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Chapter 321: All Out

Seeing Allen Smith's defeat, Liu Yan and the others felt like they were facing a great enemy.

The strength of Sturdy Back Ape was already extremely powerful. Now, it absorbed a large amount of wood attribute energy from the surroundings. Its strength had once again increased by a large margin.

Liu Yan looked at Xu Han and could not help but tease, "Do you want to fight it one-on-one?"

Xu Han shook his head and said, "I'm a mage, not an idiot. We have to fight that ape together."

Liu Yan nodded slightly.

Although Liu Yan felt he had a chance to win against Sturdy Back Ape, he did not have to do that.

If they could gang up, why would they fight it one-on-one?

There was no need for martial arts morality.

They should quickly gang up and defeat the Sturdy Back Ape together. Winning this time was the most important thing.

Liu Yan immediately took out his Flying Cloud Mystic Bow, an S-grade weapon, and drew the arrow.

He activated his A-grade skill, Flame Control. The fire element instantly condensed into an arrow.

Since the Sturdy Back Ape was a wood attribute fierce beast, it was weak against the fire attribute.

Using fire arrows to attack Sturdy Back Ape would definitely have additional damage.

Liu Yan shot a few arrows consecutively, aiming accurately at the Sturdy Back Ape.

At the same time, Xu Han had already condensed the power of the lightning element and shot straight at Sturdy Back Ape.

Liu Yan was surprised when he saw this.

It was the first time Liu Yan had seen Xu Han attack. Liu Yan did not expect Xu Han would also have such terrifying explosive power under his usual cheerful appearance.

Moreover, Xu Han was a lightning mage. Lightning was a high-level element and extremely powerful.

Usually, the awakened ones at this stage would naturally be unable to grasp high-level elements.

The awakened ones would only be able to grasp it if they had a related talent.

Like the current Liu Yan, he also had an A-grade skill, Electrification.

However, due to his constitution, Liu Yan could not fully display the effect of Electrification.

Only after Liu Yan had built a perfect foundation and reconstructed his physical body could he unleash the power of the lightning element.

Liu Yan and Xu Han's attacks simultaneously enveloped Sturdy Back Ape.

Even if its strength were not ordinary, it would be injured if it did not dodge Liu Yan and Xu Han's attacks.

However, when Sturdy Back Ape saw the attack was about to hit it, it easily dodged it.

When Liu Yan and Xu Han looked again, Sturdy Back Ape had already appeared in another direction.

Liu Yan and the others realized Sturdy Back Ape had a terrifying speed. Sturdy Back Ape did not use it before.

Xu Han saw this and said furiously, "It's fast? Let's see if you can dodge this time."

As she said this, Xu Han was ready to continue attacking.

However, Liu Yan hurriedly pulled Xu Han back. "Wait a moment. Their reinforcements have arrived."

With his Omniscient Insight activated, Liu Yan could sense that many awakened ones appeared in the distance.

Judging from their auras, they were all quite strong. They were members of the Pan-ocean Community team.

There were dozens of them. It was very likely that He Yang had directly brought all the remaining members of the Pan-ocean Community team over.

Xu Han stopped when he heard that and said helplessly, "Then, should we let the ape leave? Let victory slip through our hands?"

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If they could defeat Sturdy Back Ape, the declaration of war would directly determine the victory of the Land of Origin team and end this battle.

If they let Sturdy Back Ape escape now, not only would they have to face it again later on, but they would also have to face the members of the Pan-ocean Community team. It would undoubtedly be a lot more troublesome.

Allen Smith, who was at the side, said, "There are many people coming. There are 70 to 80 people. All the remaining members of the Pan-ocean Community team are here. We can't continue fighting here."

When Xu Han heard this, she realized the seriousness of the matter.

Just now, Xu Han was in a hurry to defeat Sturdy Back Ape, so she was not calm.

Now that Xu Han had calmed down, he quickly understood the situation.

Sturdy Back Ape speed was not slow. If they wanted to get rid of Sturdy Back Ape, they naturally had to attack it together. They would spend a lot of effort to get rid of it.

They obviously could not defeat Sturdy Back Ape if it were a one-on-one fight.

Murong Xue and Allen Smith had just got defeated, so Xu Han felt he could not fight Sturdy Back Ape alone. Xu Han did not know Liu Yan could defeat it.

Even if they could defeat Sturdy Back Ape together, it would still take some time.

However, the members of the Pan-ocean Community team had already arrived. If they continued to fight, they would be surrounded by their opponents.

Although they were an elite team and their strength was strong, if they were entangled, they would be outnumbered and get defeated.

After thinking through everything, Xu Han was not in a hurry. He teased, "He Yang is going all out. He brought all the members of the temporary camp here all at once. It seems like he is scared of us."

After thinking carefully, it was indeed so.

Just now, He Yang brought twenty people. Not long after, Liu Yan and the others took them out. In the end, only He Yang went back alone. He Yang must have brought as many members as he had.

Liu Yan used his A-grade perception skill, Omniscient Insight, to sense the fast approaching He Yang and his team. Liu Yan knew they could not drag this on any longer, so he hurriedly instructed, "Murong Xue and Chu Long, follow me and break out from the right flank. Allen Smith and Xu Han, you two break out from the left flank. During the process of breaking out, do not engage in battle and do not get stuck. After that, we will dive into the depths of the forest and look for an opportunity to break out one by one. There are plenty of opportunities ahead of us, so take it slow. If you encounter Sturdy Back Ape, do not engage in battle and escape immediately!"

When Xu Han, Murong Xue, and the others heard this, they immediately agreed.

Then, they immediately split into two teams and broke out of the encirclement, leaving immediately.

The few of them were very skilled, and their speed was fast. In addition to the dense forest around them, and it was late at night, it was easy to break out of the encirclement and hide.

Liu Yan and the others broke out of the encirclement and directly dived into the depths of the dense forest.

When He Yang and his large group arrived, other than seeing the heavily injured members on the ground, there was also Sturdy Back Ape.

"Captain, you guys are finally here. Those few people are too terrifying."

"Yeah, they don't have many people, but every one of them is too strong."

"Just now, they even fought with Sturdy Back Ape. In a one-on-one fight, they fought back and forth with Sturdy Back Ape. There was even one person who almost defeated it."

"Fortunately, Captain, you guys arrived in time. Otherwise, if they fought against Sturdy Back Ape together, they might have been able to defeat Sturdy Back Ape."

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When He Yang heard the report of the injured members, his expression darkened.

Previously, He Yang had already guessed these people would dare to come alone. They were probably quite skilled, but he did not expect them to be so powerful.

The twenty people He Yang had brought with him previously were no match for Liu Yan's team.

When He Yang finally arrived with a large group of people, they had completely disappeared without a trace.

With so many members, they had no way to use their strength.

Chapter 322: Deadlock

When He Yang's team members learned of the situation, they were all shocked.

"These people should be the sharp knife squad from the Land of Origin team. They are all top experts in their team."

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"In terms of top experts, our Pan-ocean Community team is inferior to them."

"They are probably heading towards the depths of the dense forest. They are likely heading towards our temporary camp."

"Captain, what should we do?"

"Fortunately, Sturdy Back Ape is strong enough to withstand their attacks. Otherwise, we would have directly lost this time."

"These people are too wicked!"

"That's right. They kept ambushing us like cowards. We have so many people. We will crush them effortlessly."

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He Yang heard the discussions of his subordinates. He glared at them and reprimanded them, "If you guys are so capable, why don't you go find them and fight them one-on-one, huh? Seventy to eighty people were able to defeat them, and you're even feeling proud of that? Moreover, so many of us might not even be able to surround them!"

When the team members heard He Yang's reprimands, they immediately lowered their heads in shame and were embarrassed to say anything more.

Although they were also outstanding members of the Pan-ocean Community this year, they were also powerful elites.

However, they were still weaker than compared to Liu Yan's squad.

He Yang thought for a while and said, "Everyone, go back and search for them. Expand the formation appropriately, but always remember to have at least four people in a group. Don't be alone. We can't let them break through our encirclement. We've already lost quite a lot this time, so we can't continue to lose. Otherwise, after we eliminate the Land of Origin team, we won't be able to compete with the European Federation for the top two spots!"

"Yes!"

