

Versatile 2631

Chapter 2631: Are You Hungry?

Wasn't it just hatched from an egg recently? How did it kill a Warrior-level Lance Spine Bear?

Most importantly... How is it already so much bigger after I was gone for just a short while?

'The Sharkman Beast Infant feasted on the Lance Spine Bear and devoured it in practically an instant.

Zhao Manyan had a strange face. Was the infant a monster? It was only around the size of an adult man. How did it fit the whole Lance Spine Bear, which was the size of a bulldozer, into its stomach?

Shouldn't it burst its own body? How did it digest the Lance Spine Bear in such a short time?

"What did I say? You ate too much... holy crap!" Zhao Manyan was about to tease the creature when he saw it growing at a visible speed!

It was not bloated. It was growing!

Its bones, muscles, and skin were expanding. Even its head was bigger. The creature that had just hatched from its egg was now the size of a full-grown shark!

How incredible! It was true that most creatures had to take in a lot of food to grow, but they also needed some time to digest the food. He had never heard of a creature growing on the spot after it was done eating!

On second thought, it was not that unbelievable...

Perhaps it was normal for Sharkman Beasts to grow whenever they ate after they were born. Otherwise, how could they grow to the size of a stadium? Their size was not that out-of-place in the ocean. Baxia, who was now the size of an island, might also grow whenever it ate.

"Where are your parents?" Zhao Manyan asked it.

The creature did not understand him, but it did not leave, either.

"Don't tell me you are thinking of eating me? I'm not that fleshy, so you won't grow much even if you ate me," Zhao Manyan reminded it.

The creature had no intention to eat Zhao Manyan. It stuck its head closer and sniffed Zhao Manyan, before rubbing its head on his hand.

Zhao Manyan was confused, but then he quickly took out the Contract Ring he had almost thrown away.

The Ring had turned bright red without him realizing it. He remembered it was dark red before.

Zhao Manyan put the Ring on the creature's forehead again and discovered a similar mark was there.

“Holy crap, did it really work? Was it that easy?” Zhao Manyan exclaimed.

He had not seen any hints from the Ring, nor did he feel any change from his soul. Zhao Manyan had no idea what the Ring had done to establish a Contract with the Sharkman Beast Infant!

Don't tell me...

Did I catch an insanely strong creature of the ocean, just like that? Shouldn't the sea monsters have some pride? Did I really trick the sea monster with a colorful crystal ball?

Zhao Manyan was both happy and worried. He still had no idea about the creature's situation.

After all, it was rare to find an unguarded egg, especially when it was about to hatch. Zhao Manyan did not have high expectations for the Contract Ring, either. To his surprise, it had worked!

It had successfully signed a Contract with the Sharkman Beast Infant!

Everything had gone so smoothly that Zhao Manyan could not help but be suspicious of it.

‘The Sharkman Beast Infant kept biting at the air and grinding its teeth. It also pointed at its mouth with its fins.

“are you hungry?” Zhao Manyan asked it.

‘The Sharkman Beast Infant waved its tail happily.

“You just ate a bear!” Zhao Manyan yelled at it.

The Lance Spine Bear had been five times the size of the Sharkman Beast Infant. Its remains were still lying to the side in its own blood. Some of its meat might still be stuck between the creature's teeth, but it was already telling him it was hungry!

A disturbing noise came from above. Zhao Manyan looked up and immediately saw a Sharkman with muscles as thick as metal plates looking down at Zhao Manyan and the Sharkman Beast Infant.

Zhao Manyan's head began to hurt.

It seemed like the infant's parents were here. They were surely going to kill him to terminate the Contract!

The Dark Iron Sharkman jumped down from the building and landed heavily on the ground. Its knee slammed into the concrete and crushed a hole in it.

The Dark Iron Sharkman looked at the remains of the Lance Spine Bear and Zhao Manyan.

It walked toward Zhao Manyan while its jaws were opening and closing, making the sound of a grinder.

The Sharkman Beast Infant suddenly pounced at the Sharkman and bit at it. Judging by its excited expression, it was treating the Sharkman as food, not like a parent!

‘The Dark Iron Sharkman stepped aside suddenly to dodge the Sharkman Beast Infant's attack. It grabbed the Sharkman Beast Infant's tail and flung it to the ground!

The Sharkman Beast Infant cried out as its body twitched in pain.

Zhao Manyan was startled. He did not expect the two creatures to fight one another so fiercely. It had looked like they were of the same species!

The Dark Iron Sharkman was obviously a Commander-level creature, and a lot stronger than the Lance Spine Bear. Zhao Manyan flicked a golden bead at the Dark Iron Sharkman as it was about to slice into the Sharkman Beast Infant!

The golden bead contained great power. It hit the Dark Iron Sharkman like a truck.

‘The building behind the Dark Iron Sharkman collapsed. Its tough body was also broken in many places, its blood splattering all over the place.

It did not die. It let out an angry cry, like it was calling for help. However, the Sharkman Beast Infant crawled back to its feet. It lunged at the Dark Iron Sharkman fearlessly and bit its head off!

The Sharkman Beast Infant was having trouble biting into the Dark Iron Sharkman, but it kept munching and swallowing its flesh regardless.

“How did you even bite it?” Zhao Manyan asked helplessly.

The Dark Iron Sharkman’s skin was as tough as metal. Even an Advanced Spell could not break it, but the Sharkman Beast Infant was biting the thing into pieces and swallowing them.

The Sharkman Beast Infant seemed very hungry. It had eaten the whole Sharkman!

A magical sight took place once again. The Sharkman Beast Infant started growing once more.

It had grown to the size of a car, obviously having received a lot of energy from eating the Commander-level creature!

Chapter 2632: How Did You Survive?

Constant growth after eating! Isn’t the efficiency a little ridiculous?

‘The Sharkman Beast Infant was angry just a moment ago after the Dark Iron Sharkman knocked it to the ground, but it was now in a great mood after eating the creature.

It was able to swim around in the air, emitting ripples that gradually dissipated as it did so.

Zhao Manyan looked at the remains of the Lance Spine Bear and rubbed his nose. “Perhaps the smell of blood has attracted the Sharkman here. I should leave this place now.”

Zhao Manyan left the street, and the Sharkman Beast Infant followed him.

‘The Sharkman Beast Infant suddenly let out a strange noise as it opened its mouth. It felt like something was vibrating at a high frequency in its throat, like a device transmitting a signal.

Zhao Manyan had no idea what the creature was doing. He recalled its reckless behavior a moment ago and scolded, "You are just a baby. Don't just rush at everything you see. You should estimate your enemy's strength first. Do you understand?"

'The creature acted like it understood Zhao Manyan's words. It clapped with its fins in response.

"Speaking of which, those Sharkmen are everywhere. Why don't you go take a nap in the Contract Ring? The outside world is a lot more dangerous than you think," Zhao Manyan said.

The reckless creature was going to attract the attention of many sea monsters in the city!

'The creature placed its fins on its stomach and let out a cry in response to the chiding.

