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Chapter 161: Cultivation

Cultivation was originally a long-distance race

The manager of the herb garden ordered his men to collect all the bamboo baskets filled with white radishes and counted them up.

At this time, Liu Yan finally found all the other herb farmers.

Liu Yan was surprised to find that all the other herb farmers were actually left behind by him and Wu Hua.

Because they had been left far behind, Liu Yan had not been able to find these herbalists at that time.

Liu Yan was puzzled for a moment.

After all, judging from their initial speed, many of the herbalists were faster than him and Wu Hua, and even twice as fast as him.

But why were these people so far behind now?

In addition, Liu Yan also noticed one thing.

These herbalists were sweating profusely and looked extremely tired.

Although Liu Yan was also tired, after a month of continuously plucking white radishes, he had long gotten used to it and was not that tired at all. He did not even sweat that much.

Soon, the staff of the herb garden finished counting.

Cao Dong looked at the summary table and was a little surprised. He then announced, "The top three in this competition are Liu Yan, Wu Hua, and Qiao Feng. Liu Yan has 378, Wu Hua has 356, and Qiao Feng has 179!"

Hearing Cao Dong's announcement, Liu Yan was a little surprised.

Yesterday, Liu Yan was only close to 300. He did not expect to improve so much today.

However, Liu Yan realised in a split second. The main reason was that he had not stopped to rest throughout the entire day.

Although he had made good use of his time previously, he still went for lunch and rested a little in the afternoon. Today, he had no rest at all, so naturally, there were so many more.

In addition, what surprised Liu Yan was that the third place only had a hundred or so, which was a huge gap between Liu Yan and Wu Hua.

At the same time, the other herbalists also looked at Liu Yan in surprise.

"Didn't they say that their strength was sealed? How can they still be so strong?"

"Yeah, is their strength not sealed?"

“The number of radishes he plucked in a day is three times that of mine with his strength sealed! This is too strong!”

“His strength should be sealed. Didn’t you see that Liu Yan’s speed wasn’t very fast in the beginning?”

“Yes, Liu Yan’s speed wasn’t very fast. It was only medium speed. But he didn’t rest the entire time. He didn’t stop at all. This is too exaggerated.”

“Yeah, this radish is so difficult to pull out. We don’t have the strength anymore after pulling some and need to rest and recover. But he can keep on pulling. It’s too amazing.”

“Is this the strength of a once-in-a-century monstrous genius? This is too amazing. I’m impressed!”

“Each generation outperforms the previous. I came to the Lighthouse Academy a few years earlier than Liu Yan, but I was left so far behind by him. It’s really embarrassing!”

“...”

For a moment, many of the herbalists looked at Liu Yan in shock and discussed animatedly.

Only when Liu Yan heard their discussions did he roughly understand the reason.

It turned out that at the beginning of the competition, Liu Yan’s speed was not as fast as theirs, and was even only half of their speed.

But soon after, the gap gradually appeared.

These white radishes were extremely difficult to pull out. Although these students were strong and capable, after pulling them out for a while, they had no strength left and needed to rest and adjust.

Even after resting and adjusting, they could not continue pulling out radishes for long.

As a result, they could not pull out many radishes at the end of the day. The third place only had a little more than a hundred radishes.

On the other hand, Liu Yan and Wu Hua, although their speed was not very exaggerated.

However, because of the special way of pulling out radishes, it was much easier. Additionally, when they gathered all the strength in their bodies, it was also much easier.

As a result, although Liu Yan’s was not as strong as the other students, pulling radishes was much easier for him.

In addition, Liu Yan had been training his stamina, strength, and willpower for the past month. He was hence able to persevere.

For the entire day, he did not rest throughout the entire journey and continued to walk forward.

On the other hand, although the other students were faster at the beginning, when they stopped to rest when they were tired, Liu Yan had already surpassed them.

By the time they finished resting and continued, Liu Yan had left them far behind.

In the end, this wasn't a competition of a momentary speed, but the overall speed for a day. This was a long-distance race!

The pulling of radishes was the same as the path of cultivation. Although some awakened ones had very good talent, they couldn't persevere. And in the end, they couldn't become an expert.

And some awakened ones, despite their mediocre talent, were able to keep going and persevere all the way through the hardships and cultivation, eventually becoming an expert.

Talent was very important, and it also determined the upper limit of an awakened one.

But persistence was also extremely important. It determined whether an awakened one could become stronger and become an expert in the end.

The path of cultivation was originally a long-distance race. It was not a competition of instantaneous speed, but the overall speed that one had persevered for a long time. It was a competition of who could walk farther!

Liu Yan understood everything at this moment, and his heart was instantly filled with gratitude towards Wu Hua.

After all, Liu Yan had learned all of this from the old man, Wu Hua.

Without Wu Hua, Liu Yan would not have been able to improve so much in one month, nor would he be able to obtain first place in this harvesting competition!

At this moment, Cao Dong also came up and took Liu Yan away, arriving at the place where the divine medicine was stored in the medicinal garden.

"Tell me, what divine medicine do you want? As long as our medicinal garden has it, we can give you one!"

Cao Dong, who had always been dignified, had a somewhat relaxed expression now.

He had heard of Liu Yan before, and had also learned from the principal that Liu Yan was here to gain experience.

However, even so, he did not give Liu Yan any special treatment, and treated him fairly.

However, he didn't expect Liu Yan, who had sealed his strength, to be able to improve so much within a month after losing his powerful strength and terrifying talent. It was truly rare.

At this moment, even Cao Dong couldn't help but think highly of Liu Yan.

When Liu Yan heard this, he was naturally extremely happy.

Although he knew in his heart that the Eastern Suburbs Medicinal Garden had many precious medicinal herbs, there was no lack of divine herbs among them.

However, what Liu Yan needed the most at the moment was the ten-thousand-year-old ginseng. This was the medicinal herb that Liu Yan needed to refine his skin.

Only by gathering those four rare items could Liu Yan break through his upper limit and create a perfect body.

Liu Yan said without hesitation, "Hello, manager Cao. I need the ten-thousand-year-old ginseng!"

Cao Dong heard this and nodded slightly. "Hold on."

After saying that, Cao Dong left. Not long after, Cao Dong returned with a special wooden box in his hand. He handed it to Liu Yan and said, "Our medicinal garden only has this half of the ten-thousand-year-old ginseng. You can take it."

When Liu Yan heard that, he immediately asked with some doubt, "Where is the remaining half of the ten-thousand-year-old ginseng?"

Cao Dong saw that Liu Yan really did not know, he smiled and said, "The other half of the ten-thousand-year-old ginseng was already obtained by Wu Hua last year. As for where it is now, you should ask yourself. Alright, you have already achieved your goal of coming to our medicinal garden. Pack up and leave on your own. Your talent and temperament are very good. I have high hopes for you. Continue to work hard!"

As he said this, Cao Dong made his leaving.

Liu Yan, who was standing where he was, was confused. What did he mean by asking himself?

However, Liu Yan still opened the special wooden box in his hand. When he saw half of the ten-thousand-year-old ginseng, he was stunned.

It had a brownish-yellow appearance and a faint but strange smell.

Wasn't this the same as the soap given by Wu Hua?

Liu Yan recalled the words of Cao Dong, the manager of the medicinal garden, and immediately understood.

It turned out that the remaining half of the ten-thousand-year-old ginseng had been with Wu Hua, and Wu Hua had actually given it to Liu Yan long ago. He had even taught Liu Yan how to use it.

In this one month's time, that half of the ten-thousand-year-old ginseng had also been used up by Liu Yan.

Chapter 162: Perfect Skin Refining

Perfect Skin Refining

Only then did Liu Yan remember.

When he was in the principal's office, the principal had told him how to use the ten-thousand-year-old ginseng, and half of it was used for external application.

It seemed that old man Wu Hua had already given half of the ten-thousand-year-old ginseng to Liu Yan in advance so that he could use it for external application.

And now, the remaining half of the ten-thousand-year-old ginseng obtained from the competition was to be consumed internally.

Liu Yan found a corner in the medicinal garden and sat down. He could not wait to eat this half of the 10,000-year-old ginseng and begin refinement.

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As soon as he ate it, Liu Yan felt a burning sensation in his stomach, which then spread to his entire body.

Not long after, Liu Yan's felt a burning sensation on his skin all over his body.

Liu Yan understood that this was a chain reaction between the half of the 10,000-year-old ginseng and the previous half of the 10,000-year-old ginseng. They were refining the skin.

Liu Yan immediately focused on absorbing and refining the skin.

