

## Towers 241

### Chapter 241: Two Prodigy Students

When the students of Lighthouse Academy heard the rules of the student exchange system proposed by Murakami, they were in an uproar.

“Sh\*t, we are finished.”

“Murakami is trying to torture us. We’re so unlucky. I can’t imagine how miserable we will be.”

“It’s over, it’s over. We’re going to be doomed this time.”

“I heard that the teachers of the Gifted Academy are very strict. They are a bunch of psychopaths. Our days are going to be miserable.”

“It’s over. Our days on the fourth level of the Tower are going to be miserable this time. I don’t think I can pass the exam.”

“...”

The students of the Lighthouse Academy broke down and discussed among themselves in despair.

Seeing this, Chu Long stuck out her tongue and said, “It’s over. We’re going to be in trouble.”

Murong Xue didn’t think too much about it and said indifferently, “What are you afraid of? It’s just a slightly harder exam. Don’t worry, you’re strong!”

At this time, Luo Qingcheng also analyzed seriously, “Actually, Murakami’s words are quite reasonable. Our Lighthouse Academy and the Gifted Academy are both very strong, but they have two completely different educational methods. If we combine them together and complement each other, it might be a good help to us.”

Hearing this, Liu Yan nodded slightly and felt that it made sense.

Both academies could become top-notch academies. It meant that they had their own strengths and advantages.

The student exchange was a great opportunity for the students. If they could accept a different educational method, perhaps there would be other gains.

Other than that, it would also be of great help to the academy. They would be able to explore and improve the education method that was more suitable for their own academy and improve the education method.

Lan Jinqiu, who was on stage, heard the discussions below the stage and glanced at them in annoyance. He reprimanded, “Why are all of you making so much noise? Be quiet. Look at the students of Gifted Academy. All of them are very well-behaved and didn’t make a single sound. I think Murakami’s suggestion is very good. All of you are a little too comfortable in the Lighthouse Academy. It’s a good opportunity to train in Gifted Academy!”

Although the students of the Lighthouse Academy were displeased and didn't approve of this exchange of students, this was the ultimate decision made by the academy and the Federation's Education Department. They couldn't change anything, so they could only remain silent.

At this moment, Lan Jinqiu also looked at Murakami and said respectfully, "Mr. Murakami, you are right. I had overlooked this point previously. Since the Education Department had approved the changes, let's do it."

Murakami nodded his head. He said, "We can exchange our students right after this. We will classify them according to their specialties and hand them to the corresponding instructors. However, the talented students personally trained by the principals can now come up to the stage. We can get to know them first. We two will be in charge of them, Mr. Lan."

Hearing this, Lan Jinqiu naturally nodded her head in agreement.

Murakami first brought the two students personally led by the current batch of students from the Gifted Academy onto the stage.

As the two students walked onto the stage, it immediately caused a commotion.

Luo Qingcheng saw the situation and explained to Liu Yan, "The first one is a cold and expressionless blonde youth named Alan Smith. He is currently the strongest student in the top two of Gifted Academy. He has always been known as Gift Academy's golden son. His combat strength is extremely strong. After all, he is a combat machine that the entire European Federation has created. His combat strength is extremely terrifying!"

Liu Yan nodded his head slightly at the dinner.

In this world, black towers appeared randomly all over the world.

Later on, as technology gradually developed, the world had a new plan.

The countries of the European continent in the past formed the current European Federation.

Although the European Federation's territory was not big, because of the rapid development of technology and society, its strength was formidable.

There were many black towers in the European Federation, and the European Federation was equally strong.

Besides being a genius, Alan Smith was also a combat machine trained by the European Federation with all their strength and resources. His combat strength was naturally terrifying, and it was hard to imagine.

Apart from the European Federation, there were many other Federations.

Former Russia, Mongolia, and some eastern countries of the Asian continent formed the Red Star Empire.

Island countries, Peninsula countries, Southeast Asia, and other countries formed the Pan-ocean Community.

A few countries of the American continent formed the New Continent.

These administrative regions had their respective rights in the region, but they all belonged to the Blue Planet Federation Government.

Usually, they would compete in development, and there would even be occasional conflicts.

However, when the survival of the entire Blue Planet Federation Government or even the entire blue planet's human race was endangered, they would form an alliance and fight the enemies.

At this moment, Liu Yan was sizing up Alan Smith, who had walked onto the stage. Alan Smith had blonde middle-length hair, a towering height, a muscular body, and a cold yet confident face. He was indeed worthy of being called the war machine.

Compared to the handsome and cold Alan Smith, another man who walked out from behind seemed a lot more ordinary. He was not so dazzling and even looked a little ordinary and wretched.

The second person who walked out was a little fatty. His face was full of smiles, and his face was full of indecency.

Luo Qingcheng continued to explain to Liu Yan, "The person behind is called Xu Han, who is also one of the top two people in the Gifted Academy. He is the second generation of the world's top rich family in Blue Planet. He was originally the legitimate son of the top financial magnate in Korea. Even after Korea joined the Pan-ocean Community, his family still has an important position in it. They have high authority in the Pan-ocean Community. Don't be fooled by his wretched appearance. He looks very ordinary, but he isn't weak at all. He and Alan Smith have always been at odds with each other. The two of them are on par with each other, and there has always been no way to tell who is stronger."

Murakami looked at the two people who had walked out and calmly explained, "I have personally taught these two students. They are specially recruited because of their outstanding talents. Their strength is also the strongest two in our current batch of Gifted Academy. I'll have to trouble you to teach them later, Vice Principal Lan."

Alan Smith walked up to Lan Jinqiu and calmly said, "Vice Principal Lan, please give me your guidance."

Alan Smith's action immediately attracted the admiration of the students below him.

Behind him, Xu Han saw that Alan Smith had stolen all the limelight. He immediately retorted, "Why do you all admire him? Don't just look at his cold expression. His actual strength isn't that great. Yesterday, I pushed him onto the ground and rub his face with the dirt. Hehehe!"

As Xu Han said this, he revealed a proud smile. Coupled with his appearance, he did look a little wretched.

When Alan Smith heard this, he looked at Xu Han in annoyance and said plainly, "I already said that I wasn't in a good state yesterday. Let's have another match tonight!"

## **Chapter 242: Snatch the Bag**

When Xu Han heard Alan Smith, he immediately laughed.

"Forget it. I defeated you. Now that we're about to enter the fourth level of the Tower, I don't have the time to play with you." Xu Han teased with a smile.

Alan Smith was slightly dissatisfied when he heard this.

Alan Smith was defeated by Xu Han last night, but Xu Han sounded like Alan Smith was always the loser. That was not the case. Alan Smith had competed with Xu Han many times. Both of them had wins and losses. So, Xu Han was truly shameless.

However, Alan Smith and Xu Han had known each other for some time. Alan Smith knew Xu Han was a shameless person, so he ignored Xu Han's nonsense.

The students below looked at their reactions on the stage curiously and discussed animatedly.

"This Alan Smith looks so cold. I feel that he is very powerful."

"After all, he is a combat machine trained by the European Federation. They say that his battle is extremely terrifying. He even crushed the first three levels of the Tower."

"We are definitely not a match for this kind of monster."

"Xu Han looks quite ordinary. How was he picked by the principal? I really can't tell he could beat Alan Smith."

"He's a monster too. Don't be deceived by his appearance."

"..."

At this moment, Lan Jinqiu also glanced at these two genius students. Lan Jinqiu also had some understanding of Alan Smith and Xu Han. They could be considered the most influential people in Gifted Academy. They were simply monsters, they would grow into top-notch experts in the future.

Murakami was willing to let Lan Jinqiu teach his two precious genius students. Lan Jinqiu didn't expect Murakami to be so generous.

At this moment, Lan Jinqiu also looked at the students below and shouted, "Liu Yan, you should come up on stage too."

When Liu Yan heard this, he also directly walked forward.

All of the students of Lighthouse Academy heard about Liu Yan. Previously, he had shone brilliantly in the freshmen's grand examination. In the space of the top hunting ground, Liu Yan had single-handedly defeated an SS-grade Earth Dragon and even subdued it. This matter was widespread throughout the entire Lighthouse Academy. Hence, Liu Yan had become a famous figure in the Lighthouse Academy.

And the appearance of Liu Yan immediately caused the students of the Lighthouse Academy and Gifted Academy to exclaim in surprise.