"Holy crap, you still want to eat?"

It's hungry again!?

It had only been the duration of smoking a cigarette at most. The Dark Iron Sharkman was a Commander-level creature, its meat full of magical energy and calories. Normal Magical Beasts that had just been born would have slept for several days after taking in so many calories, but this thing was hungry

again!

A Sharkman Beast was flying over the buildings. Its body looked like it was made of some metal alloy. The sunlight pouring down on the city suddenly disappeared when it was passing by underneath its huge dark shadow.

'The infant pointed its fins at the sky with great anticipation on its face.

"What? You want to eat that?" Zhao Manyan's head hurt.

Was this thing really a Sharkman Beast? Why was it drooling when it saw a Sharkman Beast, instead of feeling a sense of belonging?

How much can it eat? It is actually thinking of eating such an enormous creature!

"I see if I can find any Lance Spine Bears or Sharkmen that are on their own," Zhao Manyan said in return.

'The creature insisted on not going into the Ring until it was fed. Zhao Manyan did not have a choice. He could only find a way to fill the creature's stomach!

What kind of creature is this?

A human figure was reflected on the river underneath a bridge.

'The man was extremely skinny, and had a yellow face. He was eating a pack of moldy jerky. The look in his eyes was no longer that of a normal human. It belonged to the filthy creatures from the sewers.

Tap tap!

Clear footsteps were audible on the bridge above him.

'The man stopped eating and looked up.

An eerie shadow suddenly hung upside-down along the railing of the bridge. It slowly took the shape of a human!

"You... It's you!" The skinny man was terrified. He almost slipped and fell into the water.

A lot of Sharkmen were patrolling underneath the bridge. He held firmly onto the edge and stared at Mo Fan like he had just seen a ghost.

"Have you seen this man before?" Mo Fan took out a photograph and showed it to the cunning man.

The skinny man was spooked when he saw the smile on Mo Fan's face. How had he survived?

Any creature that was bleeding would not be able to escape from the Sharkmen's pursuit, especially when the chase was going to last for at least half an hour. There were countless Sharkmen in the city!

"I'm asking you a question, so you should answer it. Do you understand? I don't mind feeding scum like you to the fish in the river!" Mo Fan grabbed the man and lifted him up with one hand.

The skinny man's feet were dangling in the air. Mo Fan slowly extended his hand out beyond the edge.

'The bridge was extremely high. The fall could easily kill someone, not to mention the sharks that were waiting to be fed in the water. They would instantly tear the man to pieces!

"I did! I've seen him before!" the skinny man yelled.

"Where was the last time you saw him?" Mo Fan asked calmly.

Mo Fan had to let the man live for just a little longer so he could complete his quest.

The disciple of the renowned clan must have been caught alive and thrown into the city by the Sharkmen as prey for their hunting game. If the client was confident their target was still alive, Mo Fan just had to ask the man for information. He had obviously met other people and had used them as bait to

save himself.

Even though he had to do it for his own survival, it still did not change the fact that he was an asshole***.

'Mo Fan had never had any compassion for jerks.

Mo Fan was going to let go once he got his answer. Perhaps he might survive if he was a great swimmer.

"Hurry up, I'm running out of patience," Mo Fan snarled.

The skinny man felt like he was going to suffocate. It was hard to lie in his situation, as his brain was lacking oxygen to think properly.

"Lam... That's...that's me!" the man exclaimed desperately.

Mo Fan chuckled.

He loosened his grip and dropped the skinny man into the water. He purposely attached a gravity chain to the man, preventing him from escaping with some strange magic. He wanted to make sure the man would fall into the water!

Mo Fan dusted off his hands. He was about to leave when he remembered something.

“Hang on, even though his face isn’t as chubby as the photo our client showed to us, his facial features...”

As Mo Fan was mumbling to himself, he heard a loud splash below. “Should I give him a chance?”

Mo Fan first thought the guy was lying to him, but he realized the man would definitely look a lot different if he had become so skinny after not eating for so long.

If he really was the guy their client had asked them to save... It would be a great loss for Mo Fan!

Chapter 2633: It Can Still Grow

The man was already unconscious by the time Mo Fan scooped him out of the water.

Mo Fan carefully compared the man’s facial features with the photo of the man they were looking for, and unfortunately did find some level of resemblance.

How annoying!

Mo Fan was more than willing to feed an ass** like him to the sharks, yet he happened to have quite a powerful background. The people behind him had spent a lot of money hiring Hunters to rescue him.

Forget it, I should keep him alive for now. It was not unlikely the man would die a sudden death after Mo Fan was done with the quest.

“If you don’t open your eyes, I’m going to slit your wrist,” Mo Fan stated coldly.

“No, don’t!” The skinny man instantly ‘woke up’.

“Don’t even think about fooling me. I only took the quest to bring you out of here alive because I’m looking for something else in this city. However, if you mess with me, I don’t really care about the money or the Contribution Points. Do you understand?” Mo Fan did not go easy on the man.

Normally, he would just save a desperate man’s life after finding him in such a cruel situation, but to his surprise, the man had tried to set him up just to save himself!

“Twon’t. You have my word. I was ignorant. I didn’t know you were here to save me... please believe me. I only did it because I didn’t have a choice.”

“What’s your name?” Mo Fan asked coolly.

“My Chinese name is Guan Songdi, my English...”

“That’s enough, I’m not interested in it,” Mo Fan waved his hand to cut him off.

“Are we leaving now? But there are Sharkmen with sharp noses in every corner of the city. No living creature could escape their eyes... Wait, how did you get in here? You can stay undetected from them!” Guan Songdi blurted out in joy.

Mo Fan had not been captured and brought here by the Sharkmen. He was a Hunter who had come to rescue him, which meant he was able to get into the city and avoid the Sharkman Beasts.

There was a chance for them to leave the city alive if they could avoid the Sharkman Beasts!

He had been trapped in the city for more than a month. There had been hundreds of people brought to the city around the same time as him. Many had been Mages like him.

However, only a few of them were still alive. New prey had constantly been brought to the city over the past month. It was like a battle royale-style game!

Guan Songdi had been teetering on the edge of sanity for more than a month.

He never had a chance to rest properly. He was constantly on edge whenever he imagined the Sharkmen would find him and eat him alive while he was sleeping.

Anyone would lose their mind after being stuck here for a long time. He desperately wanted to leave this city!

“If you bring me out of here now, I can pay you five times, no, ten, twenty times the reward!” Guan Songdi exclaimed urgently.

“You cut my arm. You can think about how you are going to make up for it. I have something more important than your life to do, so you can keep hiding. I’ll find you and bring you out of the city once I’m done.” Mo Fan dug into his ear like he did not care about money, even though he had always been poor.

“Don’t, I can’t even handle a single Sharkman!” Guan Songdi squealed in fear.

Lingling had repeatedly reminded Mo Fan that the man was a cash cow. In the end, Mo Fan had no choice but to bring the assh*** with him.

