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Chapter 191: Black City (1)

A bow and arrow was an essential weapon for an archer. No matter how gifted she was, she could not possibly shoot with precision if she did not have a weapon on hand. However, the problem was she did not know where she could obtain a bow.

There were some bows and arrows in the Archer Division's training grounds for daily practice, but there were people there who were appointed to look after them. Furthermore, most of the bows had magical cores attached to them, and they were meant for the use of students who had not managed to get their own bows. Usually, the students from the Archer Division would not use those bows and arrows. Shen Yanxiao had wanted to steal a set of those, but Xiu led her to abandon that train of thought.

"The bow and arrow that an archer needs come with an exact requirement. An archer can only display their full strength if they use a bow that suits them." Xiu would advise her on her progress sometimes.

Alas, Shen Yanxiao could only abandon her original plan.

She would not be able to use the bows and arrows at the archery range. The bows that belonged to the students were also marked. Thus, it would lead to problems if she were to steal them.

So, where could she get a bow?

Just as Shen Yanxiao was annoyed with her situation, Tang Nazhi brought her some great information. There was a small city to the north of the Saint Laurent Academy, and it had a rather prosperous market. It was where many students would purchase their necessities.

According to Tang Nazhi, other than weapons for various professions up for sale, there were also many playthings unique to the black market.

Fayersi City was a tiny city, and it had only about ten to twenty thousand people there. However, it was a rather prosperous place, and one would see many peddlers as soon as one entered its gates. Fayersi City was also known as the Black City. There were no rules there, and as long as you had the money, you can purchase anything your heart desired.

Shen Yanxiao wore only plain clothing when she entered the Black City. Even though it was near nightfall, the streets were jam-packed and bustled with activities. Groups of three or squads of five surrounded various stalls, and some of them even wore the Saint Laurent Academy's school uniform.

Many tall, strong, and expressionless men wandered around the cities, and most of them carried a weapon. Their simple clothing made them look extremely capable and experienced.

They were mercenaries, and they were a distinguishing characteristic of the Black City.

There were many small and large scale mercenary groups in Black City, and they would get their assignments at the mercenary union. They would acquire anything their employer wanted in exchange for payment.

Shen Yanxiao had a small physique, and so she was lost in a sea of people in the crowded streets that bustled with activities. She wandered around and searched for her target. Her lively eyes swept past the stalls, and she found many bizarre-looking items rather interesting.

Magical cores, demonic cores, precious medicinal ingredients, and tooth and horns from various strange beasts – those were only some of the items that one could find in the market. The Black City deserved its name because there were things that you would never think of and nothing that you cannot buy.

As she strolled around the market, Shen Yanxiao saw many unusual items. Soon enough, a simple and crude shop attracted her eyes.

The shop was named 'Face.'

It was an interesting name. Shen Yanxiao stood outside the door and peeked inside.

It was not a large store, but it was piled with various wooden boxes.

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Several dusty human masks hung on the wall of the shop.

"Dear customer, is there something you needed?" The owner of the shop spotted Shan Yanxiao, who looked at his shop with interest, and so he immediately went to welcome her.

"Are all these disguise masks?" Shen Yanxiao quirked her eyebrows. Disguise masks are great for long-term use, unlike disguise potions, which one could only use once. The item was also quite useful, and if she were to get a suitable mask, it would save her a considerable sum of money in the future.

"That's right! This is the best mask shop in the entire city! Not only you can search for your favorite mask here, but we can also custom-make a new 'face' according to your requirements." The owner had a brilliant smile as he introduced the various items in his shop eagerly.

"I need a normal mask, something that won't attract attention easily." Shen Yanxiao walked into the shop and looked at the masks on display. The masks had very thin texture, but the workmanship was pretty excellent. Each mask was also different than the other.

"Sure, please wait for a moment. I'll bring a few for you to browse through." The boss smiled and walked to the counter as he rummaged through a few boxes.

It did not matter why you wanted to purchase an item because no one would ask for the reason as long as you could afford to pay for it. That was the advantage of shopping in a black market. All the shops would open their doors for you if you had the money.