The members of the Pan-ocean Community team quickly formed a formation. They started to search for Liu Yan and the others.

These members expanded their formation and formed an encirclement formation to search.

Once they found Liu Yan and his team, all the members could gather in time and form an encirclement.

Although Liu Yan and the others were strong, the five of them could not deal with these 70 to 80 people if they were surrounded.

In the dense forest, after Liu Yan and the others broke out of the encirclement, they continued with their previous strategy. They fought separately while not being too far away from each other so that they could take care of each other.

Very soon, Liu Yan and the others noticed that the members of the Pan-ocean Community team were coming over in search of them.

Liu Yan could sense that the opponents had learned their lesson this time. Their opponents formed a small team of four and did not give them a chance to break through one by one. Liu Yan secretly nodded. It seemed that this team captain, He Yang, still had some ability and immediately made adjustments in response to their previous failure.

It was just a pity that they still underestimated the strength of Liu Yan and his squad.

Liu Yan looked at Xu Han and the others and asked, "Taking down four opponents in one go, can you guys do it?"

"Of course." Allen Smith nodded without hesitation.

Murong Xue, on the other hand, said with difficulty, "I might need to spend some time."

Seeing this, Xu Han smiled and said, "I also have some difficulties. Then we'll take down four people together. It's safer this way."

Liu Yan nodded in agreement and said, "When we get close, we will attack together from three sides. After we attack them, we'll split up and break out of the encirclement. We must not be surrounded."

"Understood!"

Not long after, the members of the Pan-ocean Community team came searching.

Liu Yan and the others seized the opportunity and attacked together.

Liu Yan directly used the S-grade Flying Cloud Mystic Bow. He activated his A-grade skill, Flame Control, and powerful fire element condensation formed into arrows.

Consecutive Arrows!

His A-class skill, Track, was activated!

Liu Yan shot a few consecutive arrows. The speed of the arrows was incredibly fast.

Some of the team members managed to react and dodge.

However, Liu Yan's arrows had a track on them. They adjusted their angle in the air and accurately hit the target.

These arrows were formed from the condensation of the fire element. They possessed terrifying strength.

After a few arrows, four opposing team members were injured by Liu Yan. They lost their combat ability.

On the other side, Allen Smith chose to get close to them. Although he was facing four people alone, his strength was overwhelming. He crushed one member with just one or two moves. It did not take long for him to defeat four members of the Pan-ocean Community team.

Murong Xue and Xu Han also launched their attacks. With the combined strength of the two of them, they defeated four members.

The sharp knife squad took out twelve members of the Pan-ocean Community team in an instant.

After they succeeded, Liu Yan and the others broke out of the encirclement again.

When He Yang arrived with his team members and Sturdy Back Ape, there were only twelve members who had lost their combat strength and were seriously injured. Liu Yan and the others were nowhere to be seen.

"Where are they? There are five of them. Didn't you see them?" He Yang roared.

Up until now, he had already lost more than thirty members.

His team had lost one-third of its strength.

Under such a huge loss, they did not even get a clear look at the faces of the enemies. It was too sullen.

The subordinates looked at each other, and their expression was anxious. They felt embarrassed.

"Captain, I did see their figures just now, but their speed was too fast. They left not far from us and escaped the encirclement. We had no way of keeping them."

"I saw them from afar too."

"They're too strong and too fast. There's no way for us to keep up with them."

"What should we do? Even if we form a group of four, we won't be able to hold them off."

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When He Yang heard this, his expression turned cold as he said, "What else can we do? Then let's form a group of ten. Groups of ten should catch them, right?"

Then, He Yang and his team once again searched for Liu Yan and the others in the dense forest.

On the other side, Liu Yan and the others noticed He Yang had changed their strategy. They immediately split into groups of ten and did not act rashly.

If the opponents split into groups of ten and wanted to make a move, Liu Yan and the others might not be able to escape so easily.

Even when the opponents moved in groups of four, Liu Yan and the others had barely made it out. They might have been trapped if they broke out of the encirclement a little slower.

However, Yang and his team changed their strategy, but their formation was reduced. Therefore, their search range was also reduced.

Although Liu Yan and the others did not have a great opportunity to make a move, they were still relatively safer and would not be found.

Then, Liu Yan's sharp knife squad began to deal with He Yang and his team in the dense forest.

On this side, the individual strength was stronger, but there were fewer people.

On the other side, the individual strength was weaker, but they had many of them.

Both sides did not have an opportunity to make a move. For a time, they did not make a move. The entire forest was quiet. Only the occasional footsteps could be heard.

Both sides were in a stalemate. No one could do anything to the other side.

He Yang was eager to take revenge for losing more than 30 members, but he still could not find Liu Yan.

Although Liu Yan's squad had done well so far, he had only caused the Pan-ocean Community team to lose one-third of their strength. It was not enough to mess up the situation. Liu Yan was not satisfied with this at all. He wanted to find another opportunity to make a move.

Only by making the Pan-ocean Community team lose as much strength as possible tonight, could Liu Yan's team tilt the balance of the two alliances. Then, the situation would become a mess. Only then would the Land of Origin team have a chance to continue the competition.

Chapter 323: He Yang's Thoughts

In the dense forest.

He Yang was leading his squads. Many of his members were strong but had no way to use their strength. They could not find Liu Yan and the others at all.

"These people are too wicked. We can't find them even if they hide in the dense forest."

“That’s right. Although Liu Yan’s team is powerful, we have an advantage in number. If we were to face them head-on, we could crush them completely. However, we don’t have the chance yet.”

“No wonder they only sent five people this time. This way, their squad could move faster. We can’t do anything to them at all.”

“The terrain of the wood attribute territory is more complicated. Moreover, it’s the middle of the night, so we can’t do anything to them.”

“It’s fine. We’ll be fine after daybreak. It’ll be much easier to find them. Moreover, the Red Star Empire will reinforce us. We’ll win sooner or later.”

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He Yang listened to the discussions of his team members. He no longer had the will to fight. He planned to delay until daybreak to wait for reinforcements.

He Yang naturally understood this logic.

It was troublesome. However, He Yang’s squad would have the upper hand if they defended well and dragged out the battle until daybreak.

After all, they still had an advantage in numbers. With a powerful ally like the Red Star Empire team, victory was only a matter of time.

On the other hand, He Yang was also somewhat unwilling.

The Pan-ocean Community team had been heavily injured by Liu Yan and the others. However, they still could not do anything to Liu Yan and the others.

If news of this matter were to spread, it would be too embarrassing. In the future, He Yang would not be able to raise his head in front of the other teams, especially the Red Star Empire team.

He Yang was not willing to wait for reinforcements. That would be too embarrassing.

However, He Yang was also clear that there was no way for him to find Liu Yan and the others and deal with them directly.

After thinking for a while, He Yang suddenly had an idea.

According to the rules, there were two ways to declare war.

The first was the current situation. Both sides could battle at any time. In the end, the victor could be determined based on the condition of the guardian beast.

The first method was combat without rules. They were free to battle in any tactics, but it was relatively more troublesome.

Even if the Red Star Empire team’s reinforcements arrived during the day or He Yang’s squad took care of Liu Yan and the others, it would not be a direct victory. They still had to defeat the guardian beast in the fire attribute territory.

After all, Liu Yan and the others did not bring the fire attribute territory's guardian beast with them on this trip.

Besides the first free combat method, there was another method, which was the gambling duel.

Compared to combat without rules, the gambling duel had rules. It was conducted under the supervision of the Will of Tower.

The gambling duel was a one-on-one battle. It could be a battle between the guardian beasts of both territories, or a one-on-one battle between an awakened one and a guardian beast.

Of course, the gambling duel was initiated by one side, and the other side had to agree before it could be carried out.

If one side did not agree, it would not continue.

Thinking of this, He Yang decided to initiate the gambling duel. He would bet all the spoils of war and directly gamble with all his team members.

The winner of the gambling duel would not only obtain all the spoils of war from the other side, including all kinds of equipment, consumables, and Lord's token fragments.

They would also obtain the opponent's territory and members as prisoners of war.

The winner would gain a lot.

On the contrary, if they waited until the daytime, the Red Star Empire team would arrive.

At that time, they would engage in a joint battle. Not only would many members of the Land of Origin team lose their combat strength, but the number of prisoners of war would also decrease.