After a long time, less than two hours later.

Liu Yan opened his eyes. At this time, the sky had completely darkened, but Liu Yan had a brand-new feeling.

Looking down, he saw that every inch of his skin had gained a new life, and the refining of the skin had been completed.

The current skin, because it was newly grown, looked somewhat snow-white, as if it was extremely delicate.

However, Liu Yan could clearly feel the power of this new skin!

Liu Yan carefully felt and tried it, and his face was immediately filled with joy.

Ordinary weapons aside, even higher grade weapons would not be able to cut through the newly grown skin. It was extremely tough.

Liu Yan immediately felt that it was somewhat magical. This newly grown skin looked extremely flexible, and it was also extremely soft to the touch. However, it was extremely tough and could not be cut at all.

As long as Liu Yan exerted force, it would be extremely hard and impenetrable.

Liu Yan understood that besides being the effect of the ten-thousand-year-old ginseng, it was also for the accumulation of use over time.

Over the past month, Liu Yan had followed the old man to pluck radishes every day. Every day was extremely arduous and exhausting.

When he returned to the small house, under the urging of the old man, Liu Yan would use the ten-thousand-year-old ginseng to grind into powder every day and smear it on every part of his body.

It was only because of this that the external application of the ten-thousand-year-old ginseng was maximized.

Having used it for a month, naturally, the effect was extraordinary.

Now, he had ingested half of the ten-thousand-year-old ginseng, which suddenly intensified the previous half of the ten-thousand-year-old ginseng. Under the chain reaction, the skin was refined for Liu Yan from the inside out, which resulted in such perfect new skin for Liu Yan.

Liu Yan would not have been able to reap such a huge harvest without Wu Hua's help.

Thinking back on this month's experience, although it was arduous, it was also fulfilling, and the harvest was also full.

Other than obtaining the ten-thousand-year-old ginseng to complete the skin refinement and obtain this brand new and powerful skin, Liu Yan's other gains were also incomparably huge.

After learning a better way of exerting strength from the old man Wu Hua, he was able to gather all the strength in his body into one point.

In the past, even though Liu Yan had relied on his SSS grade talent, Divine Extraction, to obtain all sorts of attribute points, his stamina was extremely strong.

However, Liu Yan only had brute strength, and was unable to unleash all his strength.

However, it was completely different now. Liu Yan had learned a better way of exerting strength from Old Man Wu Hua, and now that he was able to gather all his strength into one point and unleash it, his strength had naturally increased tremendously.

Other than that, Liu Yan had also grown a lot in terms of his temperament. Now, his heart was even calmer. He was clear about his own path and could focus wholeheartedly on walking on it.

All sorts of gains were incomparably huge. And other than Liu Yan's own efforts, there was no doubt that the old man, Wu Hua, had helped him the most.

Without the help of the old man, Wu Hua, Liu Yan would not have been able to obtain such a huge harvest.

Liu Yan immediately felt grateful towards the old man. He walked towards the small house, intending to properly thank old man Wu Hua.

However, when he returned to the familiar small house, he discovered that old man Wu Hua had completely disappeared.

Not only that, the small house had been cleaned thoroughly, and some of old man Wu Hua's daily necessities had already been taken away.

Clearly, old man Wu Hua had already left.

Seeing this, Liu Yan immediately felt a little disappointed. It seemed like he could only thank him when he get the chance to see old man Wu Hua again in the future.

Liu Yan also understood that this old man Wu Hua was definitely an extremely powerful existence. To be able to understand these things, he was definitely not an ordinary person.

“Then let’s meet again next time. The next time we meet, I will let you see my great progress!”

Liu Yan looked at the small house and recalled all the things that he had done with the old man Wu Hua over the past month. Then, he closed the door of the small house and walked out of the medicinal garden.

The experiential learning in the medicinal garden had been completed after one month.

This month had been extremely arduous, but it had also been a great harvest.

Liu Yan planned to go back and have a simple rest. Then, he would go to the next place to continue his cultivation.

This time, he had only completed his skin refinements, yet he was able to increase his strength by so much.

Liu Yan did not dare to imagine what kind of huge improvement he would receive if he were to complete the cultivation in all four places.

At that time, it was very likely that that would be the new Liu Yan. His strength and talent would increase tremendously in an instant!

Liu Yan came to the teleportation array and submitted his identity card. He successfully passed through the teleportation array and arrived in the outside world.

The familiar majestic medicinal garden gate and a simple pavilion.

Liu Yan came to the pavilion and returned his identity card.

“It’s over?” The middle-aged man outside the door looked at Liu Yan and said with a smile.

“It’s over.” Liu Yan nodded slightly.

After bidding goodbye, Liu Yan boarded his sports car and left, returning to his villa.

The middle-aged guard looked at Liu Yan who had left, nodded slightly and praised, “What a good seedling!”

At the same time, in the principal’s office on the other side.

Principal Zhong Yuntian was processing documents when he suddenly stopped. He glanced at the empty door and said indifferently, “Come out, I know you’re here.”

In the originally empty space, a figure gradually condensed and appeared. It was Wu Hua!

Wu hua smiled and said, “You’re the boss after all. I hid so well and you can still find me. So powerful.”

Zhong Yuntian waved his hand and asked, “How is it? Has this kid completed the first step of cultivation?”

“Don’t worry. Not only is this kid very talented, but his temperament is also extremely rare. He has already completed the first step of cultivation.” Wu Hua replied.

Zhong Yuntian was relieved when he heard this.

Wu Hua could not help but exclaim, "I was wondering why you would suddenly put in so much effort to nurture him. It turns out that he is such a rare seedling. He is indeed worthy of being nurtured properly. He will definitely grow up in the future. Perhaps he will be of help to all of us."

"Of course." Zhong Yuntian smiled and nodded when he heard this. At the same time, he could not help but feel a little expectant. Liu Yan, who had such great talent, if he could really be nurtured and grow up, what kind of expert would he become?

Perhaps, it was possible for him to surpass them.

Chapter 163: Return to the Villa

Liu Yan drove his sports car and shuttled through Lighthouse Academy.

In this one month's time, Liu Yan's strength had increased quite a bit.

Although he still had restrictions on his wrists and legs, Liu Yan's strength was about the strength of a level-8 awakened one.

The strength of ordinary students in lighthouse academy was only around level-10 of an awakened one.

If Liu Yan had improved a little more, he might have even surpassed ordinary students.

To be able to improve so much while having his strength sealed, which made him the same as ordinary students, was a little exaggerated.

Liu Yan couldn't help but be a little expectant. When he finished this training, how exaggerated would his strength be after he untied his wrists and legs?

Liu Yan returned to the villa and stopped the car. Just as he walked to the door, he heard the laughter of the three women in the house.

Previously, when he went to the medicinal garden to cultivate, Liu Yan told them that he would be leaving for a period of time. However, he only said that he would be leaving for a period of time. He did not tell them when he would be back.

At this moment, they did not know that Liu Yan's cultivation had ended and he had already returned.

After not seeing them for a month, Liu Yan missed them a little as well. He immediately pushed the door open.

However, after Liu Yan pushed the door open, he was stunned.

In the living room, the three girls were all wearing extremely skimpy clothes. They were lying on the sofa chatting, looking extremely comfortable.

And because they were wearing less clothes, one could see a lot of...

The three girls were laughing. When they saw someone suddenly push open the door and enter, they were instantly a little shocked.

Chu Long hurriedly grabbed a blanket by her side and covered her snow-white skin.

Luo Qingcheng also quickly hid behind the sofa.

On the contrary, Murong Xue was still carefree and did not care about these things. When she noticed that someone had suddenly barged in, she did not retreat but instead advanced. She directly rushed up and prepared to teach him a lesson.

However, when she got closer, Murong Xue discovered that the person who had entered was actually Liu Yan.

“Ah, it’s you, Liu Yan. Why did you suddenly come back!” Murong Xue said with some surprise.

Chu Long and Luo Qingcheng also looked over when they heard that. When they saw that it was Liu Yan, both of them felt relieved and walked over after putting on some clothes.

Because Liu Yan was not at home, only the three of girls were at home. There were no outsiders and no men, so they always wore cooler clothes at home. It was more comfortable this way.

“Yeah, I have temporarily finished a phase of my cultivation. I came back to rest for a day.” Liu Yan nodded slightly.

“If that’s the case, why didn’t you say so earlier? We didn’t prepare any delicious food.” Luo Qingcheng said.

“It’s fine, just eat whatever you want.”

Liu Yan didn’t mind.

Then, the few of them sat down on the sofa and started chatting.

