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Chapter 81: The Silverback Blue Apes

Liu Yan and the other two currently had sufficient Yin cards. The three of them had a total of 72 Yin cards.

As for the Yang cards, they didn't have any.

They could actually wait for the people from the Yang region to arrive at the Yin region and exchange their Yin cards with the people from the Yang region, or they could directly rob the people from the Yang region.

But so far, they had not seen a single person from the Yang region arrive. Liu Yan and the other two were obviously not those who would await one's doom.

Rather than waiting, which depended on luck, they might as well take the initiative to solve the problem.

After the three of them finished their discussion, they took a quick bite, rested for a while, and quickly set off while it was dusk.

If they were any later, large numbers of fierce beasts would appear when the sky turned completely dark, undoubtedly placing them in great trouble.

The three of them rushed all the way. When the sky was about to turn dark, they finally arrived at the foot of the mountain between the middle Yang region and the Yin region.

However, Liu Yan and the other two were stunned when they saw the scene in front of them.

In front of Liu Yan and the other two were the Taiji foothills that towered into the clouds. The mountain peak was extremely high. At a glance, it was already ten thousand meters high, which was even higher than the highest peak in the world outside the Tower.

The mountains were linked together, and there was almost no low point between them.

It was impossible for Liu Yan and the other two to climb such a high mountain.

At that time, the sky was gradually turning dark. Liu Yan and the other two could only rest at the foot of the mountain for the time being and think about countermeasures.

Murong Xue thought for a while but said, "I remember that my family members mentioned that there are only two ways to cross the barrier in the middle of the Yin-Yang region on Level Three of the Tower. One is to go around the side. It will take a lot of time, but it will also be extremely safe. The other way is right here in the middle. There seems to be a tunnel, but one needs to be extremely powerful to pass through it. It is said that a peerless fierce beast is guarding this place."

Liu Yan was a little surprised when he heard that. There was actually such a thing.

In that case, the Taiji foothills were also a test for cultivators.

Liu Yan and Shadow Wolf had investigated the size of the Yin region clearly before. The entire Yin region was vast.

In addition, there would sometimes be large numbers of fierce beasts roaming in the Yin region at night. Even the awakened would find it difficult to protect themselves, let alone act at night.

Liu Yan estimated that it would take at least two days to reach the edge of the Yin region if they were to only travel during the day.

And during those two days, Liu Yan and the other two had to maintain traveling at high speed. They basically couldn't rest.

Presently, there were only three days left. Liu Yan was naturally unwilling to spend two days on the road.

If that were the case, even if they could obtain a Yang card to clear the stage after they reached the Yang region, they would not have enough time to obtain a large number of Yang cards to complete their class transition to a powerful class.

Besides that, Liu Yan also wished to encounter that peerless fierce beast in the tunnel of the Taiji foothills.

One had to know that with Liu Yan's current Divine Extraction, he would be able to carry out Divine Extraction as long as he could obtain the hair of a fierce beast with a gene fragment.

A peerless fierce beast would definitely be mighty. The skill that the extraction could bring to Liu Yan would also be powerful, which could significantly increase Liu Yan's strength.

"It is nighttime right now, so we won't be able to figure out the situation at the Taiji foothills either. Let's try to venture into the tunnel tomorrow. If it doesn't work, we can retreat and take a detour, and we'll still have time to rush to the Yang region. However, in that case, we'll basically only be able to pass the trial on Level Three of the Tower." Liu Yan said.

The two women thought for a moment and nodded slightly. They could only do that then.

The three of them were about to rest after eating when they discovered a silvery-white light flowing in the pitch-black night.

"What a beautiful moonlight." Chu Long could not help but exclaim.

However, Liu Yan frowned slightly and said, "According to the astronomy on Level Three of the Tower, it is the new moon today. It should be the darkest night. How can there be such a bright light?"

Murong Xue also said, "This silvery-white light seems to be coming from the Taiji foothills. Should we go over and take a look?"

Liu Yan observed their surroundings, nodded, and prepared to head to the Taiji foothills to check out the situation.

Perhaps because this place was beside the Taiji foothills and no longer belonged to the Yin region, Liu Yan did not find a large number of fierce beasts roaming around when it was nighttime. It was relatively quiet and not that dangerous. Thus, the three of them could naturally head over to investigate.

Liu Yan and the other two carefully moved forward. After entering the Taiji foothills, they turned at a corner and saw a bright light in front of them. Their faces shone with silver-white light.

In the distance, many figures were jumping. It was a large number of fierce beasts with the appearance of apes.

Their appearance was similar to apes but relatively larger than ordinary apes. Each of these fierce beast's body size was at least that of two people.

Most of these ape-like fierce beasts' fur was brown-gray like rocks, but there was a patch of silver on their backs, like moonlight.

At that time, these ape-like fierce beasts moved quickly, with swift movement speed and the silver feathers on their backs were like the glistening moonlight, emitting a dazzling light.

Liu Yan quickly opened his smart wristband to check the information about the fierce beast before him.

[Silverback Blue Ape]

Potential: A

Level: 18

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Description: Silverback Blue Ape is used to moving in groups. It also moves extremely fast and is unpredictable.

After reading the information, Liu Yan and the two girls looked at each other, their eyes filled with surprise.

Having reached A-grade, the Silverback Blue Ape's potential wasn't low. Although it was still one grade lower than the S-grade potential of the Dark Cloud Leopard and Smoke Cloud Beast that Liu Yan and the others had encountered previously.

However, it wasn't just one or two Silverback Blue Apes before them. They were a bunch of fierce beasts that acted in groups.

It was a terrifying power to have so many Silverback Blue Apes moving and fighting together.

And especially since those Silverback Blue Apes moved at high speed. Even Liu Yan, who had high agility attributes and the skills of Shadow Steps, felt that he might not be any faster than those Silverback Blue Apes even if he were at his maximum speed. That showed just how fast those Silverback Blue Apes were.

With A-grade potential, decent experience levels, a huge amount, and fast speed, each of these characteristics meant that those Silverback Blue Apes were powerful and difficult to deal with.

Just then, those Silverback Blue Apes charged toward Liu Yan and the other two. They even spread out, surrounded the trio, and started attacking them.

When Liu Yan saw this, he did not have time to think too much and quickly prepared to fight.

Murong Xue instantly came to the front and unleashed her full strength as she entered the Level Three of the Tyrant's Body.

Murong Xue did not dare to belittle these Silverback Blue Apes when facing them.

Liu Yan glanced at Chu Long and said in a low voice, "Protect yourself, don't be too far away from us!"

As he said this, Liu Yan also charged forward.

There were too many Silverback Blue Apes, and they were too powerful. This time, Liu Yan naturally would not let Murong Xue be the tank to hold them off.

He immediately activated his A-grade skill, Power of Desolation, and ignited his Qi and blood. Liu Yan's strength increased terrifyingly and his body was filled with vigorous strength, even changing his entire aura.

Chapter 82: D-grade Skill's Wondrous Use

Murong Xue noticed the change in Liu Yan's aura. She could feel the terrifying aura and power coming from Liu Yan's body even when she was just standing beside him.

Murong Xue was secretly shocked. What kind of monster was this guy? How could he be so powerful?

However, at that critical moment, Murong Xue did not have the time to consider those things. She immediately focused all her attention on the incoming Silverback Blue Apes.

Very quickly, the Silverback Blue Apes rushed to the front of Liu Yan and the others, directly charging toward the trio.

Murong Xue stepped forward to engage in battle. At the same time, Liu Yan also raised his soft blade boxing gloves. He activated his A-grade skill, Blazing Tyrant Fist, and stepped forward to engage in battle.

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The moment they exchanged blows, Liu Yan could feel the power of those Silverback Blue Apes.

With Liu Yan's strength, it would be easy for him to deal with one of them. It would not be a problem for him to even deal with three or four of them at the same time. However, even Liu Yan would find it troublesome to deal with any amount more than that.

That was especially so for those Silverback Blue Apes. Their speed was extremely fast, and there were too many of them. After some attacked Liu Yan and Murong Xue, the rest directly charged toward Chu Long.

With the powerful strength of those Silverback Blue Apes, Chu Long would be instantly killed when their attacks landed on her. Liu Yan would not allow those Silverback Blue Apes to get close to Chu Long.

He hurriedly activated his A-grade skill, Shadow Steps. Liu Yan's speed instantly received a terrifying increase, leaving behind an afterimage on the spot. In the blink of an eye, Liu Yan had arrived in front of Chu Long.

Just then, a few Silverback Blue Apes were charging toward Chu Long. Liu Yan instantly used his Blazing Tyrant Fist and drove each one off with a single punch. However, he still wasn't able to kill them instantly.

After protecting Chu Long, Liu Yan could finally catch his breath. As he was dealing with many Silverback Blue Apes, he glanced at Murong Xue, who was on the other side.

Murong Xue was surrounded by the Silverback Blue Apes and had already suffered some injuries.

Even though Chu Long was constantly healing Murong Xue, with her being the only one healing, the speed was still not as fast as the attacks of several Silverback Blue Apes.

