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Chapter 211: The Thunder Howling Wolf

In the top hunting ground.

Liu Yan and Murong Xue followed the crowd into the valley.

Murong Xue had already taken out her weapon, a huge shield, and the S-grade weapon that Liu Yan had given her, the Crystal Gloves.

Although the shield was not bad, it looked somewhat ordinary.

The crystal gloves looked extraordinary, attracting the attention of many people nearby and the audience in the viewing hall.

At this moment, everyone in the viewing hall was watching the screen and discussing.

“What material is this glove made of? It looks just like a crystal. It’s very magical.”

“It looks like a crystal, but it looks incomparably sturdy. I think its grade isn’t low. It’s powerful!”

“Who is this female student? She looks so good. She has a heroic bearing, and seems to have quite a decent combat strength.”

“Isn’t that Murong Xue? She is one of the geniuses of the new students and the current focus of the combat technique school!”

“She is simply a goddess. She is so pretty and so strong!”

“...”

At the same time, many people became even more jealous of Liu Yan. There were so many beautiful women around him. Previously, the aloof Explosive Mage of the Soul Splitting Squad, Ning Shanshan greeted him. Liu Yan managed to attract the beautiful senior and cute junior.

At the same time, Luo Qingcheng and Chu Long were eating snacks while watching Liu Yan and Murong Xue on the screen. The big screen was divided into many areas, and they could see many areas of the top hunting ground. However, what they paid the most attention to was undoubtedly the big screen with Liu Yan and Murong Xue.

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Chu Long ate her snacks and said, “This top hunting ground looks quite interesting. The valley is beautiful. It’s pity that I’m not qualified to enter yet.”

Luo Qingcheng smiled and said, “This is a top hunting ground. Do you think it’s a vacation? It’s dangerous. There are a bunch of A-grade fierce beasts and S-grade fierce beasts in there. It’s extremely difficult to deal with even one of them, let alone a group of them. But speaking of which, there seem to be many people entering the top hunting ground for this trial.”

At this moment, in the top hunting ground, Liu Yan and Murong Xue were continuing to move forward into the valley.

At this point, they had already separated from quite the other trial-takers.

Liu Yan and Murong Xue were both quite confident in their own strength. Naturally, they did not have to travel with the large group.

On the contrary, the majority of the trial-takers came here in groups.

If they encountered a fierce beast, they could deal with it together. It would be much safer if they could cooperate together.

But correspondingly, they had to share the loots after killing the fierce beasts. The larger the group, the lesser they would gain. It could be considered a disadvantage of teaming up with others.

Liu Yan had already activated his A-grade perception skill, Omniscient Insight.

Everything within a radius of a few hundred meters was within Liu Yan's coverage.

The two of them continued to move forward for a while. Liu Yan's expression changed slightly. The fierce beast had finally appeared in front of them.

However, this was the first time they had encountered a fierce beast on the top hunting ground. It wasn't just one, but a group of fierce beasts.

Based on the strength of their auras, they should be A-grade fierce beasts. Their strength wasn't weak.

A group of A-grade fierce beasts had extremely terrifying combat strength.

Not many fierce beasts lived in groups within the hunting ground. But if the trial-takers encountered a pack of fierce beasts, they would be doomed. Most of the trial-takers could not avoid it.

A group of A-grade fierce beasts was even more terrifying than an S-grade fierce beast.

After all, the trial-takers had to face a group of A-grade fierce beasts. The difficulty of the battle had increased by many levels.

But at this moment, Liu Yan was somewhat eager to give it a try.

After entering the third-and-a-half level central resting platform and the upper house of Lighthouse Academy, it had been a long time since Liu Yan had a real battle. He was looking forward to a tough battle.

And the battle with a group of A-grade fierce beasts was undoubtedly enough for Liu Yan to show his skills.

Liu Yan looked at Murong Xue at the side and asked with a smile, "How is it? Do you want to challenge them? There is a group of A-grade fierce beasts ahead. There are about seven or eight of them. Do you want to give it a try?"

Murong Xue's eyes immediately lit up after hearing Liu Yan.

Seven or eight A-grade fierce beast was beyond her ability.

It would be slightly strenuous for her to fight a single A-grade fierce beast, and she would need to spend some time defeating it.

However, with Liu Yan around, Murong Xue was more confident.

Moreover, Murong Xue loved to challenge.

Even if Liu Yan wasn't around, she would still go up and challenge the fierce beasts.

Murong Xue nodded with an expectant look on her face, "Of course, we have to challenge them. You lead the way!"

"Alright." Liu Yan agreed. He then brought Murong Xue to adjust their direction and approached the group of A-grade fierce beasts.

When everyone in the viewing hall saw this scene, they were all a little surprised.

They could see the situation from multiple angles through the large screen.

At this moment, they could see that in the direction Liu Yan and Murong Xue were heading stood a group of A-grade fierce beasts.

It wasn't the other A-grade fierce beast but the Thunder Howling Wolf. The Thunder Howling Wolf possessed the lightning attribute and strong stamina. Its individual combat strength was extremely powerful, and its group combat strength was even more terrifying. The Thunder Howling Wolf could even launch a joint attack with its attribute.

Meanwhile, Liu Yan and Murong Xue were heading towards the Thunder Howling Wolf pack.

"They are so unlucky. The first fierce beast they encountered in the hunting ground was a group of A-grade Thunder Howling Wolf. I'm afraid they're going to end the trial earlier."

"They are indeed unlucky. This group of A-grade Thunder Howling Wolves is even more powerful than a single S-grade fierce beast, right?"

"Although Murong Xue and Liu Yan are both geniuses among the new students and their combat strength is terrifying, they are only new students after all. Their talents haven't fully matured yet. Their strength is completely insufficient to deal with this group of Thunder Howling Wolves."

"Good Heavens, a group of Thunder Howling Wolves. Even the elites of senior students were not confident to confront the Thunder Howling Wolves."

"There's no need to watch anymore. Liu Yan and Murong Xue's trial is going to end."

"They are unlucky to encounter the rare fierce beasts that lived in a group."

"..."

The crowd discussed animatedly. They all felt that Liu Yan and Murong Xue would definitely end this trial now.

Meanwhile, Chu Long and Luo Qingcheng, who were at the corner of the crowd, knew about the terrifying combat strength of Liu Yan and Murong Xue.

Chu Long blinked her eyes and said, "It's just a group of A-grade fierce beasts, the Thunder Howling Wolves. Is it really that powerful? I think that Brother Liu Yan and Sister Murong Xue can handle it."

Previously, on the third level of the Tower, Liu Yan had even dealt with the SS-grade fierce beast, the Ancient Draconic Croc, by himself. Chu Long was naturally extremely confident in Liu Yan's strength.

Luo Qingcheng, who was at the side, had a strange expression on her face as she said, "How come they did not notice it? Liu Yan and Murong Xue adjusted their direction. It's obvious that they have some kind of perception skill. They deliberately targeted this group of A-grade Thunder Howling Wolves. These Thunder Howling Wolves are the prey of Liu Yan and Murong Xue!"

Chapter 212: Terrifying Close-combat Strength

When Chu Long heard Luo Qingcheng's words, she also thought of this point.

Previously, Liu Yan and Murong Xue would not bump into this group of Thunder Howling Wolves if they keep moving.

But just now, Liu Yan and Murong Xue suddenly changed their direction. After changing their direction, they were precisely approaching these Thunder Howling Wolves.

Chu Long didn't notice it before, but she only noticed it when she heard Luo Qingcheng's words.

It was obvious that Liu Yan and Murong Xue had learned about the existence of the Thunder Howling Wolves through special means. So, they deliberately changed their direction and took the initiative to look for the Thunder Howling Wolves.

Chu Long looked at Luo Qingcheng with some surprise. After all, she had studied in the Command School. Her observation ability had become better.

In the top hunting ground.

Liu Yan and Murong Xue had not advanced for long when they met this group of Thunder Howling Wolves.

The appearance of the Thunder Howling Wolf was similar to a wolf. The only difference was that its body size was much larger. The Thunder Howling Wolf's size was as big as a person. It was tall and looked very imposing.

Other than that, the fur of the Thunder Howling Wolf was blue and purple. From time to time, it would have flashes of lightning, filled with the power of lightning.

The wolves had long detected Liu Yan and Murong Xue through their scent.

The moment they met, the eight wolves surrounded Liu Yan and Murong Xue, cutting off their escape route. They were not going to let Liu Yan and Murong Xue have a chance to escape.

Liu Yan was also a little surprised when he saw this. After all, these wolves were A-grade fierce beasts. Their intelligence was not low, and they even knew how to surround Liu Yan and Murong Xue.