Disguise masks were also a popular item there. Thieves, robbers, killers, and mercenaries were among the people who would frequent those types of shops. All of them needed a crucial piece of equipment to conceal their true identity.

"My dear customer, please take a look at these three masks." The shop owner smiled as he opened three wooden boxes and took out three disguise masks.

As per what Shen Yanxiao had requested, the three disguise masks appeared to look quite ordinary. All three wholly-conformed to her request.

Shen Yanxiao quirked her eyebrows and ultimately chose the mask with the appearance of a young man with freckles.

“How much is this?” she asked.

“This is not expensive at all. It only costs three thousand and five hundred gold coins.” The shop owner answered with a sincere smile.

Three thousand and five hundred gold coins... that was considered inexpensive!?

Shen Yanxiao thought that prices for disguise potions were already overpriced, but she did not expect the prices of disguise masks to be that astonishing as well.

Three thousand and five hundred gold coins were enough for a family to live comfortably for three whole years!

The Black City was honestly so ‘black’ that she could not even bear to look straight at it.

Fortunately, Shen Yanxiao had stockpiled a considerable amount of gold coins in her cash reserve. Even though the price pained her, she still bought the mask.

Shen Yanxiao managed to wear the mask with the shop owner’s assistance. After she wore it, her plain appearance looked even more ordinary, and she had freckles all over her yellow skin. Her presence would not attract any attention even if she were to stand in a crowd.

“Are all of your masks mass-produced?” Shen Yanxiao asked skeptically as she touched the disguise mask on her face.

She did not want to bump into someone with the same face while she wore it.

The shop owner immediately waved his hands and said, “Customer, I reckon that this must be your first time shopping in Black City. In all the shops that sell disguise masks here, there’s only a single copy of each mask. You would not find an identical copy anywhere else, not even in the entire Brilliance Continent. You can rest assured of this. We also guarantee that we will not reveal any information about this mask, and after you’ve purchased it, I will forget everything about this item.”

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As a businessman in the Black City, the shop owner understood his customers’ needs. He would forget about the things that he had sold, and he would never divulge any information to another person. That was why the Black City was so popular.

Shen Yanxiao nodded satisfactorily and then asked, “I require your help with something.”

“Go ahead and ask.”

“Are there any shops that sell bows and arrows here?” Even though the Black City was not a huge city, she would not be able to find what she needed if she were to wander around aimlessly.

“Oh yes, we do have those here! You will find shops that sell weapons on the east side of the city.”

“Many thanks.” After she got the location, she immediately left the shop.

Shen Yanxiao headed to the direction the shop owner had mentioned, and very soon, she was at a rather dimly lit street. There were dozens of small and large arms shops that had a display of weapons outside their shops to attract customers.

Some mercenaries and even students from the Saint Laurent Academy shuttled back and forth between those shops.

As she glanced at the shops, she noticed a huge weapon shop in the middle of the street, and it had a gold signboard above it. It also had eye-catching red flags, and it took up the area of about six to seven shop lots. It was apparent that they were the leading shop on that street.

Shen Yanxiao decided to walk toward that shop.

Lianjin Weapon Shop was the largest arms shop in Black City. It was also the shop with the most variety and highest quality of weapons. The five-meter wide crystal door looked extravagant, but even the spacious door was always overcrowded with customers.

Shen Yanxiao squeezed her way through the crowd nimbly. The shop looked huge from the outside, but its interior was even more prominent.

The first floor of the shop already occupied about three to four hundred square meters. They had many long swords, bows and arrows, shields, and even staff positioned at all four corners of the shop, and their counters had continuous long lines of customers. There were also many exquisite weapons with golden edges and embedded precious stones displayed on the cabinet against the wall. The weapons also had a layer of a faint glow because of the sparkling magical core in it.

Shen Yanxiao marveled at the lavishness of that shop. She made haste to the cabinet with bows and arrows, and her eyes shone as they looked at the hundreds of weapons there.