Although the appearance of Liu Yan hadn't changed much after reconstructing his physical body, there were many subtle changes.

The current Liu Yan could be described as perfect. He was extremely handsome.

Alan Smith was tall and looked handsome. However, he was less outstanding when compared to Liu Yan.

Alan Smith could make everyone's eyes light up, but Liu Yan completely stunned them. They began to wonder how could a perfect and handsome human like Liu Yan exist in this world.

"D\*mn, is he Liu Yan? He's too handsome."

"If I wasn't a man, I would have married him no matter what, haha!"

"Forget it, he's also the outstanding student of Lighthouse Academy who was trained by the principal. His standards must be very high."

"Why do I feel that Liu Yan is a little different from the last time I saw him? His appearance hasn't changed, but he's much more handsome."

"Yeah, he's changed too much. I feel like his height has increased by a lot."

"..."

At this moment, Liu Yan had also arrived in front of Lan Jinqiu and Murakami.

Xu Han sized up Liu Yan at this moment and teased, "Handsome, you're quite good-looking. Many female students in our academy have been attracted to you in an instant. I admit that you have a bit more charm than me."

When the students below the stage heard Xu Han's words, they all laughed out loud.

"Xu Han, stop fooling around. What kind of charm do you have?"

"Xu Han, we believe you when you said you're strong but you don't have any charm at all."

"Your tummy is huge, but you still don't want to exercise. I really don't understand what you're thinking about."

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A bunch of objections immediately came from below the stage, but Xu Han acted as if he hadn't heard anything.

At this moment, Murakami also observed Liu Yan for a while. He was impressed by Liu Yan, but he remained silent and didn't say a word.

After Lan Jinqiu instructed Liu Yan to temporarily follow the teachers of Gifted Academy, Murakami and the others were in charge of teaching him.

After that, Lan Jinqiu and Murakami announced a few more matters. Then, they directly began the student exchange procedure.

The entire school's student exchange began.

The first step was to arrange the students' accommodation, and they inspected all the items students carried.

Liu Yan and the few girls hurriedly parted ways. After all, after the exchange, they wouldn't be able to live together. They would have to live separately in the Gifted Academy's dormitory.

Before leaving, Chu Long handed over a bag and said, "Brother Liu Yan, this is the cultivation item our vice principal wanted to give you. I forgot to give it to you just now. Hurry up and keep it well."

After handing it over, Chu Long quickly left. The staff was checking the students' items before they headed to the dormitory. Soon, it would be Chu Long's turn.

Liu Yan took the bag and took a look. It was some consumables. Their grades were not low. They were all cultivation consumables above C-grade. The highest one could even reach A-grade.

These medicinal ingredients and herbs were of great help to Liu Yan.

The awakened ones could only absorb them slowly after all. However, because Liu Yan had the Divine Extraction, he could easily absorb them instantly.

However, with so many people around, Liu Yan naturally couldn't use them directly for the time being. He carried the bag and went over to receive the inspection before entering the Gifted Academy.

Liu Yan went to the inspection area. Then, the official personnel of the Gifted Academy checked his bag.

Although the two academies were cooperating this time, there were still many conflicts between them before, and there were even cases of big fights. Therefore, they carried out the inspection extremely carefully this time.

Liu Yan did not notice the cultivation materials inside the bag were revealed.

Not far away, the three students of the Gifted Academy noticed Liu Yan's bag.

The leader was a tall man, and beside him was a pair of twin brothers.

The leader said in a low voice, "Liu Qing, Liu Ning, look quickly. That guy has many precious cultivation pills in his bag. If we can obtain one of them, we can increase our cultivation. If we can obtain all of them, we will be rich."

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The two twin brothers heard this and also carefully observed it. At this time, they could no longer see the things in Liu Yan's bag. However, looking at the bulge in the bag, it seemed that there were indeed many good things.

"His bag is full of pills. he's quite rich." Liu Qing said in surprise.

Liu Ning immediately said with some dissatisfaction, "It is said that the Lighthouse Academy's students have always been less arduous in their cultivation compared to us. They are usually much more comfortable than us, but their strength is on par with ours. It seems that they have enough cultivation ingredients to use. These guys are lucky. With so many pills, their strength can improve rapidly."

The tall man in the lead was the leader of their small group. His name was Zheng Tainan.

When Zheng Tainan heard this, he said disdainfully, "That's right. These fellows are really comfortable when they cultivate. They have so many cultivation ingredients, especially this fellow. Why don't we find an opportunity to snatch the bag from him? With so many cultivation pills, we will be rich, and our strength will also improve a lot!"

## Chapter 243: Outright Robbery

When Liu Qing heard Zheng Tainan's thoughts, he was immediately moved.

There were so many cultivation pills that were worth quite a lot.

Usually, they would need several months of savings to afford one of the low-grade ones.

It was practically impossible to obtain so many pills if they only used their resources.

"We will be rich if we can snatch so many medicinal pills." Liu Qing was a little moved as he said.

Liu Ning, who was by the side, was a little worried as he said, "He is a student of the Lighthouse Academy. We can't snatch his things. Otherwise, we might cause a conflict between the two academies."

Zheng Tainan was immediately amused when he heard Liu Ning. He laughed and said, "What are you afraid of? We snatch them with our own ability. The Tower has just merged, and we are moving into the new dormitory now. No one can blame us for taking the wrong things in a rush, right?"

Liu Qing also smiled when he heard this. "That's right. Our academy has always advocated the survival of the fittest. If we have better strength, we should obtain more cultivation pills. Wouldn't it be a waste to place these cultivation pills in his hands?"

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Liu Ning still felt that it was a little inappropriate to rob somebody. However, he started to convince himself in his heart. After all, who would not be tempted by so many precious cultivation pills?

Following that, they began to discuss and prepare to make a move in a while.

At this moment, several teachers from the Lighthouse Academy and the Gifted Academy were in the office. Through the surveillance cameras, they were observing the situation of the students. The two principals were also there.

The few teachers from the Lighthouse Academy quickly used the surveillance cameras to notice this scene.

The few teachers were immediately displeased.

Liu Yan was a genius student of their academy with heaven-defying talent and great strength. However, Liu Yan was only a new student who had just entered the academy for two to three months. He had yet to truly mature.

Those who were able to ascend the fourth level this time were all elites. Their strength wasn't weak at all.

If Zheng Tainan and his friends were to deal with Liu Yan together, how could Liu Yan be a match for them? Wasn't this bullying?

The teachers quickly went to Murakami for a discussion.

"Mr. Murakami, what do you think we should do anything?"

“Liu Yan isn’t weak, but he’s only a freshman after all. He’s alone now. How can he deal with three students?”

“That’s right. Liu Yan is outnumbered, it’s not fair.”

“This is pure bullying.”

“...”

The few instructors were a little displeased. They had always held a suspicious attitude towards the student exchange between two academies.

However, the Federation’s Education Department had approved it and Principal Lan Jinqiu had agreed, they couldn’t say anything.

The exchange had just started, and the students hadn’t even entered the dormitory yet. However, a bully case was about to happen. The teachers from the Lighthouse Academy were not happy about it.

At this moment, Murakami had also roughly understood the situation. After seeing that Liu Yan was the target, he said indifferently, “There are differences between the elites.”

After saying this, Murakami fell silent.

When the teachers of Lighthouse Academy heard this, they thought that Murakami meant that the students of Gifted Academy were strong. Even if they could snatch Liu Yan’s stuff, there would not be any problem at all. It only proved that their strength was stronger than Liu Yan’s, and they deserved it.

When the teachers of the Lighthouse Academy heard this, they were displeased. However, the other party was the principal of the Gifted Academy, Murakami. They did not dare to say anything more. They all looked at the surveillance screen, hoping nothing would happen to Liu Yan.

Although Murakami did not say anything, he was also looking at the surveillance cameras.

If someone were to observe Murakami at this moment, they would notice that Murakami was observing Liu Yan with interest.

Murakami was very curious. Zhong Yuntian had a high evaluation of Liu Yan and even personally trained him. Besides, Liu Yan was known as a once-in-a-century genius, the hope of humanity. Zhong Yuntian even asked Murakami to take good care of Liu Yan. Murakami wanted to know was Liu Yan really as amazing as Zhong Yuntian had said. It was also a good opportunity to see just how strong Liu Yan was.

At this moment, on the surveillance screen.