Murong Xue looked at Liu Yan with some curiosity. They only knew that Liu Yan went to cultivate, but they didn’t know where exactly Liu Yan went to cultivate and what he cultivated.

However, Murong Xue had also learned some things from the vice principal of the War Merit Academy, Shi Tian. Liu Yan should have gone to complete the cultivation mission assigned by the principal, Zhong Yuntian.

According to Shi Tian, the principal, Zhong Yuntian, rarely personally groomed any students. To be able to specially arrange a cultivation mission, it must be extremely difficult.

But at the same time, as long as he could complete the cultivation mission assigned by the principal, Zhong Yuntian, he would definitely be able to reap a full harvest.

Murong Xue was a cultivation maniac to begin with. Naturally, she was extremely curious about the cultivation mission that principal Zhong Yuntian had assigned to Liu Yan.

Especially since Liu Yan had left for such a long time.

For Liu Yan to be able to cultivate for such a long time, it must be an extremely powerful cultivation.

Liu Yan was about to reply, but when he saw Murong Xue’s figure, he couldn’t help but take another look.

Murong Xue’s figure was too exaggerated.

At this moment, Murong Xue was curious about Liu Yan's cultivation, but she completely forgot that she didn't have much clothes on her body. Her exaggerated figure could be seen at a glance.

"Ahem, why don't you put on some clothes first, then we can talk?" Liu Yan said somewhat awkwardly.

This woman was really too valiant. Even now, she still didn't put on extra clothing.

For the past month, Liu Yan had been painstakingly cultivating and had long suppressed his evil desire. How could he endure Murong Xue's actions.

Upon hearing this, Murong Xue lowered her head to take a look. Her face instantly turned red and she hurriedly ran away to put on her clothes.

Seeing this, Luo Qingcheng and Chu long couldn't help but laugh out loud.

Soon after, Chu long and Luo Qingcheng also looked at Liu Yan curiously.

Although the two of them were not cultivation maniacs, they were also very curious about the cultivation that made Liu Yan leave for a month.

"Liu Yan, where exactly did you go to cultivate during this period of time? You left for a month all of a sudden." Luo Qingcheng asked, but her tone sounded somewhat resentful.

How could Liu Yan bear with Luo Qingcheng? He shifted his gaze and said seriously, "This period of time is indeed quite hard. I have been cultivating there for a month, and I only came back today when I finally finished."

Chu Long, who was at the side, noticed something and asked with some doubt, "Brother Liu Yan, you just said that you only finished one stage of cultivation and only took a short break. Haven't you finished your cultivation?"

At this time, Murong Xue, who was on the other side, had also put on her clothes and came back. When she heard Chu Long's question, she was also a little curious.

In a month's time, he had only completed one stage of his cultivation. What kind of cultivation was this?

"That's right." Liu Yan nodded slightly and said, "It can only be considered a quarter of it. I came back to rest today. I reckon that I'll have to leave tomorrow to hurry up and finish the rest of my cultivation."

"What kind of cultivation is this?" Murong Xue could not help but ask curiously.

The other two girls also looked at Liu Yan curiously. Liu Yan's strength was so powerful, yet he still needed a month to complete a quarter of his cultivation. The content of his cultivation was really too exaggerated.

"Yes, you are so powerful, but you still need a month to complete this stage of cultivation?" Luo Qingcheng was a little surprised.

"Oh, this." Liu Yan revealed his wrists and legs, he said helplessly, "Before my cultivation started, I put on these wrist bands and leg bands that the principal gave me. My strength directly turned into one of an ordinary person. Naturally, it would be much more difficult."

If there was no limit to his strength, it would indeed be much easier for Liu Yan to pull out radishes and complete the snatching competition.

However, at the same time, Liu Yan's gains would also be much less. He would not be able to obtain such a huge increase.

Therefore, on one hand, Liu Yan had no choice but to have his strength restricted. But on the other hand, he was also enjoying the fact that his strength was restricted. Only then could he obtain such a huge increase in this one month .

"So it's because your strength was restricted. No wonder." Luo Qingcheng nodded slightly, her face was full of understanding.

"Become an ordinary person? Then wouldn't it be very hard to complete the cultivation? This one month's cultivation must be very hard." Chu Long looked at Liu Yan with some heartache.

When Murong Xue heard that, she knew that Liu Yan's strength had been restricted, but her eyes immediately lit up. She looked at Liu Yan and said, "That means that your strength has been restricted, and you really can't display your original strength?"

Chapter 164: Murong Xue's Revenge

"It's alright. Although it's hard work, it's still worth it. The rewards are not small either."

Liu Yan looked at Luo Qingcheng and Chu Long and smiled.

However, when Liu Yan turned around and heard Murong Xue's question, he was a little confused and nodded slightly, "Yes, what's the matter?"

"Okay, I got it." Murong Xue sneered and said no more.

Liu Yan frowned slightly, he had a bad feeling.

"Oh right, what exactly did you practice?" Luo Qingcheng asked again.

The other two girls also looked at Liu Yan curiously.

Liu Yan scratched his head and smiled, "Would you believe me if I were to say that I have been pulling radishes for a month?"

"If you don't want to say it, then don't say it. There is no need to find such an excuse." Luo Qingcheng rolled her eyes at Liu Yan.

"Is it hard to say because it's a secret? Then don't say it." Chu Long also had a look of disbelief on her face.

However, Murong Xue said in a bad mood, "Stingy person. If you don't want to say it, then don't say it. Why are you making up such an excuse?"

Liu Yan was a little helpless. He knew that it would be like this. In fact, Liu Yan had been cultivating for a month and had been pulling out radishes. However, the three girls didn't believe him at all when he said it.

Then, Liu Yan and the three girls made some simple things and started to eat dinner in the villa.

For the past month, Liu Yan had been eating radishes every day. He had eaten all kinds of radishes every day, they were all radishes. He had long since been sick of eating them.

Although in the end, Liu Yan gradually realized that those weren't ordinary radishes at all.

Liu Yan's body wouldn't have been able to replenish enough energy after eating if those were ordinary radishes.

However, that kind of white radish, although it tasted terrible, it did replenish a lot of energy after eating it. It allowed Liu Yan to recover his strength quickly. He even felt that his strength had increased a little because of that white radish.

The few of them ate dinner and chatted. Liu Yan also learned about the recent situation of the three women.

During this one month, Liu Yan was busy resting while the three women were also not idle.

Naturally, Luo Qingcheng had been studying in the command school. She had also practiced in the aspect of cultivation, but mainly focused on learning various kinds of command related knowledge.

Luo Qingcheng was more intelligent, so she was able to learn relatively quickly. In this one month, she had almost mastered the basics.

If she continued to study in this state, she believed that it would not take long for her to have an initial contact with command.

Meanwhile, Chu Long was studying in the logistics school. There were many types of classes in the logistics school. There were all kinds of support and healing classes, and there were also some relatively mediocre awakened ones who were responsible for the logistics of the other awakened ones.

As for Chu Long, because she had the S-ranked talent, Holy Healing, and the rare class, Holy Priest, she was naturally valued and trained in the direction of powerful support classes.

Chu Long was currently focusing on training and learning supportive combat techniques and combat knowledge.

Previously, although Chu Long had powerful healing and support abilities, she still hadn't been able to display her strength to the best of her ability.

In the logistics school, she was naturally able to systematically learn these knowledge and techniques.

Other than that, there was also the aspect of training.

Chu Long had recently learned some new skills and had already learned the basics, so she was familiarizing herself with them

When she familiarized herself with them later on, her support ability would definitely receive a huge increase.

Murong Xue, on the other hand, was much simpler. She had to learn and cultivate her body's stamina and combat skills, constantly cultivating them.

In the combat technique school, Murong Xue naturally obtained a large amount of resources. In addition to her good talent and hard work in cultivation, her combat strength had increased quite a bit during this period of time.

However, she wasn't like Liu Yan who had the SSS-ranked talent, Divine Extraction. She wasn't able to directly extract a new combat technique and learn it in a second.

Even though Murong Xue's talent wasn't bad, she still needed some time to learn a new combat technique. She needed to familiarize herself with it and use it many times before she could truly grasp it. Only then would she be able to truly use it in actual combat.

During this month, even though Liu Yan had been pulling radishes and cultivating, his mood was relatively calm.

However, these days were inevitably a little boring. Now that he had returned to the villa to chat with the three women, he felt extremely comfortable.

However, during the meal and chat, Murong Xue would occasionally glance at Liu Yan, causing Liu Yan to have a bad feeling. He didn't know what she was trying to do.