However, Liu Yan did not care. He and Murong Xue were going to fight these Thunder Howling Wolves. They had already become the prey of Liu Yan and Murong Xue. Liu Yan and Murong Xue had no intention of escaping at all.

After the Thunder Howling Wolves surrounded Liu Yan and Murong Xue, they slowly approached Liu Yan and Murong Xue, ready to attack.

Liu Yan also checked the information of the Howling Thunder Howling Wolves through his smart wristband.

[Thunder Howling Wolf]

Potential level: A-grade

Level: 34

HP:

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Description: possesses thunder attribute strength, lives in groups, excellent teamwork, terrifying overall combat strength, and can even use combined skills!

After reading the attributes panel of the wolf, Liu Yan had a rough understanding.

The Thunder Howling Wolf used lightning attacks and close combat attacks. Sometimes they would use the combined skills.

These wolves were A-grade potential, and their level was already quite high.

Previously, when Liu Yan and Murong Xue were on the third level of the Tower, they had also killed quite some A-grade fierce beasts.

However, those A-grade fierce beasts were lower level. Their combat strength wasn't that terrifying.

The Thunder Howling Wolves in front of them were all around level 30.

As for Liu Yan himself, he was only around level 20, while Murong Xue had just reached level 20 too.

The two of them could be considered the best among the new students. However, compared to the level of these fierce beasts, they were still lagging quite a bit.

This was also why it was almost impossible for the new students to have the qualifications to enter the top hunting ground. Not only were the potential and grade of the fierce beasts high, but their experience level was also not low. Their combat strength and the new students were not on the same level at all.

Any new student who entered would need to fight above their level.

At this moment, the battle between Liu Yan and Murong Xue and these Thunder Howling Wolves was on the verge of breaking out.

When the audience outside saw this scene, they were also discussing it.

“This Liu Yan and Murong Xue’s battle awareness isn’t very good. They are being surrounded.”

“Yes, their reaction is too slow. Even if I can’t beat these Thunder Howling Wolves, I would still be able to detect it at the first moment and then leave. I definitely won’t be surrounded by these Thunder Howling Wolves.”

“Liu Yan and Murong Xue are surrounded by these Thunder Howling Wolves. Look at these Thunder Howling Wolves slowly approaching. They are observing. As long as they find a flaw, they will immediately attack!”

“What are Liu Yan and Murong Xue waiting for? Don’t tell me they think they have a chance to fight this Thunder Howling Wolf pack? Hurry up and activate your smart wristband. Leave the top hunting ground now!”

“...”

In the top hunting ground, Liu Yan had already picked up his A-grade weapon, Soft Blade Boxing Gloves, and was preparing for battle.

Liu Yan’s Soft Blade Boxing Gloves were only A-grade. Although they were not bad, they were still much weaker than the S-grade Flying Cloud Mystic Bow and the S-grade Blade of the Night.

If Liu Yan used the other two combat methods, his combat strength would be even more terrifying.

However, during his previous training, Liu Yan had improved his stamina and control over his strength in the Eastern Medicine Garden.

In the Southern Warehouse, Liu Yan had also obtained an S-grade close combat skill, Absolute Unrivaled.

This was an opportunity to test his close combat ability.

Liu Yan glanced at Murong Xue and said, “Take care of yourself.”

As Liu Yan said this, he took the lead and charged toward the Thunder Howling Wolves, launching the initiative to attack.

Holding the A-grade weapon, Soft Blade Boxing Gloves, Liu Yan immediately activated the S-grade battle skill, Absolute Unrivaled.

Absolute Unrivaled was a powerful close combat skill that combined offense and defense.

The Thunder Howling Wolves were slowly approaching Liu Yan and Murong Xu. When they saw Liu Yan was charging toward them, they shockingly launched their attacks.

Six of the wolves rushed towards Liu Yan at the same time, while the remaining two rushed towards Murong Xue from two different directions.

These Thunder Howling Wolves seemed to have noticed that Liu Yan was more troublesome. They directly focused on attacking Liu Yan. They were prepared to take Liu Yan down first and had their own tactical intentions.

Liu Yan faced the wolf pack that was rushing toward him from multiple directions, but he was not afraid at all.

He used Absolute Unrivaled to skillfully block the attacks of the Thunder Howling Wolves while launching his attacks at the same time.

Liu Yan found an opportunity and threw a punch at one of the wolves by his side.

With one punch, the Thunder Howling Wolf was directly pushed back by Liu Yan by more than ten meters.

Liu Yan's physical stamina was already terrifying. After the training in the Eastern Medicine Garden, he had better control over his physical stamina and burst out all the strength in his body.

Coupled with the buff of Absolute Unrivaled, the power of this punch was extremely terrifying. One punch was enough to heavily injure this Thunder Howling Wolf.

After finishing off one wolf, the remaining few were easy to deal with.

Not long after, these six Thunder Howling Wolves were all repelled and heavily injured by Liu Yan.

In this battle, Liu Yan did not even display his full strength in close combat. He only used his A-grade weapon, Soft Blade Boxing Gloves, his S-grade battle skill, Absolute Unrivaled, and his terrifying stamina to easily finish off the wolves.

After a round of battle, Liu Yan was extremely satisfied with his close combat strength.

After controlling his own body's strength well, he was at ease in close combat. He was extremely proficient and coherent.

On the other hand, his S-grade battle skill, Absolute Unrivaled, was even more terrifying. He had excellent offense and defense. Just now, the six Thunder Howling Wolves kept attacking from different directions, but they were all easily blocked by Liu Yan. Not a single one of them landed on Liu Yan's body.

On the contrary, Liu Yan continuously launched attacks, easily injuring the Thunder Howling Wolves.

Chapter 213: Easy Battle

In the viewing hall of the top hunting ground.

Everyone thought that Liu Yan and Murong Xue would be killed by this group of powerful A-grade fierce beasts, the Thunder Howling Wolves.

Although the two of them were famous geniuses among the freshmen of the upper house of Lighthouse Academy, they were still freshmen after all. No matter how good their talent was, their strength had yet to truly grow. They should have a hard time facing a group of Thunder Howling Wolves.

Moreover, the two of them had been surrounded by this group of Thunder Howling Wolves right from the start. They were at the disadvantage.

However, they had not expected that Liu Yan would choose to take the initiative to attack despite the dangerous situation.

From their point of view, in such a situation, Liu Yan and Murong Xue had their backs to each other, fighting the Thunder Howling Wolves together.

In this way, it would be much safer for them. Only then would they have the possibility of defeating the Thunder Howling Wolves.

Liu Yan charging forward recklessly was undoubtedly giving away his life and even putting Murong Xue in danger.

When the crowd saw Liu Yan charging forward alone, they criticized Liu Yan. They felt he had too little battle awareness and was too reckless, disregarding his teammate.

However, what happened next greatly exceeded their expectations.

Murong Xue displayed a terrifying defense. She was able to block the attacks of two Thunder Howling Wolves.

However, Liu Yan was even more surprising.

Liu Yan easily parried and even launched counterattacks against the Thunder Howling Wolves. Shortly, Liu Yan severely injured the six Thunder Howling Wolves.

This scene completely exceeded everyone's expectations. They felt that it was extremely unbelievable.

Even the best of the senior students could not believe what they had seen.

This was especially so for Liu Yan's combat style. It looked simple, but it was extremely complicated. They couldn't see through it at all.

"What's going on? Murong Xue is a tank. I understand why she could defend against two A-grade fierce beasts, but what's going on with Liu Yan?"

"D*mn, Liu Yan's combat strength is too terrifying. He single-handedly repelled six Thunder Howling Wolves?"

"What kind of combat technique is this? It looks so powerful."

"It is indeed powerful. It seems to be a set of combined techniques. While blocking the attacks of the Thunder Howling Wolves from multiple directions, he also launched an attack. He easily dealt with six Thunder Howling Wolves. He has both offense and defense. His combat technique's grade is probably not low."

"Is this the strength of a genius freshman? It's so impressive!"

"That's useless. Liu Yan only defeated the Thunder Howling Wolves. He didn't really finish off them."

"Yes, the truly terrifying thing about the Thunder Wolves is that they launched their combined skills. Once they launched their combined skills, Liu Yan wouldn't be able to block them at all."

"Liu Yan will fail. He still has to end this trial."

“It’s just a high-grade combat skill. It’s nothing extraordinary. I have such a high-grade combat skill, and my combat strength is also terrifying.”

“...”

Everyone was surprised by Liu Yan’s strength, but at the same time, they were somewhat jealous of Liu Yan’s high-grade combat skills. They didn’t think Liu Yan could deal with these Thunder Howling Wolves.

At this moment, in the top hunting ground.

After Liu Yan heavily injured six Thunder Howling Wolves, he looked in Murong Xue’s direction.