Liu Yan had just arrived at the new dormitory and put down his things to rest for a while.

Zheng Tainan brought Liu Qing and Liu Ning to Liu Yan’s dormitory.

Seeing the bulging bag beside Liu Yan, the eyes of the three of them were a little fiery. Inside the bag were all precious cultivation pills and medicinal ingredients. That big bag was too valuable. It was simply a pile of treasures.



Zheng Tainan came in front of Liu Yan and sneered, "Bro, you are from the Lighthouse Academy, right? I am looking for you to discuss something. I want to borrow some cultivation pills from you."

Liu Qing also said, "How can you use so many cultivation pills and medicinal ingredients yourself? Lend us some, and we will return to you next time."

Even the somewhat timid Liu Ning said bluntly at this moment, "Quick. Hand it over to us."

The three of them had checked Liu Yan's level through the smart wristband on the way and found that Liu Yan was only level 20.

After confirming this, they were relieved.

The students who tried to break through to the fourth level of the Tower were usually around level 30 to level 50.

Most of them were at level 40. Even the weaker ones were at level 30.

Zheng Tainan was already at Level 42 and was the strongest among the three of them.

Even Liu Qing and Liu Ning were already at level 36.

However, they didn't expect Liu Yan to be only at level 20.

They thought even if Liu Yan's talent was good, his level was too low. Liu Yan wouldn't be as strong as them since his level was so much lower than theirs. They could deal with Liu Yan effortlessly.

So, they were not afraid of Liu Yan at all.

However, they did not know why Liu Yan's level was so low. Liu Yan had been cultivating to build a perfect foundation. Later on, after he had collected all sorts of treasures, he used all sorts of treasures to reconstruct his body.

During this process, Liu Yan's level had not increased at all. This was why his level was very low, lower than the average level of the students of the Lighthouse Academy and the Gifted Academy.

However, Liu Yan's strength continued to increase tremendously even though his level did not increase. In terms of combat strength, he did not fall behind at all. In fact, Liu Yan was stronger than his peers.

At this moment, Liu Yan was lying on the bed. When he heard the words of these three students, he was a little surprised.

He didn't expect that there would be people who dared to come and look for trouble right after he came to the new dormitory.

This kind of thing was relatively new to Liu Yan. After all, after coming to the third level of the Tower and displaying his powerful talent and strength, no one dared to look for trouble with him anymore.

Looking at the bag beside him and the many cultivation consumables in it, Liu Yan immediately understood that these three people must have just noticed the cultivation consumables in the bag and were attracted by it. That was why they had bad intentions and followed him.

Liu Yan did not get up. He was still lying lazily on the bed. He raised his head to look at the three of them. He then asked, "Lend you some pills? What if I say no?"

#### **Chapter 244: Now I Want to Lend It to You**

When Zheng Tainan heard Liu Yan's question, he immediately sneered.

"You don't want to? Then you'll face serious consequences. To tell you the truth, I am an existence ranked in the top 30 of the Gifted Academy's combat strength ranking. My strength is very strong. It would be easy for me to torture you."

Zheng Tainan said with a proud expression.

Liu Qing smiled and said, "The strength of the two of us is not weak. If you lend some pills to us, we can be friends. You will be able to gain the friendship of the three top experts. In the future, the three of us will protect you in the academy. No one will dare to bully you again. How good would that be?"

Liu Ning added, "Oh right, you might not know this, but let me tell you something. The rules of our Gifted Academy are different from those of your Lighthouse Academy. The Lighthouse Academy does not allow students to fight amongst themselves, but our Gifted Academy not only allows it, we even encourage it. If we make a move against you, as long as we don't kill you, our teachers will not interfere."

Liu Yan, who was lying on the bed, was a little surprised when he heard those words.

It was no wonder why the rules of the Lighthouse Academy and the Heaven's Choice Academy were so different.

In the Lighthouse Academy, fights between students were not allowed. The students could only agree on a duel and then fight on the stage. Usually, internal strife was prohibited.

However, Liu Yan did not expect that the Gifted Academy would not allow violence between the students. Not only was it allowed, but it was also even encouraged.

No wonder they said that the strong preyed on the weak in the Gifted Academy. This was indeed the case.

Based on what the three had told Liu Yan, it was fine for the students to fight each other as long as it didn't cause any deaths.

Initially, Liu Yan was still a little apprehensive, afraid that he would incur the displeasure of the teachers of the Gifted Academy if he were to fight them. However, after learning the rules here, Liu Yan felt much more at ease.

At this moment, when Zheng Tainan and the other two saw Liu Yan lying on the bed, not moving at all. They all thought that Liu Yan was scared of them.

"Kid, you're scared, right? Hurry up and give it to us." Zheng Tainan said in a bad mood.

“That’s right. Lend it to us obediently. We will protect you in the future. I guarantee that no one in the academy will dare to bully you. It’s a good deal.” Liu Qing also said with a smile.

Liu Ning directly stretched out his hand to take it. He reached out to the bag with the medicinal ingredients beside Liu Yan.

At this moment, Liu Yan sat up and said with a smile, “With these words from you guys, I can rest assured to attack you guys.”

When Zheng Tainan and the other two heard Liu Yan’s words, they felt somewhat baffled. They did not understand what Liu Yan meant.

Then, Liu Yan made his move.

The soft blade on the A-grade weapon, Soft Blade Boxing Gloves, was directly triggered. Liu Yan waved the gloves and did not use any skill. He used the Soft Blade Boxing Gloves to cut off quite a bit of Zheng Tainan’s hair. The middle part of Zheng Tainan’s head went bald.

Zheng Tainan felt a chill down his back. He had never thought that Liu Yan would make his move directly. Zheng Tainan also had such terrifying speed and strength. Just now, Liu Yan had only cut his hair. If Liu Yan had cut his neck directly, Zheng Tainan would have died immediately.

Liu Qing and Liu Ning were also shocked when they saw this. Liu Yan’s speed was too terrifying. They did not see his movement at all.

Zheng Tainan was the strongest existence among the three of them. However, he was not a match for Liu Yan at all.

They had not even started fighting yet and they almost lost their heads. They were not a match for Liu Yan at all.

The three of them were so scared that their faces turned green.

At this point, the three of them finally realized that Liu Yan was not weak at all. In fact, he was extremely strong. The three of them were not a match for him at all.

He was only level 20, but his strength was ridiculously strong. He was practically a monster.

“Well, I still have something to do. I’ll leave first.” Zheng Tainan said as he retreated, preparing to leave.

Liu Qing and Liu Ning saw this and also retreated. Even Zheng Tainan wasn’t a match for Liu Yan, let alone them.

From Liu Yan’s attack just now, the three of them weren’t a match for Liu Yan even if they attacked together.

The three of them realized that they were screwed up this time. It was better to leave immediately before Liu Yan kicked their ass.

“Big brother, rest well. We don’t want to borrow anymore. We don’t dare to borrow anymore.” Liu Qing said.

“Yes, yes, yes. We don’t want to borrow anymore. Please lie down and don’t get up.” Liu Ning said hurriedly.

The three of them indicated that they didn’t want to borrow anymore. Then, they turned around and walked to the door, wanting to leave as soon as possible.

However, in the next moment, Liu Yan directly appeared in front of the three of them.

Liu Yan’s fast speed terrified Zheng Tainan and the other two.

After Liu Yan had created a perfect foundation, even if he did not use his Sonic Speed skill, his speed was still incredibly fast. It was far from what an ordinary person could compare. After all, he possessed a high agility attribute of several thousand points.

When the three of them saw Liu Yan, who had appeared in front of them like a ghost, their faces were filled with fear.

“Big, Big Brother, sorry for bothering you. We don’t want to borrow anything. We’re leaving.” Zheng Tainan said with some grievance.

After coming here, Zheng Tainan lost his hair. Even if he wanted to leave now, he couldn’t. He was too unlucky.

Seeing this, Liu Qing also hurriedly admitted his mistake and said, “Big Brother, we were wrong. We know we were wrong. Can you let us go?”

“We are so sorry, Big Brother.” Liu Ning also asked with trepidation.

The three of them all looked flustered. They wanted to leave, but they didn’t dare to.

Liu Yan glanced at them and said indifferently, “Why are you in such a hurry to leave? You don’t want to borrow any more, right? Sorry, I want to lend them to you now.”