The other spoils of war and prisoners of war would also be split equally.

He Yang was thinking about eliminating the Land of Origin team and what would happen after that.

If the Land of Origin team was eliminated, there were still four teams from the two alliances.

In the end, only three representative teams could advance smoothly. Only the top two teams would receive rewards, and only the first place would receive extremely generous rewards.

Compared to the other three representative teams, He Yang was clear that the Pan-ocean Community team's strength was relatively average. Adding on the fact that they had lost more than thirty members tonight, they had lost one-third of their combat strength.

If this continued, the Pan-ocean Community team would not have the upper hand in the following competitions.

Even if they were lucky enough to advance successfully into the top three, those rewards would not have any fate with the Pan-ocean Community.

He Yang thought about this and quickly told his team members what he had thought about. They began to discuss.

After listening to He Yang's analysis, the team members felt it made sense.

Their team had already suffered a loss tonight. If this continued, they would not be able to compete in the future.

The gambling duel would be different. It would bring the Pan-ocean Community team huge benefits.

"Captain, I think we can have a duel. This way, after we win, we will be able to obtain the spoils of war from the Land of Origin team, our territory, and the prisoners of war. The benefits will be huge."

"That's right. From tonight's encounter, the elite combat strength of the Land of Origin team is indeed strong. If we have these prisoners of war, we will have a much smoother future."

"I agree as well. Although it will be safe for us to wait for reinforcements, it also means that our gains will be much smaller."

"If the other side dares to accept our duel, and their guardian beast of the fire attribute territory isn't here, then their team members will have to go up on their own."

"Although these five people are strong, they are still not a match for our Sturdy Back Ape. We will definitely win."

"Let's start a duel then. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us."

"Hurry up. Otherwise, we won't be able to take this huge harvest when the Red Star Empire team arrives at dawn."

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The Pan-ocean Community team all agreed with He Yang's idea.

He Yang thought about it carefully and felt it was not a problem.

After all, the guardian beast of the fire attribute territory was not here. If the other party accepted the bet, they could only send one champion from the five of them onto the stage. They would definitely win.

If the other party dared to accept the duel, they would definitely win!

At the same time, on the other side, Liu Yan and the others were also a little worried.

Now that the situation was in a stalemate, they had no chance to make a move at all.

They had all their abilities, but the other party had gathered together and had no chance to make a move at all.

"What should we do? It's going to dawn soon. The support of the Red Star Empire team will arrive." Chu Long asked with some worry.

Xu Han looked left and right, but there was no chance for her to act. She said helplessly, "Why don't we retreat now, and return to the fire attribute territory? If we stay here, we won't have any way to retreat once the support team arrives."

Liu Yan heard her. However, he quickly shook his head and said, "No, we can't retreat so easily. If we retreat now, we will only injure more than 30 members of the Pan-ocean Community team. Although these losses are not small, it was not enough to mess up the situation. This small gain is not enough for our team to continue surviving."

Chapter 324: Difficult Decision

When Alan Smith heard Liu Yan's words, he agreed with him.

"That's right. This small gain is not enough. Although we can retreat safely now, we did not change the situation. After we return, the other teams are still coming after us, and we will be doomed," Alan Smith said helplessly.

The current situation was extremely awkward.

They were all powerful geniuses amongst geniuses. Their combat strength was over the top.

However, the opponents had worked together and had many men. Liu Yan's squad had no chance to make a move.

If they were to retreat, it would be tantamount to a slow death, and they would be in a dilemma.

"Then what should we do? We cannot just wait here." Murong Xue said somewhat anxiously.

Liu Yan frowned slightly. He could not think of a good idea at the moment.

They definitely could not retreat.

But if they did not retreat, they would not have a good opportunity to make a move at the moment.

They would be in trouble if they waited until daybreak and the reinforcements. At that time, they could not retreat even if they wanted to.

After thinking about it, it seemed that they could only find an opportunity to make a move now.

Liu Yan thought for a while and said helplessly, "It seems that we can only take the risk to attack again. When the time comes, we will split into two groups. I will attack in one direction to attract their attention and mess up their formation. When the time comes, you guys will find an opportunity to make a move on the other side."

Liu Yan thought about it for a while, but this was the only way.

Although it was a little risky, there was still a certain degree of feasibility.

After all, Liu Yan had two powerful stealth skills and a movement skill like Sonic Speed. Liu Yan could escape He Yang's team encirclement if he wanted to.

Once the opponent's formation was messed up, Murong Xue, Xu Han, and the others naturally had the opportunity to make a move.

Xu Han, Murong Xue, and the others looked at each other when they heard Liu Yan's plan. They understood what Liu Yan's plan was.

In general, the danger was all on Liu Yan alone.

Chu Long immediately said reluctantly, "No. It's too dangerous for you alone."

Murong Xue even said, "Why don't I distract them? My defense is strong anyway. Liu Yan, you're the leader. You can't fall here."

Xu Han said helplessly, "Murong Xue, your defense is not bad, but your mobility is not good. Liu Yan could do it."

Hearing Xu Han, Murong Xue's face stiffened, not knowing what to say.

She knew Xu Han was right. Liu Yan's strength was the strongest, and he also had terrifying speed.

Liu Yan was undoubtedly the most qualified one to carry out this dangerous mission.

However, Liu Yan was the captain of the entire team, so they were just a little worried.

However, the voice of the Will of Tower suddenly sounded.

"The captain of the Pan-ocean Community team, He Yang, has chosen to launch a gambling duel against the Land of Origin team. The Land of Origin team can choose to accept or reject it!"

"The rules of the gambling duel are one-on-one battles. Both parties will set their own spoils of war as the stakes!"

"Once the gambling duel begins, there can be no more ruleless battle, and no one will be eliminated. The gambling duel can only end after the victor has been determined."

Liu Yan and the rest were a little surprised when they heard the voice of the Will of the Tower. They did not expect He Yang to initiate a gambling duel at this juncture.

"Strange. They can definitely wait until dawn. Once the reinforcements arrive, they will definitely win. Why did they choose the gambling duel?" Murong Xue asked somewhat doubtfully.

Liu Yan guessed He Yang's intention. He smiled coldly and said, "Isn't this simple? Once the reinforcements arrive, they will have to split the spoils equally. If they win the gambling duel, they can take all our spoils of war."

"Then do they have the confidence to win? We just fought not long ago. They are no match for us in a one-on-one fight." Chu Long also asked with some doubt.

Xu Han smiled and said helplessly, "Don't forget that guardian beasts can also fight. The Pan-ocean Community team will send their guardian beast to fight us. We can also send our guardian beast to fight, but Undying Fire Phoenix is not here now. According to the rules, as long as we accept the duel, both sides will agree to the bet, and we will immediately fight. It means that we can only fight on our own against the powerful Sturdy Back Ape."

After listening to him, Murong Xue finally understood the situation and He Yang's sinister thoughts.

“This He Yang is really cunning. He actually wants us to fight that Sturdy Back Ape one-on-one. We will not accept this.” Murong Xue angrily said.

Chu Long also nodded slightly, “Sturdy Back Ape is indeed powerful. We have no chance of fighting it one-on-one. It is better not to accept it.”

However, Xu Han frowned and looked at Liu Yan.

Murong Xue and Alan Smith were defeated by Sturdy Back Ape.

Xu Han also knew that with his own strength, he could not defeat Sturdy Back Ape one-on-one.

However, there was still one person who had a chance, and that person was Liu Yan.

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Xu Han had not witnessed Liu Yan’s combat strength with his own eyes. But from Liu Yan’s astonishing performance on the fourth level of the Tower, Xu Han guessed that Liu Yan’s strength was formidable. Liu Yan might have a chance to defeat that powerful Sturdy Back Ape one-on-one.

“Captain Liu Yan, what do you think? Are you confident in dealing with Sturdy Back Ape?” Xu Han asked curiously.

Murong Xue and Chu Long immediately looked at Liu Yan when they heard this.

Liu Yan had indeed never made a move before. Perhaps he really did have a chance.

Allen Smith also stared at Liu Yan.

Allen Smith was proud and arrogant. After the fight with Sturdy Back Ape, Allen Smith knew he could not defeat it himself. He did not know if Liu Yan could do it.