Of course, something as sparkly as those weapons would always come with a hefty price tag.

A wooden bow that did not look like it was a high-grade one cost five hundred gold coins! Another bow that was embedded with a second-grade magical core cost a massive one thousand and two hundred gold coins!

Shen Yanxiao was speechless. The prices of weapons shocked her even more than the costs of potions. Even though she knew very little about that world, she had seen stalls that sold weapons and low-grade bows for no more than a few dozen gold coins. The prices at that lavish shop seemed to be more than ten times the prices at the stalls!

Was it possible for them to be worse than that?

Shen Yanxiao sighed when she noticed the number of students who wore the Saint Laurent Academy uniform in the shop. The academy was indeed a place for the rich as those students looked to be filthy rich!

Shen Yanxiao gulped when she saw a student paid three thousand gold coins for a gorgeous staff without any hesitation.

'Oh my god, what should I do? My hands feel so itchy!'

Fortunately, she had quite a substantial amount of money in her cash reserve. She averted her gaze and concentrated on choosing a bow. However, despite the superior quality and the excellent craft, Shen Yanxiao did not come across a bow that suited her.

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Xiu once told her that no matter which profession, one should always pay attention to 'fate' whenever one chose a weapon. A weapon came with a soul, and it would only resonate when they found a suitable owner. Thus, Shen Yanxiao was on the lookout for a bow that would resonate with her.

Shen Yanxiao felt depressed as she looked at the row of bows. She wondered why none of those hundreds of bows resonated with her.

"What is a penniless beggar doing here in the Lianjin Weapon Shop?" A young man browsing the collection of bows frowned when he noticed Shen Yanxiao's depressed look. He looked at her with scorn as he stared at her simple and poor clothes.

Lianjin Weapon Shop was famous for its expensive weapons. Even the most basic weapons would cost a few folds of what other shops would charge. However, the students from the Saint Laurent Academy loved to visit that place. They knew about its exorbitant prices, but they knew that the weapons there had excellent workmanship. It was almost like a symbol of one's status if one could afford a weapon from that shop.

Some first-year students even took part in some kind of twisted invidious comparison under the instigation of a few senior students.

It was one thing to compare one's strength, and it was another to compete between one's wealth. Some students, who were inferior to others in terms of personal strength, would attempt to compensate for that flaw with their financial resources.

That was why it was a rare occasion to have a small, young kid with a dull appearance and even plainer clothes in that luxurious shop. That made him stand out in the crowd, and not in a good way.

"Who knows? However, based on his looks, he wouldn't be able to afford it anyway. Perhaps he's just here to widen his horizons." Another student did not even hide his contempt toward Shen Yanxiao. As he spoke, he deliberately picked up the bow that Shen Yanxiao was looking at and glanced at the price tag arrogantly. "Only seven hundred gold coins? Who would want this garbage anyway?"

The youngster who spoke previously smiled at his companion and then shot a sideways glance at Shen Yanxiao as he said, "Of course, this type of junk is not worthy of you, Wan Li. However, not everyone could afford its price, not even if it's just junk."

Shen Yanxiao frowned. She was only in deep thoughts, and her blank gaze unconsciously landed on that bow. She did not expect those two idiots would make such a big fuss about that.

Shen Yanxiao was in a dilemma because she could not find a suitable bow, and so she did not notice that the two idiots took that opportunity to mock her.

“Head to the second floor.” Xiu’s voice suddenly echoed in her mind.

Shen Yanxiao immediately looked toward the flight of steps that led to the second floor. She noticed something strange. The first floor was extremely crowded, and yet she did not see anyone ventured upstairs.

“There’s something good on the second floor, go up,” Xiu urged her again.

Shen Yanxiao did not doubt his words, and so she made her way up those stairs.

When they saw that the subject of their mockery headed toward the flight of stairs, the two youngsters could only gawk in disbelief.

“Where is that boy going?”