With Murong Xue's strength, she could only deal with one Silverback Blue Ape. If there were two or three Silverback Blue Apes, Murong Xue would at most only be able to endure the damage and delay them.

However, facing more Silverback Blue Apes, Murong Xue was powerless to resist.

Liu Yan knew clearly that the present method was not a solution.

Murong Xue and Chu Long were not strong enough to resist.

Liu Yan himself, while having to protect Chu Long at the same time, could only barely resist.

If this dragged on, the situation would become more and more disadvantageous for them.

"Retreat first!" Liu Yan ordered.

Following that, the three of them retreated out of Taiji Mountains as they fought.

Fortunately, Liu Yan's strength was relatively more powerful and thus was able to protect Chu Long.

Even though Murong Xue was not a match for those Silverback Blue Apes, she had a higher level of dexterity. With Chu Long's healing, she could still hold on.

After the three of them retreated out of the Taiji Mountains' vicinity, the group of Silverback Blue Apes that had been attacking Liu Yan and the other two then left in a human-like manner, no longer chasing after them.

Liu Yan looked at the boundary and immediately understood that those Silverback Blue Apes were only responsible for guarding the area. They would attack if someone entered the Taiji Mountain's vicinity.

During the battle just now, Liu Yan also noticed that those Silverback Blue Apes did not have any killing intent.

Many times, not to mention killing Chu Long and Murong Xue, they would at least have a chance to injure the two women seriously. However, those Silverback Blue Apes did not harm the two women but only attacked and chased them away.

"It seems that these Silverback Blue Apes are in charge of guarding the Taiji Mountains. What should we do? These Silverback Blue Apes are so strong, and there are so many of them." Murong Xue panted heavily. Her chest was heaving up and down. It was evident that she was tired.

In this battle, Liu Yan also noticed that with his power and strength, he had no problem dealing with those Silverback Blue Apes.

It was just that the speed of those Silverback Blue Apes was too fast, and Liu Yan had not been able to catch up to them.

He had to increase his speed first, or else he would only be beaten up. He would also not be able to pass this stage, quickly pass through Taiji Mountains and rush to the Yang region.

And the best way for Liu Yan to increase his speed now was, undoubtedly, to make use of the group of Silverback Blue Apes that specialized in speed.

After thinking about it briefly, Liu Yan quickly came up with a plan. He said, "Let's do this later. We'll enter the Taiji Mountains' vicinity, but don't venture too deeply. We just need to lure the Silverback Blue Apes here. When the time comes..."

Liu Yan told the two women his thoughts.

In simple terms, it was to let Murong Xue rely on her high dexterity and strong physique to enter the Taiji Mountains' vicinity to lure the Silverback Blue Apes over.

At the same time, Chu Long would heal from behind to ensure Murong Xue's safety.

Murong Xue was responsible for attracting the Silverback Blue Apes while also taunting them. That would give Liu Yan time to attack.

After hearing Liu Yan's thoughts, Murong Xue frowned slightly and said, "But isn't killing the Silverback Blue Apes one by one too time-consuming? Wouldn't it waste too much time?"

"If it really can't be done, we'll wait until daybreak to rush to the edge of the region and head to the Yang region. Even if we spend more time, we'll still be able to reach the Yang region and get the Yang cards to pass the trial. But if that's the case, I'm afraid we won't have much time to get more Yang cards to pass the class transition to a powerful class." Chu Ling suggested.

Liu Yan shook his head slightly and said with confidence, "It's fine. Let's follow my method first. If it still doesn't work after daybreak, we'll consider other methods."

Liu Yan was so confident because of his confidence in his SSS-grade talent, Divine Extraction.

The main reason for that battle plan was not to deal with the Silverback Blue Apes one by one, but to allow Liu Yan to use those Silverback Blue Apes to increase his speed continuously.

Liu Yan believed that as long as he could increase his speed sufficiently, he could use his mighty strength and all sorts of powerful offensive skills to deal with those Silverback Blue Apes with relative ease.

In the earlier battle with the Silverback Blue Apes, what Liu Yan lacked was not strength and offensive skills but the speed and hit rate.

Liu Yan did not have much time to use his truly powerful offensive skills, and even if he used them, he might not be able to hit them. That was the biggest problem.

After the discussion, the three of them took a short break to catch their breath, and then seized the time to continue their journey, entering the Taiji Mountains.

According to their original plan, Murong Xue would be the one to lure the monsters.

Not long after, Murong Xue ran back, followed by a large group of Silverback Blue Apes.

A few rushed to the front, following closely behind Murong Xue, which, at the same time, separated them from the group of Silverback Blue Apes.

Seeing this, Liu Yan rushed to the front of those Silverback Blue Apes and began to fight them. At the same time, he used his D-grade skill, Emptyhanded.

Liu Yan instantly plucked a lot of fur from the backs of those Silverback Blue Apes.

And Liu Yan did not deal any damage to those Silverback Blue Apes.

Just then, he saw the group of Silverback Blue Apes behind rushing over. Liu Yan immediately retreated from the Taiji Mountains' vicinity since he had already succeeded.

The group of Silverback Blue Apes took a look at Liu Yan and the other two. They did not chase after them and returned the way they came.

Chapter 83: Doubled Sound of Speed

Liu Yan looked at the fur he had plucked from the back of the Silverback Blue Apes, and his face lit up with joy.

The unique feature of those Silverback Blue Apes was the silver fur on their backs. Presumably, they had gene fragments.

Liu Yan quickly used Divine Extraction on the fur that he had plucked from the backs of those Silverback Blue Apes.

A milky white light enveloped Liu Yan, and notifications consecutively appeared in front of him.

[Successful Divine Extraction of the Silverback Blue Ape's back fur (Potential A Level 19).
Congratulations, you've obtained a Sonic Shard +1!]

[Successful Divine Extraction of the Silverback Blue Ape's back fur (Potential A Level 18).
Congratulations, you have obtained a Sonic Shard +1!]

[Successful Divine Extraction of the Silverback Blue Ape's back fur (Potential A Level 17).
Congratulations, you have obtained a Sonic Shard +1!]

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[Successful fusion of Sonic Shard and Shadow Steps (A-grade). Congratulations, you've obtained Doubled Sound of Speed (A+-grade)!]

After seeing the notifications in front of him, Liu Yan's face was instantly filled with joy.

This time, he had taken down five Silverback Blue Apes and obtained a Sonic Shard from each of them. The five Sonic Shards had directly fused to become the skill of Doubled Speed of Sound.

Liu Yan hurriedly checked the effects of the newly acquired skill.

[Doubled Speed of Sound]

Level: A+-grade

Description: After use, the user's speed would receive a terrifying increase, reaching double the speed of sound!

The introduction was simple yet powerful.

Although the previous Shadow Steps was also a speed-type skill and had also reached A-grade, it focused more on agility. In terms of speed, though quite good, it was still lacking when compared to such pure speed skill, Doubled Speed of Sound.

Now that he had the new skill, Doubled Speed of Sound, Liu Yan's speed suddenly increased significantly. He would also be more at ease when dealing with the Silverback Blue Apes.

Just then, Murong Xue and Chu Long walked over with some doubts.

"We can't continue like this. We've only injured a few Silverback Blue Apes in one trip. There's no substantial progress." Chu Long said worriedly.

Murong Xue also nodded slightly and said, "If this goes on, it will take us even longer to pass through Taiji Mountains through this method."

Liu Yan smiled when he heard that. In their eyes, they had only injured a few Silverback Blue Apes in the previous trip, but in reality, Liu Yan had reaped a huge harvest. With this Doubled Speed of Sound, Liu Yan's speed increased greatly. It would be much easier to deal with the Silverback Blue Apes later.

"You guys just rest here and wait for me. I'll continue moving. My speed seems to have improved after fighting those Silverback Blue Apes. Let me train properly." Liu Yan said calmly.

Murong Xue and Chu Long were a little surprised when they heard that. Liu Yan was able to train his speed after fighting with the Silverback Blue Apes for such a short time?

Although they were slightly disagreeable, seeing that Liu Yan was insistent, Murong Xue was willing to help. She said instantly, "Then I'll continue to help you lure the monsters."

"No need." Liu Yan waved his hand and said, "You just rest and guard here. Pay attention to protecting Chu Long. It's more convenient for me to do it alone."

Murong Xue was asked to lure the monsters just now because, firstly, her constitution was good and her tanking was high. With Chu Long's healing, she would not be in too much danger.

Secondly, it was because Liu Yan wanted to protect Chu Long if they encountered any other fierce beast.

But now, Liu Yan had Doubled Speed of Sound, and his speed had suddenly received a terrifying increase. Naturally, it would be safer and more efficient for Liu Yan to lure the monsters.

Liu Yan directly activated Doubled Speed of Sound, and his speed received a terrifying increase. He charged toward the Taiji Mountains.

Murong Xue and Chu Long, who were behind him, saw Liu Yan's terrifying speed and were dumbstruck.

They had not taken Liu Yan's words seriously just now and felt that it was impossible for him to increase his strength in such a short time. Even if he had increased his speed, it would only be a small portion. It was impossible for him to increase his speed by too much.

However, they did not expect that Liu Yan's speed had already increased to such a terrifying speed.

