

## Towers 281

### Chapter 281: Another Sacrificial Gem

In the plaza of the Gifted Academy.

Hong Kewei also looked at Liu Yan with some surprise.

Liu Yan was one of the most outstanding students in this trial. Catching a fierce beast was not a problem for him at all.

Hong Kewei asked with some doubt, "You didn't capture a fierce beast?"

"I did."

At this moment, Liu Yan took a cage out of his spatial ring. There was a mutated green skunk in it.

When the students saw this scene, they were all a little surprised.

"What fierce beast is this? Why is it so small?"

"It looks like a skunk. It's tiny!"

"I didn't expect Liu Yan could catch such a tiny fierce beast."

"I think Liu Yan's fierce beast will get the first place, and he will obtain another sacrificial gemstone?"

"So, Liu Yan's final move in the altar of fragrance was to capture this skunk. He actually did it."

"Wow, such a small fierce beast. Its score must be very high or even the highest, right?"

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The students from the Gifted Academy were shocked when they saw the fierce beast that Liu Yan had captured. They did not expect Liu Yan could catch a small fierce beast.

They were all students who had come out from the trial of the altar of fragrance. They knew how difficult it was to capture a fierce beast in that large swamp, especially a small fierce beast. It was hard to spot and catch a small fierce beast.

Those fierce beasts would also move and escape in the mud, making it difficult to capture them.

For example, the skunk in Liu Yan's hand. Although everyone had not seen Liu Yan capture it, they could imagine how difficult it was.

At this moment, Hong Kewei was genuinely surprised when he saw the mutated green skunk that Liu Yan had taken out. He said, "I didn't expect you would capture the smallest and only mutated green skunk in the altar of fragrance. No student has successfully captured this mutated green skunk for many years. I announce that Liu Yan will receive a full score of 200 points in this trial. In addition, he will also receive the sacrificial gemstone of the altar of fragrance. The principal will come over in a while to award the sacrificial gemstone to Liu Yan!"

The students were all stunned when they heard Hong Kewei's announcement.

They did not expect that Liu Yan's skunk was the smallest and only mutated green skunk in the altar of fragrance. Liu Yan had successfully captured it, and Liu Yan would be able to obtain another sacrificial gemstone.

Not long after, Murakami arrived. After understanding the situation, he directly gave the sacrificial gemstone of the altar of fragrance to Liu Yan.

Murakami looked at Liu Yan in surprise. Liu Yan got the highest score and three sacrificial gemstones from three altars.

Even though Murakami had previously learned from Zhong Yuntian that Liu Yan was extraordinary, he was still somewhat surprised by Liu Yan's performance at this moment.

It was because Liu Yan's performance was too eye-catching.

Murakami seemed to have made up his mind, but he did not say anything on the surface. He only gave the sacrificial gemstone and left.

After Liu Yan received the sacrificial gemstone, he returned to the stage.

The Gifted Academy students all looked at Liu Yan in astonishment.

At this moment, they had also learned about the situation from the smart wristband's local area network.

Allen Smith and Xu Han, who were exchange students at Lighthouse Academy, also performed quite well in this trial. Both of them scored 190 points.

The two fierce beasts that they caught were the size of a palm. They were small and fast. Their fierce beasts were also worth high marks.

However, compared to Liu Yan, they were still a little inferior. Liu Yan's performance was even more outstanding.

At this point, it also meant Liu Yan had already obtained three sacrificial gemstones in a row.

The first three sacrificial gemstones from three altars had all been taken by Liu Yan alone.

Very quickly, today's trial ended, and all the students were dismissed.

The news that Liu Yan had obtained the third sacrificial gemstone spread quickly.

When the students of both academies learned of this news, they were all extremely shocked.

The students of the Lighthouse Academy were thrilled. Liu Yan's outstanding performance undoubtedly brought glory to the Lighthouse Academy, making the students of the Lighthouse Academy proud.

As for the students of the Gifted Academy, they were unhappy.

Gifted Academy had been suppressing Lighthouse Academy for the past two years.

Gifted Academy had always been a little more formidable in terms of the combat strength of both academies' top students

This year, the Gifted Academy was confident. After all, they had two top-notch genius students at once.

Who would have thought that Lighthouse Academy improved even more than Gifted Academy? A terrifying monster like Liu Yan suddenly appeared.

And at this point, although the trial on the fourth level of the Tower had not completely ended, it was obvious that the Lighthouse Academy's results would be even better.

After all, there were only five sacrificial gemstones in total, and Liu Yan had already obtained the first three gemstones.

Even if the Gifted Academy could obtain the remaining two sacrificial gemstones, they would still be inferior to the Lighthouse Academy. The result was already determined.

In fact, the Gifted Academy might not even be able to obtain the last two sacrificial gemstones.

After all, Liu Yan was so powerful. He had great strength to compete for the latter two sacrificial gemstones.

Some students even suspected that Liu Yan would have a chance to obtain five sacrificial gemstones.

At this moment, many students were discussing this matter.

"Do you guys think that Liu Yan will obtain five sacrificial gemstones? That's too exaggerated."

"It's really possible."

"That's too ridiculous. A person obtaining five sacrificial gemstones from five altars has never happened before."

"There was a strange person who did it a few decades ago, but that was a long time ago. Indeed, it hasn't happened recently."

"What kind of person is this Liu Yan? I've never heard of him before. Why is he suddenly so terrifying?"

"He seems to be just an ordinary person who grew up through trial. He doesn't have a deep background like Allen Smith and Xu Han."

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At this moment, in a corner of Lighthouse Academy.

Allen Smith and Xu Han were chatting with strange expressions on their faces.

"We had gone through so much trouble to capture those two fierce beasts and obtain 190 points in the end. However, we are still inferior to Liu Yan." Xu Han said with a bitter smile on his face.

Allen Smith also helplessly said, "In the entire altar of fragrance, only that single mutated green skunk was able to surpass our fierce beasts. I didn't expect that Liu Yan would be able to capture it. I thought that the fierce beast back then was his final result. However, it wasn't the case at all."

Xu Han sighed and felt helpless.

At that time, they felt a little relieved when they saw the fierce beast in Liu Yan's hands. After all, even though that fierce beast was small, it was only about 180 points at most.

However, they did not expect it was not Liu Yan's final fierce beast. In the end, Liu Yan still managed to capture the only mutated green skunk and directly surpassed them, successfully obtaining the sacrificial gemstone of the altar of fragrance.

Even Xu Han, who had always been smiling mischievously, could not help but become a little serious. "Allen, we can't let this happen again. We've already allowed Liu Yan to obtain three sacrificial gemstones. It's embarrassing to our academy. Although we're destined to lose, we must obtain the last two sacrificial gemstones no matter what. Otherwise, it'll be too embarrassing."

### **Chapter 282: Strange Trial Rules**

Allen Smith's expression became serious.

He was also surprised that Liu Yan had already obtained the sacrificial gemstones from the first three altars consecutively.

In fact, Allen Smith's performance in the first three trials was not bad. However, he was always a little worse than Liu Yan. He could not get the highest score and obtain the sacrificial gemstones because of Liu Yan.

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"Don't worry, Liu Yan will not be able to get one of the next two sacrificial gemstones." Allen Smith said firmly.

Meanwhile, Liu Yan was enjoying his food in the cafeteria with Murong Xue and the other girls relaxingly.

Through chatting, Liu Yan also learned that Chu Long finally got a high score of 180 points in the trial on the altar of fragrance.

Murong Xue and Luo Qingcheng obtained a slightly lower score of 150 points, but it was not bad.

The three girls' scores were not bad, far exceeding the average score.

As long as they performed well and passed the following two trials, they would have a higher chance of going to the fifth level of the Tower.

"I didn't expect Brother Liu Yan to obtain three sacrificial gemstones so smoothly. I bet you can gather five sacrificial gemstones, right?" Chu Long said with some surprise.

