

Martial Arts 71

Chapter 71: You're The Boss, You Can Do What You Want!

Wang Teng had done his homework.

Energy stones were formed by congregating the Force within the heaven and earth into the minerals. These minerals were buried deep beneath the earth due to the special terrains. After a long period of development, these minerals slowly turned into stones with Force crystals.

They were mostly found in the Xingwu Continent.

The earth was only invaded by Force 30 years ago. It hadn't been long enough to form energy stones.

As for spiritual dan, they were formed by alchemists who fused all kinds of spiritual herbs and medicines using special methods. These spiritual dans had many different uses.

Only martial warriors were able to use these two resources, though. Of course, they also played a vital role for advanced stage martial disciples seeking to breakthrough into martial warriors.

To some people, if they weren't able to absorb enough Force during the process of breaking through to become a martial warrior, all their previous efforts would be wasted.

At moments like this, possessing multiple energy stones that contained Force or a piece of spiritual dan was the best guarantee.

However, energy stones and spiritual dan were important resources that were only given to the various powerful factions in large quantities.

For instance, schools, the military, or top-class martial arts academies. Only martial warriors who belonged to these factions would get to enjoy these resources.

As for other smaller factions, the resources they enjoyed were pretty limited. Even in the market, only large brands officially recognized by the government were able to sell these items.

After all, if these resources landed in the hands of some conspirators and they groomed a bunch of evil martial warriors, it would be huge trouble.

These resources were available in the black market but in minimal quantities. One couldn't get it even if they had the money.

It was undoubtedly extravagant for the principal of Donghai No. 1 High School to give these two items as rewards to his students.

As for the mystery reward he mentioned, Wang Teng didn't know what to say.

Was this how these people played?

The last time, Zhou Baiyun had acted in a similar manner. Now, even his principal was playing the same game. This was so boring. How old were they?

“Principal, I think that the reward system is really good. It’s able to stimulate the examinees to do better. I believe that for the university entrance exam this year, our school will definitely achieve good results. You can just prepare the rewards with a calm heart,” Wang Teng said righteously.

He didn’t mention a word about himself in his reply.

But, the principal’s eyes lit up. He exchanged a glance with Wang Teng and gave a meaningful smile. There was an unspoken mutual understanding.

“I can feel at ease now that you’ve given your word.

“Alright, I will not disturb your rest anymore. Examinees like you who have completed your inspection can rest in the afternoon. You will head to the next exam venue at night.”

The principal finished speaking and placed his hand behind his back. Then, he left with the other leaders of the school.

“Why haven’t I heard that there are rewards for the martial arts exam before?” Wang Teng asked Lin Chuhan, who was beside him.

“There have always been rewards, but you just didn’t take notice of it. You should be ashamed. In the past, you either skipped classes or didn’t pay attention in class. It will be strange if you know about it.” Lin Chuhan rolled her eyes.

“Alright, alright, it’s my fault.” Wang Teng laughed awkwardly.

“What do you plan to do in the afternoon?” Yang Jian interrupted them at this moment.

“The cafeteria will be having a live broadcast of the level inspection in the afternoon. I’ll pass my time there,” Lin Chuhan suggested.

“This is a good idea. We do have to take note of the level inspection in the afternoon. Who knows? A few black horses might emerge among the remaining examinees.” Yang Jian nodded. He looked at Wang Teng and asked, “Young Master Wang, what about you? What plans do you have?”

“I will find a place to sleep.” Wang Teng yawned.

“Fine, you’re the boss. You can do whatever you want.” Yang Jian gave in.

In the end, Wang Teng didn’t go anywhere. They were still in the middle of their exam, so even though he had completed his assessment, he couldn’t leave.

He could only stay in the cafeteria obediently with the rest of the students.

One hour of resting time passed quickly.

Those that hadn’t taken their level inspection entered the exam venue one after another. A new round of assessment officially kicked off.

The students from class eight were all gathered together. They were watching the live broadcast of the inspection. Occasionally, they would give some comments.

Lin Chuhan and Yang Jian found the live broadcast very engaging. They soon started discussions with the other classmates.

Wang Teng sat at the side and swiped his phone in the midst of his boredom.

Actually, most of the examinees were intermediate stage martial disciples. There were comparatively lesser advanced stage martial disciples.

Almost half an hour passed before advanced stage martial disciples started appearing.

“Look, it’s Yan Peng from Huiying High School. Strength 924, speed 3.6 seconds, physique 93!” Yang Jian suddenly exclaimed.

He attracted everyone’s attention with his shout. Instantly, everyone started discussing the guy.

“His results are on par with our school’s Zhou Wu. His strength and speed are even better than Zhou Wu.”

“Their physique is actually the same!”

“If they have a duel, Zhou Wu will be at a disadvantage.”

“That’s hard to say. Although Zhou Wu’s strength and speed are weaker, you mustn’t forget that a person’s ability consists of their basic battle techniques too.”

“That’s right. If Zhou Wu has a better grasp of his basic battle techniques than Yan Peng, it will be tough to say who will win...”

Everyone couldn’t help but compare the ability of these two youngsters.

When the students from Huiying High School heard the discussions of the students from Donghai No. 1 High School, they revealed a proud expression on their faces.

Look, our Huiying has powerful advanced stage martial disciples too. We are as strong as you. Why are you being so arrogant?

However, when they saw Wang Teng scrolling through his phone in boredom at the side, they immediately felt depressed. Even when an advanced stage martial disciple like Yan Peng appeared, he didn’t show any hint of concern.

The distance between Yan Peng and Wang Teng was still a little wide!

With this big boss leading the Donghai No. 1 High School, it would be difficult for Huiying High School to surpass them this year.

Infuriating!

How did this monster appear in Donghai No. 1 High School?

The students from Huiying High School were unhappy, but there was nothing they could do.

Their hands were tied, unless a hidden black horse appeared in their school. And this horse had to be as black as Wang Teng.

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The level inspection finally came to a close. There were many advanced stage martial disciples toward the end, but none of their abilities exceeded that of Zhou Wu and Yan Peng.

Most of these students' strengths didn't exceed 900. Their speed was between five to four seconds, and their physique was eighty plus. Only one or two went past the 90-mark. There was still a difference between them and Zhou Wu and Yan Peng.

5 pm.

The level inspection was all completed.

All the examinees were split into two large groups. One group were the failures, who would be sent home immediately. The other group consisted of the people who would be heading to the next exam venue right away.

Liu Wenshi stood in front of all the examinees in the plaza of Jixin Martial House. His voice spread throughout the square.

"It's a pity that some of you didn't manage to pass. However, all of you are still young. You will have another chance next year. As long as the martial arts exam is your ambition and you never give up, I believe that you will pass the martial arts exam and enter a university one day.

"Our country is placing more and more importance on martial arts. I'm sure all of you can see this. Thus, don't give up easily. There are still opportunities for you. I hope that I will see you again next year."

The unsuccessful students were feeling dejected, and some were even having second thoughts. However, when they heard his words, their thoughts became firm again. If they couldn't pass this year, they could retake the exam next year or the year after.

Martial arts was already the trend of this era. If they couldn't become martial warriors, they would be lagging. No one wanted to be in the lowest class of society.

Chapter 72: Come And Sing, No Need To Feel Shy!

The examinees who passed the level inspection were currently sitting in the buses. A long line of buses was formed as they headed towards a certain direction.

At the start of the day, there were close to 3000 martial arts examinees. Now, after the level inspection, less than half remained. There were only around 1000 people left.

The rejection rate was quite high.

The buses drove for approximately an hour before slowing down gradually. During the entire trip, the curtains on the buses were closed, so the examinees didn't know where they were.

"Get down the bus!"

After the bus stopped, Liu Wenshi's voice was heard outside.

The examinees got down the bus.

They soon realized that there was actually a heavily guarded military camp in front of them, with a sentry placed at the entrance. Soldiers stood there with rifle barrels in their hands as they scanned the people who came.

A solemn atmosphere filled up the air. Instantly, all the examinees became reserved. No one dared to speak loudly.

“The martial arts exam is in a military camp!”

However, there were still people discussing in hushed voices.

“This is the martial arts exam. It’s much stricter than the normal university entrance exam. Even the exam venue is in the military camp.”

“This is extremely frightening.”

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“No noise is allowed in the military camp. Be quiet.” Liu Wenshi frowned and scolded the examinees.

Instantly, the soft discussions that sounded like flies buzzing disappeared entirely.

All the examinees looked at him intently.

At this moment, a middle-aged man wearing a military uniform walked over.

“You’ve finally arrived.”

“Sorry to make you wait so long,” said Liu Wenshi politely.

“Follow me in. However, you have to park your cars outside.” The man wearing a military uniform didn’t say much. He led the examinees straight into the military camp.

The examinees queued up in a long line. Under the lead of Liu Wenshi and the man wearing a military uniform, they walked through the gates. There was a round of checking and scanning before they entered the military camp.

The entire military camp seemed exceptionally spacious. It was very quiet, and the atmosphere was solemn. Occasionally, soldiers on duty would walk past them.

Three steps a post and five steps a sentry.

The straight backs, the stern and resolute faces, and the neat and uniform steps were all exuding the aura soldiers should possess.

The examinees finally experienced what was meant by the soldier’s strength of character.

“So handsome!”

The eyes of the ladies lit up when they saw the soldiers, each exuding a unique aura. They almost wanted to rush forward and get their signature.

When the man wearing a military uniform in front saw this scene, he burst out laughing. “Ladies, if you lay your eyes on any of the soldiers, go ahead and chase them. I guarantee with my conscience that our soldiers are the best and most outstanding men.”

The ladies couldn't help but feel shy when they heard this.

But, who knew what they were thinking deep down?

Wang Teng couldn't help but glance at Lin Chuhan. Fortunately, she didn't get enchanted by the soldiers!

The male students were already unhappy when they saw the ladies get infatuated with the soldiers. They got even more furious when they heard the man's words.

You are outstanding, but you are not the most outstanding or the best. There will always be people better than you. If not, where do you place us?

These martial arts examinees were naturally all proud and arrogant. How could they admit defeat easily, especially in front of the ladies?

“Hahaha, you little fellows, if you are not convinced, we can have a competition tonight.” The man wearing a military uniform laughed loudly.

The students instantly got excited. They seemed eager to give it a try.

“Second Lieutenant Luo, they still have an exam tomorrow. Please don't cause trouble for me,” Liu Wenshi said helplessly.

“What's the problem? They just have their papers tomorrow. It won't affect them much,” the man wearing a military uniform replied nonchalantly.

“Don't say this to me. Tell this to your boss. Go and say this to Governor Jiang.” Liu Wenshi rolled his eyes.

“Boring!” The man wearing a military uniform pouted.

A few moments later, he led everyone in front of a row of wooden houses.

“This is where you will be living. There will be four people in one room. Please find your own roommates.”

“I will give you half an hour to tidy up. Half an hour later, we will start dinner on schedule. If anyone misses it, you will have to sleep hungry tonight.