"This speed is probably not weaker than the Silverback Blue Apes, right?" Chu Long said with some surprise.

"This fellow is really a monster." Murong Xue shook her head, looking helpless.

She could feel the gap between Liu Yan and her getting bigger and bigger.

When she fought with Liu Yan for the first time, she still felt that she was about the same as Liu Yan, only slightly losing to Liu Yan.

However, as they gradually came into contact, Murong Xue realized she was utterly wrong.

Liu Yan did not use his full strength in their first fight. The speed at which Liu Yan increased his strength after that also made her doubt life.

Liu Yan was like a huge mountain, blocking her, making it impossible for her to get to the other side. It was extremely difficult to even be on par with him, let alone surpassing him. It was an intense feeling of powerlessness.

On the other side, after Liu Yan gained Doubled Speed of Sound, everything became much more convenient.

After luring the Silverback Blue Apes, Liu Yan continued to use his D-grade skill, Emptyhanded and plucked the silver fur on their backs. After plucking from a few Silverback Blue Apes, a large number of Silverback Blue Apes also arrived at the same time. Liu Yan did not want to continue fighting and immediately left, retreating from the Taiji Mountains' vicinity.

Seeing that Liu Yan had already left the vicinity, the Silverback Blue Apes, once again, did not continue to chase after him.

At that time, Liu Yan also discovered something. Not only did those Silverback Blue Apes not have much malice towards humans, but they also would not take the initiative to attack as long as one did not enter the Taiji Mountains' vicinity.

In addition, those Silverback Blue Apes also seemed unable to leave the Taiji Mountains. Liu Yan clearly saw that those Silverback Blue Apes, which had their silver fur plucked by him, were already extremely angry, but they still did not chase after him. Something was restricting them.

However, Liu Yan did not think too much about that at the moment. He hurriedly used Divine Extraction on the Silverback Blue Apes' fur pile in his hands.

[Successful Divine Extraction of the Silverback Blue Ape's back fur (Potential A Level 19).
Congratulations, you've obtained a Sonic Shard +1!]

[Successful Divine Extraction of the Silverback Blue Ape's back fur (Potential A Level 18).
Congratulations, you've obtained a Sonic Shard +1!]

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He obtained another few Sonic Shards, but they did not continue to fuse this time. It was probably because there were not enough of them.

Murong Xue and Chu Long had just come over to ask about Liu Yan's situation, but Liu Yan had once again activated Doubled Speed of Sound and charged into the Taiji Mountains.

Liu Yan's constitution was too strong, and he did not feel that this amount of exercise was tiring at all, so he did not need to rest.

Later that night, Liu Yan did the same thing. He continued to pluck the silver fur on the back of the Silverback Blue Apes and then used Divine Extraction to obtain the Sonic Shards.

Those Silverback Blue Apes had been annoyed by Liu Yan for a long time. Many times, when Liu Yan entered the Taiji Mountains' vicinity, they would charge at Liu Yan together before he could even lure any monsters. It was clear that they resented Liu Yan very much.

Fortunately, Liu Yan had Doubled Speed of Sound. And with his powerful strength and physique, he could easily deal with them after plucking their fur before leaving the Taiji Mountains' vicinity.

It was not until midnight that Liu Yan completed the Divine Extraction of the new batch of silver fur from the back of the Silverback Blue Apes and obtained a few Sonic Shards again. After gathering 32 Sonic Shards, a notification for skill fusion finally appeared in front of Liu Yan.

Chapter 84: Guardian of the Taiji Mountains, Golden-armored Blue Ape!

[Successful fusion of Sonic Shards. Congratulations, Quadruple Speed of Sound obtained (A+-grade)!]

Liu Yan saw the notification and heaved a sigh of relief. The fusion was finally successful again.

Previously, he had already obtained many Sonic Shards, but there had been no notification. Liu Yan was still a little worried that he could not continue the fusion. Fortunately, his worries were unnecessary.

Liu Yan hurriedly checked the effects.

[Quadruple Speed of Sound]

Level: A+-grade

Effects: After use, one's speed will receive a terrifying increase, reaching Quadruple Speed of Sound!

The skill level did not increase, but the skill's strength had grown a lot.

The difference between Quadruple Speed of Sound and Doubled Speed of Sound was not just simply two times. After reaching a certain level of speed, it would be much more difficult to increase it. After all, the speed was already breakneck.

Like that Doubled Speed of Sound, it only took five Sonic Shards to fuse successfully.

But Quadruple Speed of Sound took 32 Sonic Shards on top of what was needed for Doubled Speed of Sound to fuse successfully. That was how powerful that Quadruple Speed of Sound was.

At that moment, Murong Xue and Chu Long were already used to Liu Yan's actions. Many times when Liu Yan returned, they had wanted to talk to Liu Yan and ask him about the situation. However, to seize the time, Liu Yan completely ignored them.

Now that Liu Yan had returned, they looked at Liu Yan but were too lazy to come over. This was because they knew that before they could reach Liu Yan, Liu Yan would have already used his terrifying speed to leave. They could not even say a word to him.

Liu Yan glanced at the two women, then continued to activate his Quadruple Speed of Sound to enter the Taiji Mountains.

After his speed was increased by several times, Liu Yan's speed made things more convenient.

With Quadruple Speed of Sound, Liu Yan could already catch up to the Silverback Blue Apes and was even much faster than them.

And with such speed, Liu Yan did not need to make multiple trips.

After using the D-grade skill, Emptyhanded, on a few Silverback Blue Apes to pluck the silver fur from their backs, Liu Yan led the Silverback Blue Apes to circle the Taiji Mountains when they chased after him.

Then, he came to the side of a few Silverback Blue Apes that were isolated and continued to use his D-grade skill, Emptyhanded, to pluck the silver fur on their backs.

Even though the speed of those Silverback Blue Apes was breakneck, Liu Yan, who had Quadruple Speed of Sound, was even faster than them. He just walked them around the Taiji Mountains.

With that, Liu Yan did not need to return constantly. His efficiency had also increased by a lot.

When dawn broke, Liu Yan once again obtained a few Sonic Shards through the Divine Extraction. A notification appeared before his eyes once again.

[Successful fusion of Sonic Shards. Congratulations, Octuple Speed of Sound obtained (A+-grade)!]

[Octuple Speed of Sound]

Level: A+-grade

Effect: After use, one's speed will increase by a terrifying amount, reaching Octuple Speed of Sound!

For that, Liu Yan had used over a hundred Sonic Shards, and Liu Yan had basically plucked from all of the Silverback Blue Apes in that group.

Seeing the effect of the new skill, Liu Yan was overjoyed. His speed doubled again, obtaining a terrifying increase!

At the same time, Liu Yan was also somewhat puzzled. It had already reached Octuple Speed of Sound, yet it was still an A+-grade skill level, not an S-grade.

It seemed that it was indeed extremely difficult to reach the S-grade skill level.

Liu Yan plucked a few more silver fur from the backs of some of the Silverback Blue Apes, but there was no reaction after extracting them.

It seemed that Liu Yan's Octuple Speed of Sound was already the upper limit. He would later obtain Sonic Shards from those Silverback Blue Apes again during lunch to further increase his speed.

Seeing this, Liu Yan did not feel bad. In any case, the Octuple Speed of Sound was already very fast. Liu Yan was already satisfied, having obtained so much.

That night, Liu Yan's speed had received a terrifying increase, and his overall combat strength had also increased tremendously.

He immediately activated Octuple Speed of Sound, and the group of Silverback Blue Apes, which was extremely angry at Liu Yan, was instantly left far behind by Liu Yan when they came at him.

Last night, Liu Yan's speed was still about the same as those Silverback Blue Apes, and even not as fast as theirs.

But after a night, through those Silverback Blue Apes, Liu Yan had increased his speed by a lot, and now he was able to leave them far behind.

One night's huge improvement was unimaginable. This was the strength of the Divine Extraction skill.

Liu Yan, who was satisfied, returned to the boundary of the Taiji Mountains. At the foot of the mountain, he found Chu Long and Murong Xue.

Right then, Murong Xue was resting and Chu Long was on guard.

Seeing that Liu Yan had finally returned, Chu Long sighed relief and said, "Seeing that you haven't returned for so long, I thought something had happened to you. It's good that you've returned."

Liu Yan smiled and said, "Wake her up. My speed has increased by a lot. It's enough to deal with that group of Silverback Blue Apes. Prepare to enter the Taiji Mountains and head to the Yang region."

Presently, Liu Yan had Octuple Speed of Sound. He was completely able to catch up with that group of Silverback Blue Apes. Plus Liu Yan's terrifying combat strength, dealing with that group of Silverback Blue Apes was no longer a problem.

Very soon, Murong Xue was woken up. The three of them had a simple meal and entered the Taiji Mountains.

Murong Xue walked up to Liu Yan with a curious look on her face and asked, "Hey, can you tell me how you increased your speed? Why are you so powerful?"

"I can't tell you for nothing, right? You have to give something in return." Liu Yan said with a faint smile.

Murong Xue recalled what happened the other night and thought that was what Liu Yan meant. She rolled her eyes at Liu Yan and ignored him.

