

# UNFATHOMABLE SENIOR

## Chapter 18

Morning came and the sun was up once more, the small town was buzzing with noise as everyone was gossiping about the person that was resting in the cottage next to the Chief's home. The man in question didn't sleep all that well as he tossed and turned in the unfamiliar bed most of the time, getting in like 3 to 4 hours of sleep. He wasn't that tired thanks to his new constitution though, but he swore to himself to get a better bed in the future, he even pulled up his cash shop and could see some furniture that had plus stats to resting and relaxation. But he had less than 100 points at the moment so first came the grinding.

He washed his face and brushed his teeth, he got a nice deal in the form of 1 SP for a toothbrush and toothpaste set at least the non magical things were cheap in the store. But there was nothing in the form of electronics in the item store, guess they limited it to non technological items from his old world, guess they didn't want him selling smartphones around here. People in this world used some strange jade slips that had limited range and the world was huge so you couldn't just contact everyone you wanted.

\*I guess food and furniture will have to do. Well I can turn spirit stones to SP, so I should see if I can sell stuff at one of those action houses, if I grind here enough I'll probably have a lot of beast cores to spare, think those should sell well.\*

Matt whistled to himself as he exited his bedroom and as he opened the door he twitched a bit as one of the serving ladies from the previous night was standing right there. She gave him a little bow and informed Matt about breakfast that he was invited to by the Chief.

"Ah yes, the big guy did say something about eating in the morning yesterday, I guess you'll guide me there, little miss?"

The girl smiled at him and nodded moving in front of him as they left the house, there were the guards around as yesterday but this time around they didn't follow after him but remained in place. They were right at the Chief's place, so there was no use in doing that as there were more burly uncles at his house anyway.

The Chief's house was also made from logs and wood, it was a lot more spacious then the cabin he was sleeping in. He could see that there were a lot of people living in there as they were buzzing around and everyone was doing something. The Chief had one wife, but he had many children the oldest one being the kid that was berating his fellow tribesmen yesterday. It wasn't odd to have many wives if the male was of higher status and could support them. His whole family was ready and waiting at a long table filled with many various dishes that Matt wasn't all too familiar with, but there was a whole lot of meat there.

“Good morning Senior Dong, come sit with.”

He was lead to a spot next to the village leader, he nodded at the people around the table which varied from old elderly people to kids in about their teens, guess they spared him of having children there. He was feeling a bit guilty as the people were making a really big deal of him being here and he didn't really do much to deserve it besides being the person with the biggest cultivation in the room. The man of the house started prattling on while Matt examined the food on the table, there was something to drink, the cups were dark so he didn't know if it was water or something else. Most of the dishes were meat based, there was some brown bread in there too though but no butter.

“And this is second uncle Li and his wife Lei”

He nodded at the people not really being able to remember the names as they all sounded a bit similar to him. But he decided to suck it up and just nodded while not showing much emotion on his face, but it twitched here and there as he could swear he heard the same names getting repeated several times.

“Does the honorable Senior Dong want to say something before we eat?”

\*Could you stop calling me honorable, you don't even know me.\*

He grimaced a bit while everyone in the room looked at him, their facial expressions ranged from fearful, curious all up to stern as they waited for him to speak. Matt just coughed into his hand and tried replying in a way that wouldn't make him look stupid.

“Ah, the Tartat Tribe was it, you have my thanks for the lodging and the food, um don't worry I'll be sure to repay you, later on, Oh also, could I have a word with you, Chief Shan, after we have eaten?”

The Chief showed a glint in his eye and nodded while laughing, he also ignored that the man got the tribe name wrong. A big smile on his face as he heard that the cultivator would repay them later on and that he wanted to speak with him in private.

“Sure sure, Senior just eat as much as you want and we will speak afterward.”

He mostly wanted to discuss the grinding session that he wanted to do, there were a lot of beasts in that huge forest that was the size of a country on its own. There were a lot of frenzied monsters in there but they weren't strong or anything. He wanted to strike a deal with the Tribe members, he would provide them with the animal corpses and they would process them for him. The tribe would get all the meat from the beasts as they wanted and the pelts but he would anything that could be used for crafting, like horns, claws, scales and also the beast cores that were also used for that, but could also be used for other things like pills and potions and even for some cultivation techniques.

He took some bread and gave it a bite, it was the brown kind of bread with seeds in them so it had a lot of nutrients, it wasn't all that fluffy but it had a good taste to it. He was worried about the meat on the table as after killing the wolves yesterday he was afraid that they would cook and serve those to him, he didn't really want to eat dog or wolf meat. He just asked and was told that it was made from the deer monster instead as herbivore meat was a lot better to consume than carnivore meat. So he took the plunge and started eating the meat, it tasted a bit bland without seasoning but was fine to eat so he chomped and nommed to his heart content and after some time they were done with eating.