“Also, I have to remind you that you must obey the military rules since you are in the military camp. All the rooms must be neat and tidy. You must place your luggage properly and not throw them everywhere. You have to fold your blankets and your pillows into squares when you're not sleeping. We will have people checking on you.

“If anyone can't do this, they will be disqualified from the exam!”

After the man in a military uniform finished speaking, the students' expressions changed. They would get disqualified if they didn't fold their blankets properly?

What kind of stupid rule is this!

"Second Lieutenant Luo is right. Since you've entered the military camp, you need to obey the military rules. You will be punished if you make a mistake. There will be no exception. Thus, don't think that you can act fearlessly just because you are talented. I have already reminded you. You can decide what you want to do," Liu Wenshi nodded and said.

"We have already started counting down. You only have half an hour. Hurry up and move!" Second Lieutenant Luo suddenly shouted.

His expression was stern and cold. The amiable feeling a moment ago had vanished into thin air.

"Go ahead!"

Liu Wenshi instructed the students.

The examinees quickly started moving. Half an hour wasn't too much or too little. Some ladies were extremely slow in tidying up their belongings, so they didn't dare to waste any more time.

The examinees were all in a flurry. The arrogant and proud appearance they put up a while ago were all thrown to the back of their minds now.

The man wearing a military uniform smiled and said to Liu Wenshi, "These fellows lack a beating. Give them to me for a week. I'll make sure that they become docile and obedient."

"Haha, you're really not afraid of trouble. Some of them possess the potential to become martial warriors. We don't know how high they will climb in the future. Aren't you scared that they will take revenge on you when the time comes?" Liu Wenshi teased him.

"Haha, I've groomed many martial warriors. If there weren't a hundred, there should be fifty. Why will I be afraid of these little babies?" Second Lieutenant Luo replied in disdain.

"Fine, fine, fine, you're impressive."

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Wang Teng and Yang Jian were in the same room. The other two roommates were also from class eight. Everyone knew each other, so it would save much trouble when they lived together.

As for Lin Chuhan, she lived with another three female students.

She was quite popular in class. Many people looked for her to ask her questions about their studies. Although she was a little quiet and cold, she always helped her classmates whenever they had any problems.

Half an hour passed very quickly. Soon, Second Lieutenant Luo's voice was heard from outside.

"Come out and gather!"

The examinees didn't dare to dawdle around. They quickly ran out.

Fortunately, half an hour was enough for them. The ladies didn't dare to waste any time either and quickly tidied their luggage. Then, they waited to gather.

"From the front to the back, number off!"

The examinees lined up neatly. When they heard what he said, they immediately started numbering off from the first person.

One!

Two!

Three!

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It didn't take long to complete the attendance. There were a total of 1352 examinees!

"Very good, everyone is present. It looks like you remembered what I said." Second Lieutenant Luo nodded his head in satisfaction. He continued, "Now, follow me to the cafeteria for your dinner!"

The examinees followed Second Lieutenant Luo and arrived at the cafeteria. There were already many soldiers having their meals inside. Only one area was empty. It was obvious that this space was prepared for the examinees.

When the soldiers dining there saw this bunch of examinees, they raised their heads and sized them up. However, soon after, they lowered their heads back and continued eating. The entire process was extremely quiet.

"Half an hour. Gather outside when you finish eating."

Once the order was given, the examinees charged into the cafeteria. They found their seats and sat down to have their dinner.

They had only been in the military for a short time, but they had already started executing every order without fail...

To hell with executing every order without fail!

—They were mainly afraid of getting disqualified from the exam!

The examinees had no one to complain to. They had already cursed Second Lieutenant Luo hundreds of times in their hearts. They silently swore that they would never apply for military academies in the future. This was too disgusting!

After everyone finished eating, it was already 7.30 pm.

The lights in the camp were lit up, and military songs were playing loudly in the field. The solemn military camp appeared a little more lively because of the song.

"Young ladies, young men, are you interested in singing a few songs?" Second Lieutenant Luo smiled and asked.

“Are there any beautiful sister soldiers? There’s nothing we can’t sing!”

Someone was exceptionally bold and shouted this sentence. Instantly, there was an uproar among the crowd.

“Oh—”

“That’s right, are there pretty sister soldiers?”

“We can’t have a duel, but we can compete in singing!”

“Good riddance!” Second Lieutenant Luo laughed in anger. He had never seen such an unbridled bunch of people before. “Come, come, let’s go over and have a competition. If you win, we will let you take a look at our military belle.”

“You can’t go back on your words!”

The examinees got bolder when they noticed that he didn’t mention getting them disqualified from their martial arts exam. They even dared to challenge Second Lieutenant Luo.

Liu Wenshi shook his head when he saw this.

This Second Lieutenant Luo wasn’t an easy person to deal with. They still had an exam tomorrow. Would it be alright for them to play so hard at night?

But, as he looked at how excited the examinees were, he felt that he should just let them be.

“Forget it. They can use this chance to relax.”

“I wonder how the examinees that went to Bailian Martial House and Leiting Martial House are. What’s the situation in their military camps?” a leader from the Ministry of Education standing beside Liu Wenshi suddenly asked.

“They don’t have an unreliable leader like Second Lieutenant Luo, so they should be fine,” another leader from the Ministry of Education smiled and replied.

“Hahaha, that’s true.”

Second Lieutenant Luo brought the examinees to the field and shouted at the soldiers who were singing.

“Brothers, this bunch of brats heard you singing and felt unconvinced. They want to compete with you. What do you think?”

“Let’s compete. No one is backing down!” a soldier that looked like the platoon leader walked over and said.

“Let’s compete!”

“Let’s compete!”

The other soldiers got excited too. They didn’t back down and started cheering.

“Let’s compete. We’re not afraid of you!”

The competitiveness of the male students was aroused. They wanted to perform well in front of the ladies.

Who knew? They might pass the martial arts exam and even return home with a girlfriend!

They felt happy just thinking about it.

Immediately, singing voices were heard on the field. The sounds of clapping, accompaniments, and cheering merged to become a beautiful symphony. Tonight was a restless night!

Chapter 73: Star Bone!

The next day.

The exam paper was at 9 am.

However, at 7 am, the examinees were woken up by Second Lieutenant Luo's whistle.

Yesterday, they had a really good time.

But, in the end, this bunch of examinees couldn't win against the soldiers. All the soldiers had really loud voices. Their singing skills were not bad, either, and their voices didn't go hoarse even after two hours of singing.

They couldn't afford to provoke them!

Time to leave, time to leave!

The male students didn't manage to see the military belle and had even embarrassed themselves.

The examinees woke up with a start when they heard the whistle. They were in a daze. But, when they remembered what Second Lieutenant Luo had said yesterday night, they sprung up immediately.

Disqualified from the exam?

They were awake!

They were entirely awake!

Everyone used their fastest speed to tidy themselves up and rushed out of the barracks. They gathered in front of Second Lieutenant Luo.

When they looked at Second Lieutenant Luo, everyone had one single expression on their faces—hidden bitterness!

But, Second Lieutenant Luo just ignored them. He chatted happily with Liu Wenshi and the other leaders from the Ministry of Education. Occasionally, he would look at this watch. Everyone gritted their teeth in hatred.

"Alright, it's time. Gather and number off."

The examinees finished numbering off, just like last night. Naturally, no one would fumble the ball at a critical moment like this. Even if they were slower, the student beside them would help.

Second Lieutenant Luo brought everyone to the cafeteria for breakfast. Then, he led them to a building. The examinees waited for an entire hour before the exam started.

Two hours later, the bell rang. The examinees left the exam venue.

The paper exam went smoothly. At least, this was how Wang Teng felt.

But, looking at the faces of some examinees, they didn't seem to have done well. They sighed and moaned the moment they came out.

"Sigh, I didn't study some of the exam topics. I'm dead."

"Yes. We only had two weeks to prepare. There's not enough time at all. I do have some impressions of some questions, but I just can't remember the answer."

"What did you choose for the third multiple choice? Is it A?"

"Isn't it B?"

"I chose C."

"F**k, I chose D..."

Wang Teng almost burst out laughing when he heard the students discussing beside him. There were only four choices for a single question. They chose all of them.

This was hilarious.

"It looks like you scored quite well." Wang Teng saw a relaxed smile on Lin Chuhan's face.

"Not bad. It's not difficult." Lin Chuhan didn't deny it. As expected, for a top student like her, exam papers were a piece of cake.

"I did say that the paper exam this year wouldn't be difficult." Yang Jian ran over and asked for compliments.

Before this, he had already told them that the paper wouldn't be difficult due to the exceptional circumstances this year. Unexpectedly, he was right.

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There was nothing to do in the afternoon, so the examinees took a tour around the military camp with Second Lieutenant Luo leading the way. They also looked at the soldiers having their training.

Of course, they were not allowed to visit certain confidential areas.

While watching the soldiers' training, Wang Teng picked up some strength and speed attributes.

But, he couldn't get too close, so he couldn't collect those that were further from him. Also, pure strength and speed attributes didn't affect him much.

To a martial warrior, Force was the foundation.

The stronger your Force, the stronger your physique. Your strength and speed would increase along with it.

This was the difference between martial warriors and martial disciples.

After that, Second Lieutenant Luo brought the examinees to the shooting range to play with guns. He allowed the examinees to have fun.

Wang Teng was delighted.

He didn't expect this benefit.

Gun Skill*1

Gun Skill*1

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After a round of collection, Wang Teng's Gun Kungfu finally changed digits.

Gun kungfu, 2/10 (foundation)!

It rose from 1.8 to 2 points. *It's still better than nothing.* Wang Teng congratulated and consoled himself at the same time.

Unfortunately, even in the military's shooting range, he didn't see any Gun Kungfu attributes.

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9 pm.

Wang Teng was just preparing to rest when Liu Wenshi came to look for him.

"Uncle, why are you here?"

Yang Jian, who was lying on the bed and about to sleep, sprung up when he saw Liu Wenshi entering the room.

"I came to speak to Wang Teng," said Liu Wenshi.

"Speak to me?" Wang Teng was surprised. He had no interaction with Liu Wenshi. Why was he looking for him?

"That's right. Wang Teng, can we go outside to speak?" Liu Wenshi nodded.

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The two of them walked out of the barracks and found a secluded corner.

"Uncle Liu, why are you looking for me?" Wang Teng asked.

Liu Wenshi was delighted when he heard the way Wang Teng addressed him. This young man had tremendous potential, but he still respected him greatly. He smiled and said, "I'm not the one looking for you. Someone wants to meet you."

“Someone wants to see me? Who is it?” Wang Teng felt even more puzzled.

Liu Wenshi tilted his body. A slightly plump middle-aged man walked out from behind the barracks.

“It’s me. Student Wang Teng, it’s not so easy to see you,” the middle-aged man smiled and said.

“This is our Director He,” Liu Wenshi introduced in a respectful tone.