Liu Yan did not know that he had been misunderstood. Regarding the speed increase, Liu Yan really had no way to help Murong Xue.

After all, Liu Yan had used his SSS-grade Divine Extraction to increase his speed. No one else could do it.

Even an S-grade talent was an absolute genius level, let alone having SSS-grade talent. Those who had S-grade talent rarely existed.

The sun had just risen when the three of them arrived at the Taiji Mountains.

With the sun rising, a golden light flashed not far in front of the three of them.

The blinding light made it difficult for Liu Yan and the other two to open their eyes.

Through his A-grade perception skill, Omniscient Insight, Liu Yan could sense that not far ahead, there was a mighty aura among the group of Silverback Blue Apes.

Judging from its aura, its strength was unfathomable. It surpassed any of the powerful fierce beasts that Liu Yan had encountered. In fact, it was on a completely different level.

Liu Yan was secretly surprised. Just how powerful was it to have such a mighty aura?

At that moment, Liu Yan and the other two had finally gotten used to the dazzling light and could clearly see the situation ahead.

They saw a huge ape-like fierce beast standing quietly in front of them. Its entire body was covered in golden armor and it looked extremely heroic.

Liu Yan and the other two checked their smart wristbands, but it only showed that it was a Golden-armored Blue Ape, the guardian of the Taiji Mountains. They could not see any other information. The Golden-armored Blue Ape in front of them was unfathomable.

Liu Yan and the other two's expressions changed. They did not expect Taiji mountain to have such a powerful guardian apart from the Silverback Blue Apes.

Chapter 85: Terrifying Speed

A group of Silverback Blue Apes was delivering some fruit-type food and drinking water to the Golden-armored Blue Ape.

Seeing this, Liu Yan finally understood why those Silverback Blue Apes were also active at night.

Apart from guarding the Taiji Mountains against outsiders' entry, it was also to collect food and drinking water for the Golden-armored Blue Ape.

The Golden-armored Blue Ape ate its food while looking at Liu Yan and the others indifferently.

Liu Yan and the other two felt a wave of invisible pressure.

Liu Yan knew that Chu Long and Murong Xue couldn't even deal with the Silverback Blue Apes, let alone the leader of those Silverback Blue Apes, the Golden-armored Blue Ape.

When he thought of that, Liu Yan instantly said to Murong Xue and Chu Long, "Both of you should leave quickly. Leave the Taiji Mountains first. I'll meet the Golden-armored Blue Ape."

Murong Xue immediately said unwillingly when she heard that, "Why don't I stay and help you? I'm not afraid."

"I want to help Brother Liu Yan too!" Chu Long followed.

Liu Yan said unhappily, "I know that you are doing this for my own good, but both of you aren't strong enough. I still need to protect you here, which adds trouble for me. Leave quickly. I'll try to exchange blows. If it doesn't work, I'll leave. I reckon this Golden-armored Blue Ape is the same as the Silverback Blue Apes. As long as I leave the Taiji Mountains, it won't attack me. As long as I pay attention, there won't be much danger."

When Murong Xue and Chu Long heard that, their expressions immediately became awkward. However, they had no choice but to face reality. The difference in strength between them and Liu Yan was already quite big. Not only would they not be able to help Liu Yan much if they stayed, but Liu Yan even had to protect them instead. They would drag Liu Yan down.

"Then be careful. You must not fight head-on. If you are not a match for it, then quickly retreat." Murong Xue reminded.

"There's still time. When worst comes to worst, we can just go around. Don't take any risks." Chu Long said with concern.

Liu Yan nodded slightly and agreed. Then, the two women left the Taiji Mountains. Only Liu Yan was left on the spot.

Just then, the Golden-armored Blue Ape had already finished eating. It looked at Liu Yan with contempt, as if it didn't care about Liu Yan at all.

Seeing this, Liu Yan was a little surprised. He did not know what level that Golden-armored Blue Ape was. He could not see the slightest bit of information. He could not even see its experience and potential levels.

That was the first time Liu Yan had encountered such a situation.

However, Liu Yan was also quite confident in his strength. He was not afraid.

Liu Yan, who had the SSS-grade Divine Extraction, currently had many powerful skills through the Divine Extraction.

After previous extractions, Liu Yan had already reached level 10. Moreover, his attributes were ridiculously high. He was no lower than an average level 20 Awakened.

With the addition of all sorts of skills, Liu Yan's overall combat strength was extremely terrifying. Even Liu Yan did not know how strong his combat strength would be if he went all out.

The Golden-armored Blue Ape waved its hand, and the group of Silverback Blue Apes retreated to the side to watch, not participating in the battle.

Clearly, the arrogant Golden-armored Blue Ape did not want to gang up on Liu Yan.

From the Golden-armored Blue Ape's gaze, Liu Yan could even feel a sense of disdain. It was as if asking it to take the initiative to deal with Liu Yan was an insult.

Liu Yan was momentarily speechless. Being looked down upon and even insulted by a fierce beast was really a first.

But at the same time, Liu Yan also became serious.

Although they hadn't fought, Liu Yan could sense the terrifying strength of the Golden-armored Blue Ape in front of him. It was very likely to be the strongest fierce beast that Liu Yan had ever encountered, so he naturally couldn't let his guard down.

Liu Yan didn't want to wait, and he didn't want to be passive. He took out the Myriad Beast Bow from his spatial ring.

When Liu Yan took out the Myriad Beast Bow, he immediately launched an attack.

He nocked the arrow on the bow and activated his A-grade skill, Electrification. With the lightning element attached, he shot an arrow in an attempt to attack.

When the Golden-armored Blue Ape saw Liu Yan's arrow, its eyes were filled with contempt, and it didn't even move an inch.

Only when the arrow was right in front of its eyes did it slightly turn its head and dodge Liu Yan's arrow at the last moment.

Even though Liu Yan's arrow was much faster after the lightning element was attached to it, to the Golden-armored Blue Ape, it was still too slow. It was so slow that the Golden-armored Blue Ape couldn't be bothered to deal with it and only dodged it at the last moment.

Seeing this, Liu Yan was secretly surprised. He drew his bow again.

This time, Liu Yan activated his A-grade skill, Track, and his A-grade skill, Split. At the same time, he also activated his A-grade skill, Electrification, and B-grade skill, Poison Control. He attached the lightning element to the arrows' feathers to increase their power and speed and all sorts of poisons to them to increase their lethality.

Liu Yan shot the arrow with all his might.

The arrow split into five arrows, shooting toward the Golden-armored Blue Ape from five different directions. At the same time, those five arrows had a tracking effect.

The Golden-armored Blue Ape, who had a relaxed expression, frowned slightly. It had also felt the effects of being tracked. It was not that easy to dodge.

Since it was not easy to dodge, the Golden-armored Blue Ape decided not to dodge. Instead, it took the attack head-on.

With terrifying speed, Liu Yan could not even see the movements of the Golden-armored Blue Ape at all. He could only see a series of afterimages waving.

When the Golden-armored Blue Ape revealed itself, the five arrows had already landed in its hands. It had actually caught all of them!

When Liu Yan saw the situation, he was extremely shocked. He did not expect the Golden-armored Blue Ape actually to catch such a powerful arrow.

However, Liu Yan also noticed that although the Golden-armored Blue Ape caught the arrow, it was not so easy. It looked like it was struggling a little.

Liu Yan immediately felt a little helpless. The main reason was that the level of the Myriad Beast Bow was no longer able to keep up with Liu Yan's strength, causing Liu Yan to be unable to use the Power of Desolation to shoot out the arrow at full force.

If the Myriad Beast Bow were strong enough, Liu Yan would use the Power of Desolation to shoot the arrow at full force. With the terrifying addition of strength, the speed and strength of that arrow would definitely increase qualitatively, and the Golden-armored Blue Ape would not be able to catch the arrow. It would also be unable to withstand the terrifying power of the arrow.

It might not kill the Golden-armored Blue Ape instantly, but with the Power of Desolation, the arrow could at least cause a considerable amount of damage to the Golden-armored Blue Ape at full force.

Since the arrow didn't work, Liu Yan tried other offensive methods.

He activated his A-grade skill, Frost Control. Frost elements surged, and ice crystals appeared one after another, stabbing toward the Golden-armored Blue Ape.

However, the Golden-armored Blue Ape easily dodged those ice crystals in just a flash.

Liu Yan once again activated an A-grade skill, Flame Control. The fire elements surged, condensing into a massive ball of flames, pressing toward the Golden-armored Blue Ape.

However, the Golden-armored Blue Ape seemed to be of the fire element itself, and it didn't even dodge. When the flames landed on its body, they did not cause the slightest damage. On the contrary, the Golden-armored Blue Ape had a look of enjoyment on its face, as if it was pretty happy.

Liu Yan frowned slightly. He activated his A-grade skill, Electrification, and gathered thunderclouds. Bolts of lightning struck at the Golden-armored Blue Ape.

That was the fastest attack that Liu Yan could launch without using weapons.

However, the Golden-armored Blue Ape still dodged Liu Yan's attack as it moved in a flash, like a ghost.

