

Towers 261

Chapter 261: Additional Improvement

“What? He tampered with Liu Yan’s special equipment?”

“Unacceptable. The trial should be fair and square!”

“I wish for our Gifted Academy to obtain the sacrificial gemstone this time, but we want to get it through fair competition.”

“That’s right. We have to win with our own strength, not cheating. This is too embarrassing.”

“I didn’t expect Mr. Ken Hill to do such a thing. It’s really disappointing.”

“Mr. Ken Hill, tell me what exactly you did.”

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When everyone present found out the truth of the matter, be it the students of Lighthouse Academy or the students of Gifted Academy, they all looked down on Mr. Ken Hill. They didn’t expect that he would do such a shameful thing.

Faced with many accusations, Ken Hill also lowered his head in shame. He explained, “It’s all my fault. I wanted to stop Liu Yan from obtaining the second sacrificial gemstone, so I did something to his special equipment, causing the movement speed of Liu Yan’s special equipment to be twice as slow as the others.”

When everyone heard this, they were all shocked.

These students had just participated in the trial of the altar of sound. They were all clear about the seriousness of this matter.

In the altar of sound, facing all kinds of attacks from all directions, they could only rely on the special equipment to move.

If the movement speed of the special equipment were twice as slow, the trial would be several times harder for Liu Yan.

Everyone looked at Liu Yan in surprise. They did not expect Liu Yan to persist until the end because the trial was much more challenging for him. He was even eliminated at the same time as Alan Smith.

Although both of them were eliminated at the same time, the difficulty of Liu Yan was several times that of Alan Smith. Hence, it was obvious who was the stronger one between them. Liu Yan was naturally stronger than Alan Smith and deserved to be in the first place. No wonder Principal Murakami said that Liu Yan was the winner.

“I didn’t see this coming.”

“No wonder I felt that Liu Yan’s speed was much slower when I saw the video. I thought it was just my imagination, but it turned out to be true.”

“It’s hard to imagine how difficult it would be to slow my speed under such circumstances.”

“If I were slower, I’m afraid I wouldn’t be able to last a minute.”

“Yeah, Liu Yan is too strong. He deserves to be first.”

“That’s right. The sacrificial gemstone of the altar of sound should belong to Liu Yan.”

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Everyone was discussing animatedly and was extremely shocked.

At this moment, Murakami also looked toward the crowd. He said, “As the principal of Gifted Academy, I am also responsible for this matter that happened under my command. It is my fault. I have let down the teachers and students of Lighthouse Academy. Mr. Ken Hill will be fired and banned from Gifted Academy. In addition, the government had announced that no other academy would be allowed to hire him in the future. As for the results of this competition, Alan Smith managed to hold on for 18 minutes. His score was 200 points, while Liu Yan’s score was 200 points. Although both of them had the same score of 200 points, it was clear that Liu Yan was even stronger. Liu Yan will become the first place and get the sacrificial gem of the altar of sound.”

When everyone heard this, they all felt that there was no problem. It was completely reasonable.

After all, the rules stated that as long as one could hold on for 18 minutes, they would obtain a full score of 200 points.

Although both Liu Yan and Alan Smith had 200 points, there was a difference. Liu Yan had 200 points because he only had a maximum of 200 points. He was more powerful than Alan Smith. There was no doubt that Liu Yan could get the sacrificial gem of the altar of sound.

At this point, the second round of the trial of the altar of sound had ended. Liu Yan had obtained first place and the sacrificial gem.

However, after this matter, many students of Lighthouse Academy also changed their views toward Murakami.

When they first saw Murakami, they felt he was extremely cold and did not seem like a good person.

However, they now knew that Murakami was strict, but he was also fair and upright.

If Murakami did not mention this matter, no one in Lighthouse Academy would know what Ken Hill had done. In the end, Alan Smith would obtain the sacrificial gem of the altar of sound.

However, Murakami did not hide the truth just because Liu Yan was a student of Lighthouse Academy. Instead, he directly exposed this matter and maintained justice.

For a time, many students of the Lighthouse Academy had changed their opinion of Murakami.

Lan Jinqiu also looked at Murakami with some admiration. He cupped his hands and said, “Mr. Murakami, I admire your honesty.”

Murakami waved his hand and said indifferently, "Alright, all of you can leave. We still have the third altar trial tomorrow. All of you should rest well."

Liu Yan was brought in front of Murakami by the staff.

Murakami looked at Liu Yan and said indifferently, "This matter is my fault. This matter is unfair to you. You can ask for the compensation you need."

Liu Yan was not bothered by this matter. He smiled and said, "It's okay, Mr. Murakami. things had happened. The trial became even more challenging. It might not be a bad thing for me. Let's just forget about it."

In reality, what Liu Yan said was not a lie.