He returned to the headquarters of the company and searched the building, but he did not find anything useful.

It was just a business logo. It was unlikely he would find any clues unless he could find records about its founding.

Left with no choice, Mo Fan could only regroup with the others to see if they had found anything useful.

Luckily, he did not end up empty-handed. He had somehow found the person they were looking for!

“Old Zhao is around here, I should meet up with him,” Mo Fan said to himself.

It was inconvenient bringing a person with him. Mo Fan had to use the buildings and walls as cover. If he was alone, he could easily move between buildings through their shadows.

Pools of blood were scattered across the road.

Zhao Manyan was sitting inside an abandoned bus. He was staring dumbfounded at the creature he had claimed as his Contracted Beast.

Other people would bring their Contracted Beast home and take good care of them so they could grow quickly. They would be a great help once they matured.

However, Zhao Manyan's Contracted Beast was a little 'special'.

It had only been a little more than three hours since it had hatched.

Zhao Manyan had lost count of how many Sharkmen it had eaten, whether they were ordinary Sharkmen or Commander-level Dark Iron Sharkmen. It was sending out a strange cry which lured the nearby Sharkmen to it.

The Sharkmen thought they would find a juicy Lance Spine Bear. To their surprise, after turning a corner and venturing inside a hotel, a little monster that could never be full was waiting for them.

The hotel had a large entryway and was surrounded by three-storied old buildings. It also had a spacious car park beside it.

Mo Fan headed into the hotel with Guan Songdi tagging along. He immediately saw Zhao Manyan, who was sitting atop a bus.

The truth was, Mo Fan was following the trail of a Sharkman, but it had been eaten in front of him by a strange creature that was floating in the air.

"What's going on here?" Mo Fan looked around and saw piles of fresh bloody bones.

It was like a mountain of empty plates that had been stacked up during a buffet. The whole place was full of the remains of Sharkmen and Lance Spine Bears!

"I have no idea. It can eat so much. I feel like it's trying to eat every Sharkman in the city," Zhao Manyan replied with a wry smile.

The creature was constantly growing while eating. It was no longer just an infant; it had turned into a giant floating silver-blue whale!

The Sharkman Beasts in the sky would have noticed it if Zhao Manyan had not hidden it with a Light Element Barrier.

Zhao Manyan was now sure of one thing. That creature was definitely not a child of the Sharkman Beasts!

It was a different species, and the Sharkman Beasts were its favorite food, as if it would only be full and evolve after eating lots of them!

"You managed to establish a Contract with it? Your father sure left a lot of precious things for you," Mo Fan exclaimed.

“Please stop eating, we really have other serious things to do...” Zhao Manyan said to the creature helplessly.

Chapter 2634: Lanyang Earth Core

The Lanyang Drinking Water Plant.

Many places in the city were covered by the frost overnight.

However, the Lanyang Drinking Water Plant did not have any sign of frost. Xinxia, Lingling, and Jiang Shaoxu searched the plant thoroughly, and discovered some pipes extending to the sea.

The pipes crossed a hill and plunged into the sea. A huge machine was close to the sea. It was pumping the seawater into a huge underground reservoir before the water was delivered to the plant.

‘The underground reservoir was very deep, like an underground cave connected with the ocean. Below the cave was even an underwater world, right under the city’s foundations!

It was difficult to imagine a completely different world had existed under such a big city.

“We’ll figure out a way to go down after they get here,” Lingling said.

After finding the source of the drinking water for the plant, Lingling speculated that the underground sea had the answers to why the people of Lanyang did not catch the Low Body Temperature Disease.

“Should we head down first? We aren’t sure how long they will take to come back here. I can do some basic exploration to see what’s down there,” Jiang Shaoxu said.

“I’ll go with you,” Xinxia said.

“Mm, we can support one another. Lingling, you’ll stay here and guide us,” Jiang Shaoxu said.

“Well...”

“It’s fine, we aren’t some weak and delicate women. I can even make a Ruler-level creature obey me!” Jiang Shaoxu declared confidently.

“Fine...”

Cypress Moon Hotel.

Mo Fan and Zhao Manyan looked into the sky. It was already dark, but Zhao Manyan’s Contract Beast was still searching for food. It was giving them a huge headache.

Left with no choice, Mo Fan could only take a little risk to capture a Great Commander-level Sharkman Beast.

The Sharkman Beasts were also classified into different levels. Those whose bodies were fully wrapped in metal alloy were Ruler-level creatures. Their size was close to that of a stadium. Mo Fan would surely end up attracting the attention of other Sharkmen if he fought them.

‘Mo Fan ended up choosing a Black-Skinned Sharkman Beast. He asked Apas to control its mind and lure it into the Cypress Moon Hotel to feed Zhao Manyan’s new Contracted Beast.

Mo Fan had now seen how special the creature was. It was growing while eating! It was around the size of a whale before eating the Sharkman Beast, but it had already grown to the size of a tour boat after it was done eating!

“Go take a sleep in the Contract Ring. I have something serious to take care of,” Zhao Manyan pleaded.

‘The creature finally nodded. It went into the Contract Ring with great satisfaction.

Zhao Manyan let out a relieved sigh when the creature finally disappeared.

Why couldn’t he control his own hands? Why did he try to see if he could make it his Contract Beast?

In the end... The creature that could eat so much was depending on him to feed it!

“You will have to prepare food measured in tons just to feed it.” Mo Fan was rather speechless.

Zhao Manyan was a true genius to find himself such a unique Contracted Beast!

‘The creature had already eaten so much on the first day it was born. Once it grew more, Zhao Manyan would go bankrupt just from feeding it!

“Don’t bring it up again, I’m tired. I found some information in the Lanyang Institute. Their logo originates from a place called the Lanyang Earth Core. It’s an ancient underground temple that has been around for more than a thousand years,” Zhao Manyan reported.

“An ancient temple. Do you know where it is?” Mo Fan asked him.

“It’s right under our feet,” a voice suddenly interjected.

Mo Fan and Zhao Manyan turned to the voice and saw a man in a white outfit approaching them. His hair was gelled to look stylish.

‘The man was none other than Mu Bai. Judging from the proud grin on his face, he must have made the biggest discovery among them!

Mu Bai walked through the entrance that had been sealed off by a magic Barrier. He was stunned when he saw all the bloody remains in the area.

“Why did you two kill so many Sharkmen?” Mu Bai had to ask.

“They were eaten.”

“Eaten?”

“Can we not talk about something that isn’t important for now? Do you know where the Lanyang Earth Core is?” Zhao Manyan interrupted impatiently.

“Yes, this city also has a lot of people who are being hunted. I was wondering where I could bring them to. This place is quite hidden. Can I bring them here?” Mu Bai asked.

“Mu Bai was actually a kind man. He had discovered many survivors who were abandoned while he was moving around the city. He gathered them and offered them protection.

“Bring them here then,” Mo Fan glanced at Guan Songdi.

Guan Songdi immediately panicked.