“Director He.” Wang Teng was shocked. He thought of Liu Wenshi’s identity. This Director He must be the highest-ranking official in the Ministry of Education.

“May I know why you are looking for me?” asked Wang Teng.

Director He noticed that Wang Teng had already guessed his identity, so he smiled and replied, “Wang Teng, you must have already become a martial warrior.”

Wang Teng was dumbfounded.

Have I exposed myself?

How did he notice it?

That’s impossible. I’ve never revealed any loopholes. Is he trying to fool me?

At first, Liu Wenshi was extremely curious. Director He had painstakingly pulled some strings to enter the military camp in the middle of the night just to see Wang Teng. He couldn’t understand why he did this.

Although Wang Teng had displayed the abilities of an extreme martial disciple, this was a little overboard!

Now, he finally understood Director He’s motive!

Wang Teng was actually a martial warrior?!

Liu Wenshi started to doubt his hearing. However, Director He wasn’t shooting at random. He was highly likely to have evidence.

“Director He, you must be kidding. I’m just an extreme martial disciple. How can I be a martial warrior?” There was no change in the expression on Wang Teng’s face as he smiled and replied.

“It’s alright if you don’t want to admit it.” Director He smiled nonchalantly. He continued, “But, I hope that you can become the first in the actual combat assessment tomorrow. I hope that you can perform better and let everyone notice you.”

“Don’t worry about it. The university entrance exam is very important to me. I will definitely do my best.” Wang Teng was blowing smoke.

Try my best.

But how can you what’s my best, haha!

Director He didn’t say anything. He just took a box out of his pocket. One could tell that he was a little unwilling from his expression, but he still opened it in front of Wang Teng.

“What is this?”

There was a bone the size of a palm inside the box. It was entirely blackish green and was glittering and translucent, giving off a metallic luster.

It looked extremely beautiful.

“Star bone!” Liu Wenshi exclaimed.

“That’s right, it’s a star bone!” Director He nodded. The flesh on his face was trembling slightly—
heartpain.jpg!

“What do you think? If you show the power of a martial warrior during the actual combat assessment, this star bone will be yours!”

Director He said to Wang Teng.

Wang Teng took a deep breath. He had heard of the star bone before. It was the part of a star beast’s body that contained the most essence. The chances of it appearing was extremely low.

Only those exceptionally talented and powerful star beasts living in special environments would give birth to star bones in their bodies.

Also, every star beast would only give birth to one star bone normally.

These star bones were not huge. They were only the size of a palm, and some were even as small as a crystal bead.

The most important thing was, every single star bone contained special abilities!

There were many uses of star bones. They could be used to create weapons. In this case, their additional abilities would be attached to the weapons. These weapons were treasures hard to come by.

Thus, one could see how rare and precious star bones were.

Why was Director He willing to take it out?

“Why?” Wang Teng didn’t lose his mind. He stared directly at Director He and asked him.

“For promotion!” Director He smiled slightly. He didn’t hide his intention and said straightforwardly, “I have been in this position for many years. If I don’t find any opportunity, I’ll probably stay in this position until I retire. However, heaven treats me quite well. You are my opportunity.

“I have been in the political world for many years and am not young anymore. I’ve already lost the determination to progress further in the martial arts path. If this star bone contained defense abilities, I might have used it for myself. Unfortunately, it doesn’t. Hence, I plan to use it as a reward to draw people over to my side.

“I’ve never found someone worthy of this reward, so it’s still with me. But, you’re different. You’re young and have great potential. You can also help me progress further in my career. The star bone is precious, but in my heart, there are things more important than it.”

Director He was very direct. He even blatantly exposed his ambition.

Wang Teng stared at him for a long time, but he didn't sense anything worth suspecting. That fat face even seemed extremely sincere.

This is strange!

However, Wang Teng knew that people like them were all sly old foxes. He was still a little hesitant.

The star bone was good, but if he exposed his martial warrior ability during such an important occasion, he didn't know what big trouble it might cause.

"I know what you're worried about." Director He seemed to be able to read his thoughts. He continued calmly, "Let me advise you as an experienced hand.

"A martial warrior must fight!

"A martial warrior is different from a martial disciple. The competition between martial warriors is much more intense than the martial disciples. If one martial warrior wants to climb to the peak, he needs to consume an endless amount of resources, more than you can imagine. There will only be more and more martial warriors, but the resources are limited.

"Where do these resources come from?

"Naturally, they are earned and snatched from other people!

"Even if you don't fight with others, others will fight with you. It's alright if you're ordinary. However, you are outstanding enough and have amazing potential. You will only have even more competitors and stronger opponents. Many geniuses will be fighting with you for resources.

"Hence, even if you choose to remain low-profile and hide your abilities now, not long after, your true capabilities will still be exposed. Others will force you to display your true power, unless you're willing to be a coward and give up the resources in your hands without fighting.

"You will not be able to hide it forever."

Director He's words enlightened Wang Teng's ignorance and left him reeling in shock.

A martial warrior must fight!

Wang Teng remembered the two martial warriors who had fought each other to death over an egg. He also remembered the other martial warrior who came to find him to snatch his companion's items from him. In the end, he also died.

They were all fighting. They were all forcing him to act!

Director He's words seemed to make sense. However, he still felt that something was weird.

"Wang Teng, you disappoint me. You have great potential, but if you don't have the right mentality to complement it, you might not be able to walk far in the future." Director He sighed and revealed a disappointed and regretful expression.

"Forget it. I won't make it difficult for you. Pretend that I didn't come today."

He turned and left. It seemed as though he didn't plan to speak to Wang Teng anymore.

Wang Teng looked at him as he walked further and further away. He just continued staring at his back.

“Cough, Wang Teng, why don’t you reconsider?”

When Wang Teng refused to call him back, Director He cursed in his heart. He had no choice but to turn around and ask in a flattering tone.

“Hmph, pinhead.”

Chapter 74: Island Exam Venue

“Director He, you don’t have to play tricks with me. I agree that what you say makes sense. However, there’s a difference between exposing my true abilities earlier and later.

“Also, the situation doesn’t permit me to do so. All the different factions are present during the university entrance exam. If I reveal my martial warrior identity at a time like this, too many people will know about it. I’ll definitely land myself in endless trouble,” Wang Teng continued.

Director He was disappointed. This fellow was difficult to satisfy. He couldn’t convince him at all.

Never mind. It looked like he had no affinity with a promotion!

Although he could announce this piece of news without his consent, it would definitely cause resentment in Wang Teng’s heart.

At that time, if Wang Teng turned against him, things would get ugly. He would not only lose his promotion, but he would also leave a bad impression in the hearts of the higher authorities. The loss outweighed the gain.

“But...” At this moment, Wang Teng’s attitude took a turn. “I accept this deal.”

Director He’s eyes turned wide open. He almost choked on his own saliva. *Little brat, were you playing with me just now?*

You’re really bold!

He squinted and glared at Wang Teng.

“Haha, don’t mind me. Let’s continue with the deal just now.” Wang Teng got a fright and laughed awkwardly.

“Hmph!” Director He took a deep breath and snorted. Then, he said, “I mean what I say. As long as you display the strength of a martial warrior and perform glamorously during the actual combat assessment, this star bone will be yours.”

“No problem. Deal.” Wang Teng stretched out his hand and wanted to take the star bone away from Director He.

However, the latter pulled his hand back and kept the star bone again.

“You want to take the reward before the result is out? You must be dreaming.” Director He pouted.

“If you don’t give it to me now, how will I know whether you will keep your word or not?” Wang Teng asked.

“I’m not someone who will eat my words,” Director He glared at him and replied.

“Who knows?” Wang Teng scorned.

Director He felt frustrated, but he couldn’t vent it anywhere. He took another deep breath and said, “Why don’t we sign an agreement then?”

Wang Teng was naturally happy to do it.

The two signed an agreement and wrote their names on the paper. Then, they left, each having their own thoughts.

Liu Wenshi couldn’t say anything throughout the entire process. In his heart, he was lamenting how outstanding the youngsters were nowadays. He was not only able to bargain with Director He, but he even made Director He suffer a little loss. Not everyone was able to do that.

Also, Wang Teng was actually a martial warrior!

When he went back, he must ask Yang Jian to hug this buddha’s leg tightly.

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Wang Teng returned to the barracks. Yang Jian couldn’t control his curiosity and asked, “Young Master Wang, why did my uncle look for you?”

“What else can it be? He wants me to perform well and win glory for them,” Wang Teng said casually.

“Oh.”

“Alright, hurry up and sleep. We still have to wake up early tomorrow.”

Tomorrow was the actual combat assessment. Many examinees didn’t sleep well that night, as they were extremely agitated and worried. The death index seemed to be hanging above everyone’s head like the sword of Damocles.

A silent night.

The next day, in the early morning, the examinees woke up in the wee hours and finished their breakfast. They gathered in an empty field.

A huge unidentified flying object stopped in front of everyone.

“What is this?”

“It’s huge!”

“It looks like an airship.”

“What do you mean it looks like an airship? It is an airship. But... look, there are runes on it.”

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The examinees started discussing among themselves. Liu Wenshi scolded them, "Alright, keep quiet."

Second Lieutenant Luo placed his hand behind his back as he stood in front of the crowd. He waited for them to quieten down before speaking.

"Not bad, we have only interacted for a short time, but I'm very happy to know all of you. I hope that all of you will be able to pass your actual combat assessment and hope that everyone... will come back alive!"

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After he finished, he saluted at the crowd.

The examinees couldn't help but straightened their backs—

And salute back!

"Let's end it here. Everyone, board the airship. We will be leaving immediately and heading to the venue of the actual combat assessment," Second Lieutenant Luo continued.

He turned and walked up the airship first.

The student also lined up and followed after him.

When they entered the airship, the examinees looked around curiously. This was their first time in this kind of vehicle, so everyone found it exciting.

"Tsk tsk, this should be a Force floating airship." Yang Jian gasped in admiration.

"Force floating airship?" Wang Teng was puzzled. He had never heard of this before.

"It's a huge airship with runes drawn in its carrier to activate Force as its driving force," Yang Jian explained.

"Is this different from the Force cars and Force airplanes?" Wang Teng felt even more confused.

"They're different. I heard that the Force airship manufacturing technology is from the Xingwu Continent. The internal structure of this airship is vastly different from the current technology we have. I'm not very sure about the details," Yang Jian replied.

"You spoke for so long, but you're just a dabbler!" Wang Teng was speechless.

"Speaking of this, are there technology products in Xingwu Continent?" Lin Chuhan joined their conversation.

"Who knows? Sometimes, pictures from Xingwu Continent will circulate around, but there's nothing important. There seem to be restrictions in place. Ordinary people like us won't know what the other world looks like. However, once we become martial warriors, we will have the opportunity to go to Xingwu Continent." Yang Jian seemed to be looking forward to it.

"Why don't you know about this?" Wang Teng looked at Lin Chuhan in surprise.