Because his special equipment was tampered with, it caused the altar of sound's trial to be much harder for Liu Yan. It brought a lot of pressure on Liu Yan, but at the same time, it also brought some benefits to Liu Yan.

If the difficulty were the same, Liu Yan could endure for a very long time using his A-grade perception skill, Omniscient Insight.

Because of the difficulty of the trial, Liu Yan needed to use his vision to perceive the situation around him. It caused a lot of pressure on Liu Yan but also brought many improvements to him.

Liu Yan felt that after this trial, his vision and battle situation analysis ability had improved a lot. It would be of great help to Liu Yan in future battles.

Overall, this matter could be considered a blessing in disguise. In any case, it did not affect Liu Yan from obtaining the sacrificial gem of the altar of sound in the end. He also got some additional improvements. It could be considered a good thing for Liu Yan.

Murakami looked at Liu Yan in surprise when he heard this. The wily Murakami could naturally tell whether Liu Yan was speaking the truth or trying to curry favor with him.

However, Murakami could only see sincerity on Liu Yan's face. Liu Yan didn't care at all. Instead, he looked as if he had gained something.

Murakami was satisfied with Liu Yan. It was indeed rare for someone with such a monstrous talent to have such a mature temperament. It was no wonder Zhong Yuntian had such a high opinion of Liu Yan.

At this moment, even Murakami could not help but believe Zhong Yuntian's words. Liu Yan was a once-in-a-century genius. He was likely to become the hope of humanity in the future and be able to lead humanity out of its predicament.

Murakami felt the same way.

Murakami praised Liu Yan in his heart. On the surface, Murakami's expression was cold, and he did not say anything. He just gave the sacrificial gem of the altar of sound to Liu Yan and let Liu Yan leave.

Chapter 262: The Priorities

A group of Gifted Academy students and a small number of Lighthouse Academy students had all gone to the cafeteria to have their meals after today's trial.

The altar of sound wasn't really dangerous. The students would be teleported out when they were hit by the attacks

However, the students had to be extremely focused during the trial. It was quite stressful for them.

It was especially so when the students persisted in the altar of sound for a longer period. The longer they endured, the more nervous they would be when faced with the terrifying attacks within the altar of sound.

After the torture of the trial, many students were hanging out in the dining hall, which was a rare scene.

The hot topic of the day was undoubtedly the most eye-catching Liu Yan. At this moment, everyone was also discussing Liu Yan's performance at the altar of sound.

"I didn't expect Liu Yan to be able to hold on for so long even when his equipment's movement speed was halved."

"Yeah, it's too amazing. After the speed of special equipment was slowed down, the difficulty of the trial increased by many times."

"Still, Liu Yan could hold on until the same time as Alan Smith. He is indeed stronger than Alan Smith."

"That's not entirely true. It's just a round of trial. It only tested one of his abilities. Alan Smith might not lose to Liu Yan in other aspects."

"But yesterday on the altar of color, Alan Smith and Xu Han were also inferior to Liu Yan."

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The students were discussing animatedly. They all felt that Liu Yan's strength was somewhat ridiculous.

In their hearts, the supreme geniuses Xu Han and Alan Smith seemed slightly inferior to Liu Yan.

In the last two trials, these two geniuses from the Gifted Academy lost to Liu Yan.

However, everyone also understood that this was only two rounds of trials. There were still three rounds to go, and the results were still uncertain.

At this moment, the Gifted Academy's top 30 combat strength, Zheng Tainan, Liu Qing, and Liu Ning also arrived at the canteen.

When the crowd saw Zheng Tainan, they immediately began to tease him.

"Zheng Tainan, it seems that we have wronged you previously. Liu Yan is too amazing, and you are not weak at all."

"That's right. You deserve that bald haircut."

"Liu Yan let you off. Otherwise, it would have been easy for him to take your life."

"I was skeptical about Liu Yan's strength. But now I know Liu Yan is the real deal."

Everyone laughed and teased Zheng Tainan.

When Zheng Tainan heard this, he felt awkward.

He had seen the results of the trial.

Zheng Tainan felt helpless when he saw how eye-catching Liu Yan's performance was. Liu Yan even outclassed Xu Han and Alan Smith.

Initially, Zheng Tainan still had a sliver of hope that he could get the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus back from Liu Yan.

But after seeing Liu Yan's outstanding performance, Zheng Tainan immediately dispelled his thoughts.

Liu Yan's strength was so terrifying. If Zheng Tainan were to confront Liu Yan, he would end up miserably. Zheng Tainan didn't dare to confront Liu Yan anymore.

He could not ask for help from the Gifted Academy's staff.

In addition, the other students were not a match for Liu Yan. The top students of the Gifted Academy had all gone to the Lighthouse Academy as exchange students. Liu Yan's strength was over the chart. No one would dare to make a move on Liu Yan.

Furthermore, the instructors would not help Zheng Tainan either.