Although facing two Thunder Howling Wolves was a little difficult for Murong Xue, she could still deal with them. Her defense wasn’t a problem at all.

She could easily block the two A-class fierce beast wolves with her shield and not even activate her defense skill.

When Liu Yan saw this scene, he was also a little surprised. It seemed that Murong Xue had improved quite a lot during this period.

Liu Yan clearly remembered that Murong Xue had some powerful defense skills. If it was in the past, Murong Xue would need to use those skills to block them.

Now, she didn’t need to use a skill to block two Thunder Howling Wolves. It seemed that Murong Xue could even block these eight Thunder Howling Wolves with her full strength.

The remaining two Thunder Howling Wolves couldn’t take down Murong Xue. At the same time, they noticed that the other six companions had lost, so they hurriedly retreated.

The eight Thunder Howling Wolves stood together, staring at Liu Yan and Murong Xue. They didn’t surround Liu Yan and Murong Xue anymore.

The eight Thunder Howling Wolves stared at Liu Yan and Murong Xue. They seemed afraid of Liu Yan and Murong Xue’s terrifying strength.

Murong Xue looked at Liu Yan in surprise. Liu Yan had defeated six Thunder Howling Wolves so easily. His combat strength was indeed terrifying.

Murong Xue knew Liu Yan very well. He had many different combat styles. Close combat was the weakest of Liu Yan’s many combat styles.

But even so, Liu Yan’s close combat ability was still incredibly strong.

Murong Xue immediately let out a helpless sigh. Was this the difference between a genius and a monster?

Murong Xue had great talent since she was young. She also diligently studied and trained herself. She had always been far ahead, and it was difficult for her to find an opponent among her peers.

But ever since she met a monster like Liu Yan, Murong Xue had been dealt a blow time and time again.

After she had entered the Combat Technique School, the Combat Technique School focused on her training and her hard work increased her strength by quite a bit.

However, compared to Liu Yan, it seemed that Liu Yan's strength had increased even more.

Murong Xue sighed. Liu Yan was stronger than her, and the speed of his improvement was even faster than hers. The gap between them was growing larger and larger. Murong Xue felt despair and a deep sense of powerlessness.

However, Murong Xue did not think too much at this moment. She stared at the Thunder Howling Wolves in front of her and frowned slightly. "They are activating their combined skill. We have to stop them quickly!"

At this moment, the eight Thunder Howling Wolves were flashing with lightning all over their bodies. Lightning attribute energy gathered around them. It was obvious that they were going to activate their combined skill.

Liu Yan saw this and nodded slightly. He immediately took out the Flying Cloud Mystic Bow from his storage ring.

A-grade skill, Flame Control, was activated. Arrows condensed from the fire attribute appeared one after another.

Consecutive Arrows!

Liu Yan shot out eight arrows consecutively at the Thunder Howling Wolves.

Liu Yan completed the action flawlessly. From taking out the Flying Cloud Mystic Bow to condensing the arrows and then shooting the arrows, the entire process was almost instantaneous.

The Thunder Howling Wolves on the opposite side had no time to react. Just as they were about to activate their combined skill, they were hit by the arrows.

Eight fire attribute arrows accurately hit the eight Thunder Howling Wolves.

Six Thunder Howling Wolves that were heavily injured by Liu Yan were hit by the terrifying arrows. They immediately fell to the ground and died.

The remaining two wolves were also heavily injured.

At the same time that Liu Yan made his move, Murong Xue had already charged forward. She easily finished the last two heavily injured wolves with her grade-S weapon, Crystal Gloves, and a shield.

At this point, Liu Yan and Murong Xue had easily killed the Thunder Howling Wolves!

Murong Xue looked at the eight Thunder Howling Wolves on the ground and was stunned. They killed eight Thunder Howling Wolves easily.

Murong Xue immediately looked at Liu Yan in surprise. They could defeat these Thunder Howling Wolves because of Liu Yan's terrifying combat strength.

In this battle, she did not play much of a role.

Chapter 214: Too Lazy to Make a Move

In the viewing hall of the top hunting ground.

Everyone was nervously watching the battle between Liu Yan, Murong Xue, and the eight A-grade fierce beasts on a large screen.

Just as the Thunder Howling Wolves were about to activate their powerful lightning attribute joint skill, they saw Liu Yan take out a bow and arrows and instantly insta-kill the eight Thunder Howling Wolves. This scene shocked the crowd because they thought Liu Yan was only good at close combat.

Although the Thunder Howling Wolves were already heavily injured, they were still A-grade fierce beasts over level 30, and their strength was formidable.

Such powerful Thunder Howling Wolves were instantly killed by Liu Yan. They couldn't even use their combined skill, and the battle had already ended.

Seeing this, the people who thought that Liu Yan and Murong Xue might lose the battle felt their faces had been ruthlessly slapped.

Everyone in the hall was shocked.

"D*mn, this Liu Yan's combat strength is too terrifying."

"Is he the special student that the principal personally recruited? He's a monstrous genius."

"Are you sure Liu Yan is a new student? His combat strength is too terrifying. With this combat strength, won't he be able to walk unhindered in the first three levels of the Tower?"

"What class is Liu Yan? Why is his melee combat strength so terrifying? He even used a bow to deal extremely high damages."

"Liu Yan's bow and arrow combat strength are even more terrifying than his melee combat strength."

"It seems that Liu Yan didn't use his full combat strength at the beginning of the battle. Is he playing with these Thunder Howling Wolves?"

"His combat strength is too powerful!"

"..."

Everyone was shocked by Liu Yan's terrifying strength. They sighed that they were from two different worlds.

They didn't know that Liu Yan didn't use his full strength until the end of the battle.

For ordinary people, it was extremely difficult to deal with an A-grade fierce beast. At this moment, Liu Yan was no longer under any pressure.

After Liu Yan and Murong Xue finished the eight Thunder Howling Wolves, they were currently cleaning up the battlefield.

Other than increasing one's combat strength through actual combat in the Northern Hunting Ground, one could obtain loots from the corpses of the fierce beasts and obtain many benefits. This was another attractive point of Northern Hunting Ground.

The higher the grade of the fierce beast's corpse, the more precious it was. Its body could be said to be full of treasures.

As an A-grade fierce beast, the Thunder Howling Wolf was even more precious.

Its claws were incomparably sharp and could be used to make sharp weapons.

The wolf's skin was incomparably tough and could be used to make excellent defensive equipment.

The awakened could eat the Thunder Howling Wolf's flesh and blood through a special method, and it could strengthen their bodies.

One Thunder Howling Wolf's corpse was worth quite a bit.

Eight Thunder Howling Wolf corpses were worth a huge sum of money to ordinary people. But for Liu Yan, it was even more precious.

The Thunder Howling Wolf's talent had reached A-grade, and its level had reached level 35. Through Divine Extraction, Liu Yan would be able to obtain a powerful skill and tons of attribute points, which would bring Liu Yan a lot of improvements.

However, Liu Yan also understood that his every move was being watched by the people in the viewing hall. So, he didn't use Divine Extraction to avoid attracting attention.

After all, Divine Extraction was an SSS-grade talent. It would attract unnecessary attraction.

Not to mention the students of Lighthouse Academy, even the principal, Liu Yan did not reveal his talent to Principal Zhong.

Liu Yan hid his talent for the sake of his safety.

Liu Yan glanced at the corpse of the Thunder Howling Wolf and said indifferently, "I will keep the corpse first. We will distribute it after we return."

"Alright!" Murong Xue said indifferently.

Although Murong Xue and Liu Yan hadn't known each other for long, they were already quite familiar with each other. The two of them were already quite close and trusted each other.

Previously, when they were on the third level of the Tower, Liu Yan had given her all his S-grade weapons. Murong Xue didn't even care about these several A-grade fierce beast's corpses.

Liu Yan kept the eight Thunder Howling Wolf's corpses in his storage ring and continued to lead Murong Xue forward.

The rest of the journey was even smoother for Liu Yan and Murong Xue.

Groups of A-grade fierce beasts were still very rare. After defeating the wolf pack, Liu Yan and Murong Xue encountered individual A-grade fierce beasts.

Liu Yan didn't make a move after the battle with Thunder Howling Wolves. He let Murong Xue go up and fight alone. Through actual combat, Murong Xue could test her newly acquired powerful skill, and increase her combat experience and strength.

Along the way, Liu Yan also had a rough understanding of Murong Xue's current combat strength.

Without Tyrant's Body, Murong Xue was able to deal with a level 40 A-grade fierce beast. Her combat strength was already quite good.

It seemed that during this period in the Combat Technique School, Murong Xue's combat strength had increased tremendously.

When she was training on the third level of the Tower, once she encountered a battle, Murong Xue needed to enter the Tyrant's Body state. If she didn't enter the Tyrant's Body state, she wouldn't be a match for those fierce beasts. She relied heavily on the Tyrant's Body state.