Very soon, after eating dinner, the few of them who had a hard day of cultivation were all relatively tired. They returned to their rooms to rest.

Due to the limitations of Liu Yan's strength, he did not have the perception skill to observe everything, so he did not notice Murong Xue who was following behind him.

Liu Yan returned to his room and quickly took a bath.

At Eastern Suburbs Medicinal Garden House, he took baths in the open air. The conditions were extremely simple and crude. Although he could use the ten-thousand-year-old ginseng as soap to bathe, he could also wash it clean. However, he did not even have hot water, so it was undoubtedly more uncomfortable.

It was still better to take a bath in the villa. It was more comfortable to have sufficient hot water.

Liu Yan took a comfortable bath and walked out. However, he discovered that the quilt on his bed was protruding. There seemed to be a figure inside.

Liu Yan immediately thought that Luo Qingcheng had taken the initiative to look for him.

This month, Liu Yan had been holding it in for a long time. He had been suppressing it and couldn't take it anymore.

He was just about to go look for Luo Qingcheng after taking a bath. He didn't expect that she would actually take the initiative to look for him.

Liu Yan directly took off his bathrobe and pounced on her.

However, just as he lifted the blanket, Liu Yan was dumbfounded.

The person under the blanket was not Luo Qingcheng, it was actually Murong Xue.

Murong Xue saw that Liu Yan was completely naked and immediately exclaimed, "You're a pervert!"

Liu Yan hurriedly pulled the blanket over and said somewhat speechlessly, "Aren't you the one who's perverted? What are you trying to do by sneaking into my room?"

Only then did Murong Xue come back to her senses. She was the one who took the initiative to look for him.

Murong Xue took a look. Liu Yan's wrist bands and leg bands were indeed still there. His strength was indeed still restricted. Immediately, she gave a wicked smile and said, "Liu Yan, previously, your strength was stronger than mine. I couldn't do anything to you and you took advantage of me. Now that your strength is restricted, it's my turn!"

When Liu Yan heard this, his expression immediately became a little dull.

Only now did he understand why Murong Xue looked at him strangely today, giving Liu Yan a bad feeling.

It turned out that ever since Murong Xue found out that his strength had been restricted, she had these thoughts.

After all, in the third floor of the tower, Liu Yan had relied on his strength to be stronger than Murong Xue, but he had taken advantage of her twice.

"Cough cough." Liu Yan's face suddenly became a little awkward, "When did I take advantage of you? There isn't such a thing. It's getting late. You should go back to your room and rest."

Even though Liu Yan's strength had increased a lot in the past month, especially after refining the ten-thousand-year-old ginseng, his strength had increased a lot.

Although the ten-thousand-year-old ginseng was mainly used to refine skin, it had improved Liu Yan in many aspects, including the improvement in his stamina.

However, although these improvements were not small, they were only so-so in general. Compared to Murong Xue's stamina, there was still no comparison.

Currently, Liu Yan's stamina was only around the average level of a level-8 awakened one. The awakened level of Murong Xue was probably already above the average level of a level-20 awakened one.

Now that his strength was restricted, Liu Yan really could not resist Murong Xue..

Chapter 165: Minute Details

The next morning.

Liu Yan and a few other women were having breakfast.

However, the atmosphere was somewhat strange and awkward.

At this moment, Liu Yan was wearing a straight face. Last night, Murong Xue suddenly barged into his place. He did not expect Murong Xue to hold such a grudge against the previous incident.

She actually came to settle the score with him when his strength was sealed.

Liu Yan also did not expect that Murong Xue was such a fierce woman. She actually barged into his room and took advantage of him.

Fortunately, Luo Qingcheng also came to Liu Yan's place to look for him, and the scene ended in embarrassment.

At this time, they were having breakfast. Luo Qingcheng looked at Liu Yan and then looked at Murong Xue. She did not understand what was going on between the two of them.

However, they did not have time for such little drama. They still needed to prioritize their cultivation and get stronger. After finishing breakfast quickly, they went to their respective academies to continue their studies and cultivation.

Liu Yan shook his head. He failed the task that he was supposed to excel at.

If he had known yesterday, he would have gone directly to the principal to remove the seal after coming out of the Eastern Medicine Garden. Initially, Liu Yan thought there wouldn't be any danger within the Lighthouse Academy, so he wasn't in a hurry to remove the seal.

However, he didn't expect that the incident from last night would happen.

Liu Yan rested for a while and then continued on his cultivation path.

Driving his origin power sports car, he shuttled back and forth within the Lighthouse Academy.

The dazzling neon light of the origin power city made people fell in love. Still, Liu Yan liked his days in the Eastern Medicine Garden.

That was a tough month for him. His food and accommodation were not good, but it was a simple and pure life.

In a month, Liu Yan relied on himself to raise a lot of his strength.

Although the speed of improvement of that month might not be as fast as when using his SSS-grade talent, Divine Extraction, Liu Yan still felt like he had made solid progress.

He understood his strength and grasped the concentrated use of his strength was Liu Yan's most significant gain this month.

Very quickly, Liu Yan drove to the Lighthouse Academy's office building and found Principal Zhong Yuntian's office.

He knocked on the door and entered.

Zhong Yuntian raised his head and saw Liu Yan enter. He was full of smiles, but he didn't say anything. Instead, he carefully sized up Liu Yan.

After sizing him up, Zhong Yuntian nodded slightly and said with a smile, "Not bad, not bad. It seems that you have gained a lot this month. Your temperament has changed."

"Indeed, I have gained a lot." Liu Yan nodded with a smile.

Obtaining the ten-thousand-year-old ginseng and Skin Refining were great harvest.

However, having a calm heart and the feeling of accomplished something were the biggest harvests.

"When will you go to the Western Mine to continue your cultivation?" Principal Zhong Yuntian asked again.

"Today." Liu Yan said indifferently.

Zhong Yuntian's eyes immediately flashed with a hint of appreciation. He nodded satisfactorily and said, "Okay, I will remove the seal for you now."

As he spoke, Zhong Yuntian stretched out his hand. An invisible force caused Liu Yan's wristbands and leggings to fall off.

When Liu Yan saw this, he was slightly surprised. He didn't expect the seemingly ordinary principal to have such powerful cultivation.

Liu Yan had tried to break free of the wristbands and leggings before, but no matter how much strength he used, he couldn't shake them off.

However, Principal Zhong Yuntian, who seemed to have no cultivation at all, could easily remove them.

Liu Yan immediately understood that he could not sense any strength or aura from the principal because the principal's cultivation was too high. Principal Zhong Yuntian was much higher than Liu Yan, so Liu Yan could not sense it at all.

Immediately after, Liu Yan also had some doubts. His current strength was already so terrifying. He was on a completely different level from the vice principal and the dean.

According to the principal's words, his current cultivation had already regressed by a lot. He was utterly incomparable to his peak.

Then how terrifying was Principal Zhong Yuntian at his peak state?

Liu Yan felt that it was somewhat unimaginable. However, he also understood that he still had a very, very long way to go. He still needed to continue working hard to move forward. The current him seemed very strong, but he was only a top-tier fighter in the beginner village. It was very likely that he would be nothing when he reached the Tower's higher levels.

And the only thing Liu Yan could do was to constantly improve his cultivation.

"Oh right, the three cultivation places in the future were way harder than the Eastern Medicine Garden. They will be filled with danger, and you must be careful." Principal Zhong Yuntian instructed again.

Liu Yan's expression was serious as he nodded.

Then, the two of them did not say anything more, and Zhong Yuntian let Liu Yan leave immediately.

Looking at Liu Yan's back, the principal, Zhong Yuntian, couldn't help but sigh.

The reason why he didn't say too much to Liu Yan was that Zhong Yuntian knew Liu Yan's situation thoroughly.

With the help of his old subordinate, Wu Hua's narration, Liu Yan's strength had actually risen from an ordinary person to the average level of a level-8 awakened in the sealed state.

This improvement speed had already far surpassed Principal Zhong Yuntian's expectations.

To have such a heaven-defying talent and such a temperament was truly rare.

However, Zhong Yuntian understood that the latter three cultivation places were much more challenging than the Eastern Medicine Garden.

After all, Zhong Yuntian had arranged for Wu Hua to help Liu Yan in the Eastern Medicine Garden. The remaining three places were basically up to Liu Yan himself.

And these three places were also dangerous, which required Liu Yan to work hard on his own.

However, after seeing Liu Yan's talent and temperament, Zhong Yuntian was also more assured of Liu Yan. He was full of confidence in Liu Yan passing the trial and completing this training.