After today's incident, no one would dare to make trouble for Liu Yan. Otherwise, if Murakami found out, they would be finished.

Although Murakami encouraged competition, he also upheld fairness. He would not allow the instructors to make a move against the students to occur.

Zheng Tainan couldn't help but sigh. He looked at Liu Qing and Liu Ning beside him and continued pestering them. After all, they were the ones who wrote the IOU. They owed him money.

Liu Qing and Liu Ning also felt annoyed.

The IOU was indeed written by them, but it was Liu Yan who forced them to write it. Liu Qing and Liu Ning did not get the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus. It had nothing to do with them.

"Brother Zheng, you were there at the time. You know that this matter has nothing to do with us. Please don't make things difficult for us." Liu Qing said with a bitter expression.

"Yes, Brother Zheng." Liu Ning also said helplessly, "We didn't get the Angry Buddha Purple Lotus at all. It has nothing to do with us. Besides, we don't have the money."

"I don't care."

Zheng Tainan waved his hand and said, "Your names are on the IOU. It's written in black and white. You have to pay back the money."

The three of them continued to argue over this matter.

At the same time, Liu Yan met up with Chu Long and the other girls and went to the cafeteria to eat.

After ordering the food, Liu Yan and the others sat down and started chatting.

“I didn’t expect Ken Hil to tamper with Brother Liu Yan’s special equipment. It’s really too much.” Chu Long said with some annoyance.

Murong Xue nodded and said, “The people from the Gifted Academy are too much. Liu Yan, how can you just let it go? You must make them pay the price.”

Liu Yan smiled and said, “Forget it. It already happened, so we don’t have to dwell on it. Moreover, Principal Murakami took the initiative to bring it up. The entire Gifted Academy did not do anything else against me.”

Luo Qingcheng heard his words. She nodded and said, “I also agree that we should not delve too deeply into this matter. In any case, Liu Yan did not suffer any losses. Moreover, Murakami also took the initiative to bring up this matter. He did not deliberately mistreat Liu Yan. All we need to do now is focus on the remaining trials. We don’t need to delve into this matter anymore. It will not be of any benefit to us. It will even cause tension between the two academies.”

After listening to Luo Qingcheng’s analysis, Murong Xue and Chu Long were also convinced.

At the moment, they had to prepare for the remaining trials. Not only did they have to pass the trials and ascend to the fifth level of the Tower, but they also needed to get high marks too. It would be helpful for the higher levels of the Tower.

Liu Yan had already obtained two sacrificial gemstones from the two altars. If he could get one or two more sacrificial gemstones or even five sacrificial gemstones, it would be a fruitful harvest.

They continued to chat while having their meal.

Chu Long observed the surroundings. She was a little confused as she said, “Don’t you guys feel that the surrounding students of the Gifted Academy are always peeking at us? It seems like they are still discussing something. I don’t know what they are talking about. It feels so strange.”

Hearing this, Luo Qingcheng immediately smiled and said, “You just noticed it. From the moment we entered, these people around us have been observing and discussing us. To be more precise, they are observing and discussing Liu Yan.”

Murong Xue’s face stiffened and said, “Are they talking bad about us behind our backs? I’ll beat up these guys so they will learn their lesson!”

As Murong Xue said this, she actually stood up and was ready to beat up these students of the Gifted Academy.

Chapter 263: Altar of Fragrance? Altar of Stench!

When Liu Yan saw that Murong Xue was about to make a move, he quickly pulled Murong Xue back.

This woman’s personality was too fierce and aggressive.

Murong Xue looked at Liu Yan in confusion and said, "What are you afraid of? The top powerhouses of their academy aren't here. I could mince them into meat pies."

Liu Yan heard this and immediately said helplessly, "You're thinking too much. They aren't saying bad things about us behind our backs. Don't try to offend other people. Just eat your food."

Murong Xue was a little baffled, but she followed Liu Yan's instructions and sat down to eat her food.

In fact, when Liu Yan had just entered the cafeteria, he had already noticed the students of Gifted Academy were discussing him.

Two days ago, there had indeed been many people criticizing him behind his back.

However,

Liu Yan discovered that the students of the Gifted Academy seemed to have changed their views of him after the trial. They were no longer so hostile towards him. There were even many of them who admired Liu Yan's strength.

They changed their attitude toward Liu Yan because of their respect and admiration for the expert.

The Gifted Academy and the Lighthouse Academy always had a competitive and hostile relationship. But in the end, the Lighthouse Academy and the Gifted Academy belonged to the same continent and could be considered to be on the same side.

At this moment, Chu Long's face was still full of confusion, not understanding what was going on.

However, Luo Qingcheng smiled and explained, "The students of Gifted Academy are all worshipping Liu Yan, but they haven't said anything bad about Liu Yan behind his back."

Murong Xue and Chu Long finally understood after hearing this.

"That's more like it." Murong Xue said.