Murong Xue and Luo Qingcheng also looked at Liu Yan when they heard this.

During the trial on the fourth level of the Tower, Liu Yan's performance was indeed eye-catching. He had already obtained three sacrificial gemstones from the three altars.

“Allen Smith and Xu Han are not as strong as they said. Didn’t they say that they are the most powerful genius students of the Gifted Academy? They are just boasting. Otherwise, why didn’t they obtain any consecrated gemstones now?” Murong Xue teased with some disdain.

However, Luo Qingcheng shook her head and said, “I have some understanding of the situation. Although Allen Smith and Xu Han did not obtain any sacrificial gemstones, their results in the first three trials were quite good. It seems that they were only slightly worse than Liu Yan in the. Their luck was slightly worse, so they did not obtain any sacrificial gemstones. We have to pay more attention to the last two rounds. They might catch up to us.”

Hearing this, Liu Yan nodded in agreement.

Although he had never fought Allen Smith and Xu Han before, judging from their aura, Allen Smith and Xu Han were not weak. On the contrary, they were extremely powerful. He could not underestimate them.

“It seems they were not very lucky in the first three trials. They might be strong contenders in the last two trials.” Liu Yan sighed.

In reality, Liu Yan was also extremely eager for the sacrificial gemstones in the last two trials of the altar.

If there were a chance, Liu Yan would try his best to obtain the remaining two sacrificial gemstones. He wanted to see what kind of surprise would happen after he gathered five sacrificial gemstones.

The next day, the fourth trial began.

The teacher in charge of this trial was the first trial’s teacher, Chu Xuan.

Liu Yan and the other students followed Chu Xuan to the fourth level of the Tower.

It was already the fourth time they had climbed the stairway.

The first time, the students were struggling to climb up.

But now, they had gradually gotten used to it.

Not only were they able to keep up with their teachers’ pace, but even after they reached the fourth level of the Tower, they did not seem very tired.

However, Liu Yan noticed the speed of the teachers climbing up the stairway became faster and faster.

During the first time, the teachers would deliberately slow down and wait for the students for a while. However, their speed gradually became faster and faster now.

It seemed that the stairway was also part of the trial of the fourth level of the Tower.

If the students could not keep up with the teachers’ speed, they would also be eliminated even if they reached the fourth level of the Tower.

In this Tower, one needed to train to become an all-rounded and powerful expert. Only then would they have a crucial impact on the humans of the blue planet and have a real influence on the situation.

At the entrance of another huge altar, Chu Xuan brought Liu Yan and the other students to arrive.

Chu Xuan looked at the students and said with a smile, "Today's trial is relatively easy. The trial requires you to taste the river water."

"Taste the river water?"

"Only need to taste the river water? It's that simple?"

"What kind of trial is this? It looks so strange."

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The students discussed animatedly. They were all somewhat curious about what kind of trial this altar trial was.

The first three rounds of the trial did not pose any danger. As long as there was danger, they would be teleported out. However, the trial process was not simple.

Whether it was hunting a fierce beast in the absolute darkness of the altar of color, dodging all kinds of attacks in the completely silent environment of the altar of sound, or capturing a fierce beast in the swamp of the altar of fragrance, it was all filled with difficulties.

Especially the altar of fragrance that they had just experienced yesterday. It made everyone extremely miserable.

And this trial seemed to be much simpler.

Chu Xuan smiled. He continued to explain, "Today's altar is called the altar of taste. The content of the trial is also simple. The trial will test your sense of taste. This altar of taste gathers all the rivers from the fourth level of the Tower. Besides, there are a total of several hundred of them. What you all need to do is to taste the river water and then describe the situation of each river in three days. Finally, the score will be evaluated based on the number of content and accuracy of the content in your report. Simply put, the more content you say, the more detailed the content, and the longer it takes, the higher your score will be!"

After the students learned the rules, their expressions gradually changed.

They thought it was easy to taste the river water. However, the students did not expect that after tasting the river water. They would have to report what had happened recently in the river. It was tough.

How could they know what happened to the river by just tasting the river water? The test of taste was too hard.

"What kind of trial is this? Isn't this too difficult?"

"Is this easy? Why do I feel like it's the hardest trial?"

"Yeah. Although the first three trials were difficult, at least the goal was straightforward and clear. Now, we have no idea how to complete this trial."

"How would one know what had happened recently by tasting river water? How would one proceed like this?"

“I do have a special skill, but I don’t know if it will be useful.”

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For a moment, many students were discussing animatedly. They all felt that this trial was too difficult.

At this moment, after Liu Yan learned the rules, his expression was a little strange.

It was the first time he knew about such a strange trial.

Liu Yan could not help but think about how he would proceed with this trial.

Previously, he had relied on the A-grade perception skill, Omniscient Insight, which was useless in this round.

After all, Omniscient Insight could only detect all sorts of situations within a 100-meter radius. However, these rivers were more than 100 meters away, so Liu Yan had no way of knowing the situation.

Hence, Liu Yan could only find another way.

For a moment, Liu Yan was also in a dilemma. Could it be that he would not be able to obtain the highest score in this round of trials?

### **Chapter 283: Altar of Taste**

Inside the altar of taste.

Liu Yan and the other students had already entered the altar of taste along with their teacher, Chu Xuan.

Within the altar, there were hundreds of rivers.

Every river looked the same, without any difference.

However, according to Chu Xuan’s words, these hundreds of rivers were all different. The students needed to state the characteristics of the rivers to pass this trial.

“How exactly does this say what happened?”

“Yeah, it’s too difficult. To know the characteristics of the river by tasting its water is too tough.”

“We can only tell the difference from the taste of the rivers. Sigh, this trial is a little difficult.”

“Yeah, this trial is too difficult.”

“Sigh. I have to spout some nonsense to pass the trial.”

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The group of students felt a little troubled.

However, time did not wait. The trials began very quickly, and the students walked forward helplessly.

The first student tasted the river water, closed his eyes, and carefully felt it for a while. He explained, "The river water is a little salty. It should have passed through a metal mine. In addition, the river water is a little cold. It should belong to an underground river. It has not gone through almost any sunlight. Finally, the river water has the smell of soil. The soil must have mixed into the river when the river passed through a buffer zone."

After saying that, the student looked at Chu Xuan nervously. He did not know if what he said was right or if it was enough to pass this trial.

The other students also looked at their teacher Chu Xuan, curious about that student's final result.

At this moment, the ground beneath the student's feet lit up with a blue light.

When Chu Xuan saw this, he nodded slightly and said, "The display of the blue light shows that what you said is correct. The content of what you reported was relatively short, but it's not too bad. You have passed the trial with a final score of 100 points!"

When the first student heard this, he immediately heaved a sigh of relief.

His score was not high, not even reaching the average score. Nevertheless, it was fortunate that he had passed this trial. It was enough.

Fortunately, his overall score for the first three trials was still acceptable. If he worked hard during the last altar trial, he should be able to pass the trials on the fourth level of the Tower and smoothly head to the fifth level.

When the other students saw this, they also heaved a sigh of relief.

It did not seem to be very difficult. The first student did not have a corresponding special skill either. He was just more sensitive in the sense of taste, and he could describe the characteristics of the river.

Although the final score was not high, he passed the trial this round.

"Looks like this trial isn't that difficult."

"Yeah, if you taste it well and describe the accurate characteristics of the river, you'll be able to pass the trial."

"So it wasn't as hard as we thought."

"It doesn't seem very difficult. Looks like it is the simplest trial."

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Very soon, the trial continued.

The second student went forward. Just like the first student, after drinking the river water, he also tasted it carefully.

But the second student's expression was a little flustered compared to the first student.



After hesitating shortly, he said, "The river is a little sweet. It should have passed through the grass. Then the river is a little hot. The river should have exposure to the sun. Finally, I feel that the river is filled with the smell of metal. Someone must have fought in the river?"