“Is he pulling our legs? He’s actually thinking of going to the second floor. Even if he slogged his guts for the entirety of his lifetime, he still won’t be able to afford a single bow from the second floor. No... it is more accurate to say that he can’t even afford the bowstring.”

“That’s right. Everyone knows that the prices for the weapons on the second floor start at ten thousand gold coins. That kid won’t be able to afford it even if he wants to.”

Even though the two self-proclaimed wealthy youngsters continued to mock her, they only dared to wander around the first floor because of their financial constraints.

Chapter 195: Costly Bow (2)

The second floor?

That was where the genuinely filthy rich men would go!

Shen Yanxiao reached the second floor, and it was a complete contrast to the level below it. There was not a single customer there, other than a middle-aged shop assistant who was responsible for the sales on that floor.

A line of dazzling, luxurious weapons was displayed in that few-hundred-square-meter area. The line did not consist of many weapons, but each of them was placed in an individual crystal-light illuminated glass display.

The area looked like a luxurious exhibition of modern times.

Shen Yanxiao casually looked at a staff that was placed nearest to the stairs. The dark brown staff was embedded with seven to eight low-grade magical core, and on top of it was an egg-sized sixth-grade magical core. It came with a shocking price tag as well.

“Thirty-eight thousand...” Shen Yanxiao’s mouth twitched. The bow with a third-grade magical core that she saw previously only cost one thousand and two hundred gold coins. It looked like that was really scrap when compared to the staff.

The staff was, indeed, a luxurious item. Second to third-grade magical cores that could have been fused with other weapons were merely used as ornaments for that staff. What a luxurious thing!

Shen Yanxiao was ready to bleed as she headed toward the bow section.

The shop assistant glanced at Shen Yanxiao lazily, and when he saw her plain outfit, he curled his lips in disdain. Then he turned around and ignored her completely.

‘A penniless beggar would dare to come to our shop? How shameless!’

Shen Yanxiao did not notice the shop assistant’s contempt. In any case, it was better to shop without anyone disturbing her anyway.

The entire second floor only had a few dozen bows, and all of them were placed in crystal displays.

Shen Yanxiao looked that the collection of bows there. None of the magical cores used on those bows were lower than fifth-grade cores. Even though they were arranged in the display shelves, they could still move one’s heart.

Other than the quality of the craftsmanship, the magical cores in it were also equally important. The higher the grade of the magical core, the more powerful the weapon was. That was why the prices of magical cores remained high, and weapons embedded with high-grade magical cores were outrageously expensive.

Among all of those luxurious bows, one managed to dazzle Shen Yanxiao’s eyes.

It was a golden-colored longbow, and it was crafted entirely with mercury wood, a material more precious than gold. Not only was it more tenacious than steel, but it was also solid. It was the best material for crafting a bow. However, one could only find mercury wood in the Luna Continent where the elves lived. It was absolutely impossible to locate that material in the Brilliance Continent. It also cost an astonishing figure to transport the mercury wood from the Luna Continent, and that was why its price was always unconditionally high.

Even if the bow did not have a magical core in it, its strength would not be inferior to one with a fifth-grade magical core embedded in it.

The Mercury Bow that Shen Yanxiao fixed her eyes on did not only contain one magical core, but it had two cored embedded in it!

Both ends of the bow were embedded with an eight-grade turquoise magical core. The green-colored core was extracted from an earth elemental magical beast. Not only could it increase the bow’s power, but it could also stabilize the user’s mentality to guarantee the shot’s accuracy and speed.

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No matter how ignorant she was, Shen Yanxiao knew that the mercury bow was one of a weapon of the highest grade.

However, her jaw nearly dropped to the floor when she saw the price tag.

1.3 million gold coins!

The price of that bow was enough to pay for all the weapons on the first floor!

Of course, the price of a highest-grade weapon was enough to make one wanted to vomit blood.

Shen Yanxiao discreetly counted the money in her space ring. After she plundered the state treasury, she should have at least one to two million gold coins in it. However, it was still a painful amount of money for her!

It seemed like it had been forever since she spent a single penny for something she liked!