After Liu Yan and the others had their meal, they returned to their dorms to rest.

They were exhausted after the trial at the altar of sound. They needed a good rest.

Especially Liu Yan. He mostly relied on his vision to avoid all the attacks during the first half of the trial. He had used up all of his energy.

The next day.

On the fourth level of the Tower, in front of a new huge altar.

Liu Yan and the rest of the students followed their instructor, Hong Kewei, who was in charge of today's altar trial, to the fourth level of the Tower.

The students were also looking at the new huge altar curiously. They were wondering about the contents of today's trial.

"I wonder what's the trial today."

"The first day is vision, the second day is hearing. It should be the other senses today."

“Do you smell a stench? It smells so bad.”

“I smell it too. I thought I smelled wrong.”

“The smell seems to come from the altar in front of us. What exactly is this altar today?”

“I don’t know why, but I have a bad feeling.”

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At this moment, Hong Kewei also walked forward. He was in his early thirties. He had long yellow hair and a feminine face, revealing a unique temperament.

Hong Kewei looked at the students below and went straight to the point:

“Students, today our trial altar is the altar of fragrance. I am also the teacher in charge of your trial today.”

“The trial rules of the altar of fragrance are simple. It is to capture a fierce beast within the altar of fragrance.”

“The interior of the altar of fragrance is a stinky swamp area. What you need to do is to capture a fierce beast in this swamp area.”

“Remember, the smaller the fierce beast, the faster the speed, and the higher your score.”

“But don’t forget that you can only catch fierce beasts. You can not harm fierce beasts. The fierce beast you capture can not have any wounds on its body. If there are any wounds, you will get zero points!”

“All of you will enter the trial together. There are no rules in the trial. In the end, we will determine your score by the fierce beasts you captured. Nothing else matters.”

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When the students heard this, they began to whisper among themselves.

Compared to the previous two trials, the rules of this round of altar of fragrance were undoubtedly a little strange.

After listening to the rules, Liu Yan began to ponder.

Based on the discussions of the students, the strength of the fierce beasts within the altar of fragrance should not be strong.

The difficulty of the trial was finding the fierce beasts in a swamp and then capturing them.

However, they could not hurt the fierce beasts when captured, which undoubtedly increased the difficulty of the trial. Capturing a fierce beast was much more difficult than defeating a fierce beast.

In the end, the score was determined by the size and speed of the captured fierce beast. The smaller and faster the fierce beast was, the higher the score would naturally be.

As for the smallest and the fastest, the score would be the highest. Naturally, the student with the highest score would receive the sacrificial gem of the altar of fragrance.

However, the trial this round was slightly different from the previous one. Not only did all the students enter at the same time, but it was also an irregular trial.

In this way, the students were allowed to attack each other.

Some students had powerful combat strength, but they didn't have any special skills to look for the fierce beast. Hence, they could directly plunder the fierce beast in the hands of the other students.

These were only Liu Yan's guesses. He could only find it out after he entered the altar of fragrance.

At this moment, Hong Kewei did not care about the discussions and doubts of the students. Instead, he announced, "Alright, just remember the rules. Time is up, all of you enter the altar and begin the trial. At dusk, all of you will be teleported out. Even if you complete the capture earlier, you can not come out earlier!"

Immediately after, Hong Kewei brought the students to the entrance of the altar and urged all of them to enter and begin the trial.

The students did not have time to discuss this any further before they were chased into the altar of fragrance.

Liu Yan followed the group of students and directly entered the altar of fragrance.

The moment they entered the altar of fragrance, everyone could feel the stench that assaulted their faces.

It was like something had been fermented for years. It was disgustingly foul, and many students could not stand the stench and vomit.

"F*ck, this isn't an altar of fragrance. It's the altar of stench."

"This is too stinky. Who can withstand it?"

"We can only leave at dusk. How are we going to spend half a day?"

"This is too stinky. I'm going to die!"

"Ah, this is torture!"

"They said we can leave early but we will be eliminated."

"It's all a swamp. There's no sign of a fierce beast at all. How can we capture them?"

"This round of trials is too strange. I'm speechless."

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The students all complained.

Liu Yan was also pinching his nose to endure the stench. However, he did not complain. Instead, he quickly observed the situation inside the altar of fragrance.

This trial had already started, so it was meaningless to complain too much. It was better to observe the situation and continue the trial.

Chapter 264: Cruel Rules

Inside the altar of fragrance.

Liu Yan activated his A-grade perception skill, Omniscient Insight. At the same time, he used his new and exceptional vision to observe the situation inside the altar.

Inside the altar of fragrance, one could not see the end of it. It was incomparably huge.

In front of him was a large swamp area.

The swamps were full of mud and nothing else.

The pungent stench assaulted the students' faces. It made them feel nauseous and want to vomit.