After all, they could not just turn a blind eye to the survivors. They put the topic of the Lanyang Earth Core aside and settled the survivors in the hotel, protecting them with a hidden Barrier of the Light Element.

“There were around fifteen survivors, all the same as Guan Songdi. They were all worn out from being chased by the Sharkmen. They were relieved after finally finding a safe place to hide in.

“Didn’t our Bo City have an Underground Holy Spring? It provided Mages with a special place to meditate in. The Lanyang Earth Core is similar to the Underground Holy Spring. It provides Mages with a special pond which they could meditate in. Their cultivation would improve greatly,” Mu Bai finally explained what he knew about the Lanyang Earth Core.

“It must be related to the Mysterious Feather Totem Beast. Let’s go check it out!” Mo Fan urged them.

“The Lanyang Earth Core has been around for a thousand years, just like the Underground Holy Spring. Only a few people know how to access it. Even those who meditated in it before had no idea how to find it. We only know it’s under the city,” Mu Bai sighed, shaking his head.

Lanyang was a huge city with six districts, each district around the size of a single Bo City. It was not going to be easy to find the hidden entrance to the Lanyang Earth Core!

Many people in Bo City knew of the existence of the Underground Holy Spring, but they would never expect it to be right under the Silver Commerce Tower.

Similarly, many people knew about the existence of Lanyang’s special place, but its exact location was kept confidential!

Chapter 2635: Forbidden Lightning Underground Altar

Guan Songdi came over and said softly, “I might know where the place you are looking for is...”

“I don’t think I want to trust you.” Mo Fan was well aware of what kind of person Guan Songdi was.

“I won’t lie to you. I just want to leave this place, but you won’t leave if you don’t find the Lanyang Earth Core. It’s in my interest to help you finish your mission as quickly as possible!” Guan Songdi said quickly.

“Tell us what you know, then,” Mo Fan replied coolly.

“I met a bunch of survivors before. We stayed together to hide from the Sharkmen. One of them was a Mage. He mentioned that if the city had fallen, there’s only one place that is absolutely safe, the Lanyang Earth Core. He said the same thing as your friend. The Lanyang Earth Core has raised many brilliant Mages for the city,” Guan Songdi explained.

“What happened next?” Mo Fan asked.

Guan Songdi shook his head and said, “We headed to the place, but it was surrounded by Sharkmen who blocked our path. I managed to escape, but the rest of the group died.”

“Your law of survival has saved you many times,” Mo Fan scoffed.

Guan Songdi blushed, but he added, “I can bring you to the place, but you must bring me with you. I don’t want to stay with these people.”

“It’s more dangerous to go with us. Why don’t you want to hide here?” Mo Fan asked with a confused look.

“Humph, most survivors who are still alive in this city have most likely abandoned their friends, too! The Sharkmen are vicious and have sensitive noses. The only way to escape from their pursuit is for other living creatures to bleed and distract them. They are oddly passionate about the scent of blood!”

Guan Songdi conveyed his distrust of the other survivors.

“Fine, let’s move out while it’s still dark.” Mo Fan did not want to talk to the guy anymore.

Mo Fan had already searched the headquarters of the larger business not long ago. He had not found anything useful.

To his surprise, the entrance of the Lanyang Earth Core was close to the same building. It was located in a basement that looked like an underground car park.

If Guan Songdi had not brought them here and pried open the elevator shaft, they would have had no idea the shaft would lead them to a deeper level under the ground!

“There are a few corpses over there. It seems like he was telling the truth,” Mu Bai mentioned after he noticed them in the basement.

“Mn, let’s head down. The other survivors are well-protected at the hotel. The Sharkmen won’t find them as long as they stay indoors,” Mo Fan nodded.

Mo Fan led the way and jumped into the shaft.

The elevator had fallen to the bottom of the shaft after losing power. Mo Fan had jumped into the shaft from basement level two, but he was surprised when he had not reached the bottom after falling for more than thirty levels.

‘The Lanyang Earth Core was hidden so deep underground! It made a lot of sense to hide the city’s heirloom treasure in a place that no one would find easily

Mo Fan blended into the darkness as he reached the bottom. He was hovering above the elevator like a phantom.

“Come down here, I’m at the bottom!” Mo Fan shouted up, before prying open the elevator door.

The group left the elevator and saw an altar built from all kinds of magic ores and crystals. The altar area was not dark, the whole place being illuminated by crystal lamps that could last for several dozen years.

The center of the altar was empty. They found a spiraling staircase imbued with Lightning Element crystals hovering magically in the air.

“The staircase was floating. One had to be extremely cautious around it.

“It looks like some kind of protection. If anyone doesn’t take the right steps, the altar will unleash a strong Lightning Magic to kill the intruder,” Mu Bai warned them.

Zhao Manyan glanced at Mu Bai and exclaimed, “How did you know all of that from just observing the strange staircase?”

“Didn’t you see the huge red warning sign over there? Can’t you read?” Mo Fan pointed.

Zhao Manyan followed Mo Fan’s finger and saw a huge warning sign, like something above a circuit box.

How awkward!, he coughed to himself.

“It looks like it’s the only way down,” Mu Bai went on.

“The altar is supported by the energy of the magic ores. We might be in trouble if we don’t go down the stairs in the right order,” Guan Songdi said.

“Why don’t you go first?” Mo Fan asked.

“Please don’t. I’m just a weak Mage. You can just treat me like I’m transparent,” Guan Songdi answered stiffly.

“If only Lingling is here, things would be much simpler,” Mo Fan sighed.

“Humph!”

“The sound of a woman came from another entrance. The four turned that way and saw Jiang Shaoxu and Xinxia approaching them.

“It looks like it’s a draw between us. We have all found this place!” Jiang Shaoxu smiled.

Jiang Shaoxu and Xinxia had followed the pipes of the drinking water plant to the underground. They broke down a wall to reach the altar the pipes were connected to.

Mo Fan went over and noticed Xinxia’s hair was still wet. She must have swum through the canals to come here.

“I can solve this,” Xinxia declared firmly.

Xinxia's mental strength was outstanding. She closed her eyes. When she opened them again, she could see the flow of magic around her. Even if the pipes and crystals were blocked by walls and obstacles, she could still see their colorful energy in her eyes.

"Follow me," Xinxia led the way. She landed on the left side of the first platform. It began to fall like it had lost its support.

It gave Mo Fan a huge fright. He quickly went over to help Xinxia, but the platform came to a stop after falling for thirty centimeters.

Xinxia continued forward and jumped to the third platform. The first platform quickly bounced up to its original position.

"Remember to stay on the left side of the platform so you won't fall to the area where you will be attacked by lightning," Xinxia warned them all.

"This altar has an interesting design. It's like jumping to the right tiles while memorizing the order..." Mo Fan murmured.

Chapter 2636: Maple Leaf Blazing Feathers in the Deep Lake

A strong heat rose from below after they crossed the Magic Lightning Formation.

"There's a lake below us, and it's boiling," Mu Bai pointed out for everyone.