As the second student finished speaking, the altar under his feet lit up with a red light.

Chu Xuan saw this and shook his head helplessly. "There are lies in your description. You are eliminated!"

Everyone was a little surprised when they saw this.

It was obvious the first and second students had said the same thing, but the results were completely different.

The first student passed the trial, but the second student was eliminated. What kind of situation was this? Everyone was puzzled.

Soon, a few more students went up to the trial.

Some did not say much, but they passed the trial. It was just that their scores were not high.

Some said more, but they lit up with a red light and were eliminated.

Seeing this, Liu Yan gradually understood the situation.

In short, they could not lie.

Even if they had fewer things to say, as long as what they said was true, they would generally be able to pass the trial. It was just that their scores were relatively low.

However, if they lied or made mistakes, they would be eliminated.

In short, it was not difficult to pass the trial in this trial. One only needed to properly taste the river water and say what had happened to that river. Generally, they would be able to pass the trial.

However, it was harder to obtain high marks.

It was much more difficult to obtain high scores.

At this moment, the surrounding students of the Gifted Academy also understood the situation.

"Looks like we can't make any mistakes."

"That's right, if we make a single mistake, the red light will light up beneath us, and we will be directly eliminated."

"Looks like we have to seek stability and only say the characteristics of the river that we are confident of. We cannot make any mistakes or lies, or we will be directly eliminated."

"In that case, it is not difficult to pass this trial. It is harder to obtain high marks."

"Fortunately, my previous marks were not bad. It is fine if my marks are lower in this trial. I need to pass this trial."

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The students discussed it among themselves. After understanding the rules, they heaved a sigh of relief.

At this moment, Liu Yan was in a difficult position.

Passing the trial was not hard for Liu Yan, but Liu Yan did not just want to pass the trial.

Liu Yan always wanted to obtain a high score or even the highest score.

After all, only by obtaining the highest score could one obtain the sacrificial gemstones of this round of altar of taste.

Previously, Liu Yan had already obtained three sacrificial gemstones. As long as he got the sacrificial gemstones of the last two altars, he would be able to gather five sacrificial gemstones. In the end, he would obtain a surprise.

Liu Yan carefully thought of a solution.

After thinking about it, it seemed that Liu Yan could only rely on his own body.

After reconstructing his body, he had become much more perfect in all aspects.

Other than his talent becoming much stronger, he had also improved significantly in all aspects of his senses. His sense of taste was one of them.

Liu Yan believed that with his powerful sense of taste, he would be able to obtain quite a high score.

However, it was not ideal to only use his sense of taste to obtain the highest score.

Previously, there were a few students who had special skills. They described many characteristics of the rivers and instantly obtained a high score.

Although they were only a few, they were still a strong competitor for Liu Yan.

Moreover, Allen Smith and Xu Han might also obtain a high score.

However, Liu Yan thought for a while. He had a bunch of skills but mostly were combat skills.

Other than combat skills, there were limited special skills, but they could not help Liu Yan in this trial.

For a moment, Liu Yan could not think of any way to get the highest marks in this trial.

However, at this moment, Treasure Pangolin transmitted a thought.

Through telepathy, Liu Yan quickly understood the meaning of Treasure Pangolin and its reminder.

Immediately, Liu Yan's eyes lit up.

#### **Chapter 284: Taste of River**

Inside the altar of taste.

Liu Yan was worried about how to obtain a high score or even the highest score in this trial.

At this moment, Treasure Pangolin reminded Liu Yan.

Other than finding treasures, the Treasure Hunting skill could also identify treasure and many other things.

The river was not a treasure, but the Treasure Hunting skill could identify the components of the river, which was very helpful to Liu Yan in this trial.

At this moment, Liu Yan also came back to his senses. He did not have a special skill that was directly related to taste. It was unable to help him identify the components of the river and the recent events that happened in the river.

However, some other special skills could be of help.

A-grade skill Treasure Hunting might be of some use in this aspect.

Thinking up to this point, Liu Yan immediately activated his A-grade skill, Treasure Hunting. With his senses, he could immediately sense the difference between these rivers and the composition of each river. With this, he could naturally analyze the recent events that happened in the rivers.

Apart from this, Liu Yan thought another skill would be helpful. That was the B-grade skill, Poison Control.

Poison Control could not only be used to poison, but it could also identify all sorts of poisons and other ingredients.

Using the B-grade skill, Poison Control could help Liu Yan understand the ingredients in the river more clearly.

However, Liu Yan was unable to try the Poison Control skill now. He could only wait until it was his turn to go up and start the trial.

At this moment, the students went up one by one and continued the trial.

With their previous experience, most students became smarter. They tried their best to analyze the composition of the river and then analyze the recent happenings in the river.

When the students reported what they could analyze, none of them dared to lie.

After all, if they said too little, they would have a chance to pass the trial. It was just that their scores would be lower.

However, if they lied, they would be eliminated. That would be too much of a loss.

After understanding the rules, most students passed this trial with lower scores.

Few students had the corresponding special skill and obtained decent scores.

But overall, the scores of this trial were still on the low side.

So far, the highest score of this batch of students who had completed this trial was only 140 points.

The scores in this trial were generally much lower than in the previous three trials.

At this time, some students received the news.

The Lighthouse Academy students had already completed the trials one step ahead.

On the other side, Allen Smith and Xu Han, who were exchange students, performed exceptionally in this trial and obtained very high scores.

Allen Smith obtained a high score of 180 points, and Xu Han got 190 points.

Other than the two of them, the highest score was only 150 points. Both of them performed exceptionally this time, leading by a huge margin.

Currently, they were waiting for the Gifted Academy's trial to end to determine the final highest score. Then, they would award the sacrificial gemstone of the altar of taste to the student with the best performance.

After learning of this situation, many Gifted Academy students heaved a sigh of relief.

"Looks like Xu Han will be able to obtain the highest score this time and obtain the sacrificial gemstones from the altar of taste."

"That's right. Everyone's scores in this round are generally on the low side. One hundred and forty points is already a very high score. Xu Han directly obtained 190 points. This is very impressive."

"Liu Yan got the first three sacrificial gemstones. They also belong to Lighthouse Academy now. This time, our Gifted Academy can finally vent our anger."

"That's right. Even if the number of sacrificial gemstones we get will still be lesser than Lighthouse Academy, we still have to fight for our reputation."

"After obtaining the last two sacrificial gemstones, our Gifted Academy will at least not lose too badly."

"The sacrificial gemstone of this trial is basically in Gifted Academy's pocket. It all depends on the final round."

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The students of the Gifted Academy discussed this amongst themselves. Liu Yan had yet to start this trial. Everyone felt that it was over after learning of Allen Smith and Xu Han's outstanding performances of Allen Smith and Xu Han. Xu Han would definitely obtain the highest final score and get the sacrificial gemstone of the altar of taste.

However, many students were paying attention to Liu Yan, waiting for the start of Liu Yan's trial.

The only person who could pose a threat to Xu Han was Liu Yan.

Liu Yan heard the discussions around him, but he did not really care.

Xu Han's performance was outstanding, and his score was high. However, Liu Yan did not care because he only needed to do his best. There was no need to worry so much about the final result.

Soon, it was Liu Yan's turn to start the trial.

After hearing his name, Liu Yan walked forward.

The teacher, Chu Xuan, pointed at the river and said, "The river that goes dark has been tested. Those are the rivers that have not been tested. Choose one yourself."

As Chu Xuan spoke, he also observed Liu Yan.

Chu Xuan was also very concerned about the final acquisition of the sacrificial gemstone.

From the looks of it, although Xu Han's performance was impressive, the sacrificial gemstone in this trial was in Gifted Academy's pocket.

However, based on his previous experience, Chu Xuan knew that Liu Yan's depth was unfathomable and could not be underestimated. Hence, he was concerned about Liu Yan now. After all, Liu Yan was the only student who could threaten Xu Han.