Well at least he was done, but everyone else was kind of forced to stop after he was done with his share. They later stood up and he went away with Yang Shan to a separate room to talk. Matt told him about the deal and he was ready to even let them have some of the crafting materials if they wanted them, he was mostly aiming for the cores and the spirit points to further his power level. But the Chief was more than happy to agree to his terms as they were having a bit of a food crisis now, with all the beasts killing each other at an increased pace and the hunters having a hard time procuring meat without casualties. He also had another agenda as he thought that maybe if the cultivator was going to go to the forest to hunt beasts, he might get to the bottom of why the beasts are going mad. He didn't think that the man was there just for the beast cores though, but he didn't want to pry further.

"Great, well then I'll be heading out not sure when I'll be back, but you don't need to have people follow me all around this place next time when I return... okay?"

He asked while scratching the back of his neck, the Yang Shan just nodded and opened the door for him while letting Matt out of the room, seeing him off as the large crystal sword was revealed and Zhang Dong jump onto it to fly away towards the forest area while other people just watched him with wonder and envy in their eyes.

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He flew into the air, his sword glistening in the sun as he zoomed around the area already feeling better after he left that village and was now alone. He always disliked crowded places and he didn't have his trusty headphones to block out the noise around him anymore. So he was finally out in the open and decided to go in a different direction than he came from, wondering if the same problem was happening in other parts of the forest. He could see where he was on the map, he marked a waypoint on his spirit maps and flew off at a high speed. He didn't worry about losing his way as the map was pretty accurate, he did find this settlement and all.

Didn't take him long to spot a couple of angry looking beasties, they were attacking some other creature that was running away. It had an elongated frame split into segments, with one pair of legs per that body segment. It looked like it was made from a hard shell and the head had large antennae sticking out, a pair of elongated mandibles along with more claw like appendages that made it look quite ferocious. Size wise it was

about 4 to 5 meters long. It was more or less a giant version of a centipede, Matt grimaced as he saw those monsters moving about and just wanted to ignore them as they were quite gruesome looking.

But he had to toughen up, plus he had a way to take them out without moving in too close. He gathered up his spirit energy into his hand to form a long spear and took aim at the creepy crawlies that were chasing something that looked like a big boar? He focused on his target and chunked the javelin at it, hitting one of the monsters closer to its hind area than in the head. This didn't kill the big centipede, but it did slow it down. It stopped in its tracks to see what attacked gnashing its mandibles at the surroundings in a menacing way. But this only gave Matt the chance to charge up one more bolt of lightning and as he got closer he chunked it right at its head that promptly exploded into gory bits.

Giant Centipede Slain ( Qi Condensation 4th stage ) Earned 35 Spirit Points.

The second monster didn't stop in its chase after the large boar and continued on without helping its kin. He decided to forget about the body of this horror as he chased after the other one, missing with his aim here and there before finally landing a killing hit, the trees were getting in the way and he wasn't really used to throwing lightning bolts at things that moved, but this whole thing sure made him feel like Zeus.

The other beast got away but he didn't chase after it, he flew down to check if the monster was dead. The guts and bodily fluids were all over the place, Matt covered his nose as the big bug had quite the smell to it.

\*Uh... will those villagers even want to eat this thing...\*

He shrugged for now and placed the dead body in his storage ring and then backtracked to the spot that he killed the other one, only to find more giant bugs of the same kind eating the corpse that he had slain. This was a good thing and a bad thing in a way, good that he had more monsters that he could practice his skills on, bad that the other beast's body was wasted now. Well, he rained down lightning laced javelins on the monsters, getting better and better at aiming them as practice did indeed make perfect and soon a pile of remains was filling the ground. He was glad that he had his ring on him, it would really be annoying if he had to fly with those stinky corpses around, he waved his hand and they vanished into thin air.

\*Well this is going well... should I see where these monsters come from and clear out the nest, or just check out the area some more.\*

These monsters weren't enraged or anything so they were just regular insect beasties, but they gave similar amount of points that he could farm. He left one corpse outside to examine it, he could tell that the armor was kind of sturdy as knocking made robust sounds, maybe the people in the village could make things from this?