As he said this, Liu Yan glanced at the three of them. Then, he guessed that Zheng Tainan was the leader, had the highest grade of equipment, had the highest strength, and was probably the richest.

Liu Yan looked at Zheng Tainan and said indifferently, “Pour out all the items in your storage ring.”

“Ah? No...” Zheng Tainan immediately looked troubled. He did not want to cooperate at all, but he was extremely afraid of Liu Yan.

“Then it looks like we are going to fight. Let’s do it.” Liu Yan said indifferently. He raised his hand as if he was going to fight.

Zheng Tainan panicked when he heard Liu Yan. The scene of Liu Yan fighting was still vivid in his mind. He did not want to fight with Liu Yan. There was no need to think about the result. He would be beaten up.

“No, no, no. I’ll do it.”

Zheng Tainan quickly cooperated and poured out all the things in his storage ring.

Liu Yan glanced at it, and his gaze immediately stopped on a purple lotus.

Relying on his A-grade skill Treasure Hunting, Liu Yan could sense that this purple lotus flower was the most precious treasure among them.

This purple lotus flower was also a medicinal ingredient and it was extremely precious. It was even more precious than the bag of cultivation consumables that Liu Yan had just used.

Liu Yan was also a little surprised. It seemed that the students of the Gifted Academy were indeed all elites. Just looking at any one of them could make one so rich, to be able to take out such precious cultivation consumable.

Liu Yan pointed at the purple lotus and casually asked, "This thing looks pretty good. How much is it?"

### **Chapter 245: Resolve the Conflict**

When Zheng Tainan heard Liu Yan's words and saw that Liu Yan was pointing at the purple lotus, he immediately wanted to die.

This purple lotus was the most precious item in his storage ring.

Zheng Tainan immediately felt some despair in his heart.

Hearing Liu Yan's question, Zheng Tainan helplessly said, "This is the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus. It can not be bought with the federation coin. It is worth 300 low-grade origin stones!"

When Liu Yan heard this, he was a little surprised. It was actually worth 300 low-grade origin stones. Normally, a low-grade origin stone was equivalent to 100 million federation coins. So, this Angry Buddha Purple Lotus was equivalent to 30 billion federation coins. It was simply a sky-high price.

Moreover, one had to use the origin stone to buy it. Normally, 30 billion federation coins wouldn't be able to buy it.

One low-grade origin stone could be exchanged for 100 million federation coins, but 100 million federation coins might not be able to exchange for one low-grade origin stone. On the surface, the value was the same, but not many people were willing to exchange it.

Liu Yan turned his head and looked at the group of twins. He said, "Did you hear that? You owe him 300 low-grade origin stones. Hurry up and write an IOU."

Liu Qing and Liu Ning looked at each other. Since when did they owe Zheng Tainan 300 low-grade origin stones? What did it have to do with them?

The two of them were somewhat unwilling. However, when they saw Liu Yan's cold eyes and thought of Liu Yan's terrifying skills, the two of them compromised and wrote an IOU for Zheng Tainan.

When Liu Yan saw that the IOU had been written, he directly handed the IOU to Zheng Tainan and said indifferently, "Alright, I'll buy the Angry Buddha Purple Flower. You can ask for money from the two of them. You can leave now. I want to rest."

As Liu Yan spoke, he accepted the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus.

Zheng Tainan's face was filled with pain when he saw this. He wanted to stop Liu Yan from taking it, but he did not have the guts to do so.

Behind Zheng Tainan, Liu Qing and Liu Ning were even more hesitant. Liu Yan had taken the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus, so why should they pay Zheng Tainan? However, they did not dare to say anything. They really did not want to offend Liu Yan.

After Liu Yan accepted the Purple Buddha Purple Lotus, he didn't care about the three of them and directly chased them out of the dormitory.

At the same time, in the office.

The group of teachers looked at the scene on the camera and were a little stunned.

Of course, they knew that Liu Yan's talent wasn't bad, and his strength was strong. But after all, these three students of the Gifted Academy were also elites. Their strength was good, and they had the advantage in numbers.

At first, they thought that these three people would be able to defeat Liu Yan easily because Liu Yan was outnumbered.

However, they did not expect that Liu Yan's strength was ridiculously strong. Liu Yan had shown how much stronger he was to the three before they even exchanged blows. Zheng Tainan and the others were not Liu Yan's match at all, and they did not even have the leeway to resist.

Just when the teachers of Lighthouse Academy heaved a sigh of relief, they discovered that Liu Yan was bullying the students of the Gifted Academy alone.

"I thought Liu Yan would just let them go, but he turned around and gave them a taste of their own medicine."

"Liu Yan's personality is still different from the rest of the students of our Lighthouse Academy. He isn't too docile and won't be too polite."

"Yes, the students of the other Lighthouse Academy might just let them go, but Liu Yan won't."

"Needless to say, Liu Yan's method of resolving the conflict is clever. The effect is very good."

"Yes, this way, the alliance of the three of them would be easily dissolved by Liu Yan. Later on, Zheng Tainan was afraid of Liu Yan's strength, so he didn't dare to ask Liu Yan for money. He could only ask the twins for money."

"But the twins didn't get the Angry Buddha Purple Flower, so they weren't willing to pay such a sky-high price. Thus, they will start fighting later."

"..."

The teachers of the Lighthouse Academy were full of praise for Liu Yan. Not only was Liu Yan powerful, but he was also extremely intelligent and had a deep understanding of human nature.

When the teachers of the Gifted Academy saw the situation, some were unhappy when they saw their students being bullied. After all, that was the Angry Buddha Purple Flower, and it was extremely valuable. It was a pity that Liu Yan snatched it away.

However, most of the teachers of the Gifted Academy didn't really care. This sort of thing had happened many times within the Gifted Academy. They had always advocated the survival of the fittest. Now, an outsider proved he was stronger than their students. There wasn't any essential difference.

When Murakami saw this scene, he nodded.

Although he hadn't seen Liu Yan's true strength yet, from the simple display of skill just now, Liu Yan's strength was indeed very strong. In addition, he was also intelligent.

Perhaps, Liu Yan was really as Zhong Yuntian had said. His strength was formidable, his talent was extraordinary, and he would become a top-notch expert in the future. But as for whether he could become the hope of the future of mankind, Murakami still needed to observe Liu Yan more.

On the other side, Liu Yan had already chased away Zheng Tainan and the other two.

Zheng Tainan and the other two left Liu Yan's dormitory dispirited.

Outside the dormitory building, many students from the Gifted Academy were waiting outside.

They had just learned that Zheng Tainan and the other two were going in to deal with a Lighthouse Academy student. The three had even bragged about wanting to be the first to defeat a Lighthouse Academy student.

At this moment, many students from the Gifted Academy were waiting outside, wanting to see the results.

When they saw Zheng Tainan and the other two come out, everyone gathered around them.

"Look, look, they're out."

"Zheng Tainan and the other two must have taught the students from the Lighthouse Academy a lesson, right? Three against one. There's no way they can't win."

"Those students from the Lighthouse Academy look like obedient students. I reckon their combat strength isn't that great."

"Haha, I bet that student from the Lighthouse Academy was crying right now."

"..."

However, when everyone walked closer, they discovered that a huge chunk of Zheng Tainan's hair was cut. Zheng Tainan and the other two looked disheartened like they had suffered a blow and had been wronged.

When everyone saw this, they were instantly shocked.

"Tainan, what's going on? The three of you aren't a match for one of them?"

"Hahaha, your hairstyle is too funny, isn't it? Did that Lighthouse Academy student cut it for you?"

"Isn't it embarrassing? The three of you can't even beat one student? How pathetic!"

"You're embarrassing our Gifted Academy!"

“Then what’s the name of that Lighthouse Academy student? Is He that strong?”

“...”

Zheng Tainan was feeling extremely uncomfortable at this moment. He was humiliated by Liu Yan. Liu Yan also took his valuable Angry Buddha Purple Lotus. Now, he had to face everyone. It was really embarrassing.

Zheng Tainan quickly lowered his head and ignored everyone. He left dejectedly.

Liu Qing faced everyone’s questions and said helplessly, “I think his name is Liu Yan. His strength is ridiculous. He’s simply a monster.”

“He’s really a monster. Don’t make fun of us. Even if you go over, you won’t be able to defeat him.” Liu Ning also followed.

Following that, Liu Qing and Liu Ning also hurriedly left. A wave of laughter came from behind them.