At the same time, the gazes of the students below also focused on Liu Yan. They were all curious about Liu Yan's performance in this trial and what kind of score he would obtain in the end.

At this moment, Liu Yan nodded slightly and walked towards a river at the edge of the trial intentionally.

Through the detection of his B-grade skill Treasure Hunting, Liu Yan also analyzed the general situation of the remaining rivers.

The students could choose any rivers they wanted during the trial.

Every river was different, filled with randomness, but many students could not tell the difference.

However, Liu Yan knew clearly that the river with more complicated elements could get a higher score as much as possible.

If the characteristics of the river were relatively simple, he could only analyze the limited characteristics of the river no matter how capable he was.

In this way, the final score would not be too high.

On the contrary, if the elements in the river were complicated, it meant more things had happened to that river. Liu Yan could display his ability to his heart's content, analyze as many components as possible, and determine things that had happened to the river recently.

In this way, Liu Yan could obtain a higher score and even surpass Xu Han's ridiculously high score of 190 points.

Chu Xuan quickly noticed this detail and found that Liu Yan seemed to have deliberately chosen a river.

After all, there were many rivers close to their current place, but Liu Yan did not choose one. He walked towards a river in the corner. It was clear that he had done it on purpose.

Chu Xuan was a little puzzled, but he quickly guessed something. He immediately looked at Liu Yan in surprise.

Could it be that this fellow was really that powerful? He did not even taste the river water, but he already knew which river was more complicated and was more likely to get a high score.

### **Chapter 285: Astonishing Performance**

A group of students from the Gifted Academy saw that Liu Yan had deliberately chosen a river.

Everyone immediately had some doubts.

Before this, all the students had randomly chosen a river during the trial.

After all, there were so many rivers. They looked exactly the same. If the students did not taste it, they would not even know the difference. So why did Liu Yan want to pick a river carefully?

“Liu Yan is choosing a river? Why would he do that?”

“I don’t understand. All the river looks the same.”

“I think he’s doing that on purpose. Did he find a way?”

“It’s not necessary. Everyone’s scores in this round are generally on the low side. Xu Han’s 190 points is definitely a high score, and it is difficult to surpass him.”

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Many students were discussing. At the same time, they were watching Liu Yan’s trial curiously, waiting for the results of Liu Yan’s trial.

They already knew that Xu Han’s score of 190 was high. As long as Liu Yan did not surpass Xu Han, Xu Han would be in the first place, and he would obtain the sacrificial gemstone of the altar of taste.

Chu Xuan was also looking at Liu Yan with some anticipation.

As a teacher, Chu Xuan understood many things. He guessed that Liu Yan must have seen that this river was more complicated, so it had a higher chance of obtaining a high score.

However, having a special skill to detect the complexity of the river did not mean that Liu Yan could analyze all the complicated situations of the river.

After all, the more things happened in the river, the more complicated the situation was.

It meant that the upper limit was higher, and there was a chance of getting a higher score. At the same time, it also indicated that the river was harder to analyze, and Liu Yan could make a mistake.

At this moment, after Liu Yan came to this river, he directly tasted it.

After that, Liu Yan used his A-grade skill, Treasure Hunting, to analyze the composition of this river to determine what had happened to this river recently.

At the same time, he activated his B-grade skill, Poison Control, to analyze the composition of the river.

Poison Control was a B-grade skill and one level lower than the A-grade skill, Treasure Hunting.

However, it was a crucial skill to analyze more components of the river.

In addition, after Liu Yan had built a perfect foundation, his sense of taste was much better than before. He could carefully taste the complicated situations in the river.

Under the combination of the three abilities, Liu Yan closed his eyes and seriously analyzed, thinking.

The surrounding people were all curiously waiting for Liu Yan's result.

However, after waiting a while, they saw that Liu Yan was still closing his eyes and analyzing the river. It had already been a long time. It was much longer than the time the other students spent time analyzing the situation.

Seeing the situation, many students were somewhat puzzled and discussed it impatiently.

"It's been so long. Why is Liu Yan still analyzing?"

"That's right. The other two students have already finished analyzing their rivers. Liu Yan is too slow."

"He has analyzed it for so long."

"If he could not analyze it, he should give up. He's just wasting his time."

"From the looks of it, even though this Liu Yan is strong, he's only average in this trial. There shouldn't be a chance for him to surpass Xu Han's high score."

"Haha, not to mention surpassing Xu Han's exaggerated 190 points, even surpassing my 140 points would be difficult for Liu Yan."

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At this moment, Liu Yan suddenly opened his eyes. His eyes were full of confidence.

Liu Yan looked at his mentor, Chu Xuan, and explained, "The situation of this river is quite complicated. I won't explain the specific components and reasons. I'll say what happened in the river recently."

"Of course, the rules are to explain what happened. You don't have to explain the other analysis processes." Chu Xuan nodded.

At this moment, Chu Xuan could not help but feel curious and expectant. Many students did not think highly of Liu Yan, but Chu Xuan was the opposite. He felt that Liu Yan seemed to be very confident. Perhaps there would be surprises.

Liu Yan nodded and continued, "This river is at the edge of the fourth level of the Tower. In addition, it passes through the river on the left side of the stairway. Therefore, more things happen and are more complicated."

When the students below heard this, they were all a little surprised.

When everyone ascended the stairway, they all noticed there were two rivers on both sides of the stairway. When they ascended the stairway, many people even drank the river water.

These two rivers were connected to the fourth level of the Tower and three-and-a-half-level. The rivers ran through the entire stairway, and they looked like a falling Milky Way. It was extremely magical.

No one had expected that Liu Yan would be able to determine that this river was one of the two rivers on the stairway just by tasting it. Moreover, he could determine that it was the river on the left side of the stairway.

“Is it fake? You can even determine that?”

“I don’t believe it. You can determine which specific river it is just by tasting it?”

“I think Liu Yan is talking nonsense.”

“Haha, the altar will light up later anyway. If Liu Yan talks nonsense, he will be eliminated by the red light.”

“Tell me, if Liu Yan is eliminated, do you think he will have to hand over the three sacrificial gemstones he received?”

“I think that is the rule. In the first three trials, other than Liu Yan, the highest score is either Allen Smith or Xu Han.”

...

Everyone was chatting and seemed to be gloating.

Chu Xuan looked at the altar and was shocked.

If he were lying, the altar would immediately light up. If he were not lying, the altar would not light up until he finished talking.

At this moment, the altar did not light up at all. It meant that what Liu Yan said was completely correct.

Chu Xuan was a little surprised. He had not expected Liu Yan to be able to make such an accurate judgment.

Liu Yan’s first guess was not enough for Liu Yan to surpass Xu Han’s high score of 190, but it was enough for Liu Yan to obtain a high score.

Chu Xuan did not understand why Liu Yan could judge the complexity of a river without tasting it. Even an experienced teacher like him could not do it.

It meant that Liu Yan had a special detection skill. Chu Xuan was instantly shocked for Liu Yan.

At this moment, Liu Yan was not affected by the students of the Gifted Academy below him and continued to answer.

“There are a lot of things happening in this river. I’ll tell you one by one in order of time from the most recent event to the past.”

“Firstly, there were over a hundred people who drank the water in this river today, and over a hundred people used the water in this river to wash their faces.”



“Secondly, during the process of descending the stairway yesterday, more than three hundred people used the river to wash the mud.”

“Besides, there were more than ten fierce beasts bathed themselves in the river.

“When ascending the stairway yesterday, more than two hundred people drank the water from the river. Besides, more than two hundred people used the water from the river to wash their faces.”

“Moreover, two people fell into this river the day before yesterday for unknown reasons. They were injured and bled.”

...

When Chu Xuan heard Liu Yan’s detailed explanation, he was surprised. He looked at the altar, but it still did not light up. Chu Xuan was shocked.