As a thief, it was a shameful thing to do if one had to purchase something with money!

However, as Shen Yanxiao thought about it, she decided that if she were to steal it, no one could guarantee what would happen. After all, the bow had very distinctive characteristics, and she could not possibly keep it forever without using it. If someone found the bow in her possession, how could she still hung around at the Saint Laurent Academy after that?

'I'll just have to buy this then.' Shen Yanxiao sighed. Even though she did not feel any resonance toward the bow as what Xiu had described to her, she was still excited about it.

She had a skill book in her hand, and it annoyed her that she could not use it because she did not have a suitable bow.

She thought that she should just use that bow first. Plus, she had borrowed a lot of gold coins from the state treasury.

"This is barely enough." Xiu's voice did not reveal any emotions, but it carried a trace of reluctance.

Shen Yanxiao almost vomited blood. The mercury bow had two magical cores embedded in it, but it only barely met his standards? Also, what was with that tone of dissatisfaction?

'This little plaything isn't cheap, alright!'

When Shen Yanxiao was about to pay for the bow, the second floor finally welcomed its second customer.

"Senior Meng, what a coincidence, I didn't expect to see you here." A voice flattered.

Along with that voice, a casually-attired Meng Yiheng appeared on the second floor with two young men at his side.

The two young men who followed Meng Yiheng were the two idiots who mocked Shen Yanxiao when she was on the first floor.

Meng Yiheng wore a blank expression on his face. It was as if he was used to that type of flattery. Of course, he was the top student in the Archer Division, and so he was long-used to the praises and admiration.

“Which kind of bow is Senior Meng looking for this time?” the young man named Wan Li tried to ask. He was a new student at the Archer Division, and he had long heard about Meng Yiheng’s reputation and idolized him. He did not expect to see the subject of his admiration that day, and since Meng Yiheng was rather polite, he decided to follow him onto the second floor.

“I’ll just take a look around first.” Meng Yiheng did not have a pleasant expression on his face. When he failed the previous test, he was dropped from the violet class, and he got into the red class instead. He had never been in a red class before, and so it was quite unbearable for him. Fortunately, the Saint Laurent Academy had a rule where any student who was confident enough about their skills could challenge another student from another class at the end of each week. If they were to win the challenge, then they could take that student’s place in that class.

It only took Meng Yiheng two weeks to successfully switch from his initial red class to his previous violet class.

Meng Yiheng scanned the weapons on the second floor, and his gaze immediately landed on the Mercury Wood Bow, which was not far from where he stood. As an archer, he knew about the rarity of the mercury wood. Thus, he walked over there without any hesitation.

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The shop assistant immediately went to welcome Meng Yiheng and the two young men with a flattering smile when he spotted their presence.

“Welcome Young Master Meng, are you here to purchase a bow?”

Meng Yiheng wanted to look at that Mercury Wood Bow, so he nodded at the shop assistant’s eagerness.

“We just happened to have a Mercury Wood Bow in our shop. Please, follow me.” The shop assistant wanted to flatter Meng Yiheng, and so he brought him to the bow without even another glance at Shen Yanxiao, who had stood there for quite some time already.

All the businessmen in Black City were profiteers. Shen Yanxiao wore plain and simple clothing and without any accessories; therefore, she did not look like she was the younger generation of a wealthy family. As for Meng Yiheng, he was one of the shop’s usual customers, and he would spend tons of gold whenever he visited them. Furthermore, he was also a student from the Saint Laurent Academy. Everyone in Black City knew that the students who attended the academy were extremely rich, and they were quite liberal with their expenditure.

When he compared the two of them, the shop assistant did not even pay the slightest attention to the poor lad. Since the kid had been standing there for quite some time, the assistant reckoned that he had no money for any of the weapons there.

Meng Yiheng's eyes brightened when he saw the Mercury Wood Bow on the rack. Even though he had pretty good bows before, none of them would be comparable to the one in front of him then. The two high-grade magical cores on it were quite the extravagant, and Meng Yiheng was very tempted to get it.