### **Chapter 246: A-grade Angry Buddha Purple Lotus**

In the dormitory.

After Zheng Tainan and the other two left, Liu Yan sized up the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus in front of him.

Its body was purple, but it was scalding hot in his hands. It was truly mystical.

Liu Yan checked the information about the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus through his smart wristband.

[ Angry Buddha Purple Lotus ]

Grade: A

Effect: After using it, one can break through the bottleneck and increase their strength. However, it has powerful firepower and can not be used directly. It needs to be used in a specific way.

After reading the information on the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus, Liu Yan nodded to himself.

It was an A-grade medicinal ingredient. No wonder he could sense that the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus was an extremely valuable treasure through his Treasure Hunting skill. It was probably not an ordinary A-grade medicinal herb.

After reading the information, Liu Yan immediately understood why Zheng Tainan did not use such a precious medicinal herb to increase his strength. It was because one had to use a special method to consume it.

In addition, the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus was mainly used to help break through bottlenecks. Zheng Tainan probably wanted to use it when his cultivation reached a bottleneck.

However, Liu Yan did not care about these things. With the help of the Divine Extraction, Liu Yan did not have any bottleneck in increasing his strength. He could directly use the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus.



During this period, Liu Yan had been busy building a perfect foundation and hadn't increased his experience level. The Angry Buddha Purple Lotus could be used to increase his experience level and further increase his strength.

Liu Yan could use Angry Buddha Purple Lotus directly through the Divine Extraction.

Not only would the powerful fire energy not hinder Liu Yan, but it could also be absorbed by Liu Yan.

"I wonder if this Buddha's wrath purple lotus can increase the strength of my Flame Control skill?" Liu Yan thought curiously.

Immediately, Liu Yan used his SSS-grade talent, Divine Extraction, on the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus.

A ray of light landed on the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus.

The Angry Buddha Purple Lotus, which was emitting a dazzling purple light a moment ago, withered rapidly in the next moment. Instantly, it dimmed and turned into a withered flower.

Meanwhile, a notification appeared before Liu Yan's eyes.

[ Divine Extraction of Angry Buddha Purple Lotus (A-grade) successful. Congratulations! Obtained: 50,000 combat experience, additional firepower, successfully integrated into Flame Control (A-grade). Flame Control's power increased by 20%! ]

[ Level increased. You have reached level 21! ]

...

[ Level increased. You have reached level 24! ]

Liu Yan felt the various attributes in his body increase rapidly, and his strength had improved quite a bit.

This Angry Buddha Purple Lotus was indeed amazing. It had provided Liu Yan with so much combat experience in an instant. He had gained four levels consecutively in an instant, reaching level 24.

At the same time, the fire attribute power within the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus had also been absorbed by Liu Yan. It increased the power of his Flame Control skill by 20%. The increase was extremely exaggerated. An increase of 20% for an A-grade skill was a lot.

Liu Yan looked very happy as he looked at the bag of cultivation consumables he had obtained from Chu Long.

Although the individual cultivation consumables in this bag could not compare to the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus, the total value of such a large bag was not inferior to the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus.

Currently, Liu Yan was lacking in level. So, he needed to increase his level to catch up with the others.

Liu Yan immediately took out the cultivation consumables from his bag. He did not have any thoughts of conserving them and used them directly.

Liu Yan used Divine Extraction on the cultivation consumables one by one.

Streaks of white light descended, and the dazzling cultivation consumables instantly dimmed and withered.

The strength in Liu Yan's body instantly increased continuously, and notifications appeared in front of Liu Yan.

[ Divine Extraction of Night God Grass (B-grade) successful. Congratulations: combat experience: 3,000! ]

[ Divine Extraction of Solid Constitution Pill (C-grade) successful. Congratulations: combat experience: 1,000! ]

...

[ Level increased. You have reached level 28! ]

As the last notification appeared, Liu Yan had leveled up four levels consecutively, reaching level 28.

Adding to the previous increase, Liu Yan had used up a large number of precious cultivation consumables in that instant.

However, he also gained a lot. He rose eight levels instantly, from level 20 to level 28. His strength had also improved quite a bit, and his level had gradually caught up with the majority of the troops.

Liu Yan's face was full of satisfaction. It seemed he would have to buy more medicinal ingredients and herbs when he had time.

With Divine Extraction, it was really convenient for him to absorb large amounts of medicinal ingredients and herbs without any pressure to increase his strength.

However, many precious medicinal ingredients and herbs could not be bought with federation coin. Most of them could only be bought with origin stone.

Thinking of the origin stone, Liu Yan immediately thought of the bag that the vice principal of the Weapon Academy, Ling Feng, had given him previously.

Back then, Liu Yan had given a lot of rare ores to the academy. Hence, Ling Feng had also paid for the corresponding origin stone to Liu Yan. Liu Yan reckoned that the bag should be the origin stone.

Liu Yan was in a rush for the opening day of the fourth level of the Tower, so he did not have time to check the bag.

Thinking of this, Liu Yan hurriedly opened his high-grade storage ring, took out the bag, and counted the origin stones in the bag.

After counting, Liu Yan was suddenly a bit surprised. There were 23 low-grade origin stones and five medium-grade origin stones inside.

One medium-grade origin stone was equivalent to or even more precious than 100 low-grade origin stones.

This bag of origin stones was equivalent to a sky-high price of resources. It could be used to purchase tons of cultivation materials.

Liu Yan was a little surprised, but after thinking about it, he understood. After all, those rare ores were not cheap. Other than the ones used to forge equipment, there were still many left. It was reasonable to have so many origin stones.

In fact, Ling Feng made this transaction. After all, there were so many rare ores in the world, and they were all priceless. It was challenging to buy them.

Liu Yan put away the origin stone and was extremely happy.

At the same time, outside the dormitory building on the other side.

A group of Gifted Academy students saw Zheng Tainan and the other two leave dejectedly, and they were also discussing.

“Who is this Liu Yan? Is he so powerful?”

“Yeah, Zheng Tainan and the other two aren’t weak at all, especially Zheng Tainan is one of the top 30 existences on our academy’s combat power ranking.”

“The three of them aren’t weak at all. If they work together, they wouldn’t be at a disadvantage against the top 10 students on the combat power ranking.”

“Why does the name Liu Yan sound so familiar? I remember now. Is he the student specially recruited by the principal of Lighthouse Academy? He’s an existence on the same level as our academy’s Alan Smith and Xu Han.”

“I see. That Zheng Tainan and the other two are really unlucky.”

“The three of them aren’t a match for Liu Yan. It’s probably normal.”

“This Liu Yan’s strength is a little terrifying. I wonder how his combat strength is compared to the two genius students of our academy.”

“...”

While everyone was discussing, Xu Han, who was not far away, heard all of their discussions.

Xu Han had paid special attention to Liu Yan previously. He felt that Liu Yan’s strength should not be quite strong. Now, he was certain that Liu Yan’s handsome appearance, Liu Yan’s strength were even more astonishing.

Besides, Xu Han also noticed that Zheng Tainan and the other two were not injured.

It meant that Liu Yan had barely made a move against them and had already easily crushed the three of them!

Zheng Tainan instantly became interested in Liu Yan.

After Xu Han returned, he met Alan Smith.

“Alan, let me tell you, this Liu Yan is very strong, ridiculously strong. I think you’re not the chosen one anymore, hahaha!” Xu Han said straightforwardly.

Allen Smith glanced at Xu Han, but he didn't say anything and didn't show any expression.

### **Chapter 247: The Pugnacious Gifted Academy**

Liu Yan's deeds quickly caused a commotion within the Gifted Academy.

Although no one had personally witnessed the battle situation, Zheng Tainan and the other two were defeated by Liu Yan alone in a short time.

Zheng Tainan and the other two weren't weak at all, and they were ranked at the very top within the Gifted Academy. Zheng Tainan was ranked in the top 30.

Very quickly, there was a rumor circulating within the Gifted Academy that Liu Yan had a combat strength of level 50.

Within the Gifted Academy, the combat strength of a student was generally assessed based on the standard of an ordinary student.

Like Zheng Tainan, who was ranked in the top 30, his actual level was only level 40, but his combat strength had reached the combat strength of an ordinary student at level 45. Hence, Zheng Tainan's combat strength was assessed at level 45.

Combat strength was not equal to level. An expert with exceptional talent would have a combat strength far higher than his actual level.