### **Chapter 286: Changing of Opinions**

Chu Xuan knew the current situation. Since the altar did not light up with red light, this undoubtedly meant that Liu Yan’s words were all correct. There were no mistakes or lies.

Liu Yan reported so much and was so meticulous. His score would not be low.

By now, Liu Yan’s score was already very high.

Moreover, Liu Yan did not stop answering. If he continued, he would definitely have a chance to surpass Xu Han’s 190 points.

In this round, Liu Yan still had a chance to strive for the highest score and obtain the sacrificial gemstone of the altar of taste. Moreover, the chance was very high.

Thinking of this, Chu Xuan immediately looked at Liu Yan with some incomprehension.

What kind of student was Liu Yan to have such terrifying strength?

Allen Smith and Xu Han were powerful not only because of their top-notch talents but also because they had received many resources.

However, Chu Xuan had never heard of Liu Yan before. It was as if Liu Yan had appeared out of nowhere, yet he was so powerful.

From the looks of it, Liu Yan’s overall strength might even be above Allen Smith and Xu Han!

However, Liu Yan’s answer did not stop.

After talking about the three days of the river, Liu Yan continued.

“Three days ago, before the stairway was formed, this river surrounded half of the fourth level of the Tower. The left side of the fourth level of the Tower to be precise.

“Four days ago, this river and another river separated to form the hundreds of rivers on the fourth level of the Tower.

“Five days ago, this river had just begun to form, and the river water flowed out from the altar of taste.”

“Six days ago...”

When the students of the Gifted Academy heard Liu Yan’s explanation, they looked at him with astonishment.

Liu Yan’s answer was so detailed. After answering the events that had happened three days before this river, he could continue answering the events that had happened more than three days ago.

He could even describe the situation before the fourth level was connected to the third-and-a-half level of the Tower.

The students all had looks of surprise on their faces. They did not dare to believe it.

“Is this for real? How could Liu Yan know so much? And it’s so detailed.”

“I can barely believe the small part at the beginning. But the more Liu Yan says, the more ridiculous it gets. Is Liu Yan lying?”

“Liu Yan must be lying. He’s deliberately acting mysteriously. He’s just tasting the river water. How could he know so many things?”

“That’s right. It must be Liu Yan is lying.”

“Strange. Why isn’t the red light lit up yet? Hurry up and light it up!”

...

All the students present felt that Liu Yan was too ridiculous. They did not believe that Liu Yan was telling the truth about many detailed things.

At this moment, the altar under Liu Yan’s feet lit up.

However, what lit up was not red or even blue light, but golden light.

When the students saw this, they were a little puzzled.

From their previous experience, lying or making a mistake would light up a red light, while reporting correctly would light up a blue light.

But why did it light up a golden light now? It had never happened before.

“What does this golden light mean?”

“I don’t understand, but Liu Yan must have made a mistake.”

“That’s right, the blue light means correct answer. Since it’s not blue light, there must be something wrong with Liu Yan.”

“Is Liu Yan making a big mistake? Is that why the golden light is lighting up?”

...

At this moment, Chu Xuan was also shocked. He rubbed his eyes to ensure he was not mistaken before walking forward.

At this moment, Liu Yan was still reporting what had happened earlier in the river in detail.

Chu Xuan said, "Liu Yan, you can stop now. There's no need to continue answering."

When Liu Yan heard this, he stopped and looked at Chu Xuan with doubt.

The students thought Liu Yan had done something wrong. They all looked at Liu Yan with gloating expressions, waiting to see a joke.

At this moment, Chu Xuan continued, "The golden light indicates that you have already gotten a full score. There's no need for you to continue answering. You have already gotten the highest score. You can obtain the sacrificial gemstone of the altar of taste."

When Liu Yan heard this, he finally understood. It turned out that he had already gotten a full score. Hence, he did not have to continue to answer.

In reality, it was not a problem for Liu Yan to continue answering further.

When the students below heard Chu Xuan's words, they were stunned.

At first, they thought that Liu Yan had a problem, but the next moment, they found out that Liu Yan had already gotten full marks. They were stunned.

"D\*mn, the golden light means full marks. Is Liu Yan that amazing?"

"Liu Yan is too exaggerated. He said so many things in detail, and he was correct?"

"He can perform so well and surpass Xu Han. I didn't expect it."

"Yeah, Xu Han's 190 points are already a high score. I didn't expect Liu Yan to be even more exaggerated."

"It's not that Xu Han isn't amazing. Liu Yan is just more amazing."

"With a monster-like genius like Liu Yan, it seems our Gifted Academy is destined to be suppressed by Lighthouse Academy this year."

"Isn't Liu Yan too amazing?"

...

Everyone looked at Liu Yan with envy and admiration.

The doubts from before had disappeared completely.

Liu Yan, on the other hand, appeared relatively calm. It was reasonable for him to have such an outstanding performance.

After all, Liu Yan combined the strong sense of taste of his reconstructed body, the A-grade skill, Treasure Hunting, and the B-grade skill Poison Control to achieve such an outcome.

There were still some students who continued the trial. But without a doubt, Liu Yan had already become the focus of the entire crowd. All the students' gazes were focused on Liu Yan, discussing how terrifying Liu Yan was. No one paid any attention to what happened to the following students.

On the contrary, Liu Yan was currently not used to the gazes of the surrounding students of the Gifted Academy.

Previously, when he was doubted and looked down upon, Liu Yan could get used to it.

However, all sorts of adoring gazes were directed at Liu Yan now, causing him to feel a little uncomfortable.

After the trial on the altar of taste ended, Liu Yan hurriedly followed his Chu Xuan down the stairway to Gifted Academy's plaza.

Principals of Gifted Academy and Lighthouse Academy, Murakami and Lan Jinqiu, had already been waiting here.

Below the stage, there was still a group of students from Gifted Academy and Lighthouse Academy.

As for Liu Yan's perfect performance on the altar of taste, it had already spread far and wide. The students and teachers of both academies were already aware of it.

Liu Yan performed perfectly and obtained four sacrificial gemstones from the four altars.

Such accomplishment had set a record.

For the previous trials, students who could obtain two sacrificial gemstones were already considered geniuses amongst geniuses. Those who were able to get three could be counted with one hand.

It was the first time a person like Liu Yan could obtain four sacrificial gemstones.

What was even more terrifying was that up until now, the trial had yet to end. There was still one more round.

It also meant that Liu Yan had a chance to perform perfectly in the last trial. He would once again strive for first place and obtain one sacrificial gemstone.

Everyone thought Liu Yan had a chance to obtain five consecrated gemstones. They felt it was a little exaggerated and did not dare to think about it.

## **Chapter 287: The Last Altar**

In the Gifted Academy's plaza.

When Murakami saw Liu Yan's arrival, his heart was filled with gratification.

Even Murakami had not expected that Liu Yan would be able to perform so well and steadily in this trial. He got four sacrificial gemstones in one fell swoop and obtained an unprecedented result.

However, on the surface, Murakami remained calm as he announced, "Next announcement, the highest score for this round of altar of taste is 200 points from Liu Yan. He has obtained the sacrificial gemstone for the altar of taste."

Immediately after, Liu Yan came up and received the sacrificial gemstone once again.

When the students below the stage saw this, they all cheered endlessly.

The students of Lighthouse Academy were thrilled. Liu Yan's actions undoubtedly brought glory to Lighthouse Academy. They were all happy for Liu Yan.

And even the students of the Gifted Academy were gradually beginning to admire Liu Yan.

When Liu Yan obtained the first sacrificial gemstone, they were still doubting Liu Yan's strength.

When he obtained the second sacrificial gemstone, they would still think that Liu Yan was just lucky.

When Liu Yan obtained the third sacrificial gemstone, they gradually believed in Liu Yan's strength. But they still recognized Allen Smith and Xu Han, the two genius students of the Gifted Academy.