However, he also noticed Shen Yanxiao's presence on the side. The moment he reached the second floor, he saw the little guy there, and it was clear that he was also interested in that bow. When he appraised his opponent, Meng Yiheng looked at him in disdain.

How could a poor kid like him afford such an expensive weapon?

"This bow is indeed one of the highest-grade weapons!" Wan Li and the other young man gawked when they saw the Mercury Wood Bow on the rack. Then they saw its price tag.

Over a million gold coins for it!

Both of them immediately gulped. Even though they were from wealthy families, it was still an excessive amount of gold coins that they could not afford. With their financial constraints, they could only purchase ten to twenty of the luxurious bows in the shops.

It was impossible for them to spend a million gold coins in one go.

There were probably only a few students in the entire Saint Laurent Academy who could spend so much on an expensive weapon.

When Meng Yiheng saw the price tag, he frowned. Even though his family was wealthy, it was still hard for him to fork out so many gold coins in one go. However, a great bow such as that was pretty rare, and so it was a pity if he were to let it go.

When the shop assistant saw Meng Yiheng's hesitation, he immediately said, "Young Master Meng, this bow comes with an impressive background. Not only was it forged with mercury wood, but it was also embedded with two magical cores from eighth-ranked vine magical beasts. This bow was also personally forged by Great Master Duan, and that's why it's a little more expensive. But I believe that if you were to purchase this bow, you would see that the bow is really worth the asking price."

Meng Yiheng was amazed by what he had heard. The information about the mercury wood and the eighth-ranked magical cores made him gasp in astonishment. However, it blew his mind when the shop assistant mentioned that Great Master Duan had personally forged the bow.

The forging of the highest-grade weapon would not only require superior materials and precious magical cores, but it also required an extremely skilled forger. The weapon would be more powerful, the higher the proficiency level of the forger. There were only two to three forgers in the entire Longxuan Empire who had attained the level of a Great Master, and the Great Master Duan that the shop assistant mentioned was one of them.

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The price of a weapon forged by a Great Master would usually increase several folds!

Meng Yiheng hesitated at first, but when he heard about what the shop assistant had said, he immediately decided to purchase the Mercury Wood Bow.

Great Master Duan lived in seclusion in the Black City, and he rarely put out a weapon for sale. One could only come by one of his weapons with luck, and not by searching for it.

"I want this bow." Meng Yiheng gritted his teeth and decided to purchase it.

Even though it was a good bow, its hefty price tag was too shocking for the customers, and the shop had not been able to sell it for several months already. Finally, with great difficulties, an interested party came along, and the shop assistant itched to get it sold.

Just as everyone felt satisfied with the outcome of the sale, a neglected customer finally spoke up.

"I saw this bow first." Shen Yanxiao was upset. She got lost in her own thoughts, and a person suddenly appeared to snatch what she had wanted?

Furthermore, was the shop assistant blind? She had been staring at the bow for a long time, but he did not even attend to her. However, the moment Meng Yiheng came along, he did not even need to speak much, and yet he managed to snatch the very thing that she liked?

The four of them were stunned when the very-much-neglected Shen Yanxiao spoke up.

Meng Yiheng frowned. He looked at the little guy, who did not seem to be able to afford the bow, and he got upset. Who did the little guy think he was to fight him for something?

The shop assistant's lips twitched.

What kind of trouble did the young lad try to cause? He saw that first? Did he even have the money to buy the bow? Visit on our vipnovel.com

Wan Li and another young man blinked as they were stunned for a moment. Soon after, they laughed out loud.

"Hey little kid, can you stop joking? You saw the bow first? I could even say that I saw all of the weapons here first. Speaking of which, can you even afford it? This bow costs over a million gold coins, not a hundred gold coins. Since you said that you saw it first, then take out the money to pay for it!" Wan Li thought that he would die of laughter. The kid did not look like he could even afford the seven hundred gold coins for the previous bow, and then he had the cheek to say that he took a fancy of the mercury wood bow?