Lin Chuhan's father was a martial warrior. She should have some understanding of the other continent.

Lin Chuhan understood Wang Teng's meaning. She replied, "He never told us anything. Also, at that time, I was very young. After that incident, he wouldn't mention it anymore."

Wang Teng nodded.

...Yang Jian was confused. *Fine, what secret do the two of you have? Why didn't you tell me?*

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The floating airship rose into the air. If one looked out from the window, they could see the white clouds floating around the airship. The buildings below were as small as ants now.

Despite carrying more than a thousand examinees, the airship was very stable. There was no turbulence at all.

Around half an hour later, the airship trembled a little and started to descend.

"We have arrived!"

The examinees hurriedly looked outside. There was actually an island below them. They were in the middle of the sea!

"The venue for the actual combat assessment is on an island!"

"That's unimaginable. No wonder I've never heard of the location for the actual combat assessment in the past."

"Look, two other airships are descending over there!"

A sudden voice attracted everyone's attention.

Indeed, in the direction the examinee was pointing, two airships were flying over from different directions. They were landing on the island too.

"They must be the students from the other regions in Donghai!" Someone guessed.

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The airship landed on the island slowly.

The island was quite big, and a wide expanse of land was cleared out for the airships' landing. There was a huge camping ground in front.

The examinees got off the airship and sized up their surroundings.

The camp ahead took up a large area. The borders were filled with a large number of heavy rune machine guns, an intimidating sight for the youngsters. Their muzzles were facing the forest on the island and the coastline.

The primary island was surrounded by rune metal fencing, and sentries manned all the entrances.

At the same time, the other two airships had landed too.

A huge number of examinees surged out. Within a few seconds, the empty area in front of the camping ground was filled with people.

“Look inside the forest.”

The moment the shout was heard, the roar of a beast echoed in the forest.

“Roar—”

In the primary forest, a giant beast roared and charged towards the metal fence. The large number of preys outside had obviously aroused its appetite.

Boom!

Unfortunately, before it could get close, a loud explosion shook the area.

The guards had aimed the cannons at the giant beast and shot it down. The menacing beast was reduced to small pieces of meat.

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A piece of flesh landed in front of an examinee with a splat. The poor guy was so frightened his face turned pale.

“I’ve heard that there are many mutated beasts in the wild. I finally got to see one today.”

“However, these should be ordinary mutated beasts that haven’t absorbed Force. Their skins are thicker and they are bulkier, but they aren’t Force star beasts.”

“But, these mutated beasts are scary too. Are we going to face them during our actual combat assessment?”

Someone spoke in fear. The scene just now frightened many people.

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“Everyone!

“Welcome to the third exam venue for the Donghai region. This time, your actual combat assessment will be held here.

“We have prepared the protective battle uniform and weapons for you. When your name is called later, you can come forward to collect your equipment.

“Of course, some people are more comfortable with using their own weapons and have brought them along. You can use your weapons if you pass the inspection and your weapons meet the requirements.

“You have two hours now. Hurry up and get your equipment. Then, you can start your exam!”

A man stood on the platform in the camping ground. His voice wasn’t loud, but it entered everyone’s ears clearly.

“Chen Xiaoming.”

“Lin Dawei.”

“Zheng Dong.”

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Below the platform, rows and rows of huge cases were lined up. More than ten staff were distributing the weapons at the side. The students whose names got called went forward quickly to collect their items.

There was an area beside it for inspecting the examinees’ weapons to see if they met the criteria.

Wang Teng walked over and took out his rune weapon carrier casket. He pulled out his weapons one by one. Of course, he didn’t bring his rune gun.

It went without thinking that weapons like guns were definitely not allowed to be used during the exam.

The inspector was slightly shocked when he saw the weapon carrier casket. “Young boy, your equipment is not bad. Where did you buy it?”

“Custom made on Taobao, the only one of its kind,” Wang Teng replied, a bit proudly.

The inspector smiled and didn’t probe further. He started inspecting Wang Teng’s weapons, which were boxing gloves and battle swords.

“They are both one-star rune weapons. No wonder you don’t want to use the weapons we’re distributing,” the inspector glanced at Wang Teng in astonishment.

“Do they fulfill the requirements?” Wang Teng asked.

“Of course, why won’t they? Only martial warriors can unleash the full potential of one-star rune weapons. In the hands of martial disciples, they are just a bit sharper. Could you be a martial warrior?” asked the inspector.

“Even if you are a martial warrior and are able to unleash the full power of these one-star rune weapons, that’s your own ability. It’s not breaking the rules,” another inspector at the side added.

Wang Teng nodded. After the inspector confirmed that there was nothing wrong, Wang Teng kept the weapons. He carried his weapon carrier casket and went back to the examinees’ queue.

“So this thing is your weapon!” It suddenly occurred to Lin Chuhan.

“I’ve already said that this is my secret weapon,” Wang Teng smiled and replied.

“Tsk! How is this a secret?” Lin Chuhan said with disdain.

“Lin Chuhan!”

“Wang Teng!”

At this moment, their names were finally called. They hurriedly went forward to collect their equipment.

Wang Teng said to the staff, “You can just give me a lighter and more convenient protective battle uniform. I don’t need weapons.”

“This set of battle uniforms is lighter and more convenient, but its defense ability is a little weak.” The staff found a lighter set of black battle uniforms and passed it to Wang Teng.

Wang Teng tried the size and nodded. “I’ll take this.”

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An hour later, all the examinees had collected their protective battle uniform, battle boots, and the weapons they needed.

The battle uniform and battle boots were all military items. They were made from special materials and were very durable.

The battle uniform consisted of long pants and a singlet. The defense ability was good. It was able to withstand the sharp claws of a mutated beast and protect the vital organs in the body.

As for the weapons, they were military-grade weapons too. There was a wide array of weapons in all forms of sizes.

Although they weren’t rune weapons, they were made from high-density high-strength alloys. Tearing the hard skin of a mutated beast wouldn’t be a problem.

It was worth mentioning that the weapons used by the examinees were all cold weapons. No guns were allowed.

At this moment, all the examinees had changed into their battle uniforms and battle boots. They were getting used to the weapons in their hands. The exam hadn’t started yet. Everyone was waiting patiently at the waiting area.

Chapter 75: Withdraw And Start!

Wang Teng and Lin Chuhan prepared themselves at the waiting area.

It was easy to tell that Lin Chuhan and Yang Jian were a little absent-minded. They kept fiddling with the weapons in their hands, but there was no pattern to it.

When the time came, the two of them had started to get nervous like the rest of the students.

Well, they couldn’t be blamed either. The angry roar of the mutated beast and the gruesome scene afterward had caused a massive stimulation to the hearts of the examinees.

Especially when the mutated beast wanted to charge out from the metal fence. The evil intention in its eyes was obvious. It treated the examinees as its food.

There was actually a day when humans were reduced to food?!

These examinees were like little flowers and young grasses in the ivory towers.

They had never experienced any beating from society nor the brutality of the law of the jungle.

Although they had long heard of the ruthlessness and scariness of the mutated beast through various channels, they had never felt it so directly.

One could only understand how terrifying it was if they experienced it personally.

“Are you alright?” Wang Teng couldn’t help but ask when he looked at Lin Chuhan’s expression.

Honestly, it would be a little tough for her to fight with the mutated beast based on her ability.

“It’s alright!” Lin Chuhan gritted her teeth and forced herself to remain calm.

“I thought that I could face this actual combat assessment without fear, but now, I feel a little frightened,” Yang Jian said with a bitter smile.

“It’s alright to be scared. Look, who isn’t?” Wang Teng pointed to the other people around them.

“Even Zhou Wu and He Manrong are nervous. I feel much better now.” Yang Jian heaved a long sigh of relief when he saw the expression on the faces of the advanced stage martial disciples.

“Sigh...

“But, why do you seem not worried at all?”

“I can wipe out these mutated beasts with one punch. What is there to worry about?” Wang Teng said calmly.

“Are you kidding? Those mutated beasts have such thick skins. Although your strength is at 1000kg, you might not be able to kill one of them in a single punch.” Yang Jian obviously didn’t believe him.

“Do you think that your punch is a cannon?” Lin Chuhan expressed her disdain too.

“Why does no one believe me when I’m speaking the truth?” Wang Teng felt speechless.

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Just like that, the trio chatted casually. After a series of quips and jokes, Lin Chuhan and Yang Jian didn’t seem as nervous as before.

“Everyone—”

The youngsters’ gazes shifted to the high platform when they heard the loud voice. The officer who guided the distribution of the battle uniforms was speaking to the examinees.

“The actual combat assessment is about to start. I will be announcing the exam rules now!

“First, the actual combat assessment will start at 10 am and end at 6 am tomorrow. That means that you will be staying in this primary forest for one day and one night.”

When they heard this, the examinees’ expressions changed.

A day and a night!

The primary forest was filled with danger. Yet, they were telling them that they had to stay inside for so long. How were they supposed to stay alive?

The officer disregarded the uproar from the examinees below and continued speaking.

“During this period, you will have to find your own food, water, and your lodging for the night.

“At the same time, if you want to pass the exam, you need to kill at least five mutated beasts. This is the minimum number. The more mutated beasts you kill and the higher the level of beasts, the higher the number of points you will receive. That way, in the future, you will have better choices.

“We will be watching over the whole forest using satellite cameras for the entire exam duration. All of you have a communication device on your battle uniform.

“It is able to track your location to ensure that everyone is under surveillance.

“The level of the mutated beast you kill, as well as the number of mutated beasts you kill, will all be recorded. It will be changed into points and updated in your data.

“However, you must kill the beasts personally. Other people can’t help you. If not, it will be considered cheating. You will be disqualified from the exam.

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“Also, remember that students are not allowed to cut one another’s throats during the actual combat assessment. However, there is still competition between all of you... Not only do you have to guard against mutated beasts, but you also need to be vigilant of other examinees.

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“There’s an emergency button on the communication device.

“We have arranged many experienced martial disciples in the forest. There are even three martial warriors.

“When you press the emergency button, the staff nearest to you will immediately rush to your location based on your GPS.

“The martial arts exam is important, but your life is even more important. Remember not to act rashly and overexert yourself. That is all I have to say.”

The examinees’ didn’t look good when they heard the rules. There was a huge commotion.

This actual combat assessment was so difficult.

It was even more challenging than everyone thought. It was also much more dangerous than they imagined. Many people wanted to throw the towel right away.

“If you want to give up, you can step forward now,” the officer seemed to have seen through their thoughts and said calmly.

The examinees exchanged glances with one another. In the end, a lady really took the initiative and stood up first.

“I... I want to leave.”

When she said this sentence, she was already sobbing.

It was easy to guess how painful it was for her to make this decision.

A martial arts examinee must have worked very hard for the martial arts exam, especially the students from ordinary families. Their families had probably scrimped and saved to provide them with the resources to practice martial arts.

But now, she was giving up!