Facing their gazes, Liu Yan thought for a while and felt he still had a great chance.

Sturdy Back Ape was a level 60 fierce beast with an SS-grade talent.

Previously, in the top hunting ground of the Lighthouse Academy on the third level of the Tower, Liu Yan had defeated a level 40 Earth Dragon with a talent level of SS-grade.

With the same talent, they were SS-grade. There was a difference of 20 levels, even though there would be an earth-shaking change in strength.

However, Liu Yan did not use his full strength at that time. Moreover, during this period of time, Liu Yan’s strength had also increased significantly. Hence, he was confident.

If Liu Yan used all his trump cards, he believed he still had a chance to defeat Sturdy Back Ape.

Moreover, this was also the only choice at the moment.

If Liu Yan refused the gambling duel, he could only continue to engage in free combat. Then, it would be disadvantageous to him and the others.

Now that the members of the Pan-ocean Community were moving together, Liu Yan’s team would have a hard time defeating them.

If they acted rashly according to the previous method, they would also be taking a huge risk.

And if they waited until dawn, they would be doomed.

After thinking about it, it seemed that the only choice was to accept the gambling duel.

Liu Yan looked at his members and nodded slightly. "I am certain that I can give it a try. We accept the duel. I will go up and give it a try."

Chapter 325: Shocking News

Wood attribute territory.

In the dense forest.

After He Yang and the others chose to initiate a gambling duel, they waited for Liu Yan's side to accept or reject it.

After waiting for a while, there was still no response.

The members of the Pan-ocean Community team were all puzzled. They started to discuss.

"Why aren't they agreeing? Are they cowards?"

"They were so fierce just now. Are they scared of us?"

"Did they sense our intentions and did not fall for it?"

"If they don't agree, we won't have the chance to take the loots all for ourselves. We can only wait for reinforcements."

"Sigh, what a pity."

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He Yang frowned slightly and said, "Let's wait a little longer. If they refuse, we should have gotten the announcement. There is no announcement yet. It means that they are still considering it. We still have a chance."

Then, the Will of Tower's voice suddenly sounded once again.

"The Land of Origin team has accepted the duel."

"The duel has begun."

"Both teams can head to the location of the duel and agree on the bet of the duel."

"Other than the challengers, no one else could initiate a fight until the end of the duel. Those who disobey will be eliminated!"

As the voice of the Will of Tower sounded out, He Yang and the rest saw a light pillar appear from the sky not far away.

An area was lit up by the light pillar. This area was also the temporary gambling duel arena.

When the Pan-ocean Community team heard this, they were overjoyed.

The gambling duel arena was built nearby, which confirmed their thoughts.

With that, they could send the guardian beast of the wood attribute territory, Sturdy Back Ape, to fight.

The Land of Origin team did not bring their guardian beast with them this time. So, they could only fight the mighty Sturdy Back Ape themselves.

In the eyes of the Pan-ocean Community team members, although the Land of Origin team was extremely powerful, they were not a match for Sturdy Back Ape. They would definitely win.

“That’s great. They have finally accepted the duel.”

“Captain, we must increase our bet.”

“If they lose, let’s make them our prisoners of war. Having such strong members become our prisoners of war is a great boost to our strength!”

“Yeah, these five people are too strong. I’ve never seen such a strong one among the students of the same year.”

“As long as we win this gambling duel, our previous losses won’t matter. On the contrary, our strength will increase.”

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The team members were in high spirits as they headed toward the gambling duel arena.

He Yang frowned slightly.

The members of the Land of Origin team were not stupid. They had also thought about it for a long time, but in the end, they still agreed.

There was no other way. They had no other choice.

Or did they have another way?

He Yang had an inexplicable bad feeling.

But when he turned his head and thought about it, Sturdy Back Ape would not lose to these human awakened ones in a one-on-one fight. The result of this gambling duel was set in stone, so He Yang did not worry too much.

On the other side, Liu Yan and the others had just accepted the duel. At the same time, they heard the announcement of the Will of Tower.

Looking at the light pillar that lit up in the darkness in the distance, it seemed to be a temporary gambling duel arena.

“This gambling duel arena looks quite grand. Hahaha!” Xu Han said with extreme optimism.

Chu Long still looked at Liu Yan with some worry.

She knew Liu Yan well, and his strength was off the chart.

However, his opponent was the guardian beast of the wood attribute territory, Sturdy Back Ape. It was terrifying.

Even Alan Smith was instantly crushed by Sturdy Back Ape.

Sturdy Back Ape was ridiculously strong. Chu Long could not help but feel a little worried.

Meanwhile, Murong Xue did not care much about it. Her face was filled with anticipation, and she did not seem worried about Liu Yan.

Looking at her excited appearance, it seemed as if she wished she could enter the battle too.

Alan Smith did not say anything, but there was some anticipation in the depths of his eyes. He was looking forward to the battle between Liu Yan and Sturdy Back Ape.

At the same time, the three teams from the other territories also heard the announcement from the Will of Tower. They learned that the Land of Origin team was about to have a gambling duel with the Pan-ocean Community team.

The members of the European Federation team and the New World team were a little surprised. They did not expect the Land of Origin team would go all out and agree on a gambling duel. However, this was also good news for them. In any case, no matter which side won, they would not suffer any losses. It was beneficial to them.

The two teams better fought to the death. This way, Alliance Number One could reap the harvest in the end.

After the Red Star Empire team learned of this, they were also surprised. They were a little puzzled as to why the people of the Pan-ocean Community team did not wait for their reinforcement. Instead, they were taking the risk of initiating a gambling duel.

The Land of Origin team also learned of this news and could not help but feel a little worried.

“Why would Captain Liu agree on it? They did not even bring our guardian beast over. The other party has a guardian beast of the wood attribute territory.”

“That’s right. This guardian beast is so powerful. It would be too disadvantageous to engage in a gambling duel over there.”

“Although Captain Liu Yan, Alan Smith, and Xu Han are all geniuses amongst geniuses and possess great combat strength, they are still a little lacking when facing a guardian beast.”

“If the three of them fight together, they might be able to win against the guardian beast. However, the duel is a one-on-one battle. They have a chance at all.”

“I don’t understand why Captain Liu would accept the bet. It is too risky.”

“Sigh, we can only wait for the result. There is nothing we can do to help.”

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The members of the Land of Origin team were discussing among themselves.

Luo Qingcheng did not say anything. At this moment, she was also thinking about why Liu Yan made the choice.

It was indeed a bit risky. However, Luo Qingcheng also understood that Liu Yan was not the type of person who would decide without confidence. Since he dared to accept the duel, he must have some confidence.

Luo Qingcheng was suddenly looking forward to this point.

Their previous plan was only to damage the strength of the Pan-ocean Community team so that the balance of power between the two alliances would be destroyed. Then, the Land of Origin team could survive.

But if they were to carry out the duel and win it, not only would they be able to achieve their previous goal, but they could also greatly enhance the strength of their team. It was killing two birds with one stone.

Although the choice of the bet was risky, it also had a very high profit. It was completely worth it.

At the same time, in the public chat interface, many members of different teams were also discussing this matter, and they immediately blew up.

“Is this for real? They started the duel the next day.”

“Interesting, interesting.”

“It’s a pity that we can’t watch the gambling duel. What a pity.”

“The Land of Origin team did not bring their guardian beast. They’re bound to lose the gambling duel.”

“I also feel that they are going to lose. I don’t understand what the captain of the Land of Origin team is thinking.”

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Chapter 326: Bet Everything

Wood attribute territory.

The temporarily gambling duel arena was dazzling under the illumination of the light pillar, and it was eye-catching in the darkness.

The members of the Pan-ocean Community team had arrived under the leadership of their captain, He Yang.

Not long after, Liu Yan’s squad arrived.

When the Pan-ocean Community team saw that the opponent only had five people, their expressions instantly darkened.

When they thought about how they had failed to surround the opponent with so many people just now and had instead lost more than thirty members, they felt ashamed.

A team of nearly a hundred people had suffered such a great loss at the hands of the opposing five-person squad. The Pan-ocean Community team would be ashamed to live if the other teams knew about it.

However, when they thought about the upcoming gambling duel, which they were almost certain to win, they felt much better.