However, through his Omniscient Insight, Liu Yan could clearly sense that there were some fierce beasts beneath these seemingly empty swamps.

The strength of these fierce beasts was not that great. They were only around level 30. The other students could take on these fierce beasts alone.

However, the number of these fierce beasts wasn't much. Within a radius of 100 meters, Liu Yan only found three fierce beasts. They were extremely rare.

At this point, Liu Yan had a rough understanding of the trial of the altar of fragrance.

The combat strength of the fierce beasts wasn't that great, and the first difficult point of this trial was to find a fierce beast.

It wasn't an easy thing to find a fierce beast in such a stinky swamp.

However, this was not a difficult task for Liu Yan.

With the A-grade perception skill Omniscient Insight, Liu Yan could find a fierce beast easily. He could identify the surrounding fierce beasts.

Liu Yan only needed to choose a small enough fierce beast to obtain the highest score.

The second difficulty of this trial was to capture the fierce beast.

According to the rules, one could not cause harm to these fierce beasts. If a student caused a wound to the fierce beast or killed it, the student would get zero points and get eliminated. They would not pass the trial.

These fierce beasts originally lived in these swamps. Once they encountered danger, they would dive into the swamps.

As a result, the difficulty of capturing the fierce beast increased a lot.

Without a special skill, it would be extremely difficult to pass this trial if the students could not sense these fierce beasts from the swamp.

Finding the fierce beast in the swamp was challenging, and one had to capture it without harming it. Once these fierce beasts escaped and dived into the depths of the swamp, it would be even harder to find them.

However, it was not a big deal to Liu Yan, so he was not worried.

The final difficulty of this round of trials was the competition.

There were no other rules in this trial. As long as the students handed over fierce beasts without any wounds, they would be able to pass.

The smaller the fierce beast was, the faster it was, and the higher the final score one could obtain.

It also meant the students could snatch each other's fierce beast.

The students without special skills to locate the fierce beasts could wait for other students to capture fierce beasts. Then, they could snatch the captured fierce beasts from the other students. The academy did not care how they captured the fierce beasts.

In addition, the rules clearly stated that they would only be teleported out at dusk.

It also meant the students could not leave the altar even after they captured the fierce beasts. Hence, it would give a chance for other students to rob their captured fierce beasts.

After Liu Yan understood the rules, he was not in a hurry.

Liu Yan had the A-grade perception skill, Omniscient Insight, which allowed Liu Yan to capture the three fierce beasts under the swamp not far away. However, they did not capture those fierce beasts.

Firstly, these three were not small, so they did not worth a high score.

Secondly, the other students would fight him after capturing the fierce beasts.

After all, many students didn't have any special skills. It would be difficult for them to capture the fierce beast under the swamp with their abilities.

If they wanted to pass this round of trials and climb to the higher levels of the Tower, they could only fight the other students.

Some students might attack Liu Yan despite knowing he was ridiculously strong. Moreover, they could totally fight Liu Yan together.

Even though Liu Yan was quite confident in his own strength, if he were to face the many students of the Gifted Academy, he would be outnumbered and lost.

The students who could participate in the trial of the fourth level of the Tower were the top-tier students in their academics. There wasn't a single weakling among them.

Anyway, there was still plenty of time. Liu Yan still got half a day. He could plan out how to capture the fierce beast and confirm his target. Then, he had to ensure he was safe from other students before capturing the fierce beast.

Liu Yan pondered for a moment and decided to first look for Murong Xue and the other two.

Although the three women were exchange students in the Gifted Academy, they were not in the same class as Liu Yan. They were led by different instructors and entered through different entrances.

There was plenty of time. Liu Yan planned to find them first and discuss with them before making a move.

If they completed the trial together, not only would they have each other's care, but Liu Yan could also help them capture the fierce beast.

According to the rules, there was no restriction that they had to personally capture the fierce beast. They just had to submit a fierce beast before the end of the trial.

Liu Yan remembered that Murong Xue and Chu Long did not seem to have perception skills. It would be a little tricky if they wanted to capture the fierce beast in the swamp by themselves.

After making his plan, Liu Yan moved directly and walked forward.

Although it was a large swamp, Liu Yan's agility attribute had already reached over 10,000 points, and his movement was agile.

After he had reconstructed his body, his body was even more agile, and Liu Yan's control over his body was nimble.

With his speed, Liu Yan could walk in the swamp, and he would not sink into it. He would only sink into the swamp when he stopped.

Liu Yan walked on the swamp. He used his Omniscient Insight to search for Murong Xue and the other girls.

Along the way, in the altar of fragrance, Liu Yan also encountered many students from the Gifted Academy and Lighthouse Academy.

At this moment, many students made their moves, continuously searching for the fierce beast in the swamp.

When searching in the swamp, these students' bodies were filled with foul-smelling mud. When Liu Yan passed by, he could smell a pungent stench.