"Great, it's been tiring since we came to this city. We can enjoy ourselves a bath in a natural hot spring," Zhao Manyan smiled back.

"The temperature of the water was extremely high. Just as Jiang Shaoxu, Xinxia, and Lingling had guessed, the underground lake was the source of the water for the drinking water plant. The water of the underground lake was delivered up through clean pipes.

"The water is clearly from the bottom of the sea. There must be a crack at the bottom of the sea that causes the water to leak into here and form a lake under the city. However, there must be something in the lake that is heating up the water," Jiang Shaoxu deduced.

"We'll soon find out!" Mo Fan jumped into the water.

The others followed him. The water was hot, just like a hot spring, explaining why Lanyang was known for its hot springs. There was a natural hot spring underneath it!

The lake was surprisingly deep. The group had been diving deeply for some time, but they still could not see the bottom.

'The world under the water was a lot bigger than they had imagined. The subterranean lake they had seen was only a narrow entrance!

'The group eventually found themselves in an open area. Even the walls around the waters were nowhere to be seen.

"Do you see those round things like rocks floating in the water? Are they pebbles from the bottom of the sea?" Zhao Manyan asked, pointing at them.

"Maybe."

The heat grew stronger as they dove deeper.

'The strange thing was that the heat was not coming from the boiling water. It felt more like the heat of some light shining on them.

"Look below, something is glowing."

'The walls started to close in and formed the shape of an underwater pond. A lump of scorching red liquid was rolling around inside it.

The scorching light was coming from the pond, including the heat that had warmed up the whole lake!

"Is that lava?"

"I'm not sure. Mo Fan, go check it out," Zhao Manyan suggested.

'Mo Fan swam closer and saw a large number of the same rocks they had seen drifting around the pond.

If the pond was a burning red planet, the rocks were like a ring of asteroids around it!

Mo Fan had no idea what they were. When he slowly swam into the hot pond, he realized the thing rolling around in the pond was not lava, but bundles of feathers blazing as red as maple leaves!

The pond was full of feathers as dazzling crimson as autumnal leaves. They were also glowing as brightly as lava, and so they looked like a lump of strange scarlet liquid from afar.

'The feathers had been soaked under the water for a long time, but they were still releasing a special energy that not only created a cultivation ground under the city, but made the people of Lanyang immune to the cold plague.

Most importantly, even though the lines on the Runes were not the same, they all resembled the shape of a Totem Seal!

The Mysterious Feather Totem Beast! Its feathers had filled up the pond!

Had it been dead for several centuries? How strong was it when it was alive, if its feathers were still burning endlessly even today!?

'Mo Fan went closer and scooped up the feathers with both hands.

The feathers were huge. Even the tiniest quill was the size of Mo Fan's palm. The feathers at the center of the pond were the size of banana leaves and emitting different kinds of red light.

'The feathers in Mo Fan's hands suddenly erupted into flames. At the same time, Mo Fan could feel his heart pounding heavily and his blood boiling, like he was going to erupt into flames just like the feathers!

Mo Fan could feel that the flames were scorching but gentle!

The heat rising in his body from the burning feathers were not trying to hurt him. Most flames would spread as they burned, but the flames on his hands remained in a certain area.

For some reason, Mo Fan could see the ancient Totem Beast through the flames. It was as calm and noble as a glamorous woman, just like the Maple Leaf Blazing Feathers in the pond. It continued to shine and display its unique brilliance while being surrounded by disturbances and noises.

"They are indeed from the same branch!" Mo Fan felt his heart responding to the feathers. The Four-Eyed Bird and the Mysterious Feather Totem Beast were from the same ancestry!

No, the Four-Eyed Bird was most likely a descendant of the Mysterious Feather Totem Beast!

Only the ardent-hued feathers burst into flames when he touched them. There were feathers of other colors in the pond, but the Four-Eyed Bird only stirred up the ardent feathers!

The feathers started moving as if a wind was blowing into the pond, but how could there be wind under the water?

Some of the feathers rose from the deep pond and spun about in the water. Their tips were pointing at Mo Fan, as if something was attracting them.

The feathers flew at Mo Fan before he could react. They all burst into flames in the middle of their flights.

'Mo Fan's heart and blood were already burning. As the feathers rammed into his body, they slowly melted into the flames of the Four-Eyed Bird.

The pool had a large number of dawn-hued feathers. Mo Fan was soon surrounded by several layers of feathers. They were merging with Mo Fan's Phoenix Flame in an orderly manner, strengthening his Furnace Heart and its flames!

'Mo Fan was caught off-guard by the actions of the feathers. However, he felt extremely comfortable as the strong energy of the Fire Element wrapped around him and poured into his body!

Chapter 2637: Stamping the World with the Fire Element

The Phoenix Flame was comparable to a Heaven-grade Flame. It had granted Mo Fan the ability to be reborn in the presence of pure flames.

It was also incredibly powerful, allowing Mo Fan to crush Super Mages of the same level as him. Little did Mo Fan know, the Phoenix Flame had not reached its maximum potential!

After the feathers of the same color as the Phoenix Flame merged with it, Mo Fan had a feeling the furnace in his heart was filled with feathers constantly releasing heat, just like logs in a hearth. The flames were stronger as a result, but they were still under his control!

They seemed to have granted the flames the unique temperament of the Mysterious Feather Totem Beast, powerful yet gentle!

“Did the Phoenix Flame level up to a Greater Heaven Seed?!” Mo Fan could not withhold the joy rising inside him.

The Phoenix Flame was already incredibly strong, but Yu Shishi had only ranked it as a Lesser Heaven Seed. In other words, the Phoenix Flame had only been completed now, and was now equivalent to the level of a Greater Heaven Seed!

Another gust of ‘wind’ blew at the remaining feathers. They were also set on fire as they flew at Mo Fan in an orderly manner.

Mo Fan was astounded.

He only had the Phoenix Flame. Why would the feathers that represented other Totem Beasts fly at him, too?

As Mo Fan was thinking he was the Chosen One, he abruptly noticed Little Flame Belle had come out of her Contract Space. She was now standing in the center of the feathers.

It turned out the rest of the feathers were not flying toward him. They were circling Little Flame Belle instead!

It looked like Little Flame Belle was being reborn again as she was surrounded by the feathers. She was emitting the purest light of the Calamity Fire!

She was also growing!

The feathers, save for those that had merged with Mo Fan’s Phoenix Flame, were unusually friendly to Little Flame Belle, now unleashing a strange light upon her.

Little Flame Belle was like a small sapling being nurtured by the rain and sunlight simultaneously, slowly growing into a huge tree.

Little Flame Belle was evolving!

She had already reached her Adult phase, which was called the Flame Belle Empress. However, Mo Fan knew the Flame Belle Empress had a stronger phase after it, which Little Flame Belle was currently growing into!

“The Completion Phase! Little Flame Belle is about to reach the Completion Phase!”

