

Old Gods 66

Chapter 66: Pearl and Knife

"Keep a good eye on the house."

Outside the front door, Lu Ran used his leg to block the door crack, looking at the little calico cat that was trying to sneak out.

"Meow~" After several unsuccessful attempts, the calico cat looked up at its owner and called out persistently.

"Click."

The merciless owner firmly closed the security door.

The calico cat tilted its little head and squatted at the door for a while before scurrying to a corner of the living room.

There lay an open can of fish.

Lu Ran stepped out of the apartment building, looked up at the blue sky and white clouds, and took a deep breath.

He hadn't chosen to continue cultivating in front of the shrine because he no longer needed to absorb Divine Power from the outside world.

If one were to compare the body of a member of the Human Clan to a container, then at this moment, Lu Ran's body was already at its limit with the Divine Power it could hold!

As the Immortal Sheep had just instructed, at the Fog Realm·Fifth Rank, Lu Ran only needed to focus on one thing.

"Coalesce the water flow."

Lu Ran murmured to himself, feeling the Divine Power within him carefully.

As he compressed the mist within his body as much as he could, he walked towards the school.

Perhaps due to a significant increase in physical fitness, or because Lu Ran was so focused that he inadvertently walked too fast, he arrived at the empty campus in less than 20 minutes.

Actually, after students advanced to their final year, they hardly had any classes at all.

You could even think of Rain Alley High School as a "quest hall."

The school would issue assessment tasks on the fifteenth day of the lunar month, every month.

They would organize students to head to various cities around, entering various Demon Caves to gain experience.

The expenses for food, accommodation, travel, and the Demon Cave tickets, among others, were all borne by the school.

All the students had to do was to continuously hone themselves and try their best to grow.

Today was the first day of school, and this morning class was probably the only one for the month.

Lu Ran hurried along and still managed to reach the classroom before the bell signaling the end of class rang...

"Knock knock knock~"

Lu Ran knocked on the classroom door and, through the window, saw teacher Li Yanzhu on the podium.

Li Yanzhu turned her head to look over, her original stern expression easing slightly, "Come in."

"Ms. Li," Lu Ran opened the door and nodded apologetically.

"Whoa~~~"

"Wow! He's alive! He's really alive!"

"Lu Ran is actually alive, that's so awesome!"

A wave of cheers and jeers erupted immediately.

Clearly, everyone knew that Lu Ran had participated in the lunar fifteenth day city defense mission.

And this morning, Lu Ran hadn't come to check in, which inevitably led to some speculation.

"You're late," Li Yanzhu said, without actually meaning to blame him.

Lu Ran chuckled, "I just ran to 2-4 by mistake, and I was wondering why the teacher had changed..."

"Take your seat," Li Yanzhu, unusually displaying a smile, promptly put on a straight face again.

"Uh." Lu Ran immediately walked into the class and noticed there were quite a few students missing.

The class of 40 students now had less than 30 left.

Those students who had failed in their Worship God tasks were naturally unsuitable to stay with the Believers, and they had all been transferred to other classes.

It was to be expected; even though the Believers were nominally "human," their every move was far from human.

Jiang Ruyi could casually slap an ordinary student and send them flying to the wall; how could they possibly mingle with them?

"Tian Tian?" Lu Ran was momentarily surprised.

When he walked towards Jiang Ruyi's desk, he found that his seat was occupied by a little girl.

Lu Ran turned his head to take another look around the class and realized there were several new faces.

It seemed that the school had adjusted the students from the same team to the same class.

Lu Ran also noticed a dark-skinned girl sitting at the back of the class.

Chang Ying?

The girl next to Chang Ying, who Lu Ran also didn't recognize, seemed somewhat familiar.

Different from Chang Ying, the ponytailed girl who shared her table had pale, cold skin, the contrast between their skin tones was quite evident!

It was as if they were a pair of black and white assassins.

"What are you staring at?" Li Yanzhu urged, "Find a place to sit!"

"Right." Lu Ran promptly found a seat.

"I'm sorry," Tian Tian said, head lowered in a quiet apology.

"No worries, no worries," Lu Ran waved off the matter as if there was nothing to apologize for.

He walked up to an empty seat and nodded amiably to the unfamiliar classmate.

The boy, looking excited, whispered, "Brother Ran is awesome!"

Lu Ran: "..."

So understanding?

The boy had a parted haircut, single eyelids, and wore a plaid shirt, looking somewhat handsome.

"Brother Ran, can you sign an autograph for me later? I printed your photo out early knowing you'd be in my class!"

Lu Ran: "Huh?"

He truly hadn't expected the plaid-shirted boy to pull out a photo from his desk.

It was the photo Chang Ying had taken and posted in the class group.

A streetlight, a light rain.

And the youth in a yellow raincoat wielding a blade.

In fact, these were no big deal.

But if you added a date to the photo—lunar July fifteenth, night.

Hmm... it did have a bit of cool factor.

Lu Ran wore an odd expression as he glanced at his photo and said, "What's your name... um?"

He casually grabbed a chalk stub.

On the podium, Li Yanzhu had a stern face: "Lu Ran!"

Lu Ran quickly bowed his head and scribbled on the desk with the chalk, pretending to be busy.

Li Yanzhu, quite irritated, exclaimed, "Come to the stage and take your reward!"