Some of the students were shocked, while others felt complicated and understood her feelings. They felt as if they were relieved from a huge burden.

Since someone had taken the lead, they felt justified and contented.

After some disappointment, pain, and struggle, some students made the same decision and gave up.

There was too little hope.

At first, they wanted to fight for an ounce of hope. But, if they needed to risk their lives for it, their timid hearts didn't allow them to do it.

After a while, the examinees that chose to give up stood sparsely in a corner. There were more than a few hundred people.

“Does anyone else want to give up?”

The officer asked. When he noticed that no other examinees came forward, he continued.

“In that case, the rest of the examinees will be split at random into ten teams. You will enter the forest from different entrances.”

Some staff came forward to organize them. The examinees that were familiar with one another were split up into ten teams. Under the lead of the staff, they headed towards different entrances.

Wang Teng stood in the middle of a team. There were unfamiliar faces all around him.

Lin Chuhan and Yang Jian were in the other teams, so he couldn't see them anymore. He hoped that they were able to pass the assessment safely.

Not long after, Wang Teng's team reached an entrance.

After waiting for some time, the person leading their team looked at his watch and said, “It's almost time. You can enter now. Good luck to all of you.”

He signaled to the guard to open the metal gates. Then, they allowed the examinees to enter.

All the students remembered what the officer had said before this.

There was competition between the examinees, and they needed to be aware of fellow students... Humans are unpredictable—No one dared to underestimate this sentence.

Hence, the second they entered the forest, they parted ways with one another and headed in different directions.

Wang Teng chose to enter the depths of the rainforest in a certain direction. He was already wearing his boxing gloves and holding his battle sword in his hand.

He did say that this exam was simple for him, but he wasn't stupid. He wouldn't let down his guard.

There were tall and lush green trees all around him, and the ground was covered with dried fallen leaves. The stench of decaying leaves, along with the refreshing fragrance of grass and leaves, wafted into his nose.

Roar—

The roars of beasts rose one after another in the distance.

The actual combat assessment—

Start!

Chapter 76: Hunt For High-Level Mutated Beasts

The actual combat assessment had been going on for an hour.

On the island, in the sealed-off forest, all the examinees were scattered and were hunting and fighting with different mutated beasts.

The levels of the mutated beasts corresponded to the martial disciples' levels. They were split into low-level, middle-level, and high-level.

The candidates were all intermediate stage and advanced stage martial disciples.

The best choice was to kill the weakest low-level mutated beasts.

Many people knew that this actual combat assessment wasn't just an exam. In fact, it was a training for the examinees' mentality and outdoor survival ability.

After all, if they became martial warriors in the future and headed to Xingwu Continent, the environment there was much worse than this forest.

In the future, they might not have such a good chance to find a mutated beast to train themselves. At that time, they would be facing terrifying star beasts.

Currently, Wang Teng was squatting on a huge tree and staring at a giant forest lizard below him.

This was the first mutated beast he had met.

And, it was a high-level mutated beast!

He didn't know if he was lucky or not. He had hung around for an hour but didn't meet any mutated beast. The moment he met one, it was a high-level mutated beast.

This beast had mutated from a forest giant lizard. Its body was covered with thick and heavy scales, giving off a metallic glimmer. Its claws were as sharp as knives, and its fangs looked like spikes. They were able to pierce through a person in an instant.

At first, Wang Teng thought that it hadn't noticed him yet. He was planning to sneak an attack on it. Nonetheless, this was the first time he met a mutated beast. Hence, he didn't act rashly.

Out of his expectations, the forest giant lizard swung its tail at him. The huge force cut the tree he was using to hide into two.

Boom!

The tree cracked and fell.

"F**k, it's so strong?"

Wang Teng hurriedly stepped on the ground and leaped into the air. Then, he waved his battle sword and exerted strength all over his body. He struck his sword down at the giant forest lizard.

Roar!

The giant lizard opened its mouth and let out a growl. It swung its tail again and swept it towards him.

This tail sweep was extremely powerful. Even the air around it gave off short exploding sounds.

Wang Teng's eyebrows jumped slightly. Naturally, he wasn't stupid; he wouldn't receive the attack forcefully. He executed his presence enlightenment stage Basic Footwork and actually managed to turn his body in the air. The maneuver allowed him to evade the attack easily.

Wang Teng instantly lowered his center of gravity and landed on the ground. He punched the side of the giant lizard with his fist.

Bang!

His strength was terrifying. This punch caused the scale armor of the giant lizard to crack open, even hurting the bones underneath.

Howl—

The giant lizard howled in pain. It opened its mouth and wanted to pounce on Wang Teng. The stinging stench of blood flowed right into Wang Teng's face.

"Hmph!"

Wang Teng snorted. His speed accelerated, and he evaded the giant lizard's attack. Next, he raised the battle sword in his hand and charged forward.

Crack!

Fresh blood spurted out!

His sword slashed right through the giant lizard's mouth. It cut off a huge portion of the lizard's head. The next moment, the giant lizard fell to the ground with a thud. It was dead.

“Sigh!”

Wang Teng let out a breath. High-level mutated beasts were harder to deal with than he had imagined. However, it was still a piece of cake for him.

He walked towards the giant lizard to take a look.

Strength*20

Blank Attribute*5

Wang Teng instantly felt thrilled.

Blank Attribute!

He saw blank attributes again!

After Wang Teng picked them up, he didn't use them in a hurry. Instead, he kept them first.

Wang Teng looked at the corpse of the giant lizard and went into deep thought.

Is there a higher probability of dropping blank attributes if I kill mutated beasts and star beasts?

He couldn't help but remember the giant crow star beast that was killed the other time. That star beast had dropped 60 blank attributes. In contrast, this giant lizard had dropped only 5 points.

He had picked up blank attributes from martial disciples in the past before, but the probability was really low. Also, it wasn't a lot.

Sigh, can't the system explain the settings all at once? Why do I have to figure it out myself?

Wang Teng sighed helplessly. He decided to try it on a few more mutated beasts. If his guess was correct, this exam venue for their actual combat assessment would become an excellent place to collect blank attributes!

An evil smile immediately appeared on his face.

Almost simultaneously, all the mutated beasts in the entire forest felt an evil intention engulfing them.

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“Report. An examinee has already killed a high-level mutated beast.”

At the same time, in a huge central control room situated in the island camping ground, computer screens filled up the entire place. All the screens were showing the images of the examinees in the forest.

A few hundred staff stared at the screens without blinking. Suddenly, a staff member shouted loudly.

The leaders from the Ministry of Education, including Director He, as well as the higher authorities from the top three martial arts academies and the president of the martial arts association, Qin Hanxuan, were all gathered in this room.

At first, they were chatting casually. When they heard this shout, though, they immediately turned in that direction.

The staff member clicked on his computer and sent the image on his screen to the wall so that everyone could see it clearly.

He even replayed the scene just now.

“Haha, indeed, it’s that person.” Director He couldn’t help but laugh when he saw the young man standing in front of the giant lizard on the screen.

“Director He, do you know this guy?” The principal of the Donghai branch Leiting Martial House, Jiang Hong, asked.

“This young man is not bad. His battle awareness is really strong,” the principal of the Donghai branch Bailian Martial House, Gu Hefei, complimented Wang Teng.

“This examinee is the only extreme martial disciple from our Donghai this year,” Director He smiled. He secretly glanced at the valiant-looking man sitting properly at the host’s seat.

Qin Hanxuan and Fu Tiandao exchanged glances with each other. They didn’t speak.

The valiant-looking man calmly glanced at the screen. He didn’t express too many emotions. However, when he heard that this was an extreme martial disciple, he raised his eyebrows slightly.

“Extreme martial disciple. Not bad, let’s continue watching,” the man said in a composed manner.

Director He was elated. This sentence was enough to prove that Governor Jiang had developed an interest in Wang Teng.

This man was the governor-general of Donghai!

The last time, Qin Hanxuan and Fu Tiandao had said that he was on the brink of his breakthrough. Now, he had appeared at the martial arts exam...

No one else said anything. After all, the exam had just started.

However, they couldn’t help but pay more attention to Wang Teng.

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Time passed slowly. Gruesome battles were happening in many different corners of the forest.

These examinees didn’t have an easy time like Wang Teng. After all, this was their first time facing a mutated beast. Some people couldn’t even release one-fifth of their true power.

For an intermediate stage martial disciple to kill a low-level mutated beast, he needed to use a lot of strength and brain. In theory, they knew that they had to target the weak spots, but in an actual battle, everything was thrown to the back of their minds.

Some people even cowered right at the start. Before they started fighting, they had already run away in a flurry.

Within two to three hours, close to half of the examinees were eliminated.

3 pm.

On an empty area in the forest, two black figures were engaged in a fight.

Slash!

After a cold flash of light, the two figures separated from each other. Wang Teng landed on the ground stably. The battle sword in his hand was pointing diagonally at the ground.

A trace of blood dripped down the tip of the sword and landed on the leaves-covered earth.

The other black figure slammed hard on the ground. Its head flew up high before falling back. A large amount of blood spurted out like a fountain.

“They are both high-level mutated beasts, but this green python was harder to deal with than that forest giant lizard.”

Wang Teng lamented to himself. Then, he went forward.

Speed*15

Blank Attribute*6

As expected, blank attributes were dropped again. Wang Teng was cheering secretly in his heart.

He picked them up.

The instant he finished picking up the attribute bubbles, the python head at the side suddenly leaped up and opened its mouth wide, baring its fangs. It wanted to bite Wang Teng.

“I’ve been waiting for you,” Wang Teng sneered. He slashed his battle sword sideways and cut the python head into two.

In the ‘Five Years of Martial Arts Exam, Three Years of Mock Papers’, it was mentioned that mutated snakes had a strong vitality. Even if their heads were chopped off, their central nervous systems would still be functioning for a short period. It would produce certain instinctive reactions. If one wasn’t careful enough, they might be attacked by it when it was at the brink of death.

It didn’t mean that the larger mutated beasts were poisonous. If a mutated beast was poisonous before it mutated, not only would its size grow bigger, its poison would become even more deadly.

If a person was bitten by it, he might die on the spot.

Hence, they needed to be extremely careful.

Wang Teng turned around and prepared to leave. Suddenly, the sound of something cutting through the air was heard behind him.

Swoosh!

The sound was shrill and loud, and one could guess how fast the speed was from the wind. A stinging pain was felt on his leg.

Wang Teng reacted almost instantly.

His speed increased exponentially, and he executed his footwork with full power. His body moved away slightly from his original position.

Boom!

A sharp arrow cut through the air beside his leg. It pierced into a huge tree and formed a large hole in it.

Examinees weren't allowed to endanger each other's lives, but they were able to defeat one another. That way, the mutated beasts that the other party killed would be counted as the winner's.

Just now, that arrow wasn't aimed at Wang Teng's vital point. Still, if it had hit his thigh, his battle ability would have decreased greatly.