Most Contracted Beasts had several phases in their life cycles. The Adult Phase was the usual limit for most creatures, but if Contracted Beasts stayed healthy and had access to plenty of resources throughout their growth, they had a chance to reach the final phase, the Completion Phase.

The Completion Phase would not occur to every Contracted Beast, as it required certain strict conditions.

Mo Fan was overjoyed. His Phoenix Flame had just evolved. To his surprise, Little Flame Belle was evolving toward the Completion Phase, too!

The Flame Belle's Completion Phase was none other than the Soul Shadow resembling a fiery goddess who had been attached to Mo Fan's back whenever he Demonized.

Little Flame Belle had finally reached her strongest phase and become a real goddess of fire, the ruler of all flames!

Little Flame Belle was not a Totem Beast, but she had earned the affection and favor of the ancient Totem Beast.

Perhaps the ardent-hued feathers would have circled Little Flame Belle and aided her growth along with the others if the Four-Eyed Bird had not replaced his heart.

"What's happening? Why does it feel like those mysterious feathers are giving him all the benefits as soon as he approached them?" Zhao Manyan grumbled jealously.

How lucky could Mo Fan be?

"It seems like the Mysterious Feather Totem Beast died a long time ago. It only left its feathers, which are endlessly releasing heat. Mo Fan had the Phoenix Flame, allowing him to absorb the feathers that were of the same branch as the Four-Eyed Bird. Meanwhile, Little Flame Belle is a Sacred Fire Spirit, so the rest of the feathers have given her the energy to evolve into the final phase. Speaking of which, Mo Fan absorbed the feathers, but Little Flame Belle did not absorb them. It looks like the feathers have retained their future uses," Jiang Shaoxu said after watching carefully.

The ardent feathers had merged with Mo Fan's body and become fuel to the Phoenix Flame. They were burning permanently inside Mo Fan's heart.

On the other hand, the feathers that surrounded Little Flame Belle had returned to the pond and continued to release their heat.

"Little Flame Belle is not a Totem Beast, so she can only obtain a portion of their power, instead of absorbing them," Xinxia deduced.

That being said, Little Flame Belle had benefited greatly from the portion of power she had received. After all, her Calamity Fire was already the strongest flame in the world. She just needed to improve the Calamity Fire, it was unnecessary for her to replace it!

"The ardent feathers of the mysterious Totem Beast have allowed Mo Fan's Phoenix Flame to evolve to the level of a Greater Heaven Seed, while the rest of the feathers have helped Little Flame Belle to reach her final phase. It means there is more than one strongest flame in the world!" Mu Bai exclaimed.

Each of the mysterious Totem Beasts' flames were unmatched. If the Mysterious Feather Totem Beast was still alive, it would obviously be stronger than the Black Totem Snake or Baxia!

"By the way, the logos of the Drinking Water Plant, the enterprise, and the school have different colors, just like the feathers!" Zhao Manyan recalled suddenly.

"Yeah, we have found an ancient Totem Beast, but it's no longer around. However, its feathers have given Mo Fan insane benefits!" Jiang Shaoxu agreed with a sincere smile. She had achieved an important goal!

"Mo Fan is seriously becoming a demon king. Meanwhile, I didn't receive any benefits from it," Zhao Manyan sighed gloomily.

Mo Fan's Fire Element was already outstanding. He could easily crush Fire Mages of the same level now that his Phoenix Flame had reached the level of a Greater Heaven Seed!

Furthermore, Little Flame Belle had also reached the Completion Phase. She was already a Fire Empress. Many Ruler-level Creatures would have to kneel before her and regard her as their queen.

Most importantly, Mo Fan and Little Flame Belle could also transform into the combined King of Hell form. The two of them could conquer the world with the Fire Element alone!

"Didn't you find yourself a strange beast with an insane growth speed?" Mu Bai teased Zhao Manyan back.

"I don't even know what it is... huh? When did it come out of the Ring? Holy crap! It's eating those rocks!" Zhao Manyan yelled..

Chapter 2638: Seabed Breeding Ground

Zhao Manyan had a terrible headache.

It was normal for his Contract Beast to eat the fleshy insects, Lance Spine Bears, and Sharkmen since they were full of protein and nutrients that were useful for its growth.

But how was it going to digest the stones that it had just swallowed?

And yet, the silver-blue creature was enjoying itself. The floating pebbles were arranged in a perfectly straight line. The creature was swallowing the pebbles one at a time, like the video game Snake, without even having to change its direction.

Zhao Manyan was wondering what the pebbles were when a bigger pebble close to him suddenly cracked open.

A claw reached out of the crack and swiftly broke the hard shell open!

An ugly head with deep wrinkles poked out of the crack after the claw made it bigger. It opened its mouth and used its sharp teeth to bite the shell into pieces.

Zhao Manyan, Jiang Shaoxu, Mu Bai, and Xinxia were left in awe.

“Did an ugly fish just pop out of the rock?” Zhao Manyan asked.

“Those aren’t rocks. They are Sharkmen’s eggs!” Mu Bai blurted out.

“The Sharkmen have laid their eggs here and are using the heat of the mysterious feathers to incubate them. No wonder their numbers have suddenly increased. They are treating the Lanyang Earth Core as their reproduction factory!” Jiang Shaoxu exclaimed.

‘The eggs were hard as stone. No one would expect the floating rocks to be the Sharkmen’s eggs. Their numbers were as great as the stones on a mountain, How terrifying would it be if every stone hatched into a Sharkman or a Sharkman Beast?’

‘The Sharkmen had treated the city’s sacred cultivation ground as their breeding ground. It had to be why the Sharkmen had insisted on taking over Lanyang. It was rare to find such a perfect and suitable environment in the dark and cold sea. The Sharkmen might be cold-blooded, but they also needed a source of heat to incubate their eggs!’

“Normally, a Sharkman will only grow its teeth after three days, but not only did that Sharkman Infant already grow out its teeth, it is also bigger than normal Sharkman Infants. However, judging by its fins and its head, its lineage isn’t that impressive,” Jiang Shaoxu said as she observed the little Sharkman.

“These eggs are absorbing the Lanyang Earth Core’s energy!” Xinxia hissed in alarm.

‘The Lanyang Earth Core was ideal for nourishing young creatures. Humans had used it to increase their rate of cultivation, while the Sharkmen were using it as their hotbed to incubate their eggs and make the newborns stronger than usual.’

It was the most likely reason why the mysterious feathers had taken the initiative to merge with Mo Fan’s flames and granted their energy to Little Flame Belle. They did not want the power of the Totem Beast to be abused by the Sharkmen!

A crisp sound came from the spacious area of the lake above the group. More sounds followed, like the heavy clanking of a harvester’s blades!

Zhao Manyan looked up and saw hideous figures approaching from the darkness above. They had long gathered to surround the pond where the mysterious feathers had gathered.

The figures moved closer like a net that was slowly contracting, leaving their prey with no escape!

“We are done for. We are going to die!” Guang Songdi screamed as shrilly as a woman. If he had known so many Sharkmen and Sharkman Beasts would appear out of nowhere, he would rather have stayed with the survivors on the surface.