He got the smart idea of leaving one of the creature bodies out in the open, in the hopes of attracting it's kind. He thought that there should be a place where they were coming from as the other ones appeared quite fast after he slew the first one. He hovered above them while checking his points, he had some now but still far from having enough to buy better skills or gear. He heard the sounds of insectoid feet on rummaging on the ground as another group of giant centipede monsters emerged. He smirked and cleared them out as well, soon being able to precisely aim his lightning spear at the heads which brought the beasts down with one hit.

"I'm sure am a bit overpowered, aren't I? Or at least haven't found anything that could hurt me yet... better not get cocky. Think those monsters came from that way."

He flew in the direction the large insects came from and after spotting more of them, clearing them out, gathering all the remains he wooshed further and further and finally came up to a hill. The hill had many holes in the side of it and he could see the insect monsters crawling out of them. Sometimes they moved some food inside, sometimes they bit each other but mostly they were just being creepy.

"Hm... wished I had some grand skills so I could take this hill out ... It looks like there are hundreds of them there..."

Matt checked his map and the amount of red dots on it was huge, he couldn't tell how many of those creatures were stuck in that hill but it was a lot. He could more or less distinguish the power level of these monsters by now, there weren't any strong ones around them as all of them were at the Qi Condensation stage, there was one a bit stronger than the other ones but it wouldn't be a problem.

"Question is... do I have enough spirit qi to fling so many javelins at them... guess this will be a good training exercise."

He wasn't tired from using his throwing skill that much at the moment, but he didn't use it that much and he had downtimes to gather up more spirit qi from the surroundings, which his lightning core was kind of doing on its own passively.

"I'm cheating a bit as they have no way of getting up here to where I am... oh well... "

Matt started throwing javelin after javelin at the creepy crawling giant centipede monsters, doing it faster and faster as they emerged from the hillside to see what was going on. They knew that they were in danger but they couldn't see with their limited senses, not really having good eyes and mostly using their huge antennas and changes in the surroundings to get a read on their opponents. They weren't really ready for a shameless cultivator that just bombarded them from a safe distance with bolts of lightning. Matt started getting really good at this, managing to fire off multiple javelins at once, he learned that he could produce multiple spears of lightning in his hand and throw them with an added devastating effect, or he could charge up longer and fling a huge one that could take out multiple centipedes if they piled up in one spot.

After using this skill to take out most of the insect beasts, he started feeling tired, he felt weird as his body as getting deprived of spiritual energy after prolonged usage.

“I guess that I do have a cap to this power, but luckily there aren’t many left and I think the leader is coming out.”

The hill burst open and a centipede that was about twice the size of the other ones emerged, but it also wasn’t much for him to handle as it also just took one supercharged javelin to the face before crumbling down, dead on the ground.

Giant Centipede Slain ( Qi Condensation 12th stage ) Earned 100 Spirit Points.

“Oh, guess it was close to advancing, maybe I’d have gotten more points if I had waited a bit?”

He cleared out the entire nest within a couple of hours, his throwing abilities were at a higher level now plus he finally had some SP to spend.

“Let’s see...think I killed close to 200 of those bugs.”

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He was quite satisfied with himself, he was gaining points and learning to better use his skills in actual battle situations. If he could he would buy himself some sort of high tech training chamber to train instead of in a safe environment.

He stretched a bit and looked around his surroundings, it looked gruesome. There were dead bugs everywhere and they gave off a pungent smell. The centipedes were monsters with a poison attribute to them. The whole place was covered with various liquids besides blood and they ranged from yellow to purple.



Matt grimaced as he started to place the corpses in his storage ring. He sure hoped that those tribespeople would find a use for these giant bug remains. He was a bit disturbed while walking around the remains at least he didn't need to directly touch the remains just get close enough so he used his sword to hover slightly above ground level. This took him some time as he also started checking out the surroundings wondering if these types of bugs hoarded any items. He thought that maybe he could get some added treasure, but he didn't find anything and the openings in the hill were kind of narrow. Matt didn't want to crawl into the dark an unknown even though the minimap didn't show anything living inside, what if there was something blocking the signal and some creepy thing pounces on his face?

\*Okay, I have some points now. But that skill sure does use a lot of energy if I have to spam it for an hour.\*

His core was working in overdrive as it naturally sucked in spiritual energy from the surroundings to replenish his used up tank. He felt like he lost about half his Qi while going berserk with the javelin skill. He focused to bring out his lightning sword now with one hand, while summoning the spear with the other hand. He held both of them in the same way and concentrated.