Currently, even if she did not enter an overlord body state, her combat strength was already pretty good.

If she entered Tyrant's Body state, her combat strength would increase several times.

Liu Yan estimated that with Murong Xue's full strength, it should not be a problem for her to deal with a level 45 A-grade fierce beast alone.

However, along the way, Liu Yan did not make any more moves.

They did not encounter groups of A-grade fierce beasts at all. Besides, the individual fierce beasts did not pose a threat to Murong Xue at all. So, Liu Yan did not need to make any moves during the entire journey.

As for these A-grade fierce beasts, they were good training targets for Murong Xue in actual combat. However, they were too weak for Liu Yan. Liu Yan could instantly kill those fierce beasts effortlessly. It was not worth his time and energy.

In the viewing hall.

After the battle between Liu Yan, Murong Xue, and the wolf pack, the people who were jealous and looked down on Liu Yan just a moment ago started to worship Liu Yan now. They wanted to observe Liu Yan's following battles.

However, to their disappointment, Liu Yan did not make a single move afterward. Whenever they encountered a fierce beast, Murong Xue would step forward and attack.

"Why isn't Liu Yan making a move? I still want to watch his battle."

"Yeah, Liu Yan's battle is too exciting. I want more."

"Every time he meets a fierce beast, he hides behind and doesn't make a move. He let Murong Xue attack the fierce beasts alone, that's too much."

"Don't be a hater. Liu Yan's combat strength is too strong. He's just too lazy to make a move."

“...”

At this moment, many students noticed the appearance of the Earth Dragon through the other large screens.

“Look, look, look, the Earth Dragon has appeared!”

“Damn, that’s an S-grade fierce beast, the Earth Dragon!”

“It appeared last month as well. Many powerful students of the academy joined hands to fight it, but they weren’t a match at all.”

“The Earth Dragon has the noble bloodline of a dragon. It’s also one of the best among the S-grade fierce beast. It’s not something an ordinary S-grade fierce beast can compare to.”

“I wonder if the many experts of the academy will be able to work together to defeat this terrifying Earth Dragon this time!”

Chapter 215: The Appearance of the Earth Dragon

The Earth Dragon appeared at the top hunting ground.

The first few students who encountered it did not even have the time to react. They were heavily injured and were almost killed instantly.

They were terrified by the Earth Dragon. They hurriedly pressed their smart wristband. Then, their bodies turned into phantoms and left the top hunting ground.

At the same time, it also meant that their training in the top hunting ground had ended.

The appearance of the Earth Dragon and its powerful aura immediately attracted a large number of students.

From afar, Liu Yan had also used his A-grade skill Omniscient Insight to sense an intimidating aura.

“This aura is so powerful. It must be an S-grade fierce beast. Let’s go over and take a look!”

Liu Yan’s face was filled with joy. He hurriedly brought Murong Xue and rushed in that direction.

Liu Yan could sense that this aura was incredibly strong. It was even much stronger than an ordinary S-grade fierce beast.

Such a powerful aura should be the Earth Dragon that Liu Yan was looking for!

At this moment, in the viewing hall, the audience was excitedly watching the scene of the Earth Dragon.

The Earth Dragon was extremely powerful among the S-grade fierce beast, but it was also a rare beast. The Earth Dragon rarely appeared in the top hunting ground.

Most of the audience was not qualified to enter the top hunting ground. Those who could enter the top hunting ground would enter to try their luck even though they were strong enough.

At this moment, they felt honored to be able to witness the battle between an expert of their peers and the powerful S-grade fierce beast, the Earth Dragon.

“This Earth Dragon is too powerful. It almost killed those students in an instant.”

“I know those seniors. They are all very strong. I didn’t expect that they were almost killed.”

“Fortunately, they triggered the smart wristband in time and were able to escape. Otherwise, they would definitely die here.”

“It seems that most of the awakened ones are rushing towards the direction of the Earth Dragon.”

“Liu Yan and Murong Xue are also rushing towards the direction of the Earth Dragon.”

“Explosive Mage Ning Shanshan is also rushing over there.”

“This time, there’s Explosive Mage Ning Shanshan from the Soul Splitting Squad, top-notch combat strength students from our academy, and the arising genius Liu Yan. There might be a chance for everyone to defeat this Earth Dragon together.”

“I also feel that there’s a chance. This time, more students have entered the top hunting ground, and their strength isn’t weak either. If they work together, they might really have a chance to take down this Earth Dragon.”

“It’s said that this Earth Dragon appeared two years ago, but many of the academy’s experts could not defeat it. I wonder if they could do it this time.”

“...”

At the same time, Luo Qingcheng and Chu Long also saw this scene.

Chu Long couldn’t help but say with some worry, “This Earth Dragon looks terrifying. Will Brother Liu Yan be in danger?”

Luo Qingcheng, on the other hand, appeared relatively calm. Instead, her expression was a little strange as she said, “Why do I have a strange feeling that Liu Yan is looking for this Earth Dragon?”

Previously, Luo Qingcheng had some doubts. It was obvious that Liu Yan was carrying out special training.

However, after Liu Yan entered the top hunting ground, other than the initial encounter with the Thunder Howling Wolves, Liu Yan did not attack anymore. It seemed that he did not find the fierce beast that he wanted.

After this Earth Dragon appeared, Liu Yan immediately brought Murong Xue and rushed towards it. It seemed that this Earth Dragon was Liu Yan’s target.

Chu Long was a little surprised when she heard Luo Qingcheng. Brother Liu Yan was actually going after the Earth Dragon?

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In the space of the top hunting ground.

The awakened ones had already rushed to the distance of the Earth Dragon and were preparing to attack together.

There were thirty to forty awakened ones, and they were all outstanding students of the upper house of Lighthouse Academy.

After some discussions, they attacked together.

They were powerful, and there were many of them. Even though the Earth Dragon's strength was terrifying, they still felt they had a chance.

If they could take down the Earth Dragon before the others arrived, the Earth Dragon would belong to them.

An S-grade Earth Dragon had a trace of the dragon's bloodline. If they split it among 30 to 40 people, everyone would be able to prosper.

However, the situation was one-sided from the start of the battle.

Although these people were quite strong, they were no match for the Earth Dragon.

The Earth Dragon crushed or even killed several awakened ones. Some wounded students had unfortunately died after the battle.

Although they had many people, they were not on the same level as the Earth Dragon. They did not have the advantage in numbers at all.

Everyone felt the despair of dying. A wave of mournful wails sounded. Soon after, they activated their smart wristband and left the top hunting ground. They ended their trial this time.

At this moment, another batch of awakened ones arrived one after another. The awakened ones included Ning Shanshan, Liu Yan, and Murong Xue.

Everyone had just witnessed the scene of the group of awakened ones fighting the Earth Dragon from afar. They had seen the terror of the Earth Dragon.

Even though they had more people and were stronger than the previous batch, they did not dare to approach the Earth Dragon and watched from afar.

When Liu Yan arrived and saw that it was indeed the Earth Dragon, he was thrilled.

This top hunting ground was only open for one day a week, and the Earth Dragon did not show up every time.

Liu Yan did not expect to be so lucky to meet the Earth Dragon on his first visit.

Liu Yan secretly decided that he must seize this opportunity and take down the Earth Dragon in one go. He would get the last treasure he needed. Then, he would start his cultivation plan to build a perfect foundation.

Liu Yan quickly checked the information about the Earth Dragon through the smart wristband.

[Earth Dragon]

Potential: S+

Level: 45

Description: Contains a trace of the dragon bloodline, unlimited potential, terrifying combat strength...

The simple description indicated the terror of the Earth Dragon.

Potential: S+ , level: 45, terrifying strength.

Although the Ancient Draconic Croc that Liu Yan had met on the third level of the Tower had a potential of SS-grade, its actual level and strength were suppressed.

In terms of combat strength alone, this Earth Dragon was no weaker than the Ancient Draconic Croc from before.

Liu Yan became serious. He had to give it his all in this battle. If he missed this opportunity, who knew when he would be able to encounter this Earth Dragon next time?

At this moment, everyone was also looking at the Earth Dragon nervously. They wanted to make a move, but they were afraid that they weren't a match for it.

However, after seeing Ning Shanshan, everyone suddenly felt that there was some hope.

Ning Shanshan was a member of the legendary Soul Splitting Squad of the upper house of Lighthouse Academy. She was known as the Explosive Mage and possessed extremely powerful combat strength.

If Ning Shanshan joined the battle, they might have a chance.

Immediately, many people came forward and respectfully invited Ning Shanshan.

Facing everyone's passionate invitation, Ning Shanshan said coldly, "Your strength is not enough. No matter how many people there are, it's useless. Just watch from the side, lest you increase the casualties."