However, when Liu Yan obtained the fourth gemstone, many students of the Gifted Academy undoubtedly started to admire Liu Yan.

Being able to obtain four sacrificial gemstones was the symbol of absolute strength!

Allen Smith and Xu Han were also watching this scene not far away.

Xu Han's expression was somewhat bitter as he shook her head. He helplessly said, "I didn't expect that we would lose to Liu Yan in this round. Looks like Liu Yan has something up his sleeves."

Allen Smith did not reply. He just looked at Liu Yan silently.

However, if one observed carefully, one could see the battle intent in Allen Smith's eyes. He had already regarded Liu Yan as his greatest opponent.

At the same time, the principal awarded the sacrificial gemstone of the altar of taste to Liu Yan. Then, all of them were dismissed.

After they left, they started to discuss animatedly.

And the topic of discussion was precisely Liu Yan.

"Liu Yan is too exaggerated. He obtained four sacrificial gemstones."

"Yeah, Allen Smith and Xu Han are so strong, but they didn't obtain a single sacrificial gemstone."

"Is Liu Yan's strength stronger than Allen Smith and Xu Han?"

"It's really possible. I think Liu Yan will obtain the last sacrificial gemstone?"

"No way, this is too exaggerated."

"If Liu Yan can obtain five sacrificial gemstones, it would be unprecedented."

...

On the other side, Liu Yan appeared to be relatively calm.

So far, he got four sacrificial gemstones.

Liu Yan knew the last sacrificial gemstone might be the hardest to obtain.

After all, Liu Yan had already obtained four sacrificial gemstones, and only one was left. The two genius students of the Gifted Academy would risk their lives to get the last one.

It would undoubtedly be too embarrassing if Gifted Academy were to lose the last sacrificial gemstone. Whether it was for Allen Smith, Xu Han, or the Gifted Academy, this matter was crucial.

Although they had already lost to Liu Yan, and the Gifted Academy had also lost to Lighthouse Academy, this last sacrificial gemstone was like a fig leaf to them. If they were to lose it again, it would be too embarrassing.

As such, it would undoubtedly be much more difficult for Liu Yan to obtain the last sacrificial gemstone.

However, Liu Yan was also determined to obtain the last sacrificial gemstone. He had to gather five sacrificial gemstones.

The next day.

Liu Yan and the students of Gifted Academy once again followed their teacher to the fourth level of the Tower.

Everyone came to the entrance of the last altar.

In front of the huge altar, many students were looking at it curiously. They were all curious about the contents of today's trial.

The trial on the last day was crucial to all students.

To Liu Yan, it was the trial to see if he could obtain the fifth sacrificial gemstone.

To Allen Smith and Xu Han, it was the key to defending themselves and the glory of Gifted Academy. It was the same for the ordinary students of Gifted Academy. It was the final trial, so they had to give their best.

Many students had passed the previous trials, but their overall score was low. In this final trial, not only did they have to pass the trial, but they also had to obtain a high enough score. It was their last chance.

The last trial was relatively easier for students with high scores in the previous rounds. If they could pass the trial successfully, it would be enough.

At this moment, the teacher in charge of Liu Yan and the others, Hong Kewei, walked forward.

Hong Kewei looked at the group of students, and his gaze lingered on Liu Yan for a while.

He had naturally heard of Liu Yan's deeds.

Hong Kewei was somewhat envious of the Lighthouse Academy having such a genius student. Liu Yan had singlehandedly suppressed the students of Gifted Academy.

But Hong Kewei also placed great importance on a genius like Liu Yan.

Hong Kewei was also somewhat looking forward to what kind of performance Liu Yan would have in the final trial. He was also curious whether Liu Yan would obtain the last sacrificial gemstone.

At this moment, Hong Kewei also began to explain the rules. "This altar is called the altar of body. It tests your speed. In a while, all of you will enter the altar of body together. Everyone will enter their own independent space. In that independent space, there will only be one of you. Everyone will be separated."

"After that, there will be all sorts of attacks coming at you from all directions. The strength and speed of the attacks will continue to increase."

"What you need to do is to keep dodging all sorts of attacks. You can only rely on your speed to dodge. Don't think about using any equipment or defensive skill to resist the attacks. If you are hit by the attacks, you will be eliminated even if you aren't injured. You will be teleported out immediately once you get hit."

"As for how long you can dodge the attacks, it will determine your final score. As long as you can duck the attacks for three minutes, you will be able to pass this trial. The longer you can endure, the higher your score will be. The person who can last until the end will naturally have the highest score. You will be able to obtain the sacrificial gemstone of the altar of body."

"This is the general rule. It is similar to the altar of sound. The difference is that the altar of body is not in a vacuum environment. There is sound. Your speed will not be affected. However, the overall attack strength is much stronger than the attacks in the altar of sound."

"I wish all of you good luck. I hope all of you can perform well and pass this last trial and successfully go to the fifth level of the Tower!"

As Hong Kewei finished explaining the rules of the last trial, the students discussed the rules animatedly. They did not expect that the last trial was only a test of speed. It was much simpler than the previous rounds of the trial.

But at the same time, many students also realized the difficulty of this trial might not be low.

The simpler the rules, the greater the difficulty.

### **Chapter 288: Altar of Body**

After Liu Yan learned the rules of the trial of the altar of body, he immediately had an idea.

The rules were relatively simple. Although it might be difficult, Liu Yan was not very worried.

After all, Liu Yan had the S-grade skill Sonic Speed, which was 16 times the speed of sound.

In terms of speed, Liu Yan was still very confident.

He could easily hold on for a long time to obtain high marks. If he worked hard, he would have a great chance to get the highest score and the sacrificial gemstone of the altar of body.

At this moment, the students were also discussing. They were all somewhat worried.

However, there was no other way. They could only rely on themselves.

Very soon, it was time to start the last trial.

All the students entered the altar of body under the guidance of their teacher.

The moment Liu Yan stepped into the altar of body, he felt the world spin.

By the time the light returned to his eyes, all the other students in the surrounding trial had disappeared, leaving only him alone.

He looked around and realized there was nothing around him. He was in an empty space.

After understanding his surroundings, Liu Yan quietly waited on the spot.

It seemed that it was indeed an independent space. Now, Liu Yan only needed to wait for the attacks to arrive and dodge them.

According to the rules, it was the easiest of the five altar trials, but the difficulty was unknown.

Liu Yan did not wait for long before the attacks began.

Ping pong balls appeared from all directions, attacking in a disorderly manner.

Liu Yan relied on his own speed to easily dodge them.

These ping pong balls did not cause any damage. Even if Liu Yan was hit, he wouldn't suffer any injuries. However, he would be eliminated, so he did not dare to be careless.

It seemed that the first round of attacks would be ping pong balls. After all, it was the first round, so the difficulty was relatively low.

However, Liu Yan soon discovered that the number of ping pong balls around him was increasing, and the difficulty was also continuously increasing.

At first, only a few ping pong balls attacked, but it didn't take long for them to become densely packed ping pong balls attacking.

If one of these ping pong balls hit Liu Yan, he would be eliminated immediately.

Fortunately, Liu Yan's agility attribute was high, and his speed was blazing fast.

In addition, after rebuilding his physical body, his body became more agile. So, he could dodge these large numbers of ping pong balls effortlessly.

As the number of ping pong balls kept increasing, Liu Yan activated his A-grade perception skill, Omniscient Insight.

Speed was not the only important attribute in this trial. Liu Yan had to be aware of the attacks before he could dodge them.



Although the speed of the ping pong balls from all directions was not very fast, there were too many of them. Plus, Liu Yan had to dodge every single one of them.

After activating Omniscient Insight, Liu Yan felt much more relaxed.

This trial of the altar of body was similar to the previous trial of the altar of sound. It was all about dodging all sorts of attacks.

However, there were some differences in the altar of body. Sound existed, and there was no restriction on speed.