“We have poked the beehive. A battle is inevitable,” Mu Bai said calmly.

He reached out his hand and grabbed at the water in front of him. The water around his hand froze rapidly, turning into an Ice Brush in less than a second.

He swung his other hand around, and the water within his reach began to thicken!

He dipped the Ice Brush into the thickened water and drew a long stroke above him. A white sheet immediately spread outward, taking the shape of a magnificent mountain!

The mountain blocked the Sharkmen who were closing in on them. They tried to ram through the mountain with their strong bodies, but the mountain Mu Bai had drawn was made up of Silver Marrow Ice Amber. Mu Bai’s strength had greatly improved over the last year when Mo Fan was not around!

Guan Songdi was stunned when he saw the mountain suddenly appear in the water. These people were only around his age, yet they were as powerful as gods. The mountain had stopped hundreds of Sharkmen instantly. He had thought the Sharkmen were going to tear all of them into pieces in mere seconds!

A huge rumble came from the mountain. The group saw two enormous Sharkman Beasts slamming into the mountain Mu Bai had drawn.

The sturdy mountain began to crack. The Sharkmen and Sharkman Beasts were attacking the mountain madly!

After all, the Sharkman Beasts were Ruler-level creatures, not to mention adding in the combined attacks from around a thousand Sharkmen. The mountain began to fracture.

“Mo Fan, you have stolen the source of energy of their breeding ground and driven them crazy. You should lure them away so we can escape through the pipes!” Zhao Manyan called out.

They could not be trapped down here. They were deep in the Sharkmen’s territory. Only a small portion of the Sharkmen had gathered here. If they were pinned down here, more Sharkmen would come soon. They would have no chance of leaving this place alive!

“Sure, T’I go this way,” Mo Fan nodded. He was a Super Space Mage. If he wanted to run away, the Sharkmen would not be able to stop him!

‘Mo Fan purposely unleashed the Phoenix Flame to attract the Sharkmen’s attention.

However, Mo Fan soon noticed the Sharkmen that had broken through the mountain were completely ignoring him. They were heading toward Zhao Manyan instead!

“Holy crap, why are they coming after me? I didn’t steal...” Zhao Manyan abruptly realized that the silver-blue creature had grown round and plump after enjoying a delicious meal was right beside him. It was still carrying several dozen eggs that were about to hatch on its fins.

For Heavens’ sake!

This thing is taking away the food since it didn’t have time to finish them all!

Is taking away even allowed during a buffet?

Chapter 2639: Battle of Wits

“Old Zhao, I’ll bring them to safety first. You should find a way out yourself!” Mo Fan immediately passed his difficult role off to Zhao Manyan.

“Don’t...” Zhao Manyan was about to tun it down when Jiang Shaoxu, Mu Bai, Xinxia, and Guan Songdi quickly swam toward Mo Fan, leaving Zhao Manyan, the silver-blue creature, and the Sharkmen that were approaching him rapidly behind!

Zhao Manyan was left speechless. He glanced at his Contract Beast, which had a blissful look on its face.

“It’s all your fault, I don’t care about you anymore!” Zhao Manyan snarled.

He turned into an arrow and propelled himself toward a hole below him. He could sense a vague current in the hole leading toward some pipes. They might bring him to another exit.

His teammates had abandoned him. He had to figure out a way to escape by himself!

Zhao Manyan could not help but turn around after he swam five hundred meters away. Either way, the creature was still his first Contracted Beast. It might be a little gluttonous, but he could not just abandon it and let the Sharkmen slaughter it!

Zhao Manyan touched his Ring. He was not actually going to abandon it. He was only using it to distract the Sharkmen. He would Summon his Contracted Beast back into the Ring at the maximum distance.

However, as soon as Zhao Manyan turned around, he felt a strong current flowing at him.

It felt like he was driving his Lamborghini along the road when a Ferrari suddenly passed him with an arrogantly loud how! and left him eating its dust!

“Holy crap, it’s fleeing faster than me!” Zhao Manyan exclaimed.

The silver-blue creature was like a torpedo. Zhao Manyan could see its mystical glow in the dark water.

Zhao Manyan’s pride was hurt. As a Super Water Mage, normal sea monsters would have no chance of matching his speed in the water.

On the first day he became a Mage, his father had immediately told him it was fine to lose a fight, but he must run faster than others if he did!

For some reason, his Contracted Beast had already figured out the truth itself, before he even had the chance to pass down the teachings of his ancestors!

The silver-blue creature swam in front of Zhao Manyan and stuck out its tail within his reach.

Zhao Manyan was extremely touched. It still knew enough to lend him a hand. He did not raise it for nothing!

A strange gas suddenly erupted under the silver-blue creature's tail and propelled it over a thousand meters away. On the other hand, Zhao Manyan was knocked two hundred meters in the opposite direction.

Zhao Manyan was unsure what the gas was made of, but it smelled like the rotten corpses of the Lance Spine Bears and the Sharkmen. He almost vomited!

"You little piece of sh**, I'm going to cook you in a stew!" Zhao Manyan's face flushed with anger.

"You dare run ahead of me? Come back here!" Zhao Manyan pinched the Contract Ring.

The Ring started glowing, The silver-blue creature was suddenly bound by a blue light. Its huge body shrank into a ray of light, which was quickly absorbed by Zhao Manyan's Ring.

The Contract Ring was initially transparent, but it now had a little tadpole swimming around in it. It had plenty of space in the Ring to swim around.

"Come out now!" Zhao Manyan was a vengeful man. He immediately Summoned the creature back from the Ring.

Zhao Manyan grabbed a puff of light that was wrapped around his Contracted Beast and tossed the creature at the Sharkmen chasing behind him like it was a Pokeball!

The silver-blue creature cried pitifully, as if it had realized its wrongdoings.

Its speed was crazy. Even though Zhao Manyan had tossed it a few hundred meters back, it only used half a second to catch back up to Zhao Manyan.

"Hurry up and give me a ride if you have already realized your mistake!" Zhao Manyan snarled.

The creature immediately swam over to Zhao Manyan. It did not reach its stinky tail for him this time, angling its back to him instead.

Zhao Manyan jumped onto the creature's back. There were two soft fins sticking out of its back close to his hands. It felt like he was controlling the creature when he placed his hands on the fins.

"Listen to me. If I pull this fin to the right, you will go right. If I pull them forward, you will increase your speed. If I pull them back, you will reduce your speed. If I pull them upward..." Zhao Manyan went on.

The silver-blue creature might be fast, but it only knew to move forward. The Sharkmen were slowly surrounding it from different angles. If the pair wanted to break through the surrounding Sharkmen, they would have to trick them first, so they had no idea where the two wanted to go.

The silver-blue creature was very obedient this time. Even though it was only born a few days ago, it was quite intelligent, roughly understanding Zhao Manyan's words.