He Yang walked forward and asked directly, "I am the captain of the Pan-ocean Community team. Who is your captain? Let's have a conversation and agree on the bet for the gambling duel."

There were five teams from the five continents, and the four captains knew each other.

The Land of Origin was in a remote location and did not have many interactions with the other four continents. The news was also relatively obscure.

In addition, Liu Yan was a newly grown-up and not a well-known genius, so no one knew him.

When Liu Yan heard this, he walked out and said, "I am the captain of the Land of Origin team, Liu Yan. Captain He, just tell me the bet."

He Yang observed Liu Yan from head to toe. His handsome face and almost perfect body proportions made him look extraordinary.

He Yang frowned slightly. He Yang had heard about Xu Han and Alan Smith before and knew they were extremely powerful geniuses.

Then, Yan suddenly appeared and even beat the two geniuses, Alan Smith and Xu Han, to become the captain of the Land of Origin team.

However, He Yang did not care much. The gambling duel would start soon. It was one-on-one. They had a guardian beast on their side, but the opponent did not. The Land of Origin team could only send one of the members.

He Yang did not believe these geniuses could still win against the powerful guardian beast, Sturdy Back Ape. They were not on the same level at all.

He Yang said, "Alright, then I'll say it directly. Let's have a one-on-one gambling duel. One match to determine the winner and the loser. It saves us trouble. As for the stakes, I want to gamble a bit more. I want to bet all the equipment, fragments, territories, and all team members. Members of the losing team will all become prisoners of war of the winning team. They must listen to orders until the trial on the fifth level of the Tower ends. What do you think?"

The members of the Pan-ocean Community team were all extremely excited when they heard this.

This bet made them extremely satisfied.

If they could win, they would gain a lot.

It was especially true for the prisoners of war. The Pan-ocean Community Team had personally experienced the combat strength of the geniuses from the Land of Origin team.

If the Pan-ocean Community team had such strong prisoners of war, they would have the upper hand in the subsequent matches on the fifth level of the Tower. They might even have a chance to win first place and receive rich rewards.

As for losing? The Pan-ocean Community team had never thought about it at all.

Behind them was the powerful guardian beast of the wood attribute territory, Sturdy Back Ape. No matter how strong the other party was, they could not defeat Sturdy Back Ape one-on-one. They would definitely win.

When Liu Yan's team heard this, they were a little surprised.

It was a high stake. Not only did the Pan-ocean Community team bet all their spoils of war, but they also even bet all of their assets, including themselves.

"Good heavens, isn't this a little ridiculous?" Xu Han laughed.

Hearing this, Chu Long wanted to reject the bet immediately. "No, this is too risky. Brother Liu Yan, we can't agree, right?"

Murong Xue's face was full of excitement. "I think it's quite exciting, very interesting."

They had their own opinions, but they all looked at Liu Yan, waiting for his decision.

After all, Liu Yan was going to fight in the duel, so he knew best how to choose.

In addition, Liu Yan was also the team captain, so the choice was in Liu Yan's hands.

The members of the Pan-ocean Community team saw that Liu Yan was hesitating. So, they were angry and started to ridicule him.

"What? You guys were so mighty during the fight. Why are you hesitating now?"

"Don't tell me you're scared, Hahaha."

"What's there to be afraid of? You're going to be eliminated even if you don't take the bet, why not take the risk?"

"That's right. When our ally, the Red Star Empire's reinforcements arrive, you guys will definitely be eliminated."

"At least you'll be eliminated in an honorable way!"

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Xu Han still looked carefree but was extremely intelligent. He could see the reason behind Liu Yan's hesitation. He pointed out, "You are the captain. We respect your choice. You can choose for yourself. You don't have to worry about us. We believe in you."

“There’s nothing to be afraid of. Hurry up and agree on the bet. Liu Yan, we believe in you.” Murong Xue also followed.

Although Chu Long was worried, she trusted Liu Yan more. Chu Long also followed, “I believe that Sister Luo Qingcheng and the team members also support you. Brother Liu Yan, don’t worry about your choice.”

After listening to his teammates, Liu Yan’s last bit of concern was dispelled.

Liu Yan also thought about it carefully. The stakes were high, but it was a two-way bet. It was also an opportunity for them.

And if they refused, the situation of the Land of Origin team would be grave, and they would be eliminated.

Rather than waiting for their doom, they should fight back and take this last chance!

Thinking of this, Liu Yan looked at He Yang opposite him and agreed, “Alright, we’ll do as you say. We bet all of our assets and ourselves!”

When He Yang and his team members heard this, they were instantly overjoyed.

At the same time, the voice of the Will of the Tower sounded.

“The method of the duel and the stakes have been determined. Once it is determined that there is no room for repentance, the next stage will be a duel. A one-on-one battle without rules will be held until the victor is determined. No one else is allowed to step onto the stage and interfere in any way. Otherwise, severe punishment will be meted out!”

As the voice of the Will of Tower fell, the tall stage in front of them rose.

It was a huge battle stage. Both sides sent out their respective contestants to engage in a duel.

He Yang had a smug look on his face. He looked at the guardian beast of the wood attribute territory behind him, Sturdy Back Ape, and said, “Sturdy Back Ape, I’ll have to trouble you this time. You must win this duel. It’s too crucial for us.”

The team members stepped aside, and Sturdy Back Ape walked out.

It was a high-grade SS-grade fierce beast, and its aura was full of vigor. Sturdy Back Ape had a proud look on its face as it looked at Liu Yan and the others with disdain as if it looked down on them.

After Sturdy Back Ape walked onto the stage, He Yang looked at Liu Yan with some pride and said, “Captain Liu Yan, send out your champion of the duel!”

Chapter 327: The Gambling Duel Began

The members of the Pan-ocean Community team looked at Liu Yan arrogantly.

They were up on stage with the powerful guardian beast of the wood attribute territory, Sturdy Back Ape. There were only five people on Liu Yan’s side, so they only had these few choices.

They knew how strong Liu Yan and the others were, but it was clear that they were not a match for Sturdy Back Ape in a one-on-one fight.

Liu Yan walked forward and said indifferently, "I'll accept the challenge on our side!"

"I did not expect Captain Liu to go on stage. Let's begin," He Yang said with a smile.

The team members were also watching curiously. They wanted to see how strong Liu Yan was and how long he could last.

"How long do you think Liu Yan can last against Sturdy Back Ape?"

"Three minutes, no more."

"I heard that this Liu Yan is quite strong. I'm guessing five minutes, Hahaha."

"I think it's about the same. Five minutes is no more."

"Lasting for five minutes is already strong. If I were to go up against Sturdy Back Ape, I might not be able to last even a minute."

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All the team members agreed that Liu Yan was no match for Sturdy Back Ape. It was just a matter of how long he could last.

Liu Yan climbed onto the platform and faced Sturdy Back Ape head-on, waiting for the duel to start.

Sturdy Back Ape's body was green. It was tall and big too. It was several times the size of Liu Yan.

Liu Yan, who had reconstructed his physical body, was no longer small. He was taller than regular awakened ones.

However, he seemed so small and weak in front of Sturdy Back Ape.

At this moment, Liu Yan was also thinking of a way to fight.

Currently, Liu Yan's strongest attack was the Attribute Fusion which he had yet to try.

Using the Flying Cloud Mystic Bow, an S-grade weapon, he could fuse attributes and burst out with terrifying strength.

However, Liu Yan had yet to test the true power of the Attribute Fusion. There was a certain level of risk in using it.

This duel was of utmost importance. Liu Yan had bet everything he had.

If Liu Yan lost, not only would he be directly eliminated, but he would also not have the chance to ascend to the sixth level of the Tower.

He would also lose everything he had now, including all the equipment he had on him.

Since it was such a crucial matter, Liu Yan naturally did not want to take the risk. He liked to use the most reliable method to win.

Other than using the bow and arrow to attack, Liu Yan still had two other attacking methods.

One was assassin-type attacks.

However, against Sturdy Back Ape, who preferred close combat, Liu Yan was somewhat restrained.

After all, assassins were most afraid of warriors, and the ones who were best at attacking were mages and other fragile jobs.

The last one left was naturally Liu Yan's close combat skills.

After going through the third-and-a-half level of the Tower and rebuilding his physical body, Liu Yan's already high close combat strength had increased quite a bit.