And students with average talent would have a combat strength level lower than their actual level.

In such a short period, Liu Yan had defeated Zheng Tainan, whose combat strength was at level 45. In addition, he also defeated Liu Qing and Liu Ning.

Many students of the Gifted Academy guessed that Liu Yan's combat strength was at least at level 50.

After all, only when one's combat strength had reached level 50, far surpassing Zheng Tainan, would one be able to finish off Zheng Tainan and the other two in such a short period.

There were even many students who guessed that Liu Yan's combat strength was above level 50.

Many students in Gifted Academy discussed Liu Yan's exaggerated combat strength.

"Is this for real? Is Liu Yan's combat strength that exaggerated?"

"Didn't they say that the Lighthouse Academy's students did not perform really well these past two years? Liu Yan is a freshman, yet his combat strength is so strong?"

"Logically speaking, since he could defeat Zheng Tainan and the other two so quickly, he should have powerful combat strength."

"This is bad. If this is the case, wouldn't Liu Yan be able to charge into the top 30? Wouldn't our academy's reward fall onto Liu Yan?"

"I don't think he's that strong. We'll keep an eye on him."

"..."

Many students of the Gifted Academy were amazed by Liu Yan's strength, but most of them didn't believe that Liu Yan had such power.

Some students of the Gifted Academy were also quite worried. After all, if Liu Yan could directly reach the top 30 of the Gifted Academy, he would take away the rewards that belonged to their academy.

On the other side, Liu Yan was in the dormitory. He was rejoicing over the shocking talent of his new body.

Just now, after Liu Yan had used the Divine Extraction to extract the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus and the pile of cultivation consumables that he had obtained from Chu Long. His level suddenly rose by eight levels, reaching level 28.

Following that, Liu Yan also checked his attributes panel. After seeing the improved attributes, he was indeed a little surprised.

Liu Yan, who had built a perfect foundation and reconstructed his physical body, had only increased his attribute by 20-30 points when he had upgraded his grade. He had a lower-grade talent, but it was not too bad.

Generally, the better one's talent was, the more attributes would increase every time they leveled up.

For martial arts prodigies like Murong Xue, every time she upgraded her grade, her single attribute would increase by more than 100 points.

After rebuilding his body, Liu Yan took a closer look and was surprised to find that he obtained a few hundred attribute points after the level up.

After upgrading his level by eight levels, Liu Yan's single attribute had increased by a few thousand points, allowing his various attribute points to break through 10,000. His strength also increased by quite a bit.

Such an outstanding talent truly surprised Liu Yan. The perfect foundation was indeed worthy of its effect. His new physical body had truly exceeded his expectations.

In the past, Liu Yan's talent was ordinary, and the only way to increase his attribute points was to rely on his Divine Extraction talent.

But now, his talent had become incredibly outstanding. He could quickly increase his strength by using his physical strength talent. In addition to the incredible buff from his Divine Extraction, his strength would definitely increase rapidly.

For the remaining time, Liu Yan rested in the dormitory.

According to the academy, the test would start tomorrow. The students would begin to charge towards the fourth level of the Tower. Right now, Liu Yan needed to recuperate, store his energy, and adjust his condition.

It wasn't until the night that Liu Yan headed to the Gifted Academy's cafeteria to eat.

Although there was quite a lot of food in his storage ring, it was mainly dry food. It wasn't a problem for him to fill his stomach, but the dry food did not taste good.

Liu Yan had just arrived at the Gifted Academy's cafeteria. He was just about to get some food when he heard the sounds of fighting coming from not too far away. He went over to check on the situation.

When he got closer, Liu Yan realized that it was two students from the Choice Academy. They were in a conflict and immediately started fighting in the cafeteria.

The sound of fighting immediately attracted many students.

The two people in the middle continued to fight. They punched each other quite hard. Both sides had already suffered some injuries.

Seeing this, the surrounding staff of the Gifted Academy only took a glance at the situation before turning their attention away. It was as if they were already used to this.

At this moment, the surrounding students started to jeer.

"Right, right, right. Beat him up, beat him up."

"Are you guys just playing around? Put more effort! You guys only have such minor injuries after fighting for so long."

"That's right. Can you guys be more serious?"

"Beat him up, hurry up, and beat him up!"

"..."

The surrounding students of the Gifted Academy actually started to cheer. Not only did they not stop the two students, they even encouraged the two of them to continue fighting. They even hoped that the battle between them would become even fiercer.

Liu Yan was slightly surprised. He looked at the surrounding students of the Gifted Academy. Liu Yan could see the excitement and desire for battle on their faces.

At this moment, Liu Yan could finally feel the difference between the Gifted Academy and the Lighthouse Academy.

In the Lighthouse Academy, it was forbidden for students to fight amongst themselves. If students were fighting amongst themselves due to conflicts, they would be stopped by the academy's officials.

Generally speaking, students of the Lighthouse Academy could only fight in the arena. They could not fight in private and advocated harmony and unity.

However, in the Gifted Academy, it was the opposite.

The staff members watched the fight between students. Not only did they not stop it, they even started to watch the show. It seemed that they had seen this kind of situation many times before.

The surrounding students of the Gifted Academy were cheering at the sides. They encouraged the two to continue fighting and hoped they would fight even more fiercely.

There was a clear difference between the ethos of the two academies.

Liu Yan felt that this might not be a bad thing.

The Lighthouse Academy placed great emphasis on harmony and advocated cooperation. It would be of great help to the subsequent students in their battle cooperation.

However, it was inevitable that some of the students would lose some of their vigors.

Over the years, there were indeed quite many students from Lighthouse Academy who performed well in the academy. However, after they entered the higher levels of the Tower, accidents frequently occurred. Perhaps this had something to do with it.

### **Chapter 248: Elimination at the Start**

The Gifted Academy's cafeteria.

The battle between the two students continued. Both sides were heavily injured, but they still had no intentions of stopping.

The surrounding Gifted Academy students and staff didn't stop them. On the contrary, they encouraged them to continue fighting.

Liu Yan was watching from the crowd. He couldn't help but sigh inwardly. The ethos of the Gifted Academy was really fierce and aggressive.

Liu Yan could see strong fighting spirits in the eyes of the students of the Gifted Academy.

This fierce fighting spirit was rarely seen among the students of the Lighthouse Academy.

On the other hand, the students of the Gifted Academy weren't getting along with each other. They did not like the students of the Lighthouse Academy were more united and could cooperate with each other at the higher levels of the Tower in the future. The students of Lighthouse Academy could display the advantages of a team.

Lighthouse Academy and Gifted Academy had their own advantages.

The battle between these two continued until one side suffered more severe injuries.

After eating in the Gifted Academy's cafeteria, Liu Yan returned to his dormitory to rest.

The next morning, on the square.

The teachers of the Gifted Academy and the tower-climbing students gathered on the square.

In this student exchange event, not all of the students were involved. Only a small number of the more outstanding students participated in the exchange.

The teachers from both academies would lead the students to the fourth level of the Tower for the examination.

Today, the teachers of the Gifted Academy would lead the students of the Gifted Academy and a small number of the students of the Lighthouse Academy to the fourth level of the Tower.

On the stage, a few teachers of the Gifted Academy were waiting by the side. At this moment, the principal of the Gifted Academy, Murakami, walked out.

When Murakami saw that all the students had arrived, he explained the rules.

“Later on, all of you will follow me to the fourth level of the Tower and ascend the Tower. At that time, you have to follow my instructions. You must not wander away from the group. Otherwise, you will bear the consequences. Then...”

Liu Yan listened to Murakami’s explanation and roughly understood the rules.

The fourth level of the Tower was mainly made up of five altars. These five altars formed a huge seal.

Only by breaking the seal would one be able to successfully charge into the Tower and pass the trial on the fourth level of the Tower. Only then would one be able to head to the fifth level of the Tower.

These five altars all had their corresponding sacrificial gemstones. Only by obtaining the sacrificial gemstones from the five altars would one be able to activate the altars.

After the altar was activated, the altar would be shattered at the same time before they could proceed to the next level of the Tower.

And the first step was to obtain the gemstones.

The gemstones were in the hands of the teachers in charge of the altars.

There would be different tests for different altars. Only those who performed the best could obtain the corresponding sacrificial gemstones from the corresponding altars.

However, some weaker students could still pass the test even if their performance was not outstanding.

After Murakami’s explanation, the group of students understood the rules.