Chapter 86: *The First S-Grade Skill, Sixteen Times the Speed of Sound*

The Golden-Armored Blue Ape dodged another blow from Liu Yan and looked at him with a relaxed expression, but did not initiate any attacks. The Ape seemed like it wanted to observe what other skills Liu Yan had, and looked mockingly at him.

The Silverback Blue Apes surrounding them were cheering and clamoring. It was obvious that they were happy for their leader. At the same time, they were mocking Liu Yan.

From the looks of the situation, these Silverback Blue Apes seemed to be laughing at Liu Yan about last night. He did seem to make a joke out of them, but they now wanted to see how Liu Yan fared in a head-on battle with their leader.

Seeing this, Liu Yan frowned slightly and had a helpless look on his face.

The Golden-Armored Blue Ape was way too fast. Liu Yan's personal attacking attributes could not make contact with it at all. Even if he managed to touch the Golden-Armored Blue Ape, it did not bother dodging, because Liu Yan could not cause any damage.

While Liu Yan could use the Track skill with archery to ensure that the Golden-Armored Blue Ape was hit, it was unfortunate that the grade of his Myriad Beast Bow was too low. Liu Yan could not show his strength with the bow and arrow, and so he could not cause much harm to the Golden-Armored Blue Ape.

Since Liu Yan couldn't fight long-range, he would fight in close combat.

Liu Yan immediately activated two of his A-Grade skills, Shadow Cloak and Traceless Silence.

Immediately, Liu Yan's figure disappeared from where he was. At the same time, all Liu Yan's sounds were muted, including his heartbeat.

When the surrounding Silverback Blue apes saw this, they cried out in puzzlement. They did not understand how Liu Yan had suddenly disappeared.

The Golden-Armored Blue Ape was surprised when it noticed this. Then, as if it had some interest, it assumed a battle stance.

At this moment, Liu Yan had already arrived behind the Golden-Armored Blue ape.

An A-Grade skill, the Power of Desolation, was activated. Liu Yan's Qi and blood burned, and his strength received a terrifying increase.

Another A-Grade skill, Flame Control, was activated. Liu Yan's entire body was filled with the tyrannical power of the fire element.

At the same time, Liu Yan activated his soft blade boxing gloves. He used the Blazing Tyrant Fist, throwing out a punch with all his strength.

Blazing Tyrant Fist was originally a fist technique with fire attributes. When combined with the fire elements from Flame Control, Liu Yan's potential was stimulated, hugely amplifying his strength.

This punch could be said to be Liu Yan's full-strength attack.

The Golden-Armored Blue Ape seemed to have sensed the attack coming. It immediately turned around and punched out with the same force. It met Liu Yan's punch head-on.

Enormous power of the fire element overflowed in all directions. The two fists met. Under the terrifying force, the ground trembled.

Liu Yan's expression was ferocious as he attacked with full strength.

The Golden-Armored Blue ape was also somewhat surprised. Its face showed that it was somewhat struggling to deal with Liu Yan.

After a single punch, Liu Yan once again unleashed his lightning-like attack.

One C-Grade skill, Wind Control, was activated. Liu Yan's speed increased further.

Flame Control, Lightning, and Frost Control were activated at the same time.

Multiple elemental attacks were activated simultaneously.

Another skill, Fog, was activated. White fog immediately appeared in the surrounding area, affecting the Golden-Armored Blue Ape's vision. At the same time, it also had debuff effects, slowing the Ape down.

Concurrently, under the Power of Desolation, Liu Yan continued to use his Blazing Tyrant Fist with his full strength.

Liu Yan's attack was as fierce as a big thunderstorm.

The Golden-Armored Blue Ape, which had always looked relaxed, now had a serious expression on its face as it fought with all its might.

Liu Yan and the Golden-Armored Blue ape continued to fight, clashing head-on.

The Silverback Blue Apes at the side also had expressions of surprise when they saw this.

In their hearts, their leader, the Golden-Armored Blue ape, had always been invincible. They had never thought that someone would be able to challenge their leader to such an intense fight.

The valley trembled continuously under the tremendous force.

The ground was reduced to a pile of ruin with the power of the various elements.

The white fog dispersed, revealing the figures of Liu Yan and the Golden-Armored Blue Ape.

At this moment, Liu Yan was panting heavily. This was the first time that Liu Yan had launched such a fierce attack. He had unleashed all his firepower and used all sorts of powerful skills at the same time. It was extremely taxing.

However, while the attack was tedious and tiring, Liu Yan remained uninjured.

On the other hand, the opposing Golden-Armored Blue Ape was quite heavily injured.

In this battle, Liu Yan had a slight lead. He used all his strength and finally suppressed the Golden-Armored Blue Ape.

The Golden-Armored Blue Ape looked at the wounds on its body and was taken aback. However, it immediately revealed a cold smile. Its body flashed and disappeared from its original position like a ghost. It took the initiative to attack Liu Yan.

The Golden-Armored Blue Ape sensed that if they fought head-on, it would be disadvantaged. The Ape was not as good as Liu Yan, so it decided to rely on its speed to fight.

Seeing this, Liu Yan also hurriedly activated Octuple Speed of Sound. He suddenly became much swifter, and continued his duel with the Golden-Armored Blue Ape.

However, after exchanging blows, Liu Yan was surprised to discover that despite the Octuple Speed of Sound, he was still inferior to the Golden-Armored Blue Ape in terms of speed. In fact, he couldn't even touch the Golden-Armored Blue Ape.

Liu Yan was just about to attack the Golden-Armored Blue Ape, but he missed. Immediately, he felt a terrifying force coming from behind him. Liu Yan's entire body was sent flying by the Golden-Armored Blue Ape's kick as he fell to the ground.

Liu Yan spat out a mouthful of blood. This kick had injured him quite badly.

However, at this moment, Liu Yan's eyes were filled with joy. In the nick of time, Liu Yan managed to activate a D-Grade skill, Emptyhanded. He managed to squirrel away some gold feathers behind the Golden-Armored Blue Ape's back.

Liu Yan hurriedly took advantage of this time and used divine extraction on the golden feathers that he had taken.

A milky white light enveloped Liu Yan as a notification appeared in front of him.

[Divine extraction of the feather from the Golden-Armored Blue Ape (Unknown Grade) successful. Congratulations on obtaining a Divine Speed Shard.]

[Divine Speed Shard has fused with Octuple Speed of Sound (A+ Grade) successfully. Congratulations on obtaining Sixteen Times the Speed of Sound (S-Grade)!]

[Sixteen Times the Speed of Sound]

Grade: S

Effect: Speed will be greatly increased after use, reaching sixteen times that the speed of sound!

Seeing this, Liu Yan was overjoyed. He had so many A-Grade skills, yet was unable to deal with the Golden-Armored Blue Ape at full speed.

However, Liu Yan did not expect that Emptyhanded, a seemingly low-level skill, would come in so handy now. This skill helped him obtain the golden feathers of the Golden-Armored Blue Ape, and through divine extraction he increased his strength.

If Liu Yan was not as quick as his opponent, he would just steal more feathers as a show of strength!

The corners of Liu Yan's mouth curled up slightly as he activated Sixteen Times the Speed of Sound. In an instant, he became unimaginably quick. In a flash, Liu Yan left only his shadow and disappeared as quickly as a ghost. He was going to face the Golden-Armored Blue Ape once more.

This time, Liu Yan was barely able to catch up to the Golden-Armored Blue Ape. In the end, he did not lose out in terms of speed and began duelling.

There was no clear victor even after a period of fighting. Liu Yan and the Golden-Armored Blue Ape stopped, both of them tired, and stood far away from each other.

Having used all of their speed and strength, they were both exhausted.

Liu Yan was also clear on both his and his opponent's abilities. While he was still slightly inferior to the Golden-Armored Blue Ape in terms of speed, he knew he could catch up and was not too far behind.

In terms of strength, however, Liu Yan had many powerful skills and terrifying attributes, and so was actually a little stronger than the Golden-Armored Blue Ape. However, Liu Yan's slight advantage was not enough to defeat the Ape.

This time, Liu Yan went all out and ended in a draw with the Golden-Armored Blue Ape.

Chapter 87: Deal, A Temporary Contract!

The Golden-Armored Blue Ape looked at Liu Yan in surprise.

Liu Yan was clearly unable to keep up just a short while ago, but he suddenly became so much faster and was now on par with the Golden-Armored Blue Ape.

The Golden-Armored Blue Ape would never guess that it was the reason why Liu Yan improved on his speed so quickly.

Just then, Liu Yan was in a dilemma. He knew that if they continued to fight, it would be impossible to determine a winner between the two of them even if they went all out.

This was the first time Liu Yan had encountered a fierce beast of this calibre. He could not defeat it at all.

Right as Liu Yan was at a loss, he suddenly sensed that the Shadow Wolf was about to emerge.

Liu Yan decided to take a gamble, and released the Shadow Wolf.

Even if the Shadow Wolf transformed into the Ice and Fire Two-Headed Wolf, its combat strength was not as good as Liu Yan's. Naturally, it was not enough to deal with the Golden-Armored Blue Ape. Liu Yan released the Shadow Wolf to see what it wanted to do.