Zhao Manyan was treating the creature's fins as joysticks and using them to avoid the Sharkmen. He pretended to swim right into the Sharkmen's envelopment, but he suddenly broke free through an opening. His experience at street racing and video games allowed him to control the silver-blue creature

adeptly.

“Do you have any attack moves? I need to study our surroundings and figure out the right path. Using magic is going to distract me,” Zhao Manyan asked it.

Chirp!

“Clear a path for us,” Zhao Manyan told it.

The silver-blue creature waved its tail in response. It sped up and opened its huge mouth.

Zhao Manyan thought the creature was going to spit out flames, gusts of wind, icicles, or a destructive ray like most demon creatures, but it simply kept its mouth open. A strange shadow came out of its mouth and expanded rapidly.

The shadow instantly devoured the Sharkman Beasts in their path!

The creature had swallowed the Sharkman Beasts that were bigger than its mouth with a single bite! The thing was... the silver-blue creature's body did not expand, even after it had swallowed several Sharkman Beasts at once.

It was like the Sharkman Beasts it had just swallowed were just several tiny shrimps...

Zhao Manyan was dumbfounded.

Does this creature only know how to eat and swallow its enemy?

He had asked it to clear a path for them, but it had eaten the obstacles instead!

Chapter 2640: Earth Flame Pistil

“Did I find myself a Kun? It does look like one...” Zhao Manyan suddenly suspected.

{TL Note: A Kun Peng is a mythical sea monster. }

Getting a Kun right at the start of the game; it only needs to eat to evolve!

As a matter of fact, the creature ate a lot, and it would grow whenever it ate.

While Mo Fan was retrieving the mysterious feathers, this creature had eaten countless boiled Sharkmen eggs, and had grown significantly in size. Sharp bone spikes were starting to emerge across its body now.

Zhao Manyan recalled how the creature had been knocked flying by a single slap from the Dark Iron Sharkman. The Dark-Skinned Sharkman Beast and the Dark Iron Sharkman were of the same level, but it had just eaten the Dark-Skinned Sharkman Beast in an eyeblink!

It could now eat Commander-level creatures in mere seconds!

Most importantly, it had only been born recently. Its rate of growth was insane!

Zhao Manyan was now even more curious about its species.

He had first thought it was the infant of a high-level Sharkman, but it had been acting like the Sharkmen were the most delicious food in the world. It treated them like meat buns!

Zhao Manyan decided to name the creature. "Forget it, you no longer look like an infant now. I'll call you Little Blue Kun!" 2

He remembered how a dazzling advertisement for a web game had once gotten his attention by saying he would be given an ancient Kun as soon as he registered an account. It also claimed the beast would only have to eat to grow stronger!

But in the end, Zhao Manyan had to constantly pay up throughout the game to make any progress. The beast did not grow through eating; it had grown through paying more money. The more money he spent, the stronger it became!

For some reason, when he saw how gluttonous Little Blue Kun was, Zhao Manyan had a feeling he was being tricked by that shameless video game publisher again.

On second thought, he realized it actually was not a big deal.

If Mo Fan were to take care of Little Blue Kun, he might end up a little worm in the end. On the other hand, he was the son of the richest man in the country. Once he reclaimed the power in his family, why would he have trouble raising a little Kun?

No matter how much he ate, could he possibly eat up all the money that the Zhao Family had?

I have plenty of money. Eat whatever you want, as long as you will become stronger!

The pipes were quite large, and the filters and pumps inside them had long stopped operating, Mo Fan and his crew swam into the pipes, escaping from the Sharkmen.

They swam up to the surface of the lake after most of the Sharkmen headed after Zhao Manyan.

"Mo Fan, Mo Fan!" Lingling's voice reached them through their communication devices.

There was no signal deeper in the lake. Their coms only started working again when they were closer to the surface. The devices had been improved, so low-level demon creatures would not detect the signal.

"What is it? We found the things left by the Mysterious Feathers Totem Beast. We are on the way out. The Sharkmen are treating this place as a breeding ground to raise their army," Mo Fan reported to Lingling.

"You can't leave yet. I've just done a geographical analysis of the area. If I'm not mistaken, there's an Earth Pistil close to where you are, and it's of the Fire Element!" Lingling informed him eagerly.

"An Earth Pistil!" Mo Fan exclaimed.

The Earth Pistils were the single most valuable treasure nature had given to humans. Without the support of Earth Pistils, it was impossible to establish a Barrier that protected against demon creatures around a city.

Mo Fan recalled how international organizations, renowned clans, local governments, and many associations had competed fiercely in Taklamakan Desert just for an Earth Pistil that was close to depletion. Countless people had died because of it!

On top of that, many hordes of demon creatures had a great desire for Earth Pistils, too. Every Earth Pistil that was discovered would result in a terrifying war between the hordes and tribes!

“Was the Earth Pistil used to protect the city?” Jiang Shaoxu asked sharply.

“No, the Earth Pistil guarding the city has already been taken away. This Earth Flame Pistil was never discovered. The feathers might have retained their energy despite being left in the water for so long because they absorbed a portion of the Earth Pistil’s energy!” Lingling conjectured.

“Lingling, are the people of Lanyang immune to the Low Body Temperature Disease because the water they normally drank was cooked by the Earth Flame Pistil over a long time?” Xinxia asked quickly.

Mo Fan had discovered the mysterious feathers, but they were not the cure for the Low Body Temperature Disease, nor had they found the reason why the people of Lanyang were immune to the disease.

“Yes, the Earth Flame Pistil is extremely important. The Sharkmen have sharper senses than we do. They discovered the Earth Flame Pistil first, which is why they took over the city!” Lingling confirmed.

“No wonder they didn’t seem to hate me after I took the Feathers. There’s something more important down there!” Mo Fan muttered aloud.

‘There was an Earth Pistil hidden down below!

An Earth Flame Pistil could maintain the temperature of an entire city, even in the current extreme weather. The people there would not catch the Low Body Temperature Disease if they stayed within its Barrier!

“Lingling, do you know its rough location?” Jiang Shaoxu asked.

“I can’t confirm its location, but you might be able to use the Feathers of the Totem Beast as a clue,” Lingling proposed.

“Alright, we are no longer in a rush to leave, but the Sharkmen have already seen us. We have to be more careful,” Mo Fan sighed.

“A lot more Sharkmen are coming to this city now. I’ll update you when I know more. I’ll let you know if the Sharkman Chieftains are here. You must leave at once if they arrive!” Lingling said.

“Got it, we’ll be careful,” Mo Fan agreed quickly.

‘The water pressure was very strong deeper in the lake. Zhao Manyan had to use higher-level spells just to protect himself.

Little Blue Kun was a sea creature. It was able to move freely in the water without being affected by the harsh conditions.

Speaking of which, where the Hell are we now? Wasn't there a current down here? Why have I not seen the exit?, Zhao Manyan thought.

The strange thing was, it was supposed to be dark in the underwater cave, but his surroundings were being lit up by an unknown light source. It was rather dazzling, like it was currently dusk.. On the other hand, it was also eerily quiet.