These students were also in a sorry state because of the swamp.

When these students saw Liu Yan's relaxed expression as he directly stepped onto the swamp and quickly passed by, they immediately felt that Liu Yan was very carefree, and they were all envious.

"D*mn, he's too agile."

"I reckon that his agility attribute is very high, or he has a special skill that allows him to do so."

"He's so cool. There's not a single bit of mud on his body. He's not like us, who are in a sorry state."

"So what? He still can't find the fierce beast in the swamp. He still has to get down here to find the fierce beast!"

“He’s Liu Yan. He has already obtained first place in the first two trials and got two sacrificial gemstones.”

“Haha, I reckon that Liu Yan won’t be able to obtain the sacrificial gemstones this round. This round won’t be that simple.”

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The students discussed animatedly. The flustered students were somewhat envious of Liu Yan, who was passing by in a carefree manner.

Chapter 265: Murong Xue Without Any Scruples

Liu Yan ignored the surrounding students looking at him with strange gazes.

The altar of fragrance was extremely huge. Even if Liu Yan had an A-grade perception skill Omniscient Insight, it would still take him some time to find someone in the altar of fragrance.

Fortunately, Liu Yan was much faster than before.

In less than half an hour, Liu Yan successfully found Luo Qingcheng.

At this moment, a small group of students from the Gifted Academy was using their methods to find the fierce beast in the mud. Luo Qingcheng was beside them.

Some used their special skills to find the fierce beasts under the mud.

But even so, it was not so easy to catch the fierce beasts in the mud. They had become desperate and started to lose their patience.

The foul-smelling mud stained their bodies. The students became disgustingly smelly and miserable.

The trial students with special skills were in a dire state, let alone those who did not have special skills.

Most of the trial students did not have the corresponding special skill. Let alone capturing the fierce beasts. It was extremely difficult for them to find the fierce beast in the mud.

In order to pass this trial, these students did not care about their looks. They directly rummaged through the mud, wanting to try their luck to find the fierce beast in the mud. They became even more miserable.

Seeing this, Liu Yan secretly shook his head.

These students with no special skills searched aimlessly for the fierce beast in the mud. It was equivalent to trying their luck.

Indeed, there was a chance to find a fierce beast and then capture it.

But generally, the fierce beasts they could meet were large and relatively slow.

Fierce beasts that were small and fast could sense the movements around them and escape in time. The students could not catch them.

Even if these students were lucky enough to catch an ordinary fierce beast and pass this trial, they couldn't obtain high scores.

In reality, most of the students were not that lucky and would not be able to encounter any fierce beast at all.

As for those students with special skills, if they were to capture the fierce beast this way, they would not capture the small and fast fierce beast. Hence, their score would not be too high.

However, it was impressive to have a special skill. It should not be a big problem for those with special skills to pass this trial.

Compared to these students who were in a sorry state, Luo Qingcheng was clean and chill.

Luo Qingcheng stood not far away with a calm look on her face. She did not join the others to search for the fierce beasts or capture them.

Luo Qingcheng's clothes were also clean. It seemed like she had not made a move yet, which was different from the surrounding students.

At this moment, the students of Gifted Academy endured the stench and constantly rummaged through the mud. They were trying their best to pass this trial.

When they saw Luo Qingcheng was completely clean and did not make a move, they immediately started discussing with disdain.

"Why isn't this beauty making a move? She's just standing by the side."

"Haha. She's a spoiled little princess. She doesn't want to touch the stinky mud in the swamp. She wants to be a fairy."

"I don't understand. Our priority is to pass the trial. No matter how stinky it is, she still has to endure it."

"Who knows, she's a genius student of the Lighthouse Academy. I don't think she's that good."

"Her scores in the first two rounds were very high, but I reckon she can't even pass this trial."

"Haha, ignore her. Let's hurry up and capture the fierce beast as soon as possible."

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Luo Qingcheng listened to the sarcastic comments around her, but her face was calm as if she did not care at all.

Of course, Luo Qingcheng was not afraid that the mud would dirty her clothes, nor was she afraid of the unpleasant stench.

If she could only endure these things to pass the trial, Luo Qingcheng would not mind at all and would directly go forward.

However, Luo Qingcheng was clear about the rules. There was no point in going forward at this time, so she saved her stamina and stood aside.

Luo Qingcheng saw Liu Yan coming to her. She waved her hand and smiled, "I knew you would come looking for us."

"I know the rules." Liu Yan smiled faintly and said.

Upon hearing this, Luo Qingcheng and Liu Yan looked at each other. Both of them could see through each other's thoughts.

The rules of this trial were different compared to the previous round. There were almost no rules. It was unreasonable to look for the fierce beasts and capture them from the start.

Even if these students could successfully capture the fierce beast, it would consume a lot of stamina. They did not have the strength to guard these fierce beasts. Hence, their fierce beasts would definitely be snatched by the others. All of their efforts would be wasted by then.