After the Shadow Wolf emerged, it communicated with the Golden-Armored Blue Ape for a while. They were both fierce beasts, so they could talk to each other.

After a series of strange noises, the Shadow Wolf looked at Liu Yan and conveyed a message from the Golden-Armored Blue ape.

Even though Liu Yan could not understand what the Shadow Wolf was saying, he could make vague guesses about what it was getting at because of their contract and telepathy.

Basically, the Golden-Armored Blue Ape was trying to say that it was currently under the control of the magic spell, and ninety percent of its abilities were suppressed. It was constantly being tortured and was in great pain. If not for the magic spell, the Golden-Armored Blue Ape would have killed Liu Yan long ago.

However, the Golden-Armored Blue Ape also admitted that it was impressive for Liu Yan to have such strength at his tender age.

After Liu Yan learned the message that the Golden-Armored Blue Ape had, he was immediately surprised.

He did not expect that the Golden-Armored Blue Ape could show such strength even after being suppressed by a magic curse. Liu Yan needed to use all his might to fight the Ape.

If the Golden-Armored Blue Ape were unrestricted and could unleash its full strength, Liu Yan would not have been its match.

Liu Yan now understood why all the indicators showed that all the information about the Golden-Armored Blue Ape was unknown.

This Golden-Armored Blue Ape was already an existence that far surpassed the need for grades and levels.

However, after learning that the Golden-Armored Blue Ape had been restricted and tortured by the magic spell, Liu Yan came up with an idea and informed the Shadow Wolf at once.

Basically, because Liu Yan had previously learned about the hunting class, he could use the magic theories he learned to help the Golden-Armored Blue Ape when it came into contact with the magic spell.

Although Liu Yan could only remove some of the spells, this was better than nothing. If Liu Yan could suppress the spell's effects, more of the Golden-Armored Blue Ape's strength would be released.

Most importantly, the spells would stop torturing the Golden-Armored Blue Ape, and it would feel much better.

However, there was a prerequisite for all of this. Both parties had to sign a temporary contract, and the Golden-Armored Blue Ape would have to help Liu Yan and the others pass through the Taiji Mountains and enter the Yang Region.

Otherwise, if Liu Yan helped the Golden-Armored Blue Ape by removing the spell's restrictions completely, the Ape would become a lot stronger. By then, Liu Yan would be no match for the Golden-Armored Blue Ape. Then, the chances of Liu Yan passing through the Taiji Mountains and getting into the Yang Region would fall drastically.

After the Shadow Wolf conveyed Liu Yan's intentions to the Golden-Armored Blue Ape, the Ape looked at Liu Yan in surprise. It did not think that Liu Yan would actually be able to help it remove some of the restrictions. Even just a small part would satisfy the Golden-Armored Blue Ape.

The Golden-Armored Blue Ape thought briefly about Liu Yan's terms of exchange. It knew that Liu Yan was quite strong, and it believed Liu Yan when he said he could remove the spell's restrictions.

In addition, although Liu Yan had fought with and teased the Silverback Blue Apes for the entire night, he did not harm any of them.

This left a good impression on the Golden-Armored Blue Ape. These Silverback Blue Apes were its subordinates and its subjects, and the Golden-Armored Blue Ape cherished them deeply.

After some thinking, the Golden-Armored Blue Ape accepted Liu Yan's conditions.

Liu Yan learned from the Shadow Wolf that the Golden-Armored Blue Ape had agreed. His face was instantly filled with joy. This way, everything would be resolved.

First, he told the Shadow Wolf to fetch Murong Xue and Chu Long. Then, Liu Yan himself approached the Golden-Armored Blue Ape and signed the temporary contract.

Unlike the contract that Liu Yan signed with the Shadow Wolf, this contract was only temporary. For a short time, the Golden-Armored Blue Ape would become Liu Yan's pet. The contract would end when time was up or when it was canceled.

The Golden-Armored Blue Ape looked at the contract once more and when it confirmed that there was no problem, it agreed to sign the temporary contract.

A purple, hexagonal array appeared. A complex contract enveloped Liu Yan and the Golden-Armored Blue Ape.

Soon, the light disappeared, and the temporary contract was signed.

Unlike the lifetime contract between Liu Yan and the Shadow Wolf, where they would share a telepathic connection, there was no such connection between Liu Yan and the Golden-Armored Blue Ape.

However, Liu Yan could feel the existence and location of the Golden-Armored Blue Ape, and there was a rather weak connection.

At this time, the shadow wolf arrived with Murong Xue and Chu Long.

Seeing the Golden-Armored Blue Ape, the two women became nervous. This Golden-Armored Blue Ape's aura was too strong, and it gave people a great sense of pressure.

They couldn't even deal with the Silverback Blue Apes, let alone their superior.

The two women confused and did not quite understand why Liu Yan and the Golden-Armored Blue Ape were standing calmly without any conflict.

When Liu Yan saw Murong Xue and Chu Long arrive, he told them openly, "I have already made a deal with the Golden-Armored Blue Ape. We will let the Golden-Armored Blue Ape lead us through the tunnel of the Taiji Mountains and towards the Yang Region."

"Really? That's great!" When the two women heard this, their faces were instantly filled with excitement and joy.

The Golden-Armored Blue Ape roared a few times at the Silverback Blue Apes, probably instructing them to rest and wait at where they were. Then, the Golden-Armored Blue Ape gathered Liu Yan and the others. Together, they headed towards the Taiji Mountains.

Soon, following the Golden-Armored Blue Ape's lead, Liu Yan and the others arrived in front of a tunnel. More accurately, this tunnel was a natural crack in the mountain.

The Taiji Mountains towered into the clouds, and many peaks were connected together.

And here, there was a rare crack in the mountain, which was about two meters wide. It was enough for Liu Yan and the others to pass through, and was just barely enough for the huge figure of the Golden-Armored Blue Ape to pass through.

The few of them followed behind the Golden-Armored Blue ape. Chu Long and Murong Xue looked at the Golden-Armored Blue Ape leading the way, their faces curious because it had stopped attacking them.

Murong Xue could not help but approach Liu Yan curiously. She asked in a low voice, "Liu Yan, how did you do it? Why did it stop attacking you?"

"Through my strength," Liu Yan explained calmly. What he said was the truth.

If Liu Yan did not have enough strength to force a draw with the restrained Golden-Armored Blue Ape, it would not have given Liu Yan a chance to communicate. Naturally, it would not have been possible to make a deal. It was through Liu Yan were they able to successfully pass through the tunnel of the Taiji Mountains.

When Murong Xue heard this, her face was full of disbelief. In her opinion, the Golden-Armored Blue Ape was extremely powerful. While Liu Yan was powerful, his ability was far inferior to the Golden-Armored Blue Ape.

"If you don't want to say it, just tell me you don't want to. Why are you lying to me?" Murong Xue rolled her eyes at Liu Yan.

Chu Long, who was at the side, did not say anything. However, she stared at Liu Yan suspiciously. She and Liu Yan had grown up together, and so was more familiar with him. Chu Long knew that Liu Yan was not joking, but was serious.

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When she realized this, Chu Long looked at Liu Yan and could not help but be secretly surprised.

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Was Liu Yan really this strong?

Chu Long was quite puzzled as to what Liu Yan was doing, especially last night. She gradually realized that something was wrong. Liu Yan was getting faster and faster, and his strength was improving quickly, too.

In such a short period of time, how did he manage to get so much stronger?

Chu Long was really confused. Luckily, Liu Yan was a pretty trustworthy person, and he was still her teammate. Liu Yan's own abilities and his rapid increase in strength were still good things.

Under the lead of the Golden-Armored Blue Ape, the three people and two fierce beasts passed through the tunnel of the Taiji Mountains.

The Golden-Armored Blue Ape roared a few times as it walked.

The few of them did not understand what the Golden-Armored Blue Ape said, but Liu Yan managed to guess what it meant through the Shadow Wolf. He explained, "The Golden-Armored Blue Ape is saying

that it will suppress anyone here, and has ordered this tunnel to be guarded. No outsiders can pass through, and only a sufficiently strong Awakened is able to open the tunnel for three days.”

“In that case, the Awakened behind us can relax. They don’t have to fight with the Silverback and Golden-Armored Blue Apes to pass through this tunnel safely,” Chu Long analyzed.

“That’s right.” Liu Yan nodded slightly.

Right then, Liu Yan noticed what Chu Long was getting at. Should he negotiate with the Golden-Armored Blue Ape? It had forced a tie between Liu Yan and itself. Would the Ape have opened the tunnel to let Liu Yan pass anyway, since he was strong enough?

At first, Liu Yan thought that he gained some advantages, and did not expect that he would be the first to lose out. He only agreed to help the Golden-Armored Blue Ape remove some of the spells.

However, Liu Yan did not think too much about it. In any case, it would not do him any harm. He even had a chat with the Golden-Armored Blue Ape.

According to what the Golden-Armored Blue Ape said, it must have extraordinary strength. Restraining itself here reduced its strength by 90%.

In other words, if the Golden-Armored Blue Ape hadn’t been suppressed and used its full strength, it would have been an extremely terrifying existence. It was so powerful that Liu Yan didn’t even dare to think about it.