\*Hm... even though these two skills look similar and have a similar length to it, the javelin drains a bit more... maybe because it has to have enough punch to it, so when I throw it, it doesn't dissipate. The sword is always close to my body so I can sustain it better.\*

He started to learn about managing his Qi reserves while engaging in battle. But he also wanted to test out some close-range combat and incorporate his other skills. He had the basic fighting knowledge to use punches and kicks, plus he had that flashy movement art that made him very hard to hit, but it was a bit hard to hit anything while moving as well. He sure could use a sparring partner or something for this, was kind of hard to learn much on your own, guess he would need to find himself, someone, to train with...

However, he did not see any old Asian grandpas that would teach him the way of the Dao while he cleaned their fence anywhere within the area he was in. For the time being the monsters around this area would be used to test out his plethora of skills which he didn't have an awful lot of. For the remainder of the day, he flew around the area taking it easy. He helped the members of the saucy tribe here and there if he spotted anyone in danger but he didn't find any more infested breeding grounds of monsters like the poison insects.

Matt managed to find a nice elevated spot as well, it was a larger hill, maybe it could be considered a small mountain but he didn't really know. He sat down in the lotus position as he did the previous day and started cultivating. The clouds soon gathered around him as he sucked in the spiritual Qi from around the area, the beasts and animals fleeing the spot that he was in as they noticed someone of a higher cultivation level. The

beasts were somewhat intelligent and unless they had that strange berserk status they would not bring themselves in harm's way.

He spent the remainder of the day there, managing to go from 5% to 12% in his cultivation. Matt was a bit surprised that he was advancing so fast but that was probably because this was just the early stage, plus his body cultivation didn't budge at all as he needed to get some weapons to absorb.

He saw the sun starting to go down on the horizon, so it was time to return. He probably could handle himself during the night, but due to his old habits, he decided to head to his temporary home in the village. People could see him wooshing about in the sky, clapping their hands in respect as they saw him. Matt headed to the Chief's house, for now, he wanted to get rid of the giant centipede monster corpses as soon as he could, it didn't feel right to carry those things around with him.

"Greetings Senior Dong."

Said Yang Shan as he saw the cultivator in white who was standing outside his abode, he tried to beckon him over to his home for a chat and maybe some tea but Matt just waved him over instead. The Chief walked over and looked at the man who was scratching the back of his neck and thinking about something.

"So, uh... remember the deal from yesterday? I did hunt some monsters, so uh could you guys take care of the bodies?"

Yang Shan smiled in response as the deal didn't sound bad at all, they didn't really need to do much on their own, just process the goods and earn a bit of spare change while getting food and resources.

"Oh yes! Sure, sure just let us handle it."

The Chief looked ecstatic as this would aid his tribe a lot.

"So... where can I unload the bu... the beasts... Probably going to need a large area..."

He asked while scratching the back of his neck even more.

"Oh, you don't need to trouble yourself, Senior, just drop the beasts off anywhere you want, our Tribesmen will begin processing them immediately!"

"Are you sure? ... right here in front of your house? "

Matt looked at the burly man that just nodding with a smile on his face and shrugged, looking at his ring as he took a few steps back. He took out his flying sword first which made the tribe chief a bit puzzled. He then flew up so that he could begin the dumping procedure. Yang Shan then looked in bewilderment as a mountain of dead giant



centipede monsters quickly piled up in front of his home, blocking the main gate fully from one side. There were a couple of other monsters in there but the dead bug parts were the things you mostly saw.

“Well then... I’m going to turn in for the night... you guys have fun.”

Matt quickly zoomed out of there on his sword while the Tribe Chief’s face started twitching. From all the monsters this Senior could hunt he had to go for the dreaded Giant centipedes, this kind of monster wasn’t edible for humans at they were poisonous and their bodies were hard to process. They could kind of fashion crude armors and weapons from the insect shell and their sharp mandibles, the cores were the most lucrative part as they could be sold. He barked some orders at his retainers that moved out to gather more people, this mountain of dead bugs would be a chore to clean out as the poison from the bodies was dripping down into the soil already.

“I’ll have to designate a special building for this... that senior is an odd one... “

While the other people were slaving... happily working through the night to clean up the graciously gifted animal remains, Matt brought up his status screen of his gains. He managed to rack up more points after the bug wars.

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“Not bad for the first day ... feel a bit sorry for those guys, but there were a couple of edible looking beasts in that pile... sure hope dropping them in that bug pile wasn’t a bad idea...”

It, of course, was a bad idea as the poison from the centipedes soaked into the other creatures remains but it could be eaten as the tribe people did have some cleansing and cleaning measures. They, of course, coursed him out at night as they found out that

there would be even more work for them due to this. Matt just flopped onto his bed and rested while thinking about the things that he should do tomorrow.