At the same time, on the other side, after Liu Yan left the principal's office, he returned to his own car.

The seal was lifted, his leggings and wristbands were removed, and all of his strength returned. Liu Yan immediately felt relaxed and full of explosive power.

Liu Yan clearly had such powerful strength before. After a month of training in the Eastern Medicine Garden, Liu Yan could clearly feel the power of his strength, and his control over his strength became more meticulous.

Liu Yan still had the same power as before. Still, he was confident that his combat strength had increased significantly, at least by 50%.

After all, using brute force and precise control of one's own strength, or even gathering all of one's strength into a single point, were two completely different concepts.

Feeling the powerful strength in his body, Liu Yan could not help but sigh at how good it was to regain his strength.

If Liu Yan had used his current strength to pull the radishes, it would have been extremely easy, and he would not have even had to sweat for a day.

And with such strength, after encountering Murong Xue last night and that kind of incident, Liu Yan would not be unable to resist at all.

"Forget it, forget it. I won't delay Murong Xue's cultivation anymore. When I return from my training in the Western Mine, I will definitely find Murong Xue and settle the score from last night. I will let her know how powerful I am!"

Liu Yan thought to himself. Then, he started the sports car and drove straight to the Western Mine, continuing his cultivation path.

Chapter 166: Arrive at the Mine and Gather Information

On the way, Liu Yan drove to the Western Mine while checking his attributes panel.

[Liu Yan]

Grade: 20 (100/10,000)

Class: Dark Ranger (second transition)

HP: 1,800/1,800

MP: 1,200/1,200

Strength (attack) : 7,345

Vitality (defense) : 7,923

Agility (speed) : 3,656

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Spirit (mana) : 1,880

Adaptability (magic resistance) : 1,450

Luck (probability) : 43

Bow and arrow: Flying Cloud Mystic Bow

Trap: None

Familiar: Ice and fire two-headed wolf, wind-chasing purple-feathered falcon

Allocatable attribute points: 80

Talent: Divine Extraction (SSS-grade) : 200/200(restores every hour)

Skill: Omniscient Insight (A-grade) , Fog (B-grade) , Ultimate Aim (B-grade) , Poison Control (B-grade) , Traceless Silence (B-grade) , Poison Immunity (D-grade) , Animal Affinity (B-grade) , Flame Control (A-grade) , Frost Control (A-grade) , Wind Control (C-grade) , Blazing Tyrant Fist (A-grade) , Robbery (B-grade) , Split (A-grade) , Track (A-grade) , Electrification (A-grade) , Power of Desolation (B-grade) , Counterattack Storm (A-grade) , Sonic Speed (S-grade) , Shadow Cloak (A-grade) , Backstab (C-grade) , Dragonification (S-grade) , Deception (C-grade) , Fire Scythe Dance (S-grade)

Items: Soft Blade Boxing Gloves (A-grade), Blade of the Night (S-grade), Flying Cloud Mystic Bow (S-grade), Turin assassination set (A-grade), elementary storage ring (B-grade)

Looking at his attributes panel, Liu Yan was a little surprised.

He didn't expect that in a month, he would have completed an upgrade in his sealed state.

Apart from that, his attribute points had also increased quite a bit, especially his strength and vitality had increased by nearly a thousand points. This was a significant improvement.

After all, he had plucked a radish for a month and not plucked it for nothing. His strength had increased by quite a bit.

Liu Yan also understood that other than what could be seen on the attributes panel, the hidden gains of this month were the real big gains.

After completing the Skin Refining, it could not be seen on the attributes panel. However, in reality, Liu Yan's defensive ability had already significantly increased. Liu Yan felt that weapons below D-grade could not pierce through his skin.

Apart from that, completing the Skin Refining also meant that Liu Yan's talent had improved by a lot, and his potential had increased by a lot. It would bring great benefits to Liu Yan in the future.

The rest was naturally to control his own strength.

After looking at his attributes panel, Liu Yan could not help but have some expectations for the following cultivation.

According to Principal Zhong Yuntian, although there might be a lot of dangers in the following cultivation, Liu Yan had grown. Currently, Liu Yan had already broken the seal and was very powerful.

Liu Yan was already familiar with his own body and stamina.

He was also familiar with most of the skills, weapons, and equipment. However, he had yet to try out the newly obtained S-grade skill, Fire Scythe Dance, and the A-grade set, Turin Assassin Set.

Other than that, Liu Yan still had his strongest trump card. Using the Flying Cloud Mystic Bow to complete the attributes fusion, he could explode with unimaginable power.

Following that, Liu Yan tried to look up some information about the Western Mine. However, besides the most basic information, he could not find much else.

The Western Mine was also one of the core areas of Lighthouse Academy. However, it was different from the Eastern Medicine Garden. The staff specially managed it, and outsiders were not allowed to enter.

The Western Mine was accessible to anyone. Many students with average strength would come here to work when they were free. They could earn some money to exchange for the cultivation resources they needed.

As the largest mine in Lighthouse Academy, the Western Mine was the primary source of the three-and-a-half-floor mineral resources. There were also some people mixed in.

After reading the general information, Liu Yan could only have a rough understanding of the Western Mine. However, it was not of much help to Liu Yan in obtaining the ice chalcedony.

Although the Western Mine could also produce many rare mineral resources, it was clearly far from the level of the ice chalcedony.

Liu Yan finished reading the information and didn't find anything. He sighed helplessly. It seemed that he could only go to the Western Mine and find the ice chalcedony by himself.

Soon, Liu Yan arrived at the Western Mine and stopped. He got off the car.

The entire Western Mine was massive, and it was a group of mountains with several mines inside.

Liu Yan couldn't go down directly to look for the ice chalcedony, which would be like looking for a needle in a haystack.

Liu Yan felt that it was not very reliable to try his luck. In addition, he did not have that much time.

This was only the second step of his cultivation. Naturally, Liu Yan wanted to finish his cultivation as soon as possible and then continue to improve his strength to prepare for entering the fourth level of the Tower.

It was rumored that the beginning of the fourth level of the Tower would be perilous. Although Liu Yan's strength was already very strong, he did not dare to let his guard down. He had to increase his strength as much as possible and make more preparations.

All kinds of resting places were built by miners at the Western Mine.

Professional miners would stay here to rest, and some miners who came at the last minute would do the same.

There was also a simple restaurant here.

There were many people in this remote restaurant.

Seeing that there were many people, Liu Yan met his need to gather information, so he directly entered.

After a person entered and sat down, Liu Yan ordered some dishes.

After ordering, Liu Yan called out to the waitress.

"Miss, I want to get some information from you. When outsiders come here to mine, where do they usually buy mining equipment? Also, which mining cave is better for mining now?" Liu Yan asked with a smile.

The waitress said with a bit of confusion, "If you want to buy mining equipment, there are a lot of shops out there. You can pick any one you want. They have all kinds of equipment, but I don't know which mining cave is better. Mom said a ghost is in the mine, so she won't let me in."

"Alright, thank you." Liu Yan saw that he couldn't get anything out of her, so he let the young waitress leave.

After that, Liu Yan waited for the dishes while listening to the discussions of the people around him.

Because he had an A-grade skill, Omniscient Insight, his hearing had been greatly enhanced. Therefore, Liu Yan could clearly hear almost everyone's conversation in the restaurant.

Although it was a little noisy and tiring to listen to everyone's conversation to get information, Liu Yan could only endure it for the time being.

There were unimportant conversations about women or life or meaningless bragging content. Liu Yan naturally skipped them and only listened to the meaningful conversations that were helpful to him.

Soon, Liu Yan's attention was placed on a table of people in the hall.

There were more people at this table. There were more than a dozen of them, and they were dressed rather shabbily and unkempt. They had muscles all over their bodies and were obviously miners who had been mining all year round.

Through their conversation, Liu Yan quickly confirmed that they were indeed professional miners stationed here for a long time. They made a living by mining to earn money to support their family.

They were just some ordinary miners, and their strength was not that great, but they were professional miners who had been in the Western Mine all year round. Naturally, they knew more about the Western Mine and were more helpful to Liu Yan.

Chapter 167: Deep Underground

In the restaurant.

Liu Yan was eating while listening to the conversation of the professional miners at the table.

"Have you heard? One of Old Liu's went missing in the mine yesterday. He suddenly disappeared. They don't even know when he disappeared."

"Really? Was it just an accident?"

"Something is very wrong. Old Zhang's man also fell in the mine and is an experienced miner. Many accidents happened in the mine recently."