"It seems you also know there is no need for us to be in a hurry to search for and capture the fierce beast." Luo Qingcheng smiled and said.

Liu Yan nodded slightly. He was not surprised that Luo Qingcheng understood the rules.

Luo Qingcheng was smart. She was also studying in the Command School of the Lighthouse Academy. She had learned all kinds of knowledge, so she was intelligent.

"Let's go and find Murong Xue and Chu Long first. The four of us will meet first. Do you know where the other two are?" Liu Yan asked.

Luo Qingcheng nodded slightly and pointed in a direction, "The two of them are in the class next to mine. If I remember correctly, the entrance should be in that direction."

Hearing that, Liu Yan brought Luo Qingcheng along.

Luo Qingcheng's agility was not as exaggerated as Liu Yan's to walk on the swamp without falling into it. However, after Luo Qingcheng used her skill, she was also able to do so.

The two of them searched together for a while and soon found Murong Xue and Chu Long among another group of students from the Gifted Academy.

Liu Yan and Luo Qingcheng stopped and looked at Chu Long and Murong Xue. The two of them looked at each other and saw the helplessness in each other's eyes.

At this moment, Murong Xue and Chu Long were like most of the students from the Gifted Academy, searching for the stinky mud in the swamp.

From the looks of it, the two women didn't seem to have any special skill that allowed them to sense the fierce beast beneath the mud. At this moment, the two of them were searching aimlessly.

As a result, the two women's bodies were covered in mud. Their appearances were extremely comical.

Chu Long was still slightly better. When she was rummaging through the mud, she was still paying attention to it. She tried her best to reduce the amount of mud on her body. Chu Long did not look too dirty. Only her hands and feet were covered in mud. She was not as miserable as the others.

Murong Xue, on the other hand, was much worse. The impulsive and valiant Murong Xue did not care about anything at this moment. Her movements were bold, and she did not care anything else as she aimlessly searched for the fierce beast in the mud.

A large amount of mud was continuously flipped open by Murong Xue with her shield.

The shield was already huge, and Murong Xue's stamina was quite good. She kept flipping the mud all over the place.

Murong Xue's body was covered in mud, and she also splashed a lot of mud on Chu Long and the surrounding Gifted Academy students.

Many of the surrounding Gifted Academy students were a little displeased by Murong Xue.

Chapter 266: Stay Away from Me

A group of students from the Gifted Academy was also searching for Murong Xue.

However, their movements were much smaller than Murong Xue's movements. The amount of mud they dug out was also much smaller. It wouldn't affect the rest of the students at all.

On the other hand, Murong Xue's movements were much bold. She used a gigantic shield that was bigger than a person. Relying on her terrifying stamina, she continuously dug out the mud. Her movements were rough as she searched for the fierce beast within the swamp.

Murong Xue flipped open another large patch of mud, and it directly landed on the faces of the surrounding Gifted Academy students.

The faces of these few students were covered in mud. They smelled a pungent stench and even felt that some of the mud had entered their mouths.

Immediately, these few Gifted Academy students could not hold it in any longer. They began to criticize Murong Xue.

"Murong Xue, aren't you going too far?!"

"You spilled the mud on us. We've been tolerating you the entire time, but you've become even worse?"

"You even spilled the mud onto our faces. Murong Xue, you're picking a fight, aren't you?"

"Murong Xue, don't think that just because you're good at fighting, we're afraid of you. We can beat you in a group!"

"You're too arrogant!"

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Those students from the Gifted Academy started to criticize Murong Xue. They were extremely furious.

They had been enduring Murong Xue's rudeness for a long time. Now, they really couldn't take it anymore.

At this moment, Murong Xue stopped her actions and glanced at the people around her. She said indifferently, "Then what can I do? "I don't have any special skill, so I can only search like this. Isn't it just some mud? I'm a woman, and I'm not afraid of it. Why are you men dawdling about for? Stop disturbing me. If you're not happy, come and fight me. I'll make it quick for you!"

A few students were scared after hearing Murong Xue's words. They looked at Murong Xue with fear, but they didn't dare to say anything.

It was obvious that Murong Xue had definitely clashed with the students of the Gifted Academy in the past two days.

It seemed like Murong Xue had beaten up the students of the Gifted Academy.

Seeing that everyone had stopped talking, Murong Xue curled her lips and said, "You're afraid of being spilled by me. Why don't you walk away? Why are you standing around me? The altar of fragrance is so big. There are plenty of places, so get lost!"

The group of students from the Gifted Academy thought it was Murong Xue who came near them. Now, Murong Xue chased them away. She was like an unreasonable bully.

Although the Gifted Academy's students were pissed, they didn't dare to say anything to Murong Xue. They could only leave dejectedly and go to other places.