Chapter 216: Rejection

When everyone heard this, their expressions turned extremely ugly.

Being rejected by Ning Shanshan in public was a little embarrassing.

Especially when there were so many of them. They were all outstanding individuals in the upper house of Lighthouse Academy. Their combat strength was not bad.

However, they were rejected by Ning Shanshan. Although they were a little displeased, they did not dare to refute or say anything.

After all, they had similar strength as the awakened ones who previously confronted the Earth Dragon.

However, those awakened ones who fought the Earth Dragon were instantly defeated in one strike. Those awakened ones suffered different degrees of injuries or even death.

In that case, it seemed they were not good enough to deal with the Earth Dragon. It was normal for Ning Shanshan to dislike them.

At this moment, Ning Shanshan walked up to Liu Yan and asked, "Liu Yan, why don't we work together to kill the Earth Dragon? We'll then share the loots."

The people around were shocked.

Many of them wanted to work with Ning Shanshan, but they were directly rejected by Ning Shanshan.

Unexpectedly, Ning Shanshan actually took the initiative to invite Liu Yan to work with her?

The goddess of explosive techniques, Ning Shanshan, who had always been cold and aloof, had never taken the initiative to work with anyone!

The surrounding people suddenly felt unfairness and jealousy in their hearts.

Even though Liu Yan was a popular figure in the academy and a genius that even the principal valued highly, he had only recently joined the upper house of Lighthouse Academy.

No matter how good his talent was, he hadn't truly grown up and didn't have much combat strength.

And even if Liu Yan's combat strength wasn't bad, how could he have the combat strength of so many of them?

There were dozens of them, and they were not weak. In the upper house of Lighthouse Academy, their combat strength was in the middle and upper range. Many of them were the outstanding ones in Lighthouse Academy.

Now, everyone thought Ning Shanshan was biased and wanted to help Liu Yan.

"This Liu Yan is really lucky."

"It can't be helped. He has such good fortune, such good talent, and such good popularity. It's really rare to see someone who can win the favor of the Explosive Mage, Ning Shanshan."

"Sigh, his luck really makes people envious. Unlike us, we can only cultivate step by step slowly to gain our strength."

"This Liu Yan, his luck is really good!"

"..."

The surrounding people kept discussing, and their tone could not hide their jealousy towards Liu Yan. They thought that Liu Yan was just a favorite child of luck.

But at this moment, the people watching from the hall did not think so. Instead, they felt that this was reasonable.

After all, they had just witnessed Liu Yan's battle scene. They knew that Liu Yan was an extremely talented freshman. His combat strength was quite formidable.

"It's completely reasonable for Ning Shanshan to look for Liu Yan to work together. Why are these people jealous?"

"That's right. Although Liu Yan is a new student, his combat strength is already sufficient."

“If you ask me, among the awakened ones in the top hunting ground, other than Explosive Mage Ning Shanshan, the strongest should be Liu Yan, right?”

“Why do I feel that Liu Yan’s combat strength isn’t weaker than Ning Shanshan’s?”

“Ning Shanshan is cooperating with Liu Yan. It’s a strong alliance.”

“The other awakened ones are weaker. It’s meaningless no matter how many there are. They’re all cannon fodder. Ning Shanshan’s decision to cooperate with Liu Yan instead of them was the right one.”

“I feel like there’s a chance to defeat the Earth Dragon this time. If Ning Shanshan and Liu Yan work together, there might really be a chance!”

“...”

At this moment, the audience inside and outside the top hunting ground had completely opposite views of the scene in front of them.

However, the people on both sides were staring at Liu Yan, waiting for his response.

However, Liu Yan directly rejected Ning Shanshan’s invitation without hesitation, “I’m sorry, I don’t want to cooperate.”

Hearing this, Ning Shanshan was stunned, as if she did not expect Liu Yan to reject her.

In her opinion, countless people dreamed of working together with her.

Even the top expert of the Soul Splitting Squad was eager to work together with Ning Shanshan. Ning Shanshan had the title of ‘Explosive Mage’, which was not something that could be bragged about. Indeed, she had an extremely terrifying explosive power.

In Ning Shanshan’s opinion, she had already given Liu Yan enough face by taking the initiative to invite him in front of everyone.

However, she did not expect Liu Yan to reject her directly.

At the same time, Ning Shanshan also did not understand. They would only have a chance to kill the Earth Dragon if both of them worked together. Why would Liu Yan reject her?

If Liu Yan rejected her, how would he kill the Earth Dragon?

Killing the S-grade Earth Dragon was extremely attractive to everyone. Ning Shanshan did not believe that Liu Yan would not be interested in slaying the Earth Dragon.

However, even though Ning Shanshan was displeased, she did not ask too much when Liu Yan rejected her. Instead, her face fell, and she walked to the side.

When the surrounding people saw this, they were stunned. They did not expect such a scene to happen.

From their point of view, Ning Shanshan gave Liu Yan a face by inviting him. It was Liu Yan’s honor, and it was impossible for Liu Yan to reject her.

However, they did not expect Liu Yan to reject Ning Shanshan's invitation without any hesitation. It was really hard to understand.

"What kind of situation is this Liu Yan in? How can he reject such a thing?"

"This is the opportunity I've dreamed of, yet this Liu Yan rejected it?"

"Is this Liu Yan's brain not good? He can even reject the goddess of explosions, Ning Shanshan's invitation!"

"Goddess Ning Shanshan, look at me, I'm willing to cooperate with you!"

"..."

Murong Xue was slightly taken aback at this moment. She had thought that Liu Yan was going to accept her invitation and work together to fight this powerful Earth Dragon.

After all, Ning Shanshan's combat strength was terrifying. Ning Shanshan, who had the nickname of Explosive Mage, had the highest explosive output among the students in the academy.

In addition, Liu Yan's combat strength was also extremely terrifying. If Ning Shanshan and Liu Yan worked together, they would definitely have a great chance of defeating this Earth Dragon.

Murong Xue had some doubts in her heart, but she understood Liu Yan quite well. She immediately guessed that Liu Yan might have his own motives, so she did not ask any more questions and chose to believe Liu Yan.

At this moment, Liu Yan faced the questioning voices around him, but he did not waver at all. His expression was calm.

Liu Yan knew that if he worked together with Ning Shanshan, he would definitely be able to defeat this Earth Dragon.

However, Liu Yan's purpose for this trip was not limited to this.

Liu Yan could obtain the Earth Dragon's dragon blood by himself. As long as he injured the Earth Dragon, he could easily obtain the Earth Dragon's dragon blood. Hence, Liu Yan did not need to work with anyone to accomplish his goal.

Other than this, Liu Yan had other ideas.

The moment he saw the Earth Dragon, Shadow Wolf conveyed to Liu Yan that the Earth Dragon seemed to contain quite a lot of dragon bloodline. If the Earth Dragon's dragon blood was stimulated in the future, it would grow up and become a truly top-notch fierce beast.

Chapter 217: I'll Go First Then

After all, Shadow Wolf had swallowed the Ancient Draconic Croc and now had a trace of the dragon bloodline, so it could sense the other being with dragon bloodline.

Liu Yan also had a trace of the dragon bloodline, so he could faintly sense it too.

This meant that the Earth Dragon, which was currently at S-grade and had extremely terrifying strength, had yet to truly mature.

If its dragon bloodline was truly activated, it would be even more terrifying, and its upper limit would be frighteningly high.

Liu Yan could not help but kept thinking about the Earth Dragon. He also had the second purpose of this trip, which was to subdue the Earth Dragon!

Working together with Ning Shanshan would allow him to defeat the Earth Dragon more easily.

However, there were only two outcomes. Either he killed the Earth Dragon, or he defeated it and the two of them would have to split the loots equally.

No matter which one it was, it would not achieve Liu Yan's goal.

Liu Yan's strength had also increased quite a lot recently. He was still quite confident in his own strength. Naturally, he wanted to defeat the Earth Dragon and take in the Earth Dragon by himself.

If Liu Yan could subdue the Earth Dragon, his overall combat strength would rise to another level.

Especially in the future, if Earth Dragon stimulated its bloodline and reached a terrifying upper limit, its strength would be unimaginable.

At this moment, the surrounding people cursed Liu Yan for not knowing his place and rejected Ning Shanshan's invitation.

But it was none of their business.

Even if Ning Shanshan was rejected by Liu Yan, she still looked down on them. Ning Shanshan ignored them, and simply did not want to cooperate with them.

Although the other awakened ones had advantage in number and their combat strength was not weak, they did not have the confidence to deal with this Earth Dragon.

They had clearly seen the results of the previous batch of awakened ones against the Earth Dragon. With the lessons learned from the previous batch, they naturally did not have the courage to attack the Earth Dragon.

