to release the Golden-Eyed Demonic Ape.

“If they feel that they’re not strong enough, they can give up on the challenge of this final stage.”

Sure enough, everyone saw a conspicuous pillar on the screen. There was a bright red button on the pillar, and there seemed to be a long paragraph of text beside the button.

The young man on the screen seemed to have noticed this as well. He stood in front of the button and looked at it carefully.

“With Lu Sheng’s strength, as long as Xing Zhi and the others arrive, they’ll definitely be able to kill this quasi-Level 5 Golden-eyed Demonic Ape. Oh, no, maybe he doesn’t even need a lot of people. As long as he has one or two people supporting him, he’ll have a chance ...”

One of the officers said.

Another officer murmured, “In other words, Lu Sheng is definitely going to be this year’s Star General ...”

The officers who heard this had a complicated expression.

That was right.

He advanced so quickly that he was several steps ahead of the others.

The first half of the selection was based on the speed of passing the stages. When it came to the final stage, the Demonic Ape, the final score was based on the contribution points on killing the Demonic Ape.

The final score of the two would be the final selection criteria for the Qiming General Selection.

However, no matter how the selection format changed, it was still based on the strength of the candidates.

Lu Sheng’s terrifying strength was obvious to all. It was an indisputable fact that he was going to be the Star General.

Many people could not help but look at Dong Qingxue and Qin Shaojun.

Lu Sheng was from Dongning Province, and they were the ones who had brought him here. If Lu Sheng became the Enlightened Star General, Dong Qingxue and Qin Shaojun would also receive great rewards and benefits.

This was also why the chief instructors of the various provinces were here.

Qin Shaojun's expression was one of surprise. He could not hide the pride and joy on his face.

Dong Qingxue was much calmer, but her hands were clenched so tightly that they turned white under the small table. She was also excited and could not control herself.

She looked up at the young man on the screen who was looking down at the description of the final stage before pressing the button.

Her emotions were surging.

Lu Sheng ...