Seeing that the students from the Gifted Academy had already left, Luo Qingcheng laughed out loud. She was watching the whole scene from a side.

"Murong Xue, you are intrepid. You managed to make the students of the Gifted Academy submit to you. They do not even dare to breathe loudly." Luo Qingcheng said with a smile.

Murong Xue and Chu Long looked over when they heard the voice. When they saw Liu Yan and Luo Qingcheng, the two girls immediately stopped what they were doing and walked toward Liu Yan and Luo Qingcheng happily.

Murong Xue smirked and said, "Humph, who asked them to be weaker than me? They dared to provoke me, but I beat them up twice. Now, they're scared of me."

Although Murong Xue was not a match for Liu Yan, she was definitely a genius-level student, a martial arts prodigy.

After entering the Lighthouse Academy, she became a core student in the Combat Technique School of the Lighthouse Academy. During this period, her combat strength had improved a lot.

The most outstanding students of the Gifted Academy had gone to the Lighthouse Academy to study as exchange students.

The rest of the relatively ordinary students were no match for Murong Xue. Murong Xue had dominated her class right now.

At this time, Chu Long also ran over. She said helplessly, "Brother Liu Yan, Sister Luo Qingcheng, you two are finally here. You two must have a way to find the fierce beast in the mud, right? Sister Murong Xue and I have no way to find one at all. We can only rely on our strength to find it. But it's too hard to find a fierce beast. We've been searching for more than half an hour, but we haven't seen a single fierce beast."

Hearing this, Liu Yan sighed helplessly. Of course, they wouldn't be able to find a fierce beast this way.

Murong Xue, Chu Long, and a group of students from the Gifted Academy gathered together to search for fierce beasts, but they couldn't find one at all.

Liu Yan used his A-grade perception skill Omniscient Insight to observe all directions. He had long discovered that there were two fierce beasts in the mud.

However, these two fierce beasts had fled in the direction far away from Murong Xue and the others. They had noticed the students' movement and had immediately left.

Murong Xue and the others had just been rummaging through the mud with so many people. They had caused a big commotion.

Especially Murong Xue. She used a gigantic shield to smash the mud and make loud noises.

These fierce beasts were not stupid. They had already fled in fear when they heard the noises.

Moreover, they were escaping under the mud. Murong Xue and the others could not detect them at all.

If Murong Xue continued to search like this, Liu Yan estimated that Murong Xue would not be able to find any fierce beast until the trial ended. She would not be able to rely on herself to pass this trial.

Liu Yan shook his head and said, "Of course, you won't be able to find a fierce beast. You won't be able to find it in half an hour or even half a day."

Hearing this, Murong Xue walked forward with doubts and asked, "Then how can we find one?"

As Murong Xue approached, Liu Yan immediately felt a foul smell coming from Murong Xue.

Liu Yan hurriedly took two steps back and said annoyingly, "Your body stinks too much. Get away from me quickly, don't get so close."

Luo Qingcheng and Chu Long immediately laughed out loud when they heard that.

Among the four of them, Liu Yan and Luo Qingcheng had the least amount of mud on their bodies, almost none.

Chu Long's body was also fine because she had more hands and feet, so she didn't have much on her body.

However, Murong Xue was different. She didn't care about the mud staining her body. Her body was full of mud now, and she was extremely stinky.

Chu Long and Luo Qingcheng also smelled it just now, but they guessed that Murong Xue didn't say anything about her face, but they didn't expect Liu Yan to say it directly.

Murong Xue heard Liu Yan's words. When she heard that Liu Yan despised her, she was embarrassed and flew into a rage.

Although she had a bold and bold personality, she was still a girl. Being despised by Liu Yan like this, she immediately became angry.

"How dare you! You think I'm smelly and you want me to stay away, right? I won't do that. Come here, I'll make you smelly too!"

Murong Xue shouted angrily and rushed towards Liu Yan.

Liu Yan took a few steps and stepped on the mud to stay away from Murong Xue. Murong Xue couldn't get close at all.

Liu Yan had a terrifying agility attribute. As long as Liu Yan made a move, Murong Xue couldn't get close to Liu Yan without using her skill.

Chapter 267: There Was No Rush

Murong Xue chased after Liu Yan for a while, but she could not catch up to Liu Yan at all.

She was so angry that she gritted her teeth but could not do anything to Liu Yan.

Seeing this, Luo Qingcheng still went forward and calmed Murong Xue down, "Alright, let's hurry up and discuss business first, stop fooling around."

Only then did Murong Xue give up, but she still said in a bad mood, "What's the point of mocking me? You need to dig through the mud and get dirty like me."

Speaking up to this point, Murong Xue looked at Liu Yan and Luo Qingcheng. Only then did she notice that these two people's bodies were clean and without any mud. They didn't go into the mud, nor did they look for the fierce beast.

"Aren't you guys feel frustrated? I looked for a fierce beast for