It must have been a joke. He probably did not even have a hundred gold coins, let alone a million of them.

"You're biting off more than you can chew," the other young man said with a rude sneer.

Shen Yanxiao shot a glance at the cynical Wan Li and decided that she was not in the mood to speak to an idiot. It was a good bow, but she hesitated to purchase it because it did not resonate with her. However, it was apparent that it would be difficult to find a bow that would resonate well with her, and she was eager to practice her skills. Thus, she decided to get the Mercury Wood Bow temporarily until she could find a better one.

However, she did not expect Meng Yiheng to appear so suddenly.

“First come first served, do you even know of this?” Shen Yanxiao snorted.

“Customer, I’m not trying to be mean, but you’ve been here for half a day already. If you really wish to buy this bow, then please make the payment first. Otherwise, if you’re just standing here without paying, don’t tell me you won’t allow us to make a sale?” The shop assistant was unhappy with the trouble that the kid would cause. He was about to sell the bow, so why did the little kid had to interrupt their transaction?

“That’s right! If you wish to get it, then fork out the money!” Wan Li sneered. The little kid looked like he was poorer than him. There was no way he could afford such an expensive bow, and yet he had the gall to say that he had seen it first.

Just as Shen Yanxiao wanted to make her arguments, Xiu suddenly said, “Forget about that broken piece of garbage. Walk to the northeast direction of the shop. I can sense something good there.”

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Shen Yanxiao did not doubt his words and walked toward the direction that Xiu had mentioned.

Wan Li and his friend immediately jeered as Shen Yanxiao left silently. He said, “I knew it. That poor kid could not afford such an expensive bow, and yet he still wanted to disgrace himself. Is someone like him even fit to use such a good bow? See, when it’s time to fork out the money, he’s leaving with a guilty conscience. Such a shameless person.” As he spoke, Wan Li smiled and looked up at Meng Yiheng. “Of course, only a genius like Senior Meng is well-suited for this superior bow.”

Meng Yiheng smiled smugly. He was Saint Laurent Academy’s top archer, so course he should use the best bow. Furthermore, his family’s wealth allowed him to choose a weapon with no worry.

“Wrap this bow for me, please.” Meng Yiheng proudly took out a silver-colored crystal card.

Wan Li’s eyes immediately widened.

Crystal cards were cards issued by the bank. Their customers could deposit money at the bank, and they would record the amount on the crystal card.

It was quite similar to a credit card in modern times.

Furthermore, like credit cards, the crystal cards were also divided into different rankings. A regular crystal card had a translucent white color, and if one’s stored gold coins reached the millionth mark, the bank would automatically change the card to a silver-colored one. Thus, that card was commonly known as the silver crystal card.

The moment Meng Yifeng flashed his silver card, Wan Li and the other young man had only envy written on both of their faces.

Both of them only had the typical white crystal card, but the tens of thousands of gold in their account was already considered a sizable amount.

The shop assistant took Meng Yiheng's crystal card, and he seemed impatient to complete the sale.

Wan Li looked at the filthy-rich Meng Yiheng and then shifted his glance to Shen Yanxiao as she walked toward another corner of the shop. He immediately said, "This is the face of a genuinely rich person. Unlike someone who doesn't even have the ability to feign more than what he truly is."

As for Shen Yanxiao, she was not interested in taking notice of another person's ridicule of her. When she walked toward the direction that Xu directed her, she felt an indescribable urge that had suddenly surfaced in her heart. It was as if a voice in her mind had urged her to hasten her steps.

Soon enough, Shen Yanxiao arrived at a corner of the room, which looked very different from the other extravagant areas in the shop. It had a simple and plain rack where a dark purple longbow quietly sat. That bow did not look as luxurious as the Mercury Wood Bow, nor was it embedded with the lavishness of eighth-ranked magical cores. There was no luster on the body of the bow, and its dark color looked as if it was dusty.

What was more strange was that there was not a single magical core used within the bow.

One could say that it was only a half-completed weapon.