The current Liu Yan's close combat ability was already not weak.

Moreover, Liu Yan also had Absolute Unrivaled, Power of the Earth, and Dragonification, these three powerful close combat S-grade skills.

In addition, he also had the SS-grade weapon, Blue Flame Gloves.

Under the many buffs, Liu Yan's close combat ability was already extremely terrifying.

Blue Flame Gloves were Liu Yan's main combat strength. Other than being his only SS-grade weapon, it was also a fire attribute's close combat weapon.

The fire attribute was a counter to the wood attribute. This way, he would have a greater chance of winning against Sturdy Back Ape.

After thinking through this, Liu Yan's direction became clear.

Liu Yan took out the SS-grade Blue Flame Gloves from his storage ring and wore them.

The moment he took out the Blue Flame Gloves, the surrounding temperature rose a little, and the surroundings were filled with terrifying fire attribute power.

The Blue Flame Gloves' God's Effect was the Blue Flame Strike. Its effect was to store ordinary firepower, condensing it into a blue flame, which would explode out during battle!

Previously, Liu Yan had already charged up his energy many times. He stored fire attribute power into the gloves using his A-grade skill, Flame Control.

This time, he could use it, and at the same time, he could also test the power of Blue Flame Gloves.

However, Liu Yan also understood that Blue Flame Strike could only be used a limited number of times. He had to grasp the opportunity and use it at the critical moment. He could not use it casually.

Seeing the Blue Flame Gloves, the members of the Pan-ocean Community team could tell that it was extraordinary.

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

"I remember Captain He Yang's weapon is an S-grade glove, but it doesn't seem as good as Liu Yan's gloves."

“It does look powerful. Could it be an SS-grade weapon?”

“SS-grade weapon? Are you serious? Our Pan-ocean Community team only has one S-grade weapon, but Liu Yan already has an SS-grade weapon?”

“I heard that SS-grade weapons are extremely powerful.”

“This Liu Yan has quite a background. He can even bring out an SS-grade weapon. Looks like he should be able to last a little longer under Sturdy Back Ape’s attacks.”

“Liu Yan’s SS-grade weapon is useless for him. He might not have the strength to bring out an SS-grade weapon!”

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When the Pan-ocean Community team saw Liu Yan’s Blue Flame Gloves, they were all a little surprised, but they still did not take Liu Yan seriously.

Although SS-grade weapons were powerful, to fully unleash the power of SS-grade weapons, one needed extremely powerful strength.

In addition, Sturdy Back Ape was an SS-grade guardian beast, and its strength was incomparably powerful.

A single SS-grade weapon was not enough to win against Sturdy Back Ape.

At this moment, when the members of Liu Yan’s team saw Liu Yan’s weapon, they were also surprised.

“No wonder he said he didn’t mind when he gave us an S grade weapon the last time. He has an SS-grade weapon. This fellow!” Murong Xue gnashed her teeth as she spoke. She was a little envious of Liu Yan.

Chu Long smiled when she heard this. At the same time, she was also a little happy as she said, “Brother Liu Yan has an SS-grade weapon. This way, his chances of winning might be a little higher. Perhaps Brother Liu Yan really has a chance to defeat Sturdy Back Ape.”

At this moment, Xu Han also recognized that the weapon in Liu Yan’s hand must be an SS-grade weapon. Immediately, he said with some envy, “No way. Where did you get so many S-grade weapons and SS-grade weapons? My family is so rich. After going through so much trouble, I only managed to get an S-grade weapon.”

Murong Xue and Chu Long smiled when they heard Xu Han but did not explain further.

In fact, they did not know where these high-grade weapons came from. They were all given to them by Liu Yan.

Alan Smith, who did not say much, said calmly, “Just one SS-grade weapon is not enough to defeat Sturdy Back Ape. Don’t be happy yet.”

The few people who had just relaxed suddenly became serious again.

How could a single SS-grade weapon defeat the powerful Sturdy Back Ape?

This time, the battle between Liu Yan and Sturdy Back Ape was still extremely dangerous.

Most importantly, there was a gambling duel. Liu Yan had bet everything they had, and it was extremely crucial.

They were worried about Liu Yan on the stage. At the same time, they were also looking forward to the exciting battle that would follow.

At this moment, the voice of the will of the tall Tower sounded.

“Both sides have decided on the bet and the champion. The duel begins!”

Chapter 328: Crushing

As the voice of the Will of Tower fell.

A screen of light immediately descended around the arena.

This screen of light could prevent people from entering the stage. It also prevented all sorts of attacks and support skills from entering the arena, which would interrupt the ongoing battle.

The gambling duel stipulated that it was a one-on-one, and there couldn't be any external influences.

At the same time, the person and guardian beast in the duel couldn't cross the light screen and leave the stage. Once they left, it would mean they had admitted defeat. They would lose this duel immediately.

On the stage.

The duel began, and Liu Yan immediately became serious.

Liu Yan faced the powerful guardian beast of the wood attribute territory, Sturdy Back Ape. He didn't dare to let his guard down. Right from the start, he brought out nearly all of his strength.

Putting on the SS-grade weapon, Blue Flame Gloves, Liu Yan once again activated the A-grade skill, Flame Control.

Fire elements filled the surroundings, containing terrifying fire attribute power.

Blue Flame Gloves could increase fire attribute power. The power of Flame Control was stronger under the enhancement of Blue Flame Goves.

At the same time, the fire attribute power covered the Blue Flame Gloves, and the power of the fire fist gloves also increased further.

The fire attribute energy and the Blue Flame Goves increased each other's strength.

At the same time, Liu Yan also directly activated his S-grade skill, the Power of Earth, and his S-grade skill, Absolute Unrivaled.

Under the Power of Earth, Liu Yan's already exaggerated stamina received a terrifying increase.

Immediately after, Liu Yan used Absolute Unrivaled's amplification to buff Blue Flame Gloves and attack Sturdy Back Ape.

When Sturdy Back Ape saw Liu Yan daring to attack first, a trace of disdain flashed through its eyes.

Sturdy Back Ape, which had always been good at close combat, had rarely seen anyone who dared to fight it in close combat.

It did not retreat but advanced instead. It also took the initiative to attack Liu Yan.

A human and a guardian beast quickly collided.

Under the collision of two powerful strengths, the gambling duel arena trembled slightly. The power was incomparably terrifying.

Absolute Unrivaled was a move that was extremely simple even though it contained many mysteries.

Sturdy Back Ape was the same. Although its attack method also contained many mysteries, its style was straightforward.

The attacks of Liu Yan and Sturdy Back Ape looked extremely simple. The simple part was the collision of strength and power.

Liu Yan and Sturdy Back Ape did not use any other attacking methods. It seemed that they wanted to defeat their opponents in terms of strength.

After a round of battle, Liu Yan gradually fell to a disadvantage.

As the strength of Sturdy Back Ape gradually increased, Liu Yan's disadvantage became more and more obvious.

Liu Yan looked at Sturdy Back Ape in shock. He immediately understood that it did not use its full strength. Instead, it was slowly increasing its strength.

Based on the battle between Sturdy Back Ape and Allen Smith, Sturdy Back Ape could absorb a large amount of wood attribute energy from the surroundings to strengthen itself.

In other words, the current Sturdy Back Ape was not at its full strength yet.

After understanding this point, Liu Yan didn't hold back anymore. He directly used the last close combat skill, the S-grade skill Dragonification.

Following the activation of the S-grade skill, Dragonification, Liu Yan's body became thicker and stronger. The various abilities of his body had also received a significant increase.

Although Dragonification was also an S-grade skill, Liu Yan had previously absorbed the blood essence of a dragon. So, its actual power was even stronger than ordinary S-grade skill.

Liu Yan, who had been at a disadvantage a moment ago, crushed Sturdy Back Ape under the terrifying buff of Dragonification.

Sturdy Back Ape reacted and dodged. With its fast speed, it pulled away from Liu Yan.

Sturdy Back Ape looked at Liu Yan in a human-like manner, as if it was surprising that Liu Yan could have such terrifying strength.

Sturdy Back Ape also understood Liu Yan's strength and did not hold back anymore.

The green light on Sturdy Back Ape's body flashed. It started to absorb the wood attribute energy around it.