Wang Teng looked at the examinee on the tree far away who had released this arrow. He immediately dashed into the bushes and executed his footwork...

The snake walk!

The other party wasn't able to get a lock on him. Then, Wang Teng moved in the direction where his opponent was at.

*F**K!*

Are you looking for death!

Chapter 77: Your Father Is Ultimately Your Father!

The expression of the examinee, who had tried to sneak an attack on Wang Teng, underwent a change when he noticed how fast Wang Teng's reaction and how decisive he was. The moment he evaded his attack, Wang Teng snuck into the bushes and ran towards him using the bushes as his cover.

Retreat!

The examinee turned and ran away without any hesitation.

The basic battle technique he practiced was Basic Arrow Skill. It was suitable for long-range attacks and not close combats. Just now, when he saw the way Wang Teng fought with the high-level mutated beast, he knew that he would lose if he got caught by the young man.

Wang Teng shuttled back and forth in the forest. He executed his footwork, and his figure kept shifting like the clouds. The other party wasn't able to aim at him.

How dare you sneak an attack on me!

Do you think I'm easy to bully?

Wang Teng's expression was cold as he increased his speed with every step. He dashed towards the other examinee.

"Damn it!"

The other examinee got a fright when he saw Wang Teng rushing over. How could he be so fast?

The distance between the two of them got closer and closer.

As the guy ran away, he continued shooting arrows behind him. He hoped that he would be able to stall Wang Teng for some time, even if it was just to lower his speed of chasing him.

However, even though the arrows he shot caused some obstruction to Wang Teng, the distance between the two of them didn't get longer. It continued shortening.

Wang Teng's speed was much faster than his, and his arrows were almost finished!

After a few seconds, the distance between the two of them was less than 30 meters.

"Die!"

Wang Teng stepped on the ground, and the earth below him cracked. His entire body shot out like a raging bear. His sword formed an arc in the air as he flung it down on the examinee.

The examinee was flabbergasted. He raised his bow above his head to block this attack.

Clang!

When the bow and the sword collided, a metallic tremble rang out.

The examinee's expression changed. He could feel a powerful force boring down on him. He couldn't control himself and flew backward.

Bang!

He slammed heavily on the ground. Fresh blood seeped out of the corner of his mouth. He shouted towards the forest beside him, "Why aren't you all moving? How long are you going to watch the show?"

"Hmph!" Wang Teng scoffed. He furiously charged at the examinee.

"Don't come over!"

The other party's expression changed for the umpteenth time. He quickly crawled up from the ground and retreated.

Wang Teng punched him without saying anything.

"Stop!" A loud shout suddenly came from the forest behind him. A strong gust of wind assaulted Wang Teng's back.

Wang Teng evaded the attack as though he had eyes on his back. His hard and sturdy iron fist still smashed into the examinee's face.

Crack! The other party's nose bridge collapsed. It was quite obvious. Blood splattered everywhere from his nose, and the guy kept screaming in pain.

Wang Teng swept his legs this time. The examinee was already dizzy from the punch. Now, his vision turned black, and he wasn't able to withstand the attack at all. In an instant, he flew away because of the kick.

Basic Arrow Skill*10

Beginner Stage Arrow Talent*3

Huh? Wang Teng's eyes lit up. There are talent attributes!

The attributes this examinee dropped were quite impressive.

He picked them up.

The two examinees that had just walked out of the forest didn't protect their companion when they saw what happened. Instead, they watched Wang Teng injure him without doing anything. Their expressions turned ugly.

"Wang Teng, you're too ruthless. We are all examinees. How can you land such a heavy blow!" One of the examinees pointed at Wang Teng and shouted.

"I was wondering who it was. So, it's you, Young Master Li." Wang Teng turned around and looked at the people who had just appeared.

One of them was a complete stranger to him. He didn't recognize the man. However, the other was an old friend—Li Rongcheng!

"Why? Are you planning to get some of your egos back because you were tortured by me too many times?" Wang Teng smiled at him ambiguously. "Where did you get these two dumb boys? How did you trick them into seeking death together with you?"

Li Rongcheng's expression turned even worse when Wang Teng exposed his true thoughts. A hint of anxiousness flashed past his eyes.

Indeed, he was the one who found these two people.

Wang Teng had opposed him many times and caused him to lose his face. Also, he already knew he was beaten up for no reason at that time because of Wang Teng's framing. He was the one who caused him to carry that blame!

This bastard was so sinister!

Also, during the level inspection, Wang Teng displayed the ability of an extreme martial disciple. He had amazed the crowd with a single feat and made him exceptionally jealous.

Thus, he tricked these two advanced-stage martial disciples from other schools and planned to kick Wang Teng out of the actual combat assessment.

Of course, Li Rongcheng was able to convince these two advanced-stage martial disciples because he knew them before. He also promised them certain benefits.

Unfortunately, a boss was still a boss. Your father was still your father!

The examinee who tried to sneak attack Wang Teng didn't succeed. Instead, he was beaten up like a dog. He laid on the floor, not able to get up anymore.

These guys were already frightened of Wang Teng's ability. Now, with one person down, only Li Rongcheng and the other advanced stage youngster were left. Their chances of winning were even less.

When he heard Wang Teng's words, the other advanced stage martial disciple glanced at Li Rongcheng. That gaze caused Li Rongcheng's heart to drop.

"Since it has already reached this state, there's no point in saying anything anymore. Let's just fight."

Surprisingly, the advanced stage martial disciple was extremely decisive. He knew Li Rongcheng's intention, but they had already formed a grudge with Wang Teng. Hence, there was probably no point in begging for mercy. They should just work together and get rid of Wang Teng.

"Alright." Li Rongcheng gritted his teeth and didn't say much. He held his battle blade in his hand and charged towards Wang Teng first.

The seed of suspicion was already planted in them. However, they had no choice but to work together now. He must show enough sincerity.

As expected, when the advanced stage martial disciple saw him attacking first, his vigilant expression softened a little. Then, he joined the assault on Wang Teng.

He held a huge and heavy battle mace in his hand. As he waved it around, the sound of air breaking could be heard. He smashed it viciously at Wang Teng.

Li Rongcheng executed his presence enlightenment stage Basic Blade Skill. His blade moved as fast as lightning and covered Wang Teng up entirely.

The attack of two advanced stage martial disciples was troublesome and tough to handle, even for an extreme martial disciple.

However, Wang Teng's true ability wasn't that of an extreme martial disciple. He was a martial warrior!

Not only that, all his battle techniques were at a higher stage than the other two martial disciples. Even if he didn't release his martial warrior ability, he was still able to beat the two people up.

He executed his presence enlightenment stage Basic Footwork to its fullest potential. His body spun and turned in the smallest area possible. It was as if he wasn't moving at all.

However, Li Rongcheng's blade couldn't even touch the edge of his clothes.

"Presence enlightenment stage footwork!"

Li Rongcheng was stunned.

At this time, the other advanced stage martial disciple's metal mace had arrived in front of him. A cold smile appeared at the corner of Wang Teng's lips.

He pushed his fists out and took the attack of the mace head-on!

Clang~

Wang Teng was wearing boxing gloves, so his hands weren't injured at all. On the other hand, his opponent took a few steps back. His hands that were holding the mace kept trembling.

The battle mace almost slipped out of his hands.

Wang Teng continued his victorious pursuit and appeared in front of Li Rongcheng in a blink of an eye. Under his astounded gaze, he pushed his fists out.

Li Rongcheng wanted to dodge, but he realized that his body couldn't catch up with his thoughts... He was defeated in one move!

"Why... Why is it the same as before?"

His heart was filled with unwillingness. He remembered the previous duel they had in the school's stadium. An intense bitterness overflowed him.

When that advanced stage martial disciple saw that Li Rongcheng couldn't even handle a single attack from Wang Teng, his pupils constricted. He gritted his teeth and forcefully controlled his trembling hands. Just when he was about to raise his battle mace, a pair of iron fists welcomed him.

Boom!

The fists landed on his chest, and the overwhelming force threw him back.

"How is this possible?" In the instant he flew out, an inconceivable thought appeared in his heart.

Chapter 78: Wang Teng, I Suggest You Leave Some Room For Yourself!

The examinee that got flung back by Wang Teng's punch was a strength-type advanced stage martial disciple.

But, at this moment, even he was amazed by Wang Teng's strength.

A moment ago, Wang Teng had received the attack of his battle mace forcefully with his fists. This time, when Wang Teng punched him, he was unable to retaliate at all.

Was this the ability of an extreme martial disciple?

The difference was too huge!

At first, he was very decisive and felt that since they had already formed a grudge, they should just kick Wang Teng out of the martial arts exam. However, now, he regretted his decision.

At the same time, he hated Li Rongcheng terribly. This bastard. How did he provoke such a powerful figure?

He wasn't the only one. At this moment, Li Rongcheng also felt puzzled.

The last time, he was defeated in a single blow. Now, the same thing had repeated itself. However, he felt that Wang Teng's ability had gotten stronger... His chest was hurting so much!

The gap was getting bigger and bigger. How was he supposed to fight with Wang Teng?

Wang Teng glanced at the duo. There were a few attribute bubbles dropped around them.

Speed*5

Strength*12

Basic Mace Skill*5

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Wang Teng shook his head. These were all very ordinary. As for the Basic Mace Skill, well... he tried to imagine himself waving the huge mace around...

Forget it. This weapon wasn't suitable for him!

Wang Teng was too lazy to pick up the attributes.

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Am I getting arrogant, or are they too weak?

They must be too weak!

Wang Teng questioned himself for a second. His gaze then landed on the examinee who had dropped the Beginner Stage Arrow Skill Talent unconsciously.

This was the first time someone dropped a weapon-type talent!

This fellow must have some ability. Wickedness slowly filled up his gaze.

On the other side, although the examinee was unconscious, he suddenly shivered.

Wang Teng walked over and hit the examinee without waking him up.

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He especially took care of his head and hit it a few times!

Spirit*0.2

Beginner Stage Arrow Talent*1

Basic Arrow Skill*2

Basic Arrow Skill*1

Beginner Stage Arrow Talent*1

Spirit*0.1

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Wang Teng only left the guy alone when the attribute bubbles stopped dropping.

The examinee woke up from the pain. He felt as though he had a dream. In his dream, someone tortured and tormented him terribly... He was really pitiful!

But, the moment he woke up, he felt pain all over his body. He couldn't help but groan in agony.

Li Rongcheng and the other examinee had witnessed this brutal act first-hand. The muscles on their faces twitched uncontrollably, and a chill crept up to their hearts.

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Oh my god, he must be a devil!

He doesn't even let go of an unconscious guy. How can he bear to be so cruel!

Scary!

If they weren't heavily injured, they would have run away like their lives depended on it.

Wang Teng suddenly turned his head and glanced at the two examinees. They shuddered in fright, and their expressions warped.

Especially when they saw him walking towards them, a sense of uneasiness rose from the depth of their hearts. This devil...