Then, Murakami and a few teachers from the Gifted Academy led the students to the fourth level of the Tower.

On one side of the middle square between the Lighthouse Academy and the Gifted Academy, there was a gigantic stairway.

Previously, when the world of the Tower fused together, the two academies had already appeared.

Previously, many students were curious about this seemingly endless stairway. However, the academy did not explain much at that time. They had also arranged for instructors to guard it and not allow students to trespass.

At this moment, Murakami and a few instructors led a group of students towards the stairway and began to ascend the stairway. The doubts in the students’ hearts were gradually resolved. At the same time, it also confirmed the speculations in the minds of many students.

“I was saying that the stairway is so mysterious. So it is the way to the fourth level of the Tower.”



"I can't see the end of this stairway. How long do we have to climb until we reach the fourth level of the Tower?"

"Climbing the fourth level of the Tower is going to be exhausting. It's so troublesome."

"No wonder the academy asked us to gather so early. It turns out that we need time to climb the stairway."

"..."

At the very front, Murakami turned his head around coldly and said, "While, when we ascend the stairway, try to catch up. Time is tight, and those who fail to do so will be eliminated!"

Then, the group started to climb the stairway.

Murakami and a few teachers led the way at an exceptionally fast speed.

When the students at the back saw how fast they were, they were shocked. They immediately moved faster and tried to catch up.

Many students had lower speed and endurance. It was challenging for them to follow Murakami and other teachers.

In the crowd, Liu Yan followed with a relaxed expression.

Liu Yan's agility attribute was quite high, so he could easily follow without using any skill.

As time passed, many students were unable to keep up. They gradually used their own skills that could increase their speed, but they could barely keep up.

Seeing this scene, Liu Yan couldn't help but shake his head.

They could not see the end of the stairway. It meant that there was still a long way to go.

And the intentions of Murakami and the few teachers of the Gifted Academy were also clear. Those who couldn't keep up would be eliminated here. Thus, they had been deliberately controlling their speed.

Their speed was relatively fast. It wouldn't make the students relaxed, but it wouldn't be too fast either. After all, Murakami and the other teachers possessed high strength. If they were to use their full speed, it was likely that none of the students would be able to keep up.

In the beginning, some students used their skills to barely keep up. However, they could only do it for a short period.

Gradually, some students were exhausted, and they couldn't keep up. In the end, they were left behind.

Without a doubt, these students also knew that they were eliminated. They hadn't even reached the fourth level of the Tower. Before the trial began, they had already failed.

The remaining students were shocked when they saw this. They immediately followed closely and adjusted their state to try to maintain their stamina so that they could keep up.

They didn't want to be eliminated before reaching the fourth level of the Tower.

“Oh no, how long will this last?”

“I can still keep up now, but it’s exhausting. I feel like I won’t be able to keep up anymore.”

“The stairway is so long. It’s too terrifying.”

“Who would have thought it would be so difficult at the start? If I had known earlier, I would have trained my speed and endurance properly.”

“Who knew they would test our speed? I spent all day thinking about improving my combat strength. I never thought of improving my speed.”

“Stop talking so much and maintain your stamina. I wonder when I’ll be able to reach the fourth level of the Tower.”

“...”

Many students were suffering terribly. Usually, they did not pay much attention to their speed during the training. At this moment, it was extremely tiring.

Later, some students gradually lost their stamina and could not keep up.

Murakami and the few instructors were not particularly fast, and most of the students could keep up at the beginning, but they had to keep up for a long time. Some students were unable to do so.

They continued to climb the Tower at a fairly high speed. The stronger students were fine, but some students were already suffering terribly.

It was almost noon when they finally saw the end of the stairway. The students were finally about to reach the finish line!

#### **Chapter 249: The Altar of Color, Absolute Darkness**

On the stairway.

The students followed Murakami and a few teachers from the Gifted Academy as they quickly climbed up the Tower.

They set off early in the morning, but it was already noon. The group had been climbing up the Tower rapidly for half a day.

Even these elite students had already run out of stamina and were barely holding on.

“Look, look! That’s the top, right?”

“We’ve finally reached the top. If we don’t reach it now, I won’t be able to hold on any longer.”

“We’re finally here, I’m so tired.”

“Phew! We’ve finally made it to the end.”

“...”

The students cheered as they continued their final sprint.

Under the lead of Murakami and a few teachers, the students finally reached the top of the stairway. They had arrived at the fourth level of the Tower.

Once they reached the fourth level of the Tower, the exhausted students fell to the ground without caring about anything else.

Many of them were already on the verge of breaking down. The students had relied on their willpower to persevere until now.

In the crowd, Liu Yan was slightly panting. Although it was a little strenuous, his condition was still okay. It was because he had terrifying stamina.

Liu Yan's physical fitness was not weak. He felt he could climb up the fourth level with his precious physical fitness, but it would undoubtedly be strenuous. He estimated that he would not be much better than the students of the Gifted Academy.

But now, Liu Yan had already built a perfect foundation and reconstructed his physical body.

His physical fitness was much better from the past.

After half a day of high-intensity climbing the stairway, Liu Yan was only slightly panting at this moment.

Liu Yan felt he could continue climbing the stairway until night with his current physical fitness.

At this moment, Liu Yan looked around and found that there was a quarter of the students around him missing.

Just the stairway had eliminated a quarter of the students.

Many students were eliminated before they reached the fourth level of the Tower.

At this moment, Liu Yan also recalled the rumors among the students. The trial on the fourth level of the Tower was the safest. Basically, there wouldn't be any danger. There wouldn't be any life-threatening danger, but it wasn't easy at all.

If that was the case, it really was so.

The students who had just climbed the stairway and couldn't catch up wouldn't be in danger. However, they felt a deep sense of powerlessness. They hadn't even seen the fourth level of the Tower before being eliminated. It was mercilessly cruel.

Liu Yan couldn't help but be a little excited. What would the trial on the fourth level of the Tower be like?

At this moment, Murakami and the few teachers were even more relaxed. They climbed the stairway at high speed for half a day, but their faces weren't red, and they weren't panting. They looked relaxed.

Murakami noticed Liu Yan's condition. Although Liu Yan looked a little tired, his condition was much better than other students.

Murakami nodded his head. It was rare to have such physical fitness at such a young age.

At this moment, Liu Yan did not notice Murakami's observation of him. Instead, he observed his surroundings in surprise.

There were no other things on the fourth level of the Tower. There were only five huge altars.

The altars looked as gigantic as the sky. They looked extremely shocking.

There was a pillar of light above each of the five altars. The five pillars of light soared into the sky and formed a huge seal in the sky.

It seemed that this was the huge seal that Murakami had mentioned. They had to gather all the sacrificial gemstones in the five altars. Then, they would have the chance to break the seal and pass the trial from the fourth level to the fifth level of the Tower.

A teacher beside Murakami also walked out at this moment.

"I am the teacher in charge of the first altar, the altar of color. I have rested enough. Time is of the essence. Follow me to the altar of color and begin the first test!" Chu Xuan said calmly.

Chu Xuan was a middle-aged man with a cold expression. Through his A-grade skill, Omniscient Insight, Liu Yan could sense that Chu Xuan's strength was not weak. Chu Xuan's strength was among the top among the few teachers.

Many students were already lying on the ground to rest. When they heard Chu Xuan's words, they all hurriedly got up as if they were afraid of Chu Xuan.

Very soon, a group of students gathered. Under the guidance of Chu Xuan, they walked towards the first altar.

At this moment, many students also noticed the situation around them and were all amazed.

"Is this the fourth level of the Tower? This altar is too big, too majestic."

"Compared to these huge altars, we are so small, like ants."

"This is nothing. Look at the top of your head. The seal is even bigger."

"..."

The students were all shocked.

Soon, the students arrived at the first altar under Chu Xuan's lead.

Chu Xuan stopped. He looked at the crowd and said slowly, "This is the first altar, the altar of color. Later, I will open the altar for you to enter and begin the trial. This altar of color tests your vision and senses. Of course, it tests your strength as well. Inside the altar of color, it is completely dark and without any light. It is pitch black, and you can not see your fingers. You can not see anything in absolute darkness."

"Don't think of using any skill that can illuminate to obtain an item. All lighting methods will be greatly affected your safety. The lighting effect is also extremely limited. It will not allow you to see many things

clearly. On the contrary, you will attract the attacks of the many fierce beasts because of your lighting. At that time, no matter how strong you are, you won't be able to withstand it and will die horribly."