They did not think that their combat strength was any stronger than the previous batch of awakened ones. They would definitely end up similar to the previous batch of awakened ones if they attacked rashly. They would either die or be injured!

For a moment, everyone was a little hesitant. It was lucky to encounter the Earth Dragon this time, but they did not have the strength to fight it. However, they were a little unwilling to leave.

At this moment, after being rejected by Liu Yan, Ning Shanshan's face was cold, but she was actually a little hesitant in her heart.

She was just bored and came here to gain some experience. However, she did not expect to encounter the Earth Dragon this time.

Previously, they had not encountered the Earth Dragon when they entered the hunting ground together. This time, she encountered it alone.

Ning Shanshan was confident in her ability to deal damage, but she was also very familiar with the Earth Dragon's strength. Its defense was extremely strong. She could not kill the Earth Dragon in an instant.

So, Ning Shanshan needed someone to work together to temporarily hold it off. Liu Yan was undoubtedly the most suitable person in the top hunting ground.

However, what Ning Shanshan did not understand and was a little unhappy was that Liu Yan actually rejected her.

Ning Shanshan alone was unable to deal with the Earth Dragon. At this moment, she was also unable to get the other members of the Soul Splitting Squad to come and fight the Earth Dragon together.

At this moment, the Earth Dragon saw that everyone did not have any intention of attacking. It roared and looked at everyone with disdain. It seemed to mean that there were so many of them. Why did they not dare to attack?

Immediately, the Earth Dragon seemed to be planning to leave. It did not look at these humans and did not want to take the initiative to attack.

Seeing this scene, Liu Yan could not sit still. He quickly walked forward and looked at Ning Shanshan and the rest of the people. "Since you don't want to attack, then I will go alone!"

On one hand, Liu Yan naturally could not let the Earth Dragon leave. He could not miss this rare opportunity.

On the other hand, Liu Yan would have benefits if he made the first move. There was an opportunity to take the dragon down in one fell swoop.

If the others were to make the first move, even if they could not defeat the Earth Dragon, they could still harm the Earth Dragon. By then, if Liu Yan took down the dragon, people would say that he was picking up scraps.

Hence, Liu Yan decided to be the first one to attack the Earth Dragon.

Although Murong Xue had grown quite well recently and her combat strength had improved quite a bit, she was still unable to be of much help in this battle.

Liu Yan let Murong Xue stay at the back while he walked towards the Earth Dragon.

When Ning Shanshan and the surrounding people saw this, they were all stunned. They could not imagine that Liu Yan would choose to attack the Earth Dragon alone. Weren't Liu Yan courting death?

However, everyone was also nervous as they stared at the Earth Dragon that had stopped moving and turned around. They didn't dare to mock Liu Yan anymore and just waited for a good show.

At this moment, Ning Shanshan's gaze towards Liu Yan was filled with both dissatisfaction and disappointment.

During her previous training in the Bizarre Plane, she was saved by Liu Yan. Naturally, she was extremely grateful.

Other than that, Ning Shanshan also felt that Liu Yan was extremely powerful. Perhaps in the future, Liu Yan might be able to grow into a top-notch student and she could invite him to join the Soul Splitting Squad.

However, from her point of view, Liu Yan had taken an arrogant action. It was difficult for an arrogant person to become a great person. No matter how good his talent was, he would not be able to grow. He simply did not have the qualifications to join the Soul Splitting Squad.

At this moment, Murong Xue glanced at Liu Yan with a puzzled expression. Immediately, she thought of a possibility and was immediately extremely surprised in her heart.

Murong Xue was quite familiar with Liu Yan. Although Liu Yan was very talented and powerful, he was never arrogant. Instead, he had always been modest and cautious. He possessed a mature mentality that his peers lacked.

Murong Xue was clearly aware that given Liu Yan's character, he would definitely not do something that he was not confident in.

If that was the case, Liu Yan had rejected Ning Shanshan's invitation to work together and had chosen to deal with the Earth Dragon alone. It meant that Liu Yan was quite confident that he could take down the Earth Dragon alone?

Thinking of this possibility, Murong Xue was extremely surprised. She stared at Liu Yan's back in the distance with a curious expression.

At the same time, in the viewing hall of the top hunting ground.

Everyone was wondering why Liu Yan had rejected Ning Shanshan's invitation. It was obviously a good suggestion. If the two of them worked together, they would have a good chance to slay the Earth Dragon.

However, no one had expected that Liu Yan would turn around and deal with the Earth Dragon alone.

"I got it. Liu Yan wants to deal with the Earth Dragon alone and reap the loots alone!"

"Hahaha, are you kidding me? Does Liu Yan have that kind of strength?"

"Although it seems that Liu Yan's combat strength isn't weak, it is an S-grade Earth Dragon. Liu Yan doesn't have the strength to kill it yet."

"That's right. Although Liu Yan is a student specially recruited by the principal and has a monstrous talent, he hasn't really grown up yet. He doesn't have the strength at all."

"This Liu Yan isn't weak, but he's too conceited."

"That's right. If he accepts to work together with Ning Shanshan to fight this Earth Dragon, there might not be a 100% chance, but there might be a 70-80% chance!"

"..."

Everyone was discussing animatedly, unable to understand Liu Yan's thoughts.

At this moment, Liu Yan had already arrived in front of the terrifying Earth Dragon. A man and a fierce beast were about to fight each other, preparing to make a move. A great battle was about to break out!

Chapter 218: Terrifying Strength

Within the space of the top hunting ground.

Liu Yan confronted the Earth Dragon.

Compared to the Earth Dragon's mountain-sized body, Liu Yan appeared extremely small in front of it.

The Earth Dragon's gaze towards Liu Yan revealed a human-like disdain. It was looking down on Liu Yan.

Liu Yan's expression was calm as he prepared to make his move.

Facing a level 45 Earth Dragon, even though Liu Yan was confident, he did not dare to let his guard down. He immediately activated his S-grade skill, Dragonification.

Immediately, Liu Yan's appearance underwent some subtle changes. Hard scales appeared on his knees and elbows, and two small horns appeared on his head.

However, Liu Yan's inner body underwent a huge change.

His strength had increased, and his aura was also rising.

Not far away, Ning Shanshan and the other awakened felt a wave of pressure from Liu Yan's body.

It was the suppression of a noble bloodline.

Everyone was a little surprised and incredulous. What kind of transformation skill was this? How could it be so powerful that it could directly suppress them?

Fortunately, they were not Liu Yan's enemies, so Liu Yan's suppression was not mainly aimed at them.

If Liu Yan were to fight them, he would aim his frightening pressure at them, so it could directly suppress them. Before the battle, their combat strength had already weakened, and their strength was directly suppressed.

Ning Shanshan also looked at Liu Yan in surprise. Previously, during their great battle in the Bizarre Plane, she thought that Liu Yan had given all out to fight her.

But now, it seemed that it was not the case at all.

Liu Yan had never used this powerful transformation in the Bizarre Plane.

The intimidating suppression from Liu Yan made Ning Shanshan even more surprised.

Even Lu Dajiang, the strongest member of the Soul Splitting Squad and the current top powerhouse among the students of the upper house of Lighthouse Academy, never intimidated Ning Shanshan as Liu Yan did.

Ning Shanshan was extremely shocked. Had she underestimated Liu Yan? Liu Yan's strength was even more terrifying than she had imagined.

At this moment, the Earth Dragon in the distance felt a trace of the dragon bloodline in Liu Yan's body and immediately changed its attitude towards Liu Yan. Its initial disdain turned into seriousness.

The Earth Dragon roared towards the sky. The huge dragon's roar caused the surrounding people to feel immense pressure and could not help but retreat.

However, Liu Yan did not move at all. His eyes were fixed on the Earth Dragon.

The Earth Dragon was also staring at Liu Yan. A great battle was about to break out.

Liu Yan knew that this battle was not as simple as obtaining the blood of the Earth Dragon. Liu Yan also wanted to subdue the Earth Dragon so that he could successfully take it as his pet and fight for Liu Yan in the future.

And the best way to subdue the Earth Dragon was undoubtedly to defeat it in its best close combat field.

Therefore, unless it was absolutely necessary, Liu Yan did not plan to use his dark ranger's explosive assassination ability and archery ability to fight the Earth Dragon.

Liu Yan chose to take the initiative to attack the powerful Earth Dragon.

In his Dragonification state, Liu Yan's strength had greatly increased, especially physical strength.

Now, Liu Yan's close combat strength was over the top.

Liu Yan immediately used his S-grade skill, Absolute Unrivaled, and his combat strength again received a significant buff.

After charging in front of the Earth Dragon, Liu Yan used his B-grade skill, Power of Desolation, and his strength increased tenfold.