The Taiji Mountains were very large, and the tunnel was very long. The trio wasn’t slow, but they still walked for over an hour before reaching the end of the tunnel.

The Golden-Armored Blue Ape stopped and turned to look at Liu Yan. Its meaning was self-evident. It was waiting for Liu Yan to fulfill his promise.

Although Liu Yan had been cheated, this was something he had agreed to, so Liu Yan would not go back on his word.

Liu Yan first went forward to cancel the temporary contract, but he was not very familiar with it. After a round of trial and error, the contract was somewhat canceled.

Liu Yan felt that some vague connection seemed to still exist between him and the Golden-Armored Blue Ape, but he did not know how to cancel it entirely.

However, the Golden-Armored Blue Ape did not seem to mind very much. It roared a few times.

Through telepathic communication with the Shadow Wolf, Liu Yan immediately understood what the Golden-Armored Blue Ape meant. It wanted Liu Yan to quickly help it come into contact with part of the suppression spell. The Ape had been suffering all this time, and was really uncomfortable.

“Alright, I’m coming.” As Liu Yan spoke, he dug out a few materials and helped the Golden-Armored Blue Ape remove the spells according to the magic theories he had learned.

A green hexagonal array appeared and enveloped the Golden-Armored Blue Ape.

Instantly, the Golden-Armored Blue Ape let out a series of earth-shattering roars. The entire mountain crevice reverberated, and even the ground shook slightly.

Liu Yan and the other two felt as if their eardrums were about to burst under the loud roar. They hurriedly covered their ears.

After a long while, the green hexagonal array disappeared, and the roars from the Golden-Armored Blue Ape gradually stopped.

The Ape, who had a pained expression just a moment ago, now looked at Liu Yan and roared a few times with joy.

Liu Yan glanced at the Shadow Wolf and immediately understood what the Golden-Armored Blue Ape meant. Although Liu Yan had only helped it resolve some of the magic spells, the Ape managed to release a lot of its strength. More importantly, Liu Yan had helped the Golden-Armored Blue Ape alleviate a lot of the pain caused by hatred.

The Golden-Armored Blue Ape was thanking Liu Yan. At the same time, in order to return the favour, the Golden-Armored Blue Ape indicated that Liu Yan could use the weak connection that still existed to summon it once when necessary in the future.

At the same time, the Golden-Armored Blue Ape told Liu Yan that it had already released a portion of its current strength. It could deal with Liu Yan very easily, and its strength was incomparably powerful.

When Liu Yan learned of this, his face was immediately filled with joy.

Naturally, Liu Yan did not doubt what the Golden-Armored Blue Ape said.

With the Golden-Armored Blue Ape's help, Liu Yan could summon it for assistance when he encountered a powerful opponent or when he was in danger.

Although it could only be used once, this was a precious chance to save his life.

However, the temporary contract was different from the life-long master-slave contract. Liu Yan could summon the Shadow Wolf without limit.

However, this would not be possible under the temporary contract. Liu Yan had to learn the relevant spatial spell before he could do it.

Any spatial spell was extremely precious. The first three floors of the Tower could not see any, and only the upper floors of the Tower could get it.

Liu Yan secretly remembered this. In the future, he had to learn related spatial spells. Only then could he summon the Golden-Armored Blue Ape to give himself another trump card. This was an extra chance to save his life.

"Thank you. It's getting late. Golden-Armored Blue Ape, we have to go too. See you again." Liu Yan thanked the Golden-Armored Blue Ape and said goodbye.

The Golden-Armored Blue Ape waved his hand in a human-like manner, indicating his goodbyes. Then, with his signature fast speed, the Ape left along the mountain crevice.

With the terrifying speed it was known for, the Golden-Armored Blue Ape disappeared from sight in the blink of an eye.

Murong Xue and Chu Long, who were at the same spot, saw this scene and were shocked beyond words. They did not expect the Golden-Armored Blue Ape to have such a terrifying speed. This was completely beyond their imagination.

“How fast was that? That was scarily quick, how did it do that?” Chu Long’s face was filled with shock.

“With this speed, who else can be its opponent? Any opponent would have no way of resisting at all!” Murong Xue exclaimed.

Liu Yan did not say anything when he heard this. However, he was laughing to himself. After he had used his S-Grade skill, Sixteen Times the Speed of Sound, Liu Yan was able to achieve such insane speeds, although he might just be a little weaker than the Golden-Armored Blue Ape.

However, Liu Yan did not say much about this to the two girls.

Sixteen Times the Speed of Sound was the first S-Grade battle skill that Liu Yan obtained. It was pretty much Liu Yan’s trump card. Naturally, he was not about to show it off too freely.

“Alright, let’s continue with our journey.” Liu Yan said calmly.

The attentive Chu Long looked at the time and reminded the rest, “It is noontime now, and the fierce beasts in the Yang Region emerge most frequently and most strongly at this time. Should we hide now and leave later?”

“No need.”

“No need!”

Liu Yan and Murong Xue said simultaneously.

Liu Yan glanced at Murong Xue and then said to Chu Long, “It’s okay. We’re strong enough. Besides, we don’t have much time. We only have two or three days left. We should hurry up and get more yang cards.”

Chu Long thought that made sense. She nodded slightly and the three of them set off for the Yang Region.

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The trio continued their journey.

After exiting the tunnel, they arrived at the Yang Region. What they saw was a primitive forest, with tall trees and dense flowers.

It looked similar to the Yin Region, but it was clearly much brighter and more beautiful. Liu Yan could feel a much denser fire element in the air here.

“So this is the Yang Region. It looks similar to the Yin Region.” Murong Xue looked around.

Chu Long's expression was a little solemn when she said, "I heard that the Yang Region is more dangerous than the Yin Region. We should be careful."

The group continued their journey. Not long after, Liu Yan used his A-Grade skill, Omniscient Insight, to observe and perceive what was going on around them. He realised that there were two squads of the Awakened, a total of six people. They were approaching him, and did not seem to have good intentions.

Liu Yan stopped in his tracks, his expression strange.

Murong Xue and Chu Long saw that Liu Yan stopped abruptly, and they looked at him, puzzled.

"Did anything happen?" Chu Long asked, somewhat confused.

Liu Yan smiled faintly, and said, "Some guests have arrived. Let's prepare to receive them."

Murong Xue and Chu Long understood Liu Yan's intentions immediately. They assumed a battle stance, ready to fight at any time.

Not long after, two squads of the Awakened arrived. They arrived from two directions, one from the front and one from the back, surrounding the trio.

Seeing Liu Yan and the others, one of the Awakened leaders smiled and said, "I told you. The Awakened will definitely arrive once the tunnel is opened."

The other Awakened looked at Liu Yan and the others with greedy looks on their faces, as though the trio were plump sheep ready to be hunted.

"Boss is right. Once the tunnel is opened, we'll set up an ambush. The Awakened from the Yin Region will be able to pass the trial on the third level and go right to the fourth level."

"That's right. There's going to be a huge tide. Those idiots are all trying to find a way to go to the Yin Region. A lot of them took a detour from the side of the Taiji Mountains. What fools."

"However, we have to be careful. The Awakened from the Yin Region will come later. We might not be strong enough to successfully ambush them."

"We have to take advantage of the beginning to ambush this single team of Awakened. They might be strong, but the six of us will be able to deal with the three of them easily!"

"This group of the Awakened from the Yin Region basically sentenced themselves to death. How dare they enter so brazenly, aren't they careless!"

"..."

The trio looked at each other and didn't say anything. Through the conversations they overheard, the trio understood all the Awakened's intentions.

They had no intention of leaving the Yang Region to go to the Yin Region to look for the yin cards. Instead, they waited here.

Now that the tunnel was opened, the Awakened from the Yin Region would definitely rush to the Yang Region. There would definitely be enough Awakened from the Yin Region that they could ambush.

The Awakened who rushed to the Yang Region from the Yin Region would definitely have yin cards with them.

After obtaining the yin card, they naturally didn't need to go to the Yin Region to take any more risks. All of a sudden, many things and dangers were reduced.

Just then, after the six Awakened finished discussing, they looked at the targets they had ambushed this time, who were Liu Yan, Murong Xue and Chu Long.

Seeing that there were two extremely beautiful women, the six Awakened immediately had their eyes wide open.

While there were female Awakened in the Tower, but among the high-ranking Awakened, there was generally a larger proportion of males.

Those female Awakened who had weaker abilities would naturally be more likely to land themselves in danger. In addition to facing the danger posed by fierce beasts, they also had to contend with the dangers of other male Awakened.

The male Awakened were already suffering in the Tower. There weren't many ordinary-looking women, let alone such beautiful women.

"Damn, this kid is lucky to have two beautiful women with him."

"I've never seen such beautiful women in the outside world, let alone in the Tower."

"Hehe, we're lucky time time, brothers."

"Hey, kid, I'm talking to you. Hand over your yin card and get lost. We can spare your worthless life."

"That's right, what are you looking at? Hurry up and hand over your yin cards and get lost. Don't disturb us from having fun with these beauties."