The content of the teacher's words was in stark contrast to her tone.

Inside the classroom, all the students looked like they wanted to laugh but did not dare to.

Lu Ran promptly got up and went to the front, having noticed the weapons piled up in the corner as soon as he entered the class.

"Here's your White Rainbow Stone Blade."

Li Yanzhu handed the rare equipment to him, and Lu Ran immediately took it, feeling its smoothness at the touch.

The White Rainbow Stone looked like a certain type of pure white jade, with a translucent and moist texture.

Above the slender blade, you could see thin white lines, like the white halo around the sun and moon, shining brightly.

"It's really beautiful," Lu Ran murmured.

However, Lu Ran didn't become too attached, knowing that before long, this White Rainbow Stone Blade would be replaced with a new one!

Just yesterday, the Divine People Bureau had informed Lu Ran that they had approved his request for new equipment.

Regarding the material rewards for supplementary students, the Divine People Bureau should have made the decision on its own.

But with his outstanding performance, Lu Ran had earned the recognition of the Divine People Bureau, which also agreed to prepare a Black Luminous Stone Blade for him according to his request!

Black Luminous Stone was even more precious, a rarity above White Rainbow Stone and Colorful Silk Stone!

A well-made Black Luminous Stone weapon would start at a minimum of 180,000.

The market price is often even higher, and you might not be able to buy one even if you have the money.

Such an exquisite Divine Weapon is something you could use for a lifetime.

"Where's your Green Speckled Stone Blade?" Li Yanzhu asked.

"I was in such a hurry to leave, I forgot it at home," Lu Ran replied somewhat awkwardly.

Li Yanzhu took out a small red box and placed it on the podium, "And you forgot the Divine Power Pearl too?"

"I brought that," Lu Ran reached for his neck and took off the Stream Grade Divine Power Pearl.

"Remember to bring the Green Speckled Stone Blade next time you come back to school," Li Yanzhu didn't make things hard for Lu Ran and casually took the Stream Grade Divine Power Pearl.

As she began to help Lu Ran dislodge the Divine Power Pearl from its setting, she casually said, "Check it out."

Lu Ran immediately opened the little red box, and brilliance spilled out.

The Divine Power Treasure Ball was translucent, two sizes larger than a fingertip, and with light swirling within, it was quite magical.

For a moment, envious looks were cast by classmates.

This was a River Grade Divine Power Pearl!

A true "Treasure Bead"!

With an outstanding capacity for storing Divine Power!

"Go back to your seat."

"Thank you, teacher!" Lu Ran secretly rejoiced, returning to his seat with a full load.

His joyful appearance inevitably made others green with envy.

But the students had little they could say or question, as Lu Ran's battle achievements were clearly verifiable.

He had even dared to take on the seventh lunar month's supplementary test while still in the Mist Realm!

It's like he had his head strapped to his belt and didn't care for his life...

"Ding ding ding~"

The bell signaling class end suddenly rang, and Li Yanzhu tapped the podium, easily drowning out the bell with her voice:

"Class dismissed, everyone go home and get ready. At half-past one in the afternoon, we leave from the school gate on time."

Students rose from their seats one after another, filling the classroom with noise.

Lu Ran looked at Deng Yutang coming over and asked, "Where are we going?"

Deng Yutang replied, "The school has organized us to go to Wuling Mountain and asked us to submit 300 Fog Realm Demon Crystals within fifteen days."

Lu Ran frowned slightly, "Can we not go?"

"Of course, it's not compulsory. As long as we hand in enough Demon Crystals, we'll get Believer points."

"That's good then."

Deng Yutang looked puzzled, "Brother Lu, thinking of going to which Demon Cave?"

Lu Ran felt a bit embarrassed, "Evil Dog Village?"

Deng Yutang suddenly froze; how did that relate to Evil Dog Village?

Do you have a grudge against that pack of skinny dogs?

Seeing the other person's expression, Lu Ran didn't know how to explain.

He just wanted to quickly level up his Evil Dog Sculpture.

If he could advance to the Stream Realm alongside the Evil Dog Statue during his trials, that would be perfect!

With Evil Technique·Evil Agility, he'd be able to equip them!

To fight in the wild, you need the attitude for it!

Let's see how I'll transform into a nimble skinny dog...

"What's going on?" Jiang Ruyi approached with Tian Tian.

Deng Yutang shrugged, "Brother Lu wants to go to Evil Dog Village."

"Oh?" Jiang Ruyi was a bit surprised, too.

"How about this," Lu Ran said a little embarrassedly, "Let's go to Evil Dog Village first, have a fierce battle.

Then we'll go to Wuling Mountain, take a look at the New Demon Cave, and challenge the new Evil Demons."

Jiang Ruyi didn't refuse but was a bit puzzled, "Why such an interest in slaughtering Evil Dogs?"

Lu Ran nodded emphatically, "I really like it!"

Deng Yutang laughed, "If Brother Lu really likes it, we can always train in Evil Dog Village.

Besides, Wuling Mountain isn't far; we can go anytime. Let's talk about it later."

"It's great to have brothers like you!" Lu Ran firmly grasped Deng Yutang's hand.

You take such good care of me, I'll be sure to repay the favor with interest!

Just wait until I equip some powerful Evil Techniques...

In the future, don't worry about your sister at all!

I'll take care of her for you!