With the addition of two S-grade skills and a B-grade skill, Liu Yan's close-combat strength had reached a terrifying level.

At this moment, this was almost the peak of Liu Yan's close-combat strength.

Then, Liu Yan used the method he learned in the Eastern Medicine Garden to gather all of his strength into his fist and threw a punch.

The Earth Dragon seemed to have noticed Liu Yan's intention at this time. It wanted to win in close combat against Liu Yan.

The Earth Dragon did not even spit out its dragon breath. It also charged at Liu Yan.

The two finally collided.

As soon as they exchanged blows, Liu Yan knew that even if he had used all his strength in close combat, he was still no match for the Earth Dragon.

Fortunately, there was not much of a difference. Liu Yan could still barely hold on with the terrifying defense of Absolute Unrivaled. He could still stand firm on the spot.

As long as he could hold on, Liu Yan would have a chance to defeat the Earth Dragon in close combat.

Although Liu Yan had already displayed his peak combat strength in close combat, Liu Yan could continue to increase his close combat strength.

The way to increase his strength was naturally to use the Earth Dragon in front of him.

As long as he could hold on for more than three seconds, Liu Yan could use the Divine Extraction.

An Earth Dragon that was level 45 and had an S-grade talent would definitely give Liu Yan a large increase in strength.

After his strength increased, he had a chance to defeat the Earth Dragon in close combat.

If he could not defeat the Earth Dragon in close combat, Liu Yan could only bear the pain and use his other combat methods.

However, Liu Yan had a faint feeling that even if he defeated the Earth Dragon, he would not be able to subdue the Earth Dragon. He would not be able to let it become his pet and fight for him in the future.

Although the Earth Dragon only had a trace of dragon bloodline, it was still a dragon bloodline after all. It had the arrogance of a dragon and would not easily submit to any creature, especially humans who were as weak as ants to them.

At the same time, Ning Shanshan and the others in the distance also watched the battle between Liu Yan and the Earth Dragon.

They saw that Liu Yan was not sent flying by the Earth Dragon's attack but was barely able to hold on. Although Liu Yan looked extremely miserable and exhausted, he was indeed able to hold on. Everyone was extremely shocked.

"I didn't expect Liu Yan to be so powerful. He hasn't been killed by the Earth Dragon yet."

"Yeah, he managed to hold on. He was able to hold on against the powerful Earth Dragon by himself. It seems that we have underestimated Liu Yan's strength."

"So what? Liu Yan used his full strength, but he was still not a match. It seems that the Earth Dragon has not used its full strength yet."

"If Liu Yan cooperated with us, we would definitely be able to kill the Earth Dragon. Unfortunately, Liu Yan is too arrogant. He insisted on fighting the Earth Dragon alone."

"His strength is really strong, but he's arrogant and ignorant."

"We'll attack the Earth Dragon together after Liu Yan is defeated. At that time, the Earth Dragon's strength will be somewhat depleted, and we will have a chance."

"..."

At this moment, Ning Shanshan was also extremely surprised when she saw this scene. She did not expect Liu Yan to be able to withstand the Earth Dragon alone. Although Liu Yan could barely hold on temporarily, it was still extremely exaggerated.

Ning Shanshan immediately looked at Liu Yan in the distance with a strange gaze.

Ning Shanshan knew that the key should be in the transformation skill just now. Others might not know, but Ning Shanshan could tell that Liu Yan's transformation skill seemed to have a trace of the dragon bloodline.

"This guy's future limit is a little high!"

Ning Shanshan could not help but sigh, but at the same time, she was also a little puzzled. Even if Liu Yan was so strong, it was obvious that he could not deal with the Earth Dragon alone. Why didn't he join forces with her? If they worked together, Liu Yan could hold on for the time being. Then, she could take down the earth dragon with a burst of violent attacks from behind.

Chapter 219: Earth Power

In the viewing hall of the top hunting ground.

The people outside were nervously watching the battle between Liu Yan and the Earth Dragon. It included the batch of awakened ones who were instantly crushed by the Earth Dragon.

Those who were dead or seriously injured had been sent away. Those who were slightly injured were still watching.

Everyone was a little surprised when they saw that even though Liu Yan withstood the attacks of the Earth Dragon.

"This Liu Yan is too exaggerated. He actually has such strong physical strength. He withstood the Earth Dragon's attack."

"Yeah, I've never heard of anyone who could withstand the Earth Dragon with their physical strength before."

"So what? It's obvious that the Earth Dragon hasn't used its full strength yet, but Liu Yan has already used his full strength. He will be defeated eventually."

"Yeah, I don't understand why Liu Yan wants to deal with the Earth Dragon alone. If he works together with Explosive Mage Ning Shanshan, wouldn't he be able to easily take down the Earth Dragon?"

"Also, isn't Liu Yan's long-range attack stronger? Why does he want to fight the Earth Dragon in close combat? Why does he want to fight in the domain that the Earth Dragon is best at?"

"Why does Liu Yan look like he's not thinking clearly?"

"Liu Yan won't be able to take the Earth Dragon's next attack. He's already lost."

"..."

Although everyone was surprised by Liu Yan's terrifying strength, they were not optimistic about the follow-up battle.

At this moment, in a corner of the crowd, Chu Long saw this scene and was a little puzzled.

Although she did not understand Liu Yan's specific strength, she knew that Liu Yan's close combat strength was not the strongest. His long-range attacks or assassination abilities were stronger.

However, Liu Yan didn't use those stronger attack methods. Instead, he insisted on using his physical strength to fight head-on with the Earth Dragon. He wanted to fight in the domain the Earth Dragon was most proficient in.

"What is Brother Liu Yan doing? Why is he fighting the Earth Dragon head-on? Doesn't he have many stronger attack methods?" Chu Long asked with some doubts.

Luo Qingcheng, who was at the side, had a thoughtful look on her face. She also had some doubts.

Luo Qingcheng also knew that Liu Yan always knew what he was doing. He was extremely smart. Other than having good talent and powerful strength, his battle awareness and brain were extremely brilliant.

If that was the case, then Liu Yan must have another motive!

Not long after, Luo Qingcheng faintly guessed a possibility, but she also felt that it was somewhat inconceivable. She said, "I remember that I have learned about the characteristics of fierce beasts. Fierce beasts like dragons have a noble and powerful dragon bloodline, so they are extremely arrogant. If you want to subdue a fierce beast like a dragon, the best way is to defeat it in terms of physical strength, which is the best way to subdue it. However, no one usually uses this method because no one can defeat the earth dragon in terms of physical strength. Is Liu Yan trying to subdue the Earth Dragon?"

When Chu Long heard this, her eyes suddenly lit up. She knew that Liu Yan had a pet. His job class could subdue a pet. So, Liu Yan was probably trying to subdue the Earth Dragon.

Chu Long could not help but look forward to it. If Liu Yan could subdue the Earth Dragon, she could ride the dragon with him. It was exciting just thinking about it!

At the same time, Liu Yan and the Earth Dragon were fighting intensely in the top hunting ground.

The Earth Dragon did not use its full strength. Every subsequent attack became more violent, and Liu Yan could not hold on any longer.

Fortunately, Liu Yan finally managed to hold on for three seconds. He hurriedly used his SSS-grade talent, Divine Extraction.

A ray of light landed on the Earth Dragon, and Liu Yan instantly felt his entire body warm up, and an upgrade appeared in front of his eyes.

At the same time, the Earth Dragon's fiercer attack came again. Even though Liu Yan relied on Absolute Unrivaled to defend with all his might, the disparity in strength between the two was too great. Liu Yan was sent flying dozens of meters away in an instant. Liu Yan spat out blood, and his injuries were not light.

However, Liu Yan did not care about his injuries at all. He hurriedly checked the notification.

[Divine Extraction of Earth Dragon (level 45, potential S grade) successful. Congratulations! Obtained: Power of the Earth (S-grade)!]

[Power of Desolation (B-grade) has been successfully fused with Power of the Earth (S-grade), increasing Earth Power (S-grade) by 10%!]

When Liu Yan saw the notification, his eyes lit up. It was another S-grade skill. Moreover, it was a strength-related skill.

Currently, what Liu Yan lacked the most was a strength-related skill. He urgently needed to temporarily raise his strength and defeat the Earth Dragon with brute force. Then, he could subdue the Earth Dragon!

Liu Yan quickly checked the effect of the newly acquired s-rank skill.

[Earth Power]

Grade: S-grade

Effect: after using it, you can absorb the Earth's power to increase your physical strength. You will receive a terrifying buff. However, a powerful strength will burden your body, and you will fall into a certain period of weakness, current duration: 3 minutes. Weak state: 10 minutes!

After reading the introduction, Liu Yan understood the newly acquired S-class skill, Earth Power.