"It seems that what they said about the ghosts is true. I heard that the mine has been haunted recently. There are even women crying and screaming in the depths of the mine. It's terrifying!"

"Something strange happened in the mine recently. I think we should mine less and find other jobs. We can't throw our lives away just to earn money."

"Yeah, the other teams have stopped mining for a long time, and only our teams are still mining recently."

"It's quite mysterious that it's haunted. Also, there aren't many ores left in the shallow parts of the mines. Sadly, there are all kinds of accidents in the deeper parts. I think we should stop too."

"..."

Liu Yan listened to their conversation, and combined with the information of some people at the other tables, he had a rough understanding of the current situation of the Western Mine.

First of all, most of the shallow mines had been mined, and only the deep mines still had ores.

However, the mines had been haunted recently. From time to time, people would hear women's cries and babies' screams.

In addition to the frequent incidents, many miners were afraid to go to the mines.

Liu Yan frowned slightly, but he did not believe in these rumors.

Following that, Liu Yan finished his meal, paid the bill, and left. Following the direction pointed out by the waitress, he found a few shops and began to buy mining equipment.

Liu Yan's set of equipment was A-grade. Even though it was an assassin's leather armor and did not have impressive defense ability, it was still an A-grade set. Compared to the mining equipment, the defense of this assassin set was still ahead by many grades.

Liu Yan bought several mining lamps and some food. Finally, he bought a few pickaxes in case he could use them.

In any case, Liu Yan had the spatial ring. He could buy more for a rainy day, so it wasn't troublesome to bring them. He just threw them into the spatial ring and didn't delay anything.

Then, Liu Yan noticed a map of the mine here and was slightly surprised.

"Boss, is this map accurate?" Liu Yan asked.

The Western Mine covered a large area, with tens of thousands of mines.

Without a map, it would be more troublesome for Liu Yan to enter. He didn't expect there to be a map for sale here.

The boss was a middle-aged man. He looked at Liu Yan when he heard that. He smiled faintly and said, "Of course it's accurate. However, the mine hasn't been peaceful recently, so it hasn't been updated for a while. It was a month ago. The shallow mines are definitely accurate, but the deep ones are not so. Young man, you're still young, so you probably don't know the situation around the mine recently. It's been haunted recently, and people have been having accidents every day. I advise you to be careful. It's best not to enter at this time."

Upon hearing this, Liu Yan realized that the map of Su Ri'an Mine hadn't been updated. It was a month ago, but it was enough to use.

As for the deep mine, Liu Yan could use his A-grade skill, Omniscient Insight, to see the terrain and use it in a small area. Besides, he could use a map in a larger area.

As for the boss's persuasion, Liu Yan knew that the boss was doing it for his own good. However, Liu Yan had come here for cultivation. Without obtaining the ice chalcedony, Liu Yan would definitely not leave.

In addition, Liu Yan was also quite confident in his strength, so he was naturally not very worried.

"Thank you for your concern, boss. I know about the current situation in the mine. I'll dig some mines at the shallow level." Liu Yan lied to the boss, bought a map, and left.

It was dusk now, and the mine at night was more dangerous. Moreover, it had not been peaceful recently, so the miners did not dare to dig at night.

Therefore, some miners came out of the mine at dusk.

On the other hand, Liu Yan went straight into the mine with a pickaxe.

On the way, many miners saw Liu Yan and persuaded him not to enter the mine at night.

Liu Yan understood that they were being kind, so he smiled and lied to them, saying that he was only looking for someone at the shallow level and would come out soon.

They didn't know Liu Yan, so they wouldn't pay much attention to Liu Yan.

As Liu Yan continued to go deeper into the mine, he soon didn't meet any more miners, and the surroundings gradually became quiet.

Recently, a few miners had been going into the mine, and those few miners even went out. At this time, the mine was extremely quiet, and Liu Yan couldn't even see a single living person in the surroundings.

Liu Yan followed the map, went to the latest mine, and then went deeper.

According to the miners' conversation, these mines were newly created and relatively deep.

But at the same time, this place had been haunted recently and was also a disaster area. These mines were haunted heavily, and the nearby mines also had affected.

Liu Yan didn't believe this, so he directly went deeper.

As he went deeper into the mine, Liu Yan was somewhat surprised that the mines here were also emptied.

Liu Yan frowned slightly, feeling that something was not right.

It was normal for the mines in the upper part to be emptied. After all, it was a shallow layer, and many miners could pick the ore up.

But the place where Liu Yan was now at the deepest part of the mine.

In addition to the recent trouble, fewer miners entered the mine, so nobody else had reached here.

Even if a very small number of miners did come here, they were not able to mine too many ores.

However, Liu Yan could see that the ores here had long been emptied.

Moreover, looking at the traces, it was obvious that there had been many ores before.

Furthermore, it seemed that those ores were not mined by a pickaxe.

No matter what kind of pickaxe it was or how it was mined, it would always be more orderly.

However, Liu Yan's eyes saw there were potholes and hollows. From the looks of it, it was as if some animal had used its teeth to take away those ores...

The more Liu Yan looked at it, the more he felt that it was strange, and he couldn't help but become cautious.

Although he did not believe in those ghosts and monsters, Liu Yan also understood that those things couldn't happen out of the blue, and there must be a reason behind them.

Liu Yan immediately activated his A-class skill, Omniscient Insight, and continued to delve deeper.

At the same time, Liu Yan also used his B-grade skill Traceless Silence just to be safe.

Instantly, the sound of Liu Yan's footsteps and breathing disappeared. Even the sound of his heartbeat and blood flow were miraculously controlled to an extremely low tone.

Liu Yan then put away the map.

Liu Yan had Omniscient Insight, so he could clearly sense everything within a hundred-meter radius. Even if he could not see, he could feel the situation around him. Naturally, he did not need the mining lamp.

For a time, the entire mine was extremely quiet. Occasionally, Liu Yan could hear water dripping from the underground. Other than that, there was no other sound.

Liu Yan maintained his silence and slowly went deeper into the mine.

Chapter 168: The Strange Pangolin

In the depths of the pitch-black mine, Liu Yan slowly advanced.

With his A-grade skill Omniscient Insight, he could perceive everything around him, even if it was pitch-black.

In addition, with his B-grade skill Traceless Silence, Liu Yan thoroughly blended into his surroundings. He did not make a single sound, and the surrounding was extremely quiet.

As Liu Yan went deeper, he discovered that there were more ores.

However, it was obvious the miners had not explored this place before. There were no traces of humans in the surroundings. There was not no more road further ahead. Liu Yan had already reached the deepest part of the mine.

However, he was surprised that some of the ores were damaged in the surroundings.

Looking at the traces, they were somewhat similar to the previous ores. They did not seem to have been removed by a human miner. Instead, they appeared to have been bitten by some creature.

The ores on the other side had all disappeared, and only a portion of these ores was missing here.

However, the location of these few ores was rather messy. It seemed that they were also some precious ores.

Liu Yan was even more confused. What kind of thing had come here and dug out the ores and even specially picked out those precious ores?

At this moment, Liu Yan could not help but be a little worried. After all, they had already reached the very depths of the mine. There was a possibility that the ice chalcedony was here. If it was taken by other people or creatures, it would be a wasted trip, and he would not even be able to continue his cultivation.

Liu Yan still needed to obtain the ice chalcedony from here to refine his bones, change his talent, and create a body with perfect talent and foundation.

At this moment, Liu Yan used his a-class skill, Omniscient Insight, to detect some movements from afar.

Currently, Liu Yan's Omniscient Insight had increased from the initial 100-meter radius to a 120-meter radius with the increase of his spiritual power. The range had increased by quite a bit.

Then, Liu Yan detected some movement.

Liu Yan could only sense that there seemed to be some kind of creature there. There was some movement, but he did not know what exactly it was.

Although he did not know what it was, Liu Yan could sense that there was no light at all. It was not a human thought. It must be some other creature with night vision.

Liu Yan became even more careful. At the same time, he activated his A-grade skill, Shadow Cloak.

Instantly, Liu Yan's figure disappeared.

In the already dark environment, Liu Yan activated his invisibility and concealment skills. His figure completely disappeared, and not a single sound could be heard.

Liu Yan carefully moved forward.

As he gradually approached, Liu Yan used his Omniscient Insight to sense the specific situation of the creature in the distance.

From the looks of it, it seemed to be a pangolin.

However, it was much bigger than a normal pangolin.

The pangolin in the outside world was only half the size of a human, but this pangolin was much larger than a human.

The pangolin was digging deeper.