In this way, Liu Yan did not need to rely on the Fog skill.

The usage of the Fog skill was a wide range of perceptions. However, its accuracy of perception was still inferior to Omniscient Insight.

Omniscient Insight had a slightly smaller range. It only covered a hundred meters.

However, it could perceive everything within a hundred meters and was extremely accurate.

At this moment, Liu Yan's speed was not restricted. With his full speed, it was naturally easy for him to dodge these attacks.

In the face of the densely packed attacks from all directions, Liu Yan relied on Omniscient Insight. Adding his terrifying speed, it was still relatively easy for him to dodge.

Liu Yan also understood that this was only relatively easy for him. It was not easy for the other students in the trial.

At this moment, a few students had already been teleported out. It also meant that they had already ended this trial.

The time had not even reached three minutes. It also meant that they had been eliminated.

Many students had passed the first four trials, and some of their scores in the first four trials were not bad.

But if they failed this trial, they would also be eliminated. The rules were extremely cruel.

Those students were frustrated.

"I didn't expect to fall at the last step."

"Yeah, it's been more than two minutes. It would be great if we could hold on for a little longer."

"Although the attack speed of the ping pong balls is not very fast, there are too many of them. It'll be hard to dodge at the back."

"It's because we're not good at speed. We can only train hard for next year."

"Yeah, our strength is still not good enough."

...

The eliminated students had no intention of staying here. They left one after another and went down the stairway.

At this point, they had failed to reach the fourth level of the Tower.

In the altar of body, most of the students were still holding on.

Soon, three minutes had passed.

The attacks in the various spaces in the altar had also changed simultaneously.

The ping pong ball attacks had all disappeared, replaced by the liquid attacks.

Compared to the ping pong ball, the liquid was much faster. It was undoubtedly much more difficult to dodge.

Other than that, the liquid was also much harder to detect compared to the ping pong ball.

The ping pong ball could be seen clearly inside the altar, but the liquid was relatively small and transparent. It was a little harder to notice.

As a result, the difficulty increased by a few levels.

After Liu Yan noticed that the difficulty had increased, he was also very cautious.

Although Liu Yan had always been very good at speed, he could not afford to be careless in this trial. He had to be extremely careful.

Liu Yan could still easily dodge the liquid attacks.

After all, he had the A-grade perception skill, Omniscient Insight. He could detect the almost invisible gas attack easily, not to mention the liquid attack.

In addition to his own extraordinary speed, Liu Yan was also able to dodge the liquid attack.

However, as time passed, the number and speed of the liquid attack continued to increase. After the difficulty increased steadily and steeply, Liu Yan gradually began to feel the strain.

Liu Yan was surprised. He did not expect that the fifth trial would be this tough. It was only the second round of attacks, and the difficulty was enough to make Liu Yan feel the strain.

Although he could dodge the dangerous now, it was undoubtedly a little strenuous and dangerous.

Liu Yan activated his S-class skill, Sonic Speed, to increase his speed to double the speed of sound.

With double the speed of sound, the pressure on Liu Yan instantly decreased, and he became much more relaxed.

Following that, Liu Yan continued to dodge, quietly waiting for the difficulty to increase again.

Meanwhile, outside the altar.

As the liquid attack arrived, the difficulty continued to increase. Many students ended the trial and were teleported out.

It meant that they had been hit by the attack, and they could not continue their trial.

However, it had already been more than three minutes. They had already passed the trial, but their scores were average. It was enough for some students to pass the trial on the fourth level. But some of the students were not that lucky.

### **Chapter 289: Octuple Speed of Sound!**

Outside the altar.

The eliminated students looked at each other.

They had never expected that the trial of the altar of body would be so difficult.

“I didn’t expect we would be teleported out after the second round of attacks.”

“Fortunately, it has been three minutes, so we have passed the trial.”

“This altar is so hard. Although it’s only a speed trial, the difficulty is really hard.”

“Yeah, the first round of attacks was just ping pong ball, but towards the end, I was exhausted. I couldn’t withstand the liquid attack at all.”

“This is only the second round of attacks. It’s hard to imagine how terrifying the subsequent attacks are.”

“But our scores are relatively low. Fortunately, it’s enough for me.”

“Oh no, my score might not be enough for the entire trial on the fourth level of the Tower. If I don’t reach 600 points, I won’t be able to head to the fifth level of the Tower.”

...

The students discussed their scores among themselves.

After asking their teacher, the students also learned their scores. Those who got eliminated in the second round of attack would have a score ranging from 80 to 120 points. Their scores varied by how long they survived the attack. Therefore, their overall score would not be too high.

This time, many students had bitter expressions.

Although they had passed the previous four trials, their scores were not high.

Initially, they thought they would try their best to get high scores in the last trial so their total score could reach 600 points to pass the final trial.

However, they did not expect the final round of trials was much tougher than they imagined. They could not get high scores.

As a result, although they had passed the trials of the five altars, their total points were not enough. In the end, they were still eliminated and could not go to the fifth level of the Tower. They could only wait for the next chance.

At this moment, everyone realized they could not just be satisfied with passing the trials in the previous rounds. They had to obtain sufficient points.

Soon, nearly half of the students left helplessly.

Even though they had persevered until the last, they were still eliminated.

As for the remaining students, they were watching at the entrance of the altar. They were curious about who would obtain the highest points and obtain the sacrificial gemstone of the altar.

The focus of their attention was naturally on the performance of the three genius students, Liu Yan, Allen Smith, and Xu Han.

At this moment, the time had unknowingly reached 10 minutes.

The altar of body was filled with all sorts of liquid attacks that came from all directions. The intensity of the attacks was extremely high, and it was extremely difficult to dodge them.

At this moment, Liu Yan had already raised his Sonic Speed to twice the speed of sound. In addition, he could perceive all the attacks in his surroundings from all directions. Only then would he be able to dodge them with relative ease.

At this moment, Liu Yan did not dare to be careless in the slightest bit.

After 10 minutes, the surrounding liquid disappeared, giving the many students a short period to catch their breath. However, it also meant the more powerful third round of attacks was starting soon.

Liu Yan took a short break. At the same time, he looked at his surroundings. He was curious about what the third round of attacks was.

Suddenly, gunshots rang out in the surroundings, and bullets shot over.

Liu Yan was a little surprised. He did not expect bullets.

Bullets were usually a few hundred meters per second, about three to four times the speed of sound.

Dodging tons of bullets that were three to four times the speed of sound. The students had to be even faster.

Without hesitation, Liu Yan directly increased the speed of his S-grade skill, Sonic Speed, to six times the speed of sound.

Under six times the speed of sound, Liu Yan could easily dodge the bullets shooting at him from all directions.

As for the other students inside the altar of body, they were in trouble.

The third round of the bullet attack was much stronger. Many students were already at the end of their tethers and were barely holding on.

Once the bullet attacks arrived, they were unable to dodge them.

Students were teleported out one by one.

The remaining students were basically all teleported out. There were only a few students left in the altar of body.

At the entrance of the altar.

When Hong Kewei saw the students were teleported out. He announced, "The eliminated students in the third round have a score between 120-160 points. It's considered a pretty good score."

The students that had just been teleported out of the trial heard their teacher's words and heaved a sigh of relief.

Fortunately, these students were able to hold on until now. Their scores were not low. It was enough for them to pass the trial on the fourth level of the Tower.

"The intensity of this attack is too high."

"Yeah, I can barely dodge the liquid attack just now. I can't dodge the bullet attack at all."

"The speed of the bullet is too fast. It's already several hundred meters per second, and there are still so many of them. It's too difficult to dodge."

"Only experts can dodge them."

"There are only a few students left in the altar."

"These dozens of students are all elite students of Gifted Academy and Lighthouse Academy."

"The three geniuses are still inside. Who do you think will be able to obtain the highest score and the altar of body's sacrificial gemstone?"