"If you don't use your lighting techniques, you won't be able to see the situation around you clearly at worst. You will encounter one or two fierce beasts occasionally. With your strength, you should be able to deal with them. It would not be too difficult. In short, you must remember not to use any lighting methods. That won't help you at all. It will only bring you danger."

"There are many fierce beasts in the altar of color. The strength of the fierce beasts isn't particularly strong. They're only at level 30. You guys should be able to defeat them."

"The test requires you to find and kill a fierce beast in the absolute darkness of the altar of color. This way, you will be considered to have passed the test."

"In addition, the fierce beast you kill will also determine your final score. The smaller the fierce beast, the higher the agility attribute of the fierce beast, and the smaller the area of damage, the higher your score will be. These three factors will determine your score on this test."

"Finally, the student with the highest score will obtain the only sacrificial gem of the altar of color in my hands!"

After listening to Instructor Chu Xuan's explanation, the students discussed the rules.

Liu Yan heard this and roughly understood the rules.

In simple terms, they would be in absolute darkness. Besides, they could not use lighting methods to kill the fierce beast.

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As long as one could kill a fierce beast, they would be able to pass the test of the altar.

The smaller the fierce beast, the faster the speed, and the smaller the damage they caused to the fierce beasts, the higher their score would be. The person with the highest score would obtain the only sacrificial gem.

This round was not hard for Liu Yan, who had a powerful perception skill, Omniscient Insight.

Liu Yan was naturally determined to obtain the sacrificial gem of the altar of color.

### **Chapter 250: Trying Their Luck**

After learning the rules of the altar of color, the students of Gifted Academy began to complain bitterly.

The strength of a level 30 fierce beast was relatively average, and almost all of the students present could deal with it.

However, killing a level 30 fierce beast in absolute darkness was not easy.

Furthermore, they could not use any lighting skills. It meant they would have to stay in the dark the entire time, making it even more difficult.

"How are we going to fight?"

“It’s completely dark, and we can’t see anything. We might even hurt our teammates.”

“Isn’t that too difficult to fight in the dark?”

“Fortunately, the fierce beast only has level 30 battle strength. Otherwise, we might not get out of the altar.”

“The first test is so difficult. I wonder what the next five tests will be. Looks like it will be difficult to advance this time.”

“Haha, I am an assassin. I have perception skills. I can sense the fierce beast within a ten-meter radius. I have the advantage!”

“...”

The group of students discussed among themselves. They were all troubled by this trial.

Only a small number of students had their own solutions. They revealed relaxed expressions. Liu Yan was naturally one of them.

With an A-grade perception skill Omniscient Insight, Liu Yan could perceive everything within a hundred meters, even in a completely dark environment.

If it did not work out, Liu Yan could also use the B-grade skill, Fog. Although his perception would not be as good as using Omniscient Insight, he could still fight a fierce beast, and the range was much larger.

Then, the students were divided into groups of ten students. Each group took its turn to enter the altar for the trial.

Zheng Tainan, Liu Qing, and Liu Ning, who had previously had conflicts with Liu Yan, were in the first group.

At this moment, Zheng Tainan still had a conflict with Liu Qing and Liu Ning.

Zheng Tainan naturally wasn’t willing to lose the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus just like that. It was an A-grade treasure. Even an elite figure like him, who had top 30 battle prowess in the Gifted Academy, had used up more than half of his wealth, to get the A-grade treasure, Angry Buddha Purple Lotus.

Zheng Tainan planned to use it to break through the bottleneck of his cultivation. It allowed him to increase his strength, and bring out the maximum use of the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus.

However, he did not expect that he would lose to Liu Yan. Then, Liu Yan also took the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus.

Zheng Tainan was unwilling to lose the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus. However, he did not dare to provoke a terrifying figure like Liu Yan again. He could only look for Liu Qing and Liu Ning.

After all, at that time, the IOU was written with Liu Qing and Liu Ning’s names.

At this moment, Zheng Tainan was still pestering Liu Qing and Liu Ning.

"I don't care. This IOU is under your names, and it's also written by the two of you. Either you pay the money for the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus, or both of you come with me to confront Liu Yan!" Zheng Tainan pestered.

Liu Qing and Liu Ning had helpless expressions.

The IOU was indeed under their name and it was indeed written by them. However, they were forced to write by Liu Yan at that time. It had nothing to do with them. They didn't even touch the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus.

"Brother Zheng, you know what exactly happened. Why are you still disturbing us?"

"Yeah, how would we dare to provoke that Liu Yan? The three of us are no match for him. Aren't we courting death by provoking him?"

"Brother Zheng, you should think of another way to confront Liu Yan. Don't pester us anymore. There's nothing we can do."

"..."

Liu Qing and Liu Ning didn't dare to provoke Zheng Tainan, so they could only helplessly persuade him.

Zheng Tainan was also helpless when he heard that. How could he not understand this logic? However, if he had a way to confront Liu Yan to take back the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus, why would he bother the two of them now?

Zheng Tainan still wanted to continue pestering them. At this moment, Liu Qing saw that the group had already come out and hurriedly said, "Brother Zheng, don't worry about these things. We have been assigned to the first group. Hurry up and prepare to enter the altar."

Zheng Tainan came back to his senses when he heard this. He could only temporarily put this matter aside and focus his attention on the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus.

The instructor in charge of the altar of color, Chu Xuan, also shouted at this moment, "The first group of people who have just reported in, all step forward. Prepare to enter the trial of the altar of color!"

Including Zheng Tainan, Liu Qing, and Liu Ning, the ten people stepped forward.

When the other students saw the group, they discussed in low voices.

"I wonder who will have the highest score in the first group."

"In my opinion, it's still Zheng Tainan. After all, his strength is the strongest."

"Zheng Tainan? Didn't he get beaten up by that Liu Yan from the Lighthouse Academy yesterday? His hair has gone bald, hahaha!"

"That is also the existence of the top 30 in our Gifted Academy's combat strength. It is also the first level of our current batch of students."

"..."

Everyone was discussing animatedly. Even though Zheng Tainan had just made a fool of himself yesterday and was beaten up by Liu Yan, he was indeed the existence with the highest combat strength among them.

Alan Smith, Xu Han, and the other top combat strength students from the Gifted Academy had gone to the Lighthouse Academy as exchange students. Zheng Tainan was in the top 30 in Gifted Academy. Without a doubt, he would become one of the top-tier combat strengths of the current batch of students.

Of course, it would also depend on the performance of the exchange students from the Lighthouse Academy, including Liu Yan.

Very quickly, Zheng Tainan and the other ten students entered the altar of color and began the trial.

The people outside could see the performance of the ten students inside through the virtual screen outside the altar.

The students inside were in absolute darkness, but the virtual screen could show the situation around them.

The ten students had just entered the altar of color. They couldn't see the situation around them clearly. They seemed to be more cautious. They slowly moved forward, carefully using their methods to find the traces of the fierce beasts around them.

Most students relied on their voices to hear, but the effect wasn't ideal.

Soon, two students bumped into the fierce beasts and started fighting in the darkness.

After a battle, although these two students were in absolute darkness and their combat strength was greatly affected, they still suffered some minor injuries in the end. They killed fierce beasts one after another and were immediately teleported out.

Chu Xuan went forward to check on the fierce beasts killed by the two students.

One was the size of a human, while the other was half the size of a human. The wounds on the fierce beast's body were all over its body.

"Zhang San, fierce beast of human size. The fierce beast's movement speed is medium, and the wounds are all over its body. The final score is 100 points. You have passed this round of the trial!"

"Li Si, half-human-sized fierce beast. Movement speed is medium, and the wounds are all over half of its body. The final score is 120 points. You have passed this round of the trial!"

When the students heard the scores of these two students, their expressions became a little strange.

These two people were considered lucky to have bumped into fierce beasts in the dark.

The remaining students might not be able to encounter a fierce beast until the trial ended. They would have a problem passing the trial.

However, even if these two people were lucky, their final scores were not ideal.



The student had to earn 600 points from the five altars to pass the trials of the fourth level of the Tower. It meant they had to obtain at least 120 points on each altar.

If they obtained fewer points in the first round, they had to get more points in the later rounds to have a chance to pass the trial on the fourth level of the Tower. Their situation was undoubtedly not very good.