A large amount of wood attribute energy flowed into its body.

Its body, which was already huge, grew even bigger.

At the same time, Sturdy Back Ape's stamina also increased.

Murong Xue and the others behind also became nervous when they saw this.

"Sturdy Back Ape should be in its full form now. I wonder how Liu Yan will fare against it." Chu Long said worriedly.

Murong Xue had more confidence in Liu Yan. After all, she had lost to Liu Yan. She had personally experienced Liu Yan's strength and knew that Liu Yan was unfathomable.

"It shouldn't be a problem. Liu Yan had almost completely crushed the Sturdy Back Ape just now. Now that he's facing a full-strength Sturdy Back Ape, at least he won't be at a disadvantage." Murong Xue said with a relaxed expression.

At this moment, Xu Han glanced at Allen Smith and teased, "Allen, you've also fought with the full-strength Sturdy Back Ape before. Do you think that in terms of stamina, you or Liu Yan are stronger?"

When Murong Xue and Chu Long heard this, they could not help but look over curiously.

Allen Smith's expression was slightly stiff, but he still admitted, "Liu Yan is indeed stronger."

When Xu Han heard that, she immediately laughed and said, "I didn't expect that you would admit that others are better than you one day. Didn't you always think you were the best in the world and were very arrogant? Hahahaha!"

Allen Smith ignored Xu Han and seriously looked at the battle on the stage.

Allen Smith saw the process of the fight just now.

Sturdy Back Ape had not entered its full form, yet Liu Yan could suppress it. It really surprised him.

When Allen Smith had fought with Sturdy Back Ape, even if he had used his full strength, he could only barely suppress Sturdy Back Ape in its full form.

Only now did Allen Smith admit that Liu Yan was stronger than him in close combat.

At this moment, Allen Smith could not help but be curious. Could Liu Yan defeat the fully formed Sturdy Back Ape?

On the other side, He Yang and his team members were also surprised when they saw the battle between Liu Yan and Sturdy Back Ape on the stage.

In their opinion, although Liu Yan was strong, he should not be a match for Sturdy Back Ape at all.

However, they did not expect that Liu Yan would only be at a slight disadvantage in the first exchange.

Along with the powerful skill that Liu Yan used, he actually turned the situation around instantly. He almost crushed Sturdy Back Ape.

Such a result really surprised them.

“What kind of situation is Liu Yan in? He can actually suppress Sturdy Back Ape?”

“Sturdy Back Ape is an SS-grade fierce beast, and its level is as high as level 60. They are not on the same level at all.”

“This Liu Yan’s strength is terrifying.”

“This Liu Yan is indeed a little too strong!”

“It’s fine. Just now, Sturdy Back Ape hasn’t entered its full form. Now that it has entered its full form, it’s different.”

“That’s right. Now that it has entered its full form, isn’t it still able to easily defeat Liu Yan?”

“Although Liu Yan lost this time, being able to fight back and forth with Sturdy Back Ape is already very impressive.”

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The group of team members discussed animatedly. Although they were surprised by Liu Yan’s performance, they weren’t too worried.

After all, the real battle had only just begun.

Chapter 329: The Only Path

On the stage.

The fully formed Sturdy Back Ape charged toward Liu Yan once again.

Its buff body gave off an oppressive feeling.

However, Liu Yan did not show any fear as he charged forward.

With the buff from three S-grade skills, Power of Earth, Dragonification, and Absolute Unrivaled, Liu Yan’s stamina became incomparably terrifying.

In addition, with the SS-grade weapon, Blue Flame Gloves, and the A-grade skill, Flame Control’s fire attribute power buffs, Liu Yan’s close combat ability had already reached its peak.

After another collision, Sturdy Back Ape, which had just been crushed by Liu Yan, had now entered its full form. Its strength had suddenly increased significantly, and it was not at a disadvantage against Liu Yan.

Liu Yan and the fully formed Sturdy Back Ape had a head-on clash. The man and the beast were evenly matched. It was a bit of a stalemate, and it was difficult to determine the victor.

When the crowd below the stage saw this, they were all surprised.

“Who would have thought that the fully formed Sturdy Back Ape would not be enough to suppress Liu Yan? They were evenly matched.” Chu Long said with some surprise.

When Xu Han saw this, he said happily, “Looks like we still underestimated Liu Yan’s strength. He’s really too strong.”

Allen Smith was also surprised. He didn’t expect Liu Yan’s strength to be so strong.

Even the fully formed Sturdy Back Ape was still not a match for Liu Yan.

However, Allen Smith also knew how strong Sturdy Back Ape was. He frowned and said worriedly, “Although the Sturdy Back Ape can’t suppress Liu Yan, it’s not at a disadvantage. If this continues, it’ll be disadvantageous to Liu Yan. After all, it’s an SS-grade fierce beast. Its stamina is still extremely exaggerated.”

Hearing this, the few of them could not help but become worried.

Thinking about it carefully, it was indeed so.

Although currently, it seemed that Liu Yan and Sturdy Back Ape were on par.

However, humans still could not compare with fierce beasts in terms of strength.

Especially since this was an SS-grade fierce beast, Sturdy Back Ape. It would definitely be more and more disadvantageous to Liu Yan if the fight dragged out.

At the same time, the members of the Pan-ocean Community team did not see what they had imagined. After Sturdy Back Ape entered its full form, it still could not defeat Liu Yan.

On the contrary, Sturdy Back Ape was still evenly matched with Liu Yan, and it was difficult to determine the winner.

When everyone saw this, they were surprised.

“What’s the situation with Liu Yan? Why is he so strong?”

“Why is the full-form Sturdy Back Ape still not a match for Liu Yan?”

“Crazy, crazy. Sturdy Back Ape won’t lose to Liu Yan, right?”

“If we lose, we’ll be unlucky and be eliminated.”

“Not only will we be eliminated, but we’ll also become prisoners of war of the Land of Origin team. Isn’t this too shameful and sullen?”

“Sturdy Back Ape put in more effort. We mustn’t lose!”

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The members of the Pan-ocean Community team were all panicking when they saw this unexpected scene.

They had never expected Liu Yan would be so strong that Sturdy Back Ape would be unable to defeat Liu Yan.

When He Yang, who was standing at the very front, heard the panicking voices of his team members. His expression darkened. He immediately reprimanded, "What are you all panicking for? What a disgrace! Sturdy Back Ape doesn't have any advantage for the time being. It is in a stalemate with Liu Yan. Why are you all in such a hurry? Sturdy Back Ape is an SS-grade fierce beast. If we continue fighting, Sturdy Back Ape will have the upper hand. Although it's dangerous, Sturdy Back Ape can still win in the end!"

When the team members heard Captain He Yang's reprimand, they were stunned. Only then did they react.

"That's right. Sturdy Back Ape is an SS-grade fierce beast. Its potential is unimaginable. What are we rushing for?"

"Right now, it's only a draw. Liu Yan has done his best. If we could drag out the battle, it will definitely have the upper hand!"

"Hu, you scared me to death. It means that Sturdy Back Ape will still be able to win."

"Although it's dangerous, as long as it can win, it's fine."

"Liu Yan is indeed strong. He can actually fight to a draw with the fully formed Sturdy Back Ape. Even though Liu Yan lost, it's still an honor."

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After the Pan-ocean Community team reacted, they all heaved a sigh of relief and continued to watch.

At this moment, Liu Yan was fiercely clashing with Sturdy Back Ape.

The truth was as He Yang and the others had expected. Liu Yan could tie with Sturdy Back Ape because he had used many powerful skill buffs.

These few powerful skills had exhausted Liu Yan, so he naturally couldn't keep using them.

Fortunately, after Liu Yan had reconstructed his physical body, his body improved. Therefore, he could hold on for a longer time.

As time continued to pass, Liu Yan gradually felt he could no longer hold on. Although he could still fight to a draw with Sturdy Back Ape, he had gradually lost the momentum.

If this continued, it would definitely be more and more disadvantageous to Liu Yan. In the end, it was very likely that he would lose this bet.

Liu Yan frowned slightly. At this moment, he was also somewhat worried.

If this continued, it was obviously impossible. Liu Yan would definitely lose.

Liu Yan could feel Sturdy Back Ape was indeed powerful. It also absorbed a large amount of wood attribute energy from the surroundings. Hence, it could last for a very long time.