It would only become a complete weapon after it had magical cores embedded in it.

However, Shen Yanxiao could sense the excitement that brewed within her. She was so excited that she subconsciously reached out toward the dark purple and took it gently in her hands.

When she held the ice-cold bow with her warm palms, Shen Yanxiao felt as if a huge stone was thrown into a river and caused huge waves.

"That's your best choice, and what you just felt was called the resonance," Xiu's icy voice echoed in her mind.

Shen Yanxiao's eyes brightened. She was confident that it was the bow she needed, and that the bow belonged to her!

Shen Yanxiao took the bow without any hesitation and walked toward the counter. She placed the bow on the counter, and excitedly said, "I want this bow!"

Chapter 200: Crushing you with gold coins (1)

Just as Meng Yiheng was prepared to make his payment, Shen Yanxiao's declaration shocked him. He frowned as he looked at the dirty, dark bow in Shen Yanxiao's hands, and his face immediately showed the contempt that he felt.

The bow in Shen Yanxiao's hands was not only unremarkable, but it was also covered in dust. It did not seem particularly outstanding. When it was placed next to the Mercury Wood Bow on the counter, it looked dull and soulless while the other looked bright and luxurious. The differences between those two bows were like heaven and earth.

Meng Yiheng snorted. Not only did that bow look notably ordinary, but it also did not even have a single magical core embedded in it. It was basically an incomplete weapon.

“Ha! There’s something wrong with this kid’s brain, to want to buy an incomplete weapon. I reckon he did not have enough funds and, so he wanted to pick up a cheap item to buy casually. I bet that shabby piece of trash was probably a practice piece by an apprentice forger. It probably only costs a few gold coins too.” Wan Li looked at Shen Yanxiao mockingly.

“That’s true. Not everyone can afford a luxurious bow, and only someone as talented as Senior Meng deserves to use a bow made from the mercury wood.” The other student was quick to flatter his senior too.

Shen Yanxiao glanced at all three of them and clicked her tongue.

She was not in the mood to talk rubbish with those shitheads.

The shop assistant was surprised to see the bow the Shen Yanxiao wanted, and he had a strange expression on his face. He frowned and looked at Shen Yanxiao as he rudely said, “You can’t afford this bow.”

Could not afford it?

Wan Li and the others laughed as soon as they heard the shop assistant’s word. When they looked at the supposedly penniless kid, they thought that he could not even fork out a few gold coins.

“Cut the nonsense, just tell me how much it costs!” Shen Yanxiao was annoyed with those idiots. She only wanted to buy a bow, but she had somehow become the star of the show. If she were not in a rush to head back to the academy to practice her skills, she would not mind teaching those four idiots a good lesson on the spot.

What was so amazing about the top student in the Archer Division? Did she not eliminate him in the last test?

The shop assistant snorted and said, “Three million gold coins. Do you have them?”

Three million gold coins!

The other three customers thought they had a severe auditory hallucination. Three million gold coins for a bow? That broken bow? An incomplete bow? The price was so outrageous that they thought the shop assistant purposely tried to make things difficult for the kid.

Unfortunately, they had misunderstood the situation.

The shop assistant did not speak without thinking. The seemingly broken bow really did have that exorbitant price tag.

The dark purple bow had been placed in the shop for about one to two years. It was treated like a worthless piece of an item until the shop owner personally set the price to three million gold coins. Everyone could not even believe that the price was that high.

It was an incomplete bow, so was not an exaggerating price for it?

No one believed that the bow was so valuable, but the shop owner had personally set the price, and thus, it was placed in the middle of the second floor for a long time. However, no one inquired about it, and after some time, the shop owner had completely forgotten about it. So, the shop assistant took that opportunity to move that half-completed bow with a price tag that did not match its appearance to the one secluded corner of the room.

The shop assistant never expected that a kid would take an interest in that troublesome half-completed item and even said that he wanted to buy it.

The little kid should stop with his jokes. He probably could not even afford a few gold coins, and yet he thought to purchase that costly bow? It had to have been a joke.