Liu Yan suddenly understood. No wonder he felt that the surrounding caves were different from the ones above. It turned out that they were not from the same place.

The mine above was dug by the miners of the Western Mine using the origin power.

And the deepest mine was dug by the pangolin.

Liu Yan was surprised. There was actually a pangolin in the depths of the mine.

Liu Yan was curious about what the pangolin was doing, so he moved forward.

When he got close, Liu Yan carefully hid at the side.

Under the double effects of the Shadow Cloak and Traceless Silence, the pangolin did not notice Liu Yan at all and continued to move its hands.

The pangolin dug a hole and saw that there were precious ores around it, so it went forward to chew them and put them aside.

A pile of precious ores had been piled up, emitting a five-colored light, which was somewhat dazzling in the dark depths of the mine.

Liu Yan immediately understood this pangolin had dug out the ores.

At the same time, Liu Yan also noticed a small hole on the side. It seemed to have been dug out by this pangolin, and it was very likely that it was its nest.

Many precious and rare ores along the mine had been harvested, which should have been hidden by this pangolin.

At this moment, the pangolin stopped digging and let out a series of cries.

The cries were extremely strange. It sounded like a girl crying, and it was desolate. In this dark and empty mine, it even sounded a little scary.

Seeing this, Liu Yan immediately laughed in his heart.

No wonder the people said that the mine was haunted recently. Many miners said they heard a woman crying in the depths of the mine. It turned out that all of this was because of this pangolin.

Liu Yan did not have any hostility toward this pangolin. It should have been living here.

However, this pangolin had already hindered Liu Yan's cultivation. It had prevented Liu Yan from looking for the ice chalcedony.

Judging from how this pangolin liked to collect rare ores, it was very likely that the ice chalcedony was among its collection.

If that was really the case, Liu Yan would rob it.

Thinking of this, Liu Yan immediately canceled his Shadow Cloak and Traceless Silence to reveal himself.

Just as the pangolin was about to continue digging, it suddenly noticed a person appearing besides it.

The pangolin was instantly frightened. It directly pounced on Liu Yan, wanting to attack Liu Yan.

Liu Yan was not afraid at all. He activated his A-grade skill, Flame Control, and his body was covered in the fire element.

At the same time, Liu Yan activated another A-grade skill, Blazing Tyrant Fist, and threw a punch.

Liu Yan's attribute points were already extremely terrifying, and his strength and constitution were both extremely high.

In addition, after the previous training, Liu Yan had become more familiar with controlling his own strength. He could unleash all the strength in his body and gather it into a single punch to unleash it.

Even if he did not use the Power of Desolation to increase his strength, the power of Liu Yan's punch was already extremely terrifying.

Adding the power of the fire element, the power of the Blazing Tyrant Fist was even more terrifying. The power of this punch was unimaginable.

With one punch, the pangolin was blasted several meters away and landed on the side of the mine.

However, this pangolin did not seem weak, and its defense was even more astonishing. Liu Yan's punch actually only slightly injured it and did not cause much damage to it.

Seeing this, Liu Yan was slightly surprised. He hadn't expected this seemingly ordinary pangolin's defense to be so powerful.

Liu Yan was clear that his punch just now was enough to instantly kill a normal level 20 plus awakened.

This pangolin had only been slightly injured, so it was clearly not weak.

However, Liu Yan didn't panic and prepared to continue attacking.

However, at this moment, Liu Yan sensed the thought of the Shadow Wolf wanting to come out.

Liu Yan was a little confused. However, his thoughts were connected to the Shadow Wolf. Liu Yan also knew that the Shadow Wolf would not want to come out for no reason, and it must have something or want to help Liu Yan.

Liu Yan released the Shadow Wolf.

Chapter 169: Treasure Pangolin

Shadow Wolf was summoned by Liu Yan.

After Shadow Wolf appeared, it roared at the pangolin as if it was communicating with it.

The pangolin also responded to a somewhat strange cry.

Liu Yan was slightly surprised when he saw this. It seemed that the pangolin's grade was not low. It could already communicate with Shadow Wolf and even appeared to have a high level of intelligence.

After communicating with the pangolin for a while, the Shadow Wolf looked at Liu Yan.

Through telepathy, Liu Yan immediately understood the general meaning of Shadow Wolf.

The general meaning was that this pangolin didn't intend to stop the miners from mining, but there was really no other way.

The pangolin originally lived deep underground, but recently, the miners had destroyed its home.

Moreover, the miners seemed to be going deeper into the mine, which completely affected the survival of the pangolin.

Helplessly, the pangolin could only imitate the strange sound of a woman crying. It would scare the miners repeatedly, making them afraid and not dare to go deeper into the mine.

Then, the pangolin used this period to quickly dig deeper underground, intending to dig out a new nest.

However, with the presence of these miners, the pangolin was worried that it would still be affected, so it planned to dig deeper this time. Naturally, it would take a little more time.

Liu Yan suddenly understood. After all this time, the pangolin was innocent, and it was even the victim.

Liu Yan thought for a moment and looked at the pangolin, and said, "This is our academy's mine, and it is an important source of mineral resources. We will definitely continue to dig deeper in the future. This is not a long-term plan. If you dig deeper, you will still meet miners. Why don't you follow me? You will be safe after following me. How about it?"

Liu Yan immediately turned his attention to the pangolin. Although it was just a simple fight, Liu Yan also found that the pangolin was not weak. Its defense was solid, which was enough to be his pet.

In addition, the pangolin could dig holes, which was a special ability. It might be of great help to Liu Yan in the future.

Finally, the pangolin had rare ores.

Since he knew that the pangolin was innocent and even a victim, Liu Yan was a little embarrassed to directly rob its collection of rare ores.

However, these rare ores had a great attraction to Liu Yan.

Not only could there be the ice chalcedony that Liu Yan was determined to get, but just these common rare ores would also greatly help Liu Yan.

This was already the deepest part of the mine, so naturally, there were tons of ores. These rare ores were even more precious.

If he could obtain these rare ores, he might be able to forge quite many good-grade equipments.

In addition, Liu Yan also had his SSS-grade talent, Divine Extraction. If he could further extract these rare ores and raise their grade, they would become even more precious.

These rare ores were too attractive to Liu Yan, and it wouldn't be good for Liu Yan to snatch them. However, if he could subdue this pangolin, wouldn't these rare ores naturally belong to Liu Yan?

The pangolin clearly understood human language. After hearing Liu Yan's words, it took two steps forward and sized up Liu Yan.

In an instant, they exchanged blows. The pangolin had already sensed Liu Yan's strength and felt Liu Yan's formidable threat.

Liu Yan's suggestion wasn't bad. If it followed a human, it wouldn't have to live here and wouldn't be disturbed anymore. It could even follow and see a broader world in the future.

Naturally, the pangolin wasn't willing to be subdued so easily. It had to follow a human who was strong enough.

The pangolin let out a series of strange sounds at Shadow Wolf. It turned to look at Liu Yan casually.

Through telepathy, Liu Yan roughly understood the meaning of the pangolin through Shadow Wolf. The general meaning was that it wanted to see how strong Liu Yan was. Liu Yan had to be strong enough before it was willing to follow him.

Seeing this, Liu Yan could not help but laugh. "Then let Shadow Wolf fight with you, and you'll know. I won't attack because I don't want to beat you half to death."

Although Liu Yan's punch did not cause too much damage to the pangolin, it still caused a certain amount of light injuries. The pangolin had spat out two mouthfuls of blood.

However, Liu Yan did not use his full strength in that punch. If Liu Yan used the A-grade skill, Power of Desolation, he would have ten times the strength amplification. In that case, one punch could probably beat the pangolin half to death.

Liu Yan knew that this pangolin was going to be his pet, and Liu Yan naturally could not bear to hurt it anymore.

When the pangolin heard Liu Yan's words, it immediately looked at Shadow Wolf not far away with some suspicion and even disdain.

The pangolin could see that Shadow Wolf was not very high in potential or grade, and it was not its match at all.

Shadow Wolf seemed to feel belittled. It immediately roared and transformed into an Ice and Fire Draconic Wolf.

Its body instantly expanded, almost filling up the entire mine. Besides, its two heads were filled with the terrifying elemental power of ice and fire.

The pangolin immediately felt the powerful bloodline suppression and looked at Ice and Fire Draconic Wolf with great fear.

SS grade potential level brought about an absolute bloodline suppression.

In the face of the enormous bloodline suppression, the pangolin had no desire to fight.

The pangolin also did not expect Shadow Wolf to transform into a strong fierce beast with such a high-grade potential.