In this way, he had to think of other methods.

Liu Yan still had many other hidden skills and explosive skills. Combined with the Blade of the Night and the Flying Cloud Mystic Bow, these two powerful weapons, Liu Yan used all his trump cards. Liu Yan felt that he could defeat Sturdy Back Ape.

However, there would be a certain level of danger and uncertainty in this process.

After all, up until now, Sturdy Back Ape had not used any other abilities.

A fierce beast with SS-grade potential was strong in close combat and had abilities in other aspects.

In this way, if Liu Yan were to change his moves, there would be a certain level of danger.

Even if Liu Yan were to use all his trump cards in the end, he would still need to spend a lot of time defeating Sturdy Back Ape.

However, the remaining time was not enough. The sky was about to brighten, and it was very likely that the support of the Red Star Empire's representative team would arrive soon.

After the Pan-ocean Community team chose to initiate a gambling duel, they would not be able to engage in a free-for-all fight. Before the end of the duel, they would not be able to make a move against the Land of Origin team.

However, the Red Star Empire's team would not be restricted by this rule.

If they waited for reinforcements to arrive, the situation would be disadvantageous to Liu Yan and the others.

Currently, the only path that Liu Yan had was not only to defeat Sturdy Back Ape but also to defeat it in a short amount of time. He could not delay it for too long.

However, Liu Yan started to struggle to fight Sturdy Back Ape to a standstill. How could he defeat the ape in a short amount of time?

Liu Yan was deep in thought as he looked at Sturdy Back Ape. His eyes immediately lit up as he thought of an idea.

How could he forget about this?

Liu Yan smiled as he became confident.

Chapter 330: Extract Again

In the wood attribute territory.

The Pan-ocean Community team saw Liu Yan lose his strength on the stage and domination. They were instantly elated.

The current advantage of Sturdy Back Ape was still not great. However, if the battle continued, it gained more domination. In the end, it would win this gambling duel.

On the other hand, Liu Yan seemed to have used his full strength and could not change the current situation.

The Pan Ocean Community team was initially worried but finally felt at ease.

“Looks like it’s only a matter of time before Sturdy Back Ape wins this duel.”

“Yes, in the end, Sturdy Back Ape will win.”

“Liu Yan is really strong. We were worried about him just now.”

“Liu Yan’s strength is indeed exaggerated. I feel that if he was a little stronger, he might be able to win against Sturdy Back Ape.”

“Fortunately, this Liu Yan’s strength is still lacking.”

“Members of the Land of Origin team, get ready to become prisoners of war for our Pan-ocean Community team. Hahaha!”

“With the Land of Origin team as prisoners of war, we will instantly be better!”

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When Xu Han and the rest heard the clamor and teasing from the Pan-ocean Community team, they were pissed.

“These people are really too much. Just a moment ago, they were being bullied by us. Now, they are getting complacent.” Murong Xue was a little angry as she said.

“There’s nothing we can do. They have all chosen the alliance, so we can only be on the defensive.” Chu Long sighed and spoke.

At this moment, Xu Han was still relatively optimistic. He had also carefully observed Liu Yan just now. Although Liu Yan was indeed gradually losing, from the looks of Liu Yan’s expression, he did not panic.

Previously, Xu Han had already witnessed Liu Yan’s terrifying performance on the fourth level of the Tower.

A genius among geniuses like Liu Yan must have a trump card.

Since Liu Yan was still so confident, it meant that Liu Yan must have some other way.

Xu Han was confident about this.

“I think that there’s no need to rush. The gambling duel hasn’t ended yet, and the outcome is still unknown.” Xu Han smiled meaningfully.

Murong Xue and Chu Long heard this and looked at Xu Han in surprise. They did not understand why Xu Han was so confident.

Allen Smith did not say anything. He stared at Liu Yan on the stage as if he was curious about what trump card Liu Yan would use.

At this moment, Liu Yan on the stage was indeed confident.

Just now, Liu Yan was preparing to use his Sonic Speed skill to fight to the death.

But at the last moment, he suddenly remembered.

He obtained Sonic Speed from the golden-armored blue ape on the third level of the Tower.

At that time, Liu Yan had helped the golden-armored blue ape to remove the seal, so the golden-armored blue ape owed Liu Yan a favor.

At that time, they had signed a one-time contract, so Liu Yan could summon the golden-armored blue ape to help him fight.

After that, Liu Yan did not encounter any dangerous situations. He gradually forgot about this matter.

At this moment, he suddenly remembered.

Although the golden-armored blue ape had fought to a draw with Liu Yan previously, that was when the golden-armored blue ape's strength was mostly sealed.

After that, Liu Yan only helped the golden-armored blue ape to remove part of the seal. The golden-armored blue ape recovered part of its strength and was extremely powerful.

Liu Yan remembered that the golden-armored blue ape had the potential of being SS-grade at that time. After removing part of the seal, it reached level 60.

In other words, by removing part of the seal, the golden-armored blue ape's strength was already about the same as the one in front of him.

After so much time had passed, the golden-armored blue ape might have already removed more seals, and its strength was even stronger. Liu Yan believed that he could finish off Sturdy Back Ape in a short amount of time.

As for the rules of the gambling duel, it was a one-on-one battle.

However, the summoned fierce beast was also a part of the summoner's combat strength. It was not against the rules.

Before using the contract to summon the golden-armored blue ape, Liu Yan still had one more thing to do. He wanted to use Divine Extraction!

The Sturdy Back Ape and Liu Yan had been fighting for so long, and they had already come into contact for a long time. They had also met the conditions for Divine Extraction.

Liu Yan immediately used Divine Extraction on Sturdy Back Ape.

A white light landed on Sturdy Back Ape in the middle of the battle.

Liu Yan and Sturdy Back Ape were in the middle of an intense battle. No one noticed the white light, not even Sturdy Back Ape.

As the white light landed, a notification appeared in front of Liu Yan.

[Divine Extraction of Sturdy Back Ape (SS-grade level 60) successful. Congratulations: Wood Element Talent (S-grade), strength + 1,200, vitality + 1,100, spirit + 800!]

At the same time, Liu Yan suddenly felt that his body's strength had been greatly strengthened.

Seeing the notification in front of him, Liu Yan was surprised.

He did not expect to get attribute points by extracting like this.

From his previous experience, he could only extract skill, talent, and so on. He never extracted attribute points from a living fierce beast.

Only by extracting corpses could one obtain attribute points.

However, he directly obtained attribute points this time. Liu Yan guessed that it must be because of the advancement of Divine Extraction to tier 3.

From the number of attribute points extracted, although there were quite a few, it was still far from matching Sturdy Back Ape.

It seemed that after the advancement of Divine Extraction, even contact extraction could obtain attribute points. However, the number of attribute points extracted could not be compared to extracting a corpse.

Even so, Liu Yan was already satisfied.

Over a thousand attribute points could be obtained with just a simple Divine Extraction. Moreover, it was done in a matter of minutes.

If it was anyone else, who knew how long it would take them to obtain such a huge increase in strength?

Even if a genius amongst geniuses cultivated on their own, they would not be able to achieve such a significant increase in strength within a few months.

Liu Yan also noticed that in addition to the attribute points obtained from the Divine Extraction, he also got a wood attribute talent. Its grade was not low either, at S-grade.

However, the battle was intense, so Liu Yan did not have the time to look at it in detail.

Since he had already completed the Divine Extraction on Sturdy Back Ape, he could now summon the golden-armored blue ape.

Liu Yan executed true unparalleled and punched out with all his strength.

Liu Yan's close-combat strength had increased quite a bit by getting many attribute points.

Liu Yan, who was gradually at a disadvantage, gained a boost after his strength increased.

Sturdy Back Ape was forced back a few meters by Liu Yan's full-strength punch.

Sturdy Back Ape looked at Liu Yan in surprise. It was surprised that such a small human could have such terrifying close-combat strength.

Just now, it had the upper hand, but why did Liu Yan's strength suddenly increase by a lot?

Sturdy Back Ape could never have imagined that Liu Yan's sudden increase in strength was precisely from the Divine Extraction on its body.

At this moment, Liu Yan also took this opportunity to pull away, quickly activating the contract and summoning.