"Wang Teng, what do you want to do?"

Wang Teng didn't say anything.

"We have already lost. What else do you want to do? Stop when you should. Don't be too outrageous!"

"Hmph!"

When he heard Wang Teng laughing in disdain, Li Rongcheng's face turned green. He looked at Wang Teng as he stood right in front of him and shouted in panic, "Wang Teng, don't cut off all your routes of retreat. I suggest you leave some room for yourself!"

Wang Teng clicked his tongue. He didn't expect Li Rongcheng to be so good at talking. The guy sure had a glib tongue.

He raised his big fist and aimed it at Li Rongcheng's head.

One punch and Li Rongcheng's vision turned black.

Spirit*0.5

Oh? Not bad!

Continue...

Bang, bang, bang!

Spirit*0.1

Spirit*0.1

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Unfortunately, after dropping two more Spirit attributes, he stopped. Li Rongcheng grabbed the opportunity during the interval and hurriedly pressed the emergency button—He would give up the assessment!

He didn't want to make this decision, but if he remained here any longer, he might be beaten half to death... This devil!

Wang Teng wanted to turn to the other examinee, but he realized that the examinee had already pressed the emergency button a long time ago. Now, hurried footsteps were heard not far away from them.

The examinee, who had sneak attacked Wang Teng, finally understood what had happened. He pressed the emergency button too.

The three of them were forced to give up!

Wang Teng shook his head and ignored them. He turned around and left.

When the staff of the exam venue arrived and saw the sad plight of the three students, they were stunned. What happened here?"

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"This fellow is a little vicious!"

In the central control room, everyone looked at the scene on the screen with trembling eyelids.

"Did you notice that his Basic Footwork has reached the presence enlightenment stage?" The principal of Bailian Martial House, Gu Hefei, suddenly asked.

"You're right. This Wang Teng is a genius." The principal of Leiting Martial House, Jiang Hong, nodded.

"Our Bailian Martial House wants this examinee. No one is going to snatch him from me," Gu Hefei said.

"Hmph, we haven't even opened our mouth. Why are you in such a hurry?" Jiang Hong complained.

"Hahaha, there's no need to fight. Wang Teng is already a member of our Jixin Martial House," Fu Tiandao couldn't help but laugh happily.

"You!"

Gu Hefei and Jiang Hong felt disappointed. At the same time, they glared furiously at Fu Tiandao.

They had finally managed to find such a good seedling, but he already belonged to Jixin Martial House!

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Time passed by. The massacre in the forest became more and more intense.

Many examinees got injured during their first fight with the mutated beasts. Those suffering severe injuries pressed the emergency button and left the exam helplessly. Those that only had light injuries gritted their teeth and persevered. They had experienced a fight already, so they were gradually getting used to it.

For many of the candidates, this was their first time facing the mutated beasts. They were strong enough, so even though they felt a little uncomfortable killing mutated beasts, they started to familiarize themselves with the sensation after killing a few of them.

Most people chose low-level mutated beasts as their first prey. After getting used to the situation, they would look for middle-level and high-level mutated beasts.

Especially those advanced stage martial disciples. These students wanted to enter top universities, so they needed to achieve good results. That was the only way to get the attention of the top universities.

Night dawned on the forest.

After the fights in the day, most of the students were exhausted and hungry. However, they needed to find their own food and water to fill up their stomachs.

They also needed to find a place to rest for the night.

At night, the forest was even more dangerous. All kinds of mutated beasts came out to search for prey...

The number of mutated beasts seemed to have increased suddenly. Wang Teng stood on a huge tree and looked into the distance. The shadows of many mutated beasts could be seen in the dense forest.

He wasn't the only one who noticed the anomaly. Other examinees had observed this point too.

That's good. I can get more blank attributes.

Wang Teng smiled slightly. In the day, he had already killed six high-level mutated beasts. He had also finished off nine middle-level mutated beasts, collecting a total of 43 blank attributes.

Let's find some food first.

Just as this thought appeared in his mind, a wild mutated boar suddenly appeared in his vision.

Well, it looks edible.

Wang Teng jumped down, and the glint from his sword formed an arc in the air.

Swoosh—

Blood splattered, and this wild boar with thick skin was directly beheaded.

In the beginning, Wang Teng had purposely suppressed his ability because he wanted to train with mutated beasts. But, in the end, he changed his opinion.

What was more important than collecting attributes?

Thus, he decided to let himself go and kill as many mutated beasts as he could.

With his ability, this middle-level mutated beast would be finished off in one blow.

Wang Teng chopped off a large piece of thigh meat and held it in his hand.

He then found a mountain cave and drilled wood to make fire. In the 'Five Years of Martial Arts Exam, Three Years of Mock Papers,' this was basic knowledge. He twirled the wood twice, and a small flame appeared.

Wang Teng barbecued the wild boar thigh and filled up his stomach. After resting for some time, he walked out of the cave and continued his hunt for mutated beasts.

This was a sleepless night.

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It was already midnight.

In the central control room, the hunting result of the examinees was projected on the wall through the projector.

All the leaders were looking at the results silently.

“Yan Peng from Huiying High School has already killed 13 mutated beasts. Three high-level ones, four middle-level ones, and six low-level beasts. This result is really good,” Gu Hefei said.

“Zhou Wu from No.1 High School isn’t bad either. He has also killed 13 mutated beasts, three high-level, three middle-level, and seven low-level. He’s just one step behind,” Jiang Hong said.

“There’s also Dong Fei from Shiyuan High School. He killed 14 mutated beasts, four high-level, five middle-level, and five low-level.”

The bosses mentioned all the outstanding students from the different schools, but most of their attention was placed on the number one examinee—Wang Teng!

They would glance at his results occasionally.

It rose again.

The same thought appeared in the leaders’ minds almost simultaneously.

He had killed a total of 28 mutated beasts—wait, it was 29 mutated beasts now. Another high-level mutated beast had lost its life under his sword.

Among them, 18 were high-level mutated beasts. There were even lesser middle-level beasts, only 10.

The leaders didn’t know how to describe Wang Teng anymore. It seemed so easy for him to kill the mutated beasts. Most of the time, he would finish them with a single wave of his sword. The most he would do was to add another punch.

Of course, they had forgotten about the two mutated beasts Wang Teng killed right at the start. Based on the ability he displayed afterward, he must be fooling around back then.

When we were young, were we able to do this? All the leaders started asking themselves.

The answer was a resounding ‘no.’ If they really were to fight with the mutated beasts, they might be tormented like crazy.

Even Governor Jiang felt the corners of his eyes twitching.

The potential this fellow displayed was almost on par with the top figures in society.

But it was just his potential...

Growth had its consequences. It was impossible to predict what would happen in the future.

Another two hours passed. The forest was dark and silent. Occasionally, the roar of a wild animal would shatter the peaceful illusion.

No one knew what that was.

Although this environment was daunting and taking a toll on their bodies, the examinees gritted their teeth and persevered.

Some examinees had already killed five mutated beasts, so they were qualified for the martial arts course. To be safe, they hid in a secluded spot and stopped going out.

On the other hand, Wang Teng continued hunting. He was having one hell of a time in this exam. He had already collated 85 blank attributes. It was a huge gain.

Currently, multiple agile black figures were surrounding him. They appeared from all different directions.

The furs of these mutated beasts were greyish-black. They were able to hide very well under the night sky. Their eyes gave off an eerie green glow, and a low groan could be heard from their mouths.

A disgusting stench wafted into his nose.

Wang Teng's figure shuttled around like a butterfly dancing among the flowers. This bunch of jackals and wolves kept missing him. Every time his sword slashed through the air, a life would be lost.

After a few minutes, the ground was filled with the corpses of jackals and wolves. Only a few beasts had survived this nightmare. The bedraggled survivors ran away in a flurry. Wang Teng was too lazy to chase after them, though.

He collected another eight middle-level mutated beasts!

Blank Attribute +16!

Wang Teng was about to turn and leave when suddenly, the ground started shaking violently. Small cracks began appearing on the ground...

Chapter 79: Volcano Eruption?

The ground was quaking, and many thin cracks were starting to appear. The entire mountain below his feet seemed to be vibrating.

"What is happening?"

Wang Teng's expression changed. He glanced around him and noticed that the trees were all shaking too. The leaves rustled and fell.

The other examinees felt the vibration too.

Those further away didn't feel the shaking as much, so they continued hunting for mutated beasts after a moment of astonishment.

However, the examinees in the same mountain as Wang Teng felt the vibration vividly.

Their expressions underwent a slight change. The examinees hesitated and wondered if they should leave immediately. However, there were many mutated beasts on this mountain. Those examinees that wanted to achieve good results found it difficult to give up.

Also, there were many safe spots on this mountain. The examinees who had hidden inside after meeting the minimum requirements walked out in a daze. They didn't know what was happening.

A few minutes later, the quaking stopped. It seemed as though it had never appeared.

In the central control room, Governor Jiang sat in the host's seat and asked calmly, "What happened just now?"

"There's an extinct volcano on this island. Some strange movements might have occurred inside the volcano," the staff below reported in a hurry.

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"Extinct volcano?" Governor Jiang looked at him.

The staff felt cold sweat pouring down his forehead as the governor stared at him.

"Go and investigate immediately. The safety of the examinees is crucial," Governor Jiang said.

"Yes, yes. I will arrange someone to investigate it at once," the staff trembled in fear and replied.

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The assessment continued.

Boom!

Another huge earthquake. This time, it was even more severe.

Roar!

Howl!

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Suddenly, the mutated beasts in the mountains roared and howled. You could almost sense the fear in their voices.

Many examinees were fighting with mutated beasts. They exchanged blows with the beasts and were having a ball of a time.

When the ground vibrated, the examinees were stunned on the spot. The mutated beasts, though, had already fled in a hurry.

They weren't escaping up the mountains. Instead, they were furiously dashing down.

Boom!

The examinees soon realized that it wasn't just one or two beasts escaping. All the mutated beasts were running away from the mountain. The scene was appalling.

The peak of the mountain swayed, and the ground vibrated occasionally. In this second, all the examinees finally realized that something frightening was happening.

"Is this an earthquake?"

Many examinees took a wild guess.

In the central control room, Governor Jiang stood up with a stern expression. "End the actual combat assessment."

The people below carried out the order without any delays. The siren blared around the island.

The ear-shattering sound of the broadcast system spread through the entire primary forest.

"All examinees, all examinees, a strange activity is detected in the extinct volcano at the exam venue. The actual combat assessment will end early. Please hurry towards the nearest exit at the fastest speed and leave the exam venue!"

"Repeat, all examinees..."

The announcement kept repeating to ensure that all the examinees heard it.

Extinct volcano!

Damn it, why didn't they mention it earlier?

The expressions of the examinees who heard the broadcast changed slightly. They sprinted towards the entrance of the forest at their maximum speeds.

Wang Teng's expression wasn't any different from the rest. He turned and charged down the mountain without any hesitation. However, he was deep inside the forest, so there was a huge distance between him and the bottom of the mountain.