"I remember that Allen Smith is very good at speed. He should have a good chance."

"I feel that Liu Yan has a better chance. This guy is really unfathomable."

...

The group of students discussed and chatted.

Those whose scores were not enough to be eliminated had already left the arena dejectedly.

Those who remained here had enough scores to pass the trial of the fourth level of the Tower.

After successfully passing the trial of the fourth level of the Tower, the students felt much more relaxed. Their mood was delightful as they chatted here.

The topic of their conversation was who would obtain the last sacrificial gemstone.

Previously, Liu Yan had already obtained four sacrificial gemstones.

Would Liu Yan get the last sacrificial gemstone and achieve an unprecedented achievement, obtaining five sacrificial gemstones by himself?

Or would the two genius students of the Gifted Academy get the sacrificial gemstone and protect the reputation of the Gifted Academy?

At this moment, everyone was observing the situation of the remaining students through various virtual images.

Through their observation, everyone also discovered that Liu Yan, Allen Smith, and Xu Han were indeed worthy of being the three top genius students of the two great academies. The three of them were relaxed while dodging the terrifying bullet attacks.

Although the remaining students were still persisting, they had a hard time compared to the three geniuses. It would not be long before they would be hit and get eliminated.

Inside the altar of body.

As time passed, although it was still bullet attacks, the number of bullets and their speed were increasing rapidly. The difficulty was also continuously rising.

Liu Yan gradually felt the pressure. He increased his speed once again, directly increasing from six times the speed of sound to eight times the speed of sound.

After increasing to eight times the speed of sound, Liu Yan felt much more relaxed.

At this moment, Liu Yan was secretly shocked. He had increased to eight times the speed of sound in just ten minutes.

Currently, Liu Yan's S-grade skill, Sonic Speed, had a maximum speed of 16 times the speed of sound. He did not know how long he could last.

## **Chapter 290: Showdown**

Outside the altar of body.

A group of students and teachers were watching the virtual images together. They were looking at the results of the remaining students curiously.

The difficulty of the trial had reached a terrifying level as the number and speed of the bullet increased.

At this moment, only some of the remaining students in the altar of body.

As the difficulty of the bullet attack continued to increase, the remaining elite students were hit one by one, ending the trial.

Zheng Tainan, Murong Xue, and the other elite students were eliminated.

Soon, there were only the last three top genius students left. They were Liu Yan, Allen Smith, and Xu Han.

Seeing this situation, Hong Kewei announced, "You guys performed really well by lasting until the third bullet attack. Your score will be between 160-180 points. When 20 minutes have passed, the fourth round of attack will start."

When the many students outside heard this, they were all discussed in surprise.

“I didn’t expect the third attack to be so powerful. There are so many bullets that I can’t even see clearly.”

“Yeah, it’s too difficult to dodge under such circumstances.”

“It’s already very terrifying that they could hold on until now. Only the three monsters, Liu Yan, Allen Smith, and Xu Han, can continue to hold on.”

“It looks like the three of them can hold on until the fourth round.”

“I wonder who can hold on until the end and who will get the highest score.”

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Many students were discussing and were extremely curious.

At the same time, the two principals, Murakami and Lan Jinqiu brought some teachers. They rushed over to witness the results of the final trial.

“Looks like we came at the right time. It just so happens to be the final moment.” Chu Xuan said with a smile.

Lan Jinqiu nodded slightly. He couldn’t help but look at the virtual screen with some anticipation as he waited for the final result.

From the looks of it, Liu Yan and the other two were still persisting. Liu Yan had the chance to persevere until the very end to obtain the highest score and get the sacrificial gemstone of the altar of body.

And if Liu Yan could obtain the final sacrificial gemstone, he would be able to gather all five sacrificial gemstones.

It was a great honor for Lighthouse Academy and something unprecedented. Lan Jinqiu was naturally looking forward to it.

Murakami did not say anything. He looked at the virtual screen indifferently, waiting for the final score.

Soon, 20 minutes had passed.

In the last three spaces of the altar of body, the attacks suddenly changed.

The bullets just now had all disappeared, replaced by all kinds of laser attacks.

The speed of the bullets was only a few hundred meters per second.

Even at the end of the bullet attack, the speed of the bullets was only a few thousand meters per second.

But the laser was different. Its speed suddenly increased significantly.

Liu Yan did not dare to be careless and hurriedly increased his speed.

His Sonic Speed increased from eightfold to twelvefold, and only then could he barely dodge.

But even so, Liu Yan still felt some pressure.

The speed of the laser was too fast. In addition to the continuous laser attacks around him, if he wanted to dodge the laser, he had to be much faster than the laser to duck all the laser attacks.

Liu Yan focused his attention, not daring to be the slightest mistake. Relying on his A-grade perception skill, Omniscient Insight, and terrifying speed, he continuously dodged.

On the other side, Xu Han was already under tons of pressure. He did not hold on for long before he was hit. He immediately ended the trial, and his score was 185 points.

On the other hand, Allen Smith was relatively relaxed. He seemed to be even more relaxed than Liu Yan.

The final competitors were only Liu Yan and Allen Smith. The two of them would compete for the final highest score and the final sacrificial gemstone.

Time passed bit by bit. The speed of the laser continued to increase, and the difficulty also increased rapidly.

Liu Yan could only continue to increase his speed.

In less than two minutes, Liu Yan increased his speed to 16 times the speed of sound. He had maximized the speed of his S-grade skill, Sonic Speed, and directly increased his speed to the maximum.

However, Liu Yan still found it difficult to dodge the rapid and complicated laser attacks around him.

The slightest carelessness could result in elimination at any time.

When the people outside the altar saw this scene, they were all shocked.

“This speed is too terrifying. I can’t see him at all.”

“Yeah, the speed of Liu Yan and Allen Smith is too terrifying.”

“We can’t see what’s going on at all. We don’t know who will last longer.”

“Liu Yan is too terrifying, too powerful.”

“I admire Liu Yan very much. I suddenly hope that Liu Yan can last until the end.”

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The students were discussing animatedly. However, they had no idea what happened inside the altar of body.

Liu Yan and Allen Smith only left behind afterimages because their speed became extremely fast. The other students could not see the exact situation clearly.

On the other side, the principal, teacher, and others had profound strength, so they could naturally see the situation inside the altar.

The few of them could see clearly that Allen Smith seemed to be struggling, but it was clear that he was still at ease.

On the contrary, Liu Yan looked like he was at the end of his rope and would get hit at any moment.



Even if he could maintain his concentration and dodge the attacks, the intensity of the laser attacks would continue to increase. At that time, Liu Yan would still be defeated.

“It looks like Liu Yan won’t be able to hold on for long. In this round, Liu Yan can only get second place.”

“Second place isn’t bad. He just lost to Allen Smith by a little.”

“Yeah, Liu Yan has already obtained four sacrificial gemstones. He only lost the last sacrificial gemstone. That’s already very impressive.”

“Allen Smith is better in terms of speed.”

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The few teachers were discussing amongst themselves. Although the results were not out yet, they thought Liu Yan would lose.

Although Liu Yan was incredibly fast, he was still inferior to Allen Smith. It was only a matter of time before he would be defeated.

Seeing this, Lan Jinqiu sighed slightly, feeling a little regretful.

Liu Yan had received four sacrificial gemstones, and he completely crushed the students of Gifted Academy. Liu Yan did bring great glory to Lighthouse Academy.

But Liu Yan still could not do the undoable, obtaining the five sacrificial gemstones.

Lan Jinqiu felt a little pity. If Allen Smith were slower than Liu Yan, Liu Yan would have had a chance to get the highest score in this trial. Then, he would obtain the last sacrificial gemstone to gather five sacrificial gemstones.

The teachers had already made their judgment. Murakami, who had been silent all this while, suddenly said, “I don’t think so. Let’s not jump to a conclusion yet. Just keep watching.”