Currently, he could absorb the power of the earth to increase his physical strength.

He did not know the exact extent of the buff, but it should be terrifying.

Currently, he could absorb Earth Power for 3 minutes, after which he would fall into a period of weakness for 10 minutes.

Did it mean that he could use the skill for three minutes, and there would be ten minutes cooldown afterward?

Liu Yan was a little hesitant for a moment.

If Liu Yan could not defeat the Earth Dragon even after using Earth Power, he would not be able to subdue it. Besides, he was unable to kill it and obtain a bunch of rewards. He would only be able to get the blood of the Earth Dragon to complete the cultivation of his perfect foundation.

On the other hand, if Liu Yan used another attack method instead of Earth Power, Liu Yan was confident that he could defeat the Earth Dragon. However, he would not subdue the arrogant Earth Dragon. He had no choice but to kill it. After that, through the Divine Extraction, he would be able to obtain a large number of attribute points as well as the corpse of the Earth Dragon. Almost every single piece of its body would be a treasure.

Of the two choices, one was more stable, and the other was high risk and high reward.

After all, the Earth Dragon had quite a lot of dragon bloodline. If its dragon bloodline was successfully triggered, it might be able to grow into a terrifying SS-grade fierce beast, which would give Liu Yan a large amount of combat power increase.

After thinking for a while, Liu Yan immediately made up his mind. He chose to take the high-risk option, trying to subdue the Earth Dragon!

At this moment, the surrounding people saw that Liu Yan was sent flying. He even spat out so much blood and was heavily injured. It was within their expectations.

Some gloated and mocked Liu Yan for overestimating his abilities to fight the Earth Dragon alone. Some people admired Liu Yan for facing the terrifying Earth Dragon. It was already very impressive for him to endure a few close combat attacks from the Earth Dragon.

Murong Xue also quickly ran over. She planned to help Liu Yan up and bring him out to treat his injuries. He had vomited so much blood just now. His injuries looked very serious.

However, at this moment, Liu Yan slowly stood up and said indifferently, "There's no need to come over. The battle is not over yet!"

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Murong Xue looked at Liu Yan and was surprised.

At this moment, although Liu Yan was in a sorry state and had some wounds on his body, his eyes were full of energy, and his aura was still good.

After experiencing such a powerful attack from the Earth Dragon, Liu Yan did not seem to be affected much and seemed to be able to continue fighting.

Ning Shanshan, who was in the distance, was also a little surprised when she saw this.

She knew that Liu Yan's physical strength wasn't bad. It would be very impressive if Liu Yan wasn't seriously injured by the Earth Dragon's fierce attack. However, Liu Yan still looked fine. He could even fight again.

The awakened ones in the surroundings were also surprised when they saw this.

"Liu Yan can still stand up? He's too strong."

"Is he the student specially recruited by the principal? He's surprisingly strong."

"It looks like he's only slightly injured. He can continue fighting."

"But even so, Liu Yan doesn't have a chance to defeat the Earth Dragon. The difference in strength between the two is too great!"

"..."

Although everyone was surprised by Liu Yan's terrifying physical strength, they still didn't think that Liu Yan had a chance to defeat the Earth Dragon.

After all, Liu Yan could barely withstand the Earth Dragon's attack. He was still far from defeating the Earth Dragon.

The Earth Dragon was too powerful. An S-grade dragon-type fierce beast was something else. They weren't on the same level at all.

At this moment, Liu Yan did not care about the gazes and opinions of the people around him. Instead, he was immersed in his battle.

As he stood up, Liu Yan once again activated his S-grade skill, Dragonification. His appearance had slightly changed, and his aura was steadily rising. His close combat strength had obtained a terrifying amplification.

If there were experts here, they would be able to discover that Liu Yan's strength after using Dragonification this time was even stronger than before.

It seemed that because of the intense battle just now, the potential of his Dragonification had been stimulated, and he had obtained an increase in strength.

After using his Dragonification skill, Liu Yan once again used the newly obtained S-class skill, Earth Power!

Instantly, Liu Yan's entire body became much heavier, and the ground was dented from where he stood. Liu Yan's strength once again obtained a terrifying increase.

With the support of two S-grade skills, Liu Yan had already reached the strongest form of his physical strength.

The Earth Dragon noticed the change in Liu Yan's aura and looked at Liu Yan in surprise.

The Earth Dragon didn't understand why Liu Yan's combat strength didn't decrease even though it had just heavily hit this insignificant human. Instead, Liu Yan's combat strength had increased by a lot.

In addition, the Earth Dragon felt that the dragon bloodline on Liu Yan's body seemed to be stronger.

Many people around also noticed this scene and were surprised.

"What's going on? Why does Liu Yan's strength has become stronger?"

"I have the same feeling. Liu Yan has become stronger."

"What's going on? Other people are injured, and their combat strength has weakened, but Liu Yan's combat strength has increased?"

"That's no way that Liu Yan hasn't used his full strength during the battle just now, right?"

"This is too ridiculous. How can Liu Yan not use his full strength when fighting against such a powerful S-grade fierce beast, the Earth Dragon?"

"..."

Everyone was shocked. At this moment, Ning Shanshan also frowned slightly. She could feel that Liu Ya had used his strongest combat strength in close combat just now.

However, Liu Yan was much stronger now, and his combat strength had doubled.

Ning Shanshan immediately thought of a possibility. Liu Yan had achieved a breakthrough in the battle and become stronger!

Thinking of this, Ning Shanshan immediately looked at Liu Yan with a strange gaze. If that was really the case, then Liu Yan was definitely a martial arts genius.

Those who could break through in battle were the top-notch geniuses. They were destined to go far in the future and become a true top-notch expert.

At the same time, Liu Yan and the Earth Dragon opposite him stared at each other closely. The aura of a human and a beast rose steadily.

The Earth Dragon also sensed the threat Liu Yan posed to it. It became serious and prepared to use its full strength.

In an instant, Liu Yan took the initiative to attack and charged toward the Earth Dragon.

When he got close, Liu Yan held his A-grade weapon, Soft Blade Boxing Gloves, and used his S-grade skill, Absolute Unrivaled.

Combined with Dragonification and Earth Power, three powerful S-grades skills were used by Liu Yan at the same time, buffing Liu Yan's strength. One man and one beast fought.

This time, the Earth Dragon did not hold back and directly used its full strength.

Liu Yan had already used his full strength.

They collided together again. The difference in their body size was huge. One looked like a small mountain, while the other was like an ant.

However, the seemingly small Liu Yan's physical strength was no longer inferior to the Earth Dragon's. He was facing it head-on.

After a round of battle, Liu Yan was a little surprised.

He thought his close combat strength would increase by several times after obtaining the S-grade skill, Earth Power. Under such circumstances, he should be able to defeat the Earth Dragon.

However, Liu Yan still underestimated the Earth Dragon. At this moment, the Earth Dragon was actually on par with him. The man and beast had fought to a draw within a short period. Their physical strength was equal, and it was difficult to determine the victor.

Liu Yan was a little surprised. With the support of his many powerful skills, he could only fight to a draw with the Earth Dragon.

However, Liu Yan still did not use other fighting methods or other powerful skills. He planned to fight the Earth Dragon only through close combat. Liu Yan could only defeat the Earth Dragon head-on with his physical strength. Only then would he have the last chance to subdue the Earth Dragon and let it become his pet.

The Earth Dragon seemed to have triggered its pride. It was unwilling to use any other skill or dragon breath. It was also fighting Liu Yan in close combat.

Ever since it was born and grew up, the Earth Dragon had lost some fights, but it had never lost with its physical strength. It was also unwilling to submit to Liu Yan and insisted on defeating Liu Yan using physical strength. The Earth Dragon did not believe that the physical strength that it was proud of would lose to a puny human.

The battle between the human and the beast was going on intensely. There were no complicated moves, no fancy attacks, only pure physical close combat.

No one gave way, no one took a step back, and they faced each other head-on.

Liu Yan did not dodge Earth Dragon's attack. Two fists struck out at the same time.

The attacks of Liu Yan and the Earth Dragon landed at the same time.

Liu Yan took a step back, and the Earth Dragon also took a step back. They were equally matched in terms of strength.

Liu Yan also felt great pressure at this moment. Although he was equally matched with the Earth Dragon, it would be a battle of attrition.

Liu Yan was more confident in his physical strength and endurance, he was still incomparable to the Earth Dragon who had the dragon bloodline. But if the battle dragged out, Liu Yan knew that he would definitely exhaust his stamina first.

However, at this moment, Liu Yan's punch directly triggered the critical strike effect.

Initially, they were evenly matched, but Liu Yan's punch directly triggered the Dark Ranger's critical strike effect.

Under the triple damage, the huge Earth Dragon took a few steps back after being punched by Liu Yan!