Since such a powerful fierce beast followed Liu Yan obediently and became Liu Yan's pet, the pangolin naturally no longer had any doubts about Liu Yan's strength.

The pangolin immediately chose to compromise. It was willing to follow Liu Yan and become one of Liu Yan's pets.

Seeing this, Liu Yan was instantly satisfied. He let Ice and Fire Draconic Wolf return to its Shadow Wolf form. This mine was too small, and Ice and Fire Draconic Wolf was too big. If the mine collapsed, it would be troublesome. This was deep underground. If a cave collapsed, even if Liu Yan was powerful, it would be very troublesome to go out the mine, and there might even be a certain degree of danger.

Following that, Liu Yan went in front of the pangolin, taking out some materials and preparing some arrangements. The contract array appeared, and the purple hexagonal array appeared in front of Liu Yan and the pangolin.

Liu Yan and the pangolin each took out a drop of blood. The purple hexagonal array shone brightly, and the contract was signed.

Not long after, the contract was signed. Liu Yan and the pangolin's minds were connected, which was a wonderful feeling.

Only now, Liu Yan remembered to check the pangolin's information.

[Treasure Pangolin]

Potential: A

Grade: 12

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After roughly reading the pangolin's information, Liu Yan was a little surprised. He didn't expect that this pangolin wasn't an ordinary pangolin but a Treasure Pangolin.

No wonder it had collected so many rare ore resources. It had practically taken away all the rare ores in the deepest part of the mine.

Furthermore, it had already reached grade A. Its grade was already very high and was within Liu Yan's expectations.

After all, Treasure Pangolin was able to take Liu Yan's punch head-on and only received light injuries. Clearly, it was not weak, and its defense was even more astonishing.

Chapter 170: Fruitful Harvest

Liu Yan completed the contract with Treasure Pangolin and was instantly overjoyed.

Although Treasure Pangolin's combat strength was not as strong as Ice and Fire Draconic Wolf, which had a high SS potential,

The Treasure Pangolin's potential level was not low either, and it had reached A-grade.

Moreover, Treasure Pangolin was not a combat-type fierce beast in the first place. It was mainly a treasure-seeking type and could be considered a functional pet. It might be of great use in the future.

At this moment, Treasure Pangolin was also somewhat happy. It was playing with Shadow Wolf at the side, and the two fierce beasts soon got into a fight.

Liu Yan saw the blood that the Treasure Pangolin had just spat out from its wound in the corner, and his eyes instantly lit up.

Liu Yan's SSS-grade talent skill, Divine Extraction, had already completed its advancement. If something had a gene fragment, he could extract it.

Perhaps the pangolin's blood could also be extracted.

Liu Yan walked forward and attempted to use Divine Extraction.

A white light landed on the Treasure Pangolin's blood. The blood gradually disappeared, but a notification appeared before Liu Yan's eyes.

[Divine Extraction of Treasure Pangolin (potential level 12) is successful. Congratulations: Treasure-seeking (A-grade)!]

Seeing the notification, Liu Yan's eyes lit up. He had actually successfully extracted a grade A skill.

Liu Yan quickly checked the effect of the newly acquired skill.

[Treasure Hunting]

Grade: A

Effect: passive skill. Increases the perception of the treasure. Can clearly identify the treasure's precious grade and sense the surrounding treasure!

Seeing the effect of the newly acquired Treasure Hunting skill, Liu Yan's face was instantly filled with joy.

Although it wasn't a battle-type skill and wouldn't be much help in battle, this A-grade functional skill wasn't weak at all. It would definitely be of great use.

Just the current situation alone would be of great help to Liu Yan.

In the depths of this mine, there were many treasures.

Originally, Liu Yan was still unable to differentiate which were treasures, and he didn't know where the treasures were. After all, they were all covered by soil and rocks, so it was impossible to find them.

But now, with the Treasure Hunting, everything became easier. Liu Yan could use the Treasure Hunting to identify and find many treasures and then plunder them all.

Whether it was to forge high-grade weapons and equipment in the future or to sell them for money, it would bring Liu Yan a lot of profits.

Besides that, the most crucial thing was that Liu Yan could find the ice chalcedony more easily with the Treasure Hunting.

Otherwise, it would be like finding a needle in a haystack to find the ice chalcedony in this huge mine.

Liu Yan hurriedly used the Treasure Hunting to sense the surroundings carefully.

This was a very strange feeling. After Liu Yan closed his eyes, he could clearly sense the existence of the surrounding treasures in his mind.

Liu Yan had a clearer perception of the nearby environment, while the farther environment would be more blurry. He had to focus on sensing the treasures.

Liu Yan did a rough calculation. He was surprised that he could look at most sense all the treasures within a two-hundred-meter radius with his current Treasure Hunting.

This range was already extremely large. As Liu Yan's strength increased, the range would also increase.

This Treasure Hunting could not directly increase Liu Yan's combat strength. Still, it could find many treasures and help Liu Yan to increase strength by a large margin.

At this moment, Liu Yan carefully sensed that there were no more treasures on the way here. There were only some low-grade mineral resources around because the rare mineral resources had long been plundered by Treasure Pangolin.

The existence of the surrounding treasures first came from the newly plundered rare mineral resources that had just been piled up by the Treasure Pangolin in the corner.

Other than that, there was another small cave that Liu Yan had noticed earlier. It should be the temporary nest of Treasure Pangolin. Many rare minerals were stored there, more than ten times more than his current location, and the quantity was huge. It was obvious that the Treasure Pangolin had collected them over the years.

However, what disappointed Liu Yan was that there didn't seem to be any ice chalcedony inside.

The level of these treasures was about the same. Although they were considered rare, they weren't considered peerless.

Some free ores weren't bad. They were already extremely rare but weren't as rare as the ice chalcedony.

Liu Yan focused his attention and went deeper into the mine to sense carefully.

After sensing for a while, Liu Yan's face suddenly showed a hint of joy.

About a hundred meters deeper, there was a treasure.

According to the sense and detection skill of the Treasure Hunting, that treasure should be extremely precious. It was much more precious than all the treasures in the Treasure Pangolin's collection. It was not even on the same level.

To find such a precious treasure, it was very likely that it was the ice chalcedony.

Liu Yan did not expect his luck to be so good. It was his first time entering the Western Mine, and he could find the ice chalcedony's location.

He had confirmed the location now. Although it was still nearly a hundred meters deep, he had Treasure Pangolin, who could dig very fast. Liu Yan believed it would not be long before he reached there and obtained the ice chalcedony.

Originally, Liu Yan had planned to search for the ice chalcedony in the Western Mine for a long time, but he did not expect his luck to be so good. He found the location of the ice chalcedony on his first time entering the mine.

Liu Yan suppressed the joy and excitement in his heart. However, he still could not confirm that it was the ice chalcedony.

Whether it was the ice chalcedony or not, he would have to go there and see it with his own eyes to confirm it.

However, this treasure was still extremely precious even if it was not the ice chalcedony. This time, Liu Yan could be considered to have reaped a fruitful harvest.

He had reaped an A-rank pet, which was also a powerful functional pet. Through Divine Extraction, he had obtained an A-grade skill, Treasure Hunting. He could also get many treasures that Treasure Pangolin had kept for a long time. In the end, he was able to obtain such a precious treasure. It was definitely a great harvest.

Just as Liu Yan was about to set off, Treasure Pangolin and Shadow Wolf took the initiative to look for him.

Treasure Pangolin cried out a few times.

Through telepathy, Liu Yan immediately understood what it meant.

It probably meant that it had collected a lot of treasures, but now that it was leaving with Liu Yan, he did not know how to deal with them.

It was also afraid that the miners would find its treasures if it dug a hole to hide them, but taking them away was extremely troublesome.

At this moment, Treasure Pangolin was annoyed like a human. It liked collecting treasures. Those treasures were as important to it as its life.

Liu Yan immediately smiled when he heard the meaning of Treasure Pangolin.

Liu Yan was worried about how to ask Treasure Pangolin for its treasures, but he didn't expect it expressed its trouble. Liu Yan could take this opportunity to take its treasures.

"It's okay. Isn't this simple? I'll help you."

Liu Yan waved his hand and said with a smile, "We can take all of your treasures. I have a way to take them easily, and I'll help you keep them!"

Liu Yan had the spatial ring. The space inside was huge, and it could store many treasures.

As for who these treasures belonged to after Liu Yan kept them for the time being, it didn't matter. Treasure Pangolin was Liu Yan's pet, so he also owned the treasures now.