The mutated beasts in the mountain had gone entirely crazy. They surged down the mountain in many different waves. The examinees that couldn't retreat in time could only make way for the beasts.

However, that meant that they would be stuck in the mountain.

Some examinees decided to take the risk. They wanted to make use of the chaos to get down the mountain since the mutated beasts wouldn't bother about them now.

Their thoughts were good, but the reality was cruel. The frantic mutated beasts attacked anyone and anything without any difference.

Anything that was in their way, whether it was trees, other beasts, or humans, they would smash them away.

One examinee got hit by a mutated beast and fell to the ground. Instantly, he was stamped into a pile of minced meat. He didn't even have the time to scream.

The examinees that saw this scene shuddered in fright. They didn't dare to act rashly anymore.

However, this was a picture in one corner of the exam venue. At the moment, tragedies were happening in all corners of the mountain. The number of deaths this year was increasing exponentially.

The staff in the exam venue were helpless in the face of this situation. They wanted to help, but there was nothing they could do in front of the waves of mutated beasts.

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"Everyone, it's up to us now." Governor Jiang's voice was emotionless as he walked out of the central control room in large strides. His legs weren't touching the ground.

"Gotta stretch our legs once in a while."

The other leaders quickly answered. They walked out of the central control room and leaped out of the camp. Turning into black figures, the bigwigs disappeared into the night sky.

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At this moment, Wang Teng was standing on the crown of a huge tree. He was looking at the peak of the mountain in the far distance.

Spiritual Sight!

He saw fire Force raging at the peak of the mountain. Balls of red lights were spurting out of the crater.

Is it going to erupt? Or did something else happen?

Wang Teng silently wondered to himself. He looked down at the frantic mutated beasts and frowned uncontrollably.

I wonder how Lin Chuhan is.

Hmm? Who are they?

Suddenly, he saw three figures engulfed entirely in three different color rays. They were actually dashing up the mountain.

Three martial warriors!

Under his Spiritual Sight, he could see their elements clearly. Yellow, green, and blue—they were earth element, wood element, and water element...

The color of the water element was different from the ice element.

The ice element was dark blue, while the water element was light blue.

These three must be the martial warriors protecting the examinees. Are they planning to go up the mountain to understand the situation!? Wang Teng pondered for a moment and guessed their intention.

The three martial warriors charged into the beasts' tide as though there was no resistance. They forcefully cleared a bloody trail.

Strength*3

Speed*2

Blank Attribute*1

Blank Attribute*3

Speed*2

Blank Attribute*1

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Many attribute bubbles were dropped amidst the beast tide.

Wang Teng thought for a moment. *Why don't I pick them up?*

Hence, he secretly followed the three martial warriors and picked up the attributes dropped along the way.

Impressive, impressive!

The destructive ability of three martial warriors is indeed amazing!

Wang Teng made a comparison silently. He realized that if he were to fight against these three, the chances of winning were minimal.

The three martial warriors fought all the way up to the peak of the mountain.

Wang Teng followed them behind. When he saw the three martial warriors jumping into the crater, he hesitated. Should he go down with them?

What if the volcano suddenly erupted?

Forget it. My life is more important!

Wang Teng contemplated for a moment and felt the value of his life. He turned and planned to go down the mountain. Suddenly, he felt something under his feet.

"An examination identity card!"

He picked it up. Instantly, he cursed uncontrollably, "F**k!"

At that moment, Wang Teng's expression turned extremely ugly.

"Lin Chuhan!"

Why is her examination identity card here?

Wang Teng's gaze landed on the crater unconsciously. Suddenly, he had a bad feeling. *Could she be so unlucky?*

Maybe she just dropped it in a moment of panic. She might have already escaped the mountain. He consoled himself and forced himself to hurry down the mountain.

He took two steps before gritting his teeth.

*F**k, why did you run all the way here? Aren't you creating trouble for me?*

Wang Teng felt a headache coming on. He leaped up and jumped down the crater.

Chapter 80: Volcano Salamander

Wang Teng landed on a protruding rock on the rock wall. He scanned the environment inside the crater.

Indeed, this looked like an extinct volcano. The walls around him had been eroded by the wind and were fragmented.

But, this was what gave him a place to land.

Where are they?

There was no one in sight.

He frowned. Wang Teng could only continue going down. There were many broken layers and blindspots below, so it was tough to see.

The three martial warriors that went down a moment ago were nowhere in sight.

There must be something underneath!

Crack!

Suddenly, the protruding rock that Wang Teng was stepping on cracked without any warning. His entire center of gravity dropped, and his body fell uncontrollably.

Wang Teng stepped on a falling piece of rock in mid-air.

Boom!

The rock exploded into fragments.

Wang Teng used the recoil to leap onto the nearest rock.

Breathe...

Just as he heaved a sigh of relief, his pupils suddenly constricted.

There's a cave!

On the right side of the place he landed on, he could see a concealed long and narrow entrance of a cave.

He wanted to go over, but he stopped abruptly.

Spiritual Sight!

He executed his talent and saw huge amounts of fire Force seeping out from the cave.

Wang Teng scanned his surroundings again and noticed that this was the source of the Force he saw spurting out of the crater.

As expected, there's something wrong with this place!

He pondered for a moment before putting his feet forward. He sneaked into the cave.

The cave was narrow and long, barely wide enough for one person to walk. Wang Teng moved forward carefully. The vigilance in his heart kept rising.

With the help of his Spiritual Sight, he could see the fire Force getting thicker as he walked deeper into the cave. The situation inside must be tricky to handle.

Once he entered the cave, he noticed that the temperature was much higher than outside. As he got deeper, the temperature kept rising.

Wa...

A strange sound suddenly came from the depth of the cave.

What sound is that?

Wang Teng stopped in his tracks. He hesitated for a second before hastening his pace and rushing towards the depth of the cave.

The sound had probably come from some unknown mutated beast. Considering the density of the fire Force in this area, it might even be a star beast!

With Lin Chuhan's ability, if she was inside, the odds were stacked like a mountain against her!

What is wrong with the exam board? Why is an accident like this happening during the martial arts exam? They are so unreliable!

Not long after, a light appeared in front of Wang Teng. He had reached the end of the tunnel. A red light shone in.

The scorching heat overwhelmed him. As he got nearer, he felt the temperature rising exponentially. Wang Teng secretly moved the ice Force around his body.

That was the only way to prevent him from feeling like he was in a furnace.

Wang Teng tilted his body and stood at the edge of the entrance. He allowed the protruding rock wall to block his body. Then, he peeked inside.

There was a massive space inside the cave. In the middle, there was a pit where magma could be seen flowing below. This was the source of the scorching heat.

As for the three martial warriors that entered before him, they were fighting with two star beasts!

Star beasts!

They must be star beasts! They had Force in their bodies!

The two star beasts looked a little like salamanders. However, they were enormous, and their entire body was red. They had scale armors covering them, with long horns decorating their heads. They kept giving off 'Wa' sounds that sounded like babies crying.

It's a star beast!

Wang Teng was dumbstruck. Didn't they say that there were only mutated beasts here? Where did star beasts come from?

He hurriedly searched for Lin Chuhan's figure.

Lin Chuhan would be helpless in front of these two star beasts. It was the same as serving herself to them on a platter. These two beasts might not even feel full after eating her.

However, after searching for one round, he didn't discover any signs of her...

Hmm... was she eaten? Or was she eaten? Or was she eaten?

Or maybe she never came in?

Wang Teng was extremely anxious as the same thought kept looping in his mind. At this moment, the fight between the two star beasts and the martial warriors intensified.

Boom!

The star beast blew Force out of its mouth and formed a round magma ball. The ball flew towards the wood element martial warrior at high speed.

Honestly, this wood element martial warrior was restrained by the fire element star beast.

He was exhausted during the battle just now, so when the star beast released a powerful move, he was taken by surprise.

"Move!"

The earth element martial warrior at the side shouted.

The wood martial warrior was guarding against the Force attacks from the star beasts too. He was a little flustered, but he managed to evade the attack precariously.

The ball of magma slammed into the rock wall behind him. Its destructive ability was astonishing, as evident from the collapsed rock wall.

A huge piece of rock smashed into the back of the wood element martial warrior, bringing with it a frightening impact force.

Splurt!

The wood element martial warrior vomited a mouthful of blood. His body flew out, and he almost fell into the magma pit in the middle.

"Ling Dong!"

The earth element martial warrior screamed in fear.

"I'm fine. The volcano salamander's magma burst is extremely powerful. Be careful!" The wood element martial warrior, Ling Dong, wiped the traces of blood off the corner of his lips as he reminded his companions.

He struggled to get up from the ground, but he seemed to be heavily injured.

Wood Force*1

Fire Force*2

Oh my god, they dropped Force attributes. Wang Teng's gaze was suddenly fixed on the ground. The impact just now had caused two Force attributes to drop.

"Wa!"

The volcano salamander noticed that Ling Dong was seriously injured and wanted to kill him first. It moved its huge body and tumbled over.

Ling Dong's expression changed.

The earth element martial warrior dashed to Ling Dong's side. Earth Force exuded out of his body, forming a shield in front of him. He forcefully blocked the volcano salamander's collision again and again. But, the two of them still flew out because of the impact.

"Hurry up and leave. These two volcano salamanders are too difficult to deal with. We'll retreat first."

The water element martial warrior, who was fighting with another volcano salamander alone, was stronger than the other two. However, the situation was awful, so he rushed towards his comrades.

"Leave!"

The earth element martial warrior held Ling Dong up and retreated towards the entrance of the cave.

However...

Do you think you can come whenever you want and leave when you feel like it? Have you asked me for my opinion?

The volcano salamander's thinking was apparent. It blocked the entrance with its huge body, cutting off the only path of retreat for the three martial warriors.

"Wa..."

The other volcano salamander attacked them from the back. These two volcano salamanders actually knew how to cooperate with each other.

Wang Teng was astounded when he saw this scene.

He retracted the aura on his body to prevent the two star beasts from noticing him. At the same time, he felt worried for the three martial warriors. They were in extreme danger!

"Damn it!"

The water element martial warrior in the lead couldn't help but curse. He looked at the two volcano salamanders closing in on them with an ugly expression.

"Ji Quan, what should we do?"

The other two martial warriors looked at him.

"What else can we do? We can only fight with our lives!

"I hope that the other people will arrive soon. If they come slightly later, they can only bury our corpses for us."

Ji Quan's face turned cold as he said fiercely.

"Let's do it!" Ling Dong and the other earth element martial warrior gritted their teeth.

As martial warriors, they had seen all kinds of dangers. They just had to give it their best and fight with their lives. *If we live, we live. If we don't, we don't!*

The three of them were already prepared to die. They remained alert and combat-ready, seeking the right opportunity to attack.

"Howl!"

At this moment, the volcano salamander blocking the entrance suddenly let out a howl of pain.