"We're feeling good today, and want to have enough fun. Hahaha!"

"..."

The few of them scolded Liu Yan, telling him to get lost.

Seeing this, Liu Yan laughed inwardly. The idea of these people setting up an ambush was quite clever, and they were much smarter than the other Awakened.

However, they had overestimated their own strength. The first batch of Awakened who were able to rush from the Yin to the Yang Region were definitely extremely powerful. Even if there were only three of them, how could the six of them be able to deal with them?

Liu Yan felt slightly lazy to deal with such small fry. He glanced at Murong Xue and Chu Long and said, "You guys go ahead. I'm too lazy to fight."

Murong Xue and Chu Long heard this and nodded slightly. Murong Xue then walked towards the front and prepared to fight.

As for Chu Long, she stood at the safe area at the back and assisted in healing Murong Xue.

Theoretically, Murong Xue had enough strength With Chu Long's help, nothing unexpected would happen. Liu Yan didn't need to help.

However, Liu Yan intended for the Shadow Wolf to emerge and fight, just for practice. Other than helping Liu Yan with scouting out the terrain and situation, as well as communicating with the Golden-Armored Blue Ape, the Shadow Wolf never really fought since arriving at the third level of the Tower.

The last time Liu Yan released the Shadow Wolf to duel with the Moon Shadow Bobcat, the Shadow Wolf was attacked right away. There was no battle at all.

Once the six Awakened noticed Liu Yan's arrogance and laziness to even take action, leaving the fighting to two women, they began laughing.

"This kid is still hiding behind the women and letting them stand in front. What a loser."

"Originally, if this kid knew what was good for him, I would have spared his life. After all, he has did send us two top-notch beauties. However, since he is so annoying, I might as well just kill him."

"Pretty lady, stop with those fists and that fighting stance. Your lovely arms and legs are so cute! Hahaha!"

"..."

While they were talking, their aggression began. They charged at Murong Xue.

Murong Xue was not afraid at all. She immediately activated the second layer of the tyrant body and stepped forward.

Anyway, with Chu Long's healing behind her, Murong Xue did not pay attention to defence and only focused on offence.

With two punches, Murong Xue sent two people flying, seriously injuring two of them.

The attacks of the others that landed on Murong Xue did not cause much damage to her at all.

The slight damage was almost instantaneously healed by Chu Long.

The remaining four Awakened saw that their two companions were suddenly badly injured and no longer had their fighting strength. Yet, their attacks did not harm Murong Xue at all. They were shocked, and never expected this beautiful woman to be so strong.

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"No, we can't beat her. This woman is too powerful. She's a monster. Let's run!"

The Awakened leading the group reacted first and shouted.

The others turned around and planned to run.

However, the Shadow Wolf that Liu Yan released had already transformed into the Ice and Fire Two-Headed Wolf. It appeared behind the Awakened and blocked their escape route.

The huge body of the fierce beast was filled with two types of elemental energy. It looked extremely awe-inducing.

The few Awakened were stunned. How could they not have expected such a powerful fierce beast to appear behind them? They had not even noticed it at all.

At this moment, the fierce beast did not hold back. Its two heads condensed elemental energy and spat it out.

A huge ball of flame and a huge ice crystal were shot over. Two Awakened were instantly killed and fell to the ground.

Murong Xue had also continued her attacks, and finished off the remaining two Awakened.

Throughout the entire battle, Liu Yan did not even have to take any action, and the battle was already finished.

Even though the opponent had the advantage in numbers, the difference in strength was there. They were still killed in an instant.

“These people are awful. They actually set up an ambush at the exit of the tunnel, and even had six people together in the plan. Thankfully, we have enough strength. Anyone weaker would have perished long ago.” Murong Xue said with a slight frown.

Chu Long agreed, and said, “The Awakened who just emerged from the tunnel would normally have fought their way through it. They wouldn’t have much stamina left, and could even be injured. There would be no way through this ambush.”

Liu Yan laughed to himself. These people were good at playing tricks, but unfortunately, their strength wasn’t great, and their luck wasn’t good either. Meeting Liu Yan and the others sealed their fate.

After finishing off the six people, Liu Yan went to the corpses and searched for anything they could take away.

The supplies were placed into the spatial ring, and Liu Yan didn’t find the equipment to be good enough.

The biggest reward were the yang cards. Liu Yan found a total of six yang cards on these six people.

The trio obtained their yang cards right as they entered the Yang Region. Their progress was extremely good.

Six yang cards were divided among three people. One person could get two cards each.

It was enough to pass the trial of the third level. With more yang cards, they would be able to transition to a stronger class.

At the same time, Liu Yan activated his SSS-Grade skill, divine extraction.

The corpses of the Awakened were enveloped by a milky white light, and notifications appeared before his eyes.

Liu Yan was about to count the rewards, but through the Omniscient Insight, he sensed that there were many Awakened rushing towards him from afar.

They had clearly been attracted by the battle just now.

The Awakened in the Yang Region saw that the tunnel had opened, so they immediately understood that the Awakened from the Yin Region had arrived.

The Awakened coming from the Yin Region almost certainly had yin cards on them, and those from the Yang Region were currently lacking yin cards.

As long as they could get their hands on yin cards, they didn't have to go to the Yin Region to risk their lives. They could pass the trial on the third level directly and go straight to the fourth level.

Naturally, they did not want to miss such a good opportunity. One after another, they rushed towards Liu Yan's direction.

When he noticed this, Liu Yan frowned slightly and told Murong Xue and Chu Long about what was happening.

When Murong Xue heard this, she said disapprovingly, "Their strength is limited. We're strong, so what's there to be afraid of? If one comes, we'll take down one. If ten come, we'll take down ten!"

However, Chu Long was slightly worried, and said, "But what if the movements of the battle later attract more of the Awakened? We might be strong, but we might not be able to hold on against a sea of people. It's better to be safe and retreat first."

After Liu Yan used his A-Grade skill, Omniscient Insight, to sense the surroundings for a while more, he nodded and added, "Indeed, we have no need to fear those who arrive first, but once the numbers of the Awakened increase and more get attracted to come here, it will be dangerous. We should leave first for our safety."

Murong Xue saw that Liu Yan, who was stronger than her, had already spoken up. Naturally, she didn't say much and agreed immediately.

Liu Yan let the two ladies climb onto the Ice and Fire Two-Headed Wolf and sped up to leave.

As for Liu Yan, he did have Sixteen Times the Speed of Sound. There was no need for him to sit on the Ice and Fire Two-Headed Wolf.

In fact, sitting on the Ice and Fire Two-Headed Wolf actually reduced Liu Yan's speed.

"Let's run in that direction first. The Awakened aren't chasing us in that direction." Liu Yan pointed.

Upon hearing the command, the Ice and Fire Two-Headed Wolf immediately rushed in the direction that Liu Yan pointed towards.

Murong Xue and Chu Long saw that Liu Yan hadn't boarded the Ice and Fire Two-Headed Wolf yet. Just as they were about to ask Liu Yan about it, the Wolf had already set off.

As they turned to take another look, they saw Liu Yan's figure flash past and appear right in front of the Ice and Fire Two-Headed Wolf. He waited leisurely for them to arrive.

Liu Yan turned his head to look and said rather impatiently, "Hurry up, why are you so slow!"

When the Ice and Fire Two-Headed Wolf heard this, its eyes were filled with grievance. It was no longer slow. It was already much faster than fierce beasts and the Awakened of the same level.

However, how could it compare to a monster like Liu Yan? Liu Yan was able to completely dominate it in terms of strength. In the eyes of the Ice and Fire Two-Headed Wolf, Liu Yan was a complete freak of nature.

At this moment, on the back of the Ice and Fire Two-Headed Wolf, the two ladies were holding tightly onto its fur. They noticed Liu Yan's insane speed and realised the reason why they needed the help of the Ice and Fire Two-Headed Wolf was because they were slow. Liu Yan didn't need help, because he was simply too fast.

After the trio left, the Awakened continued to chase after them.

Even though the Ice and Fire Two-Headed Wolf had run a great distance and left the Awakened very far behind, the Awakened seemed to be able to track them. The Awakened could still accurately detect where they were and chase after them.

These people were going all out in order to obtain the yin card.

Liu Yan frowned. Could these people not be shaken off?

Just then, however, Liu Yan moved forward. He positioned himself closer to Yang Lake, and used Omniscient Insight to observe what was going on. Suddenly, he sensed that there were many fierce beasts at the bottom of Yang Lake.

And one of the strongest auras made Liu Yan feel extremely powerful.

Liu Yan sensed it carefully. It seemed that the aura of this fierce beast was about the same as that of the Golden-Armored Blue Ape. Its strength was very likely similar to that of the Golden-Armored Blue Ape!

Such a powerful fierce beast was something that even the current Liu Yan could not deal with, even at his full strength.

However, now that Liu Yan had encountered a powerful fierce beast, he could use this opportunity to shake off the Awakened behind him..

Liu Yan turned around to take a look. Through Omniscient Insight, he could already see the Awakened ones at the front. At this moment, they were rushing over excitedly.

Liu Yan sneered, "You like chasing, right? Then don't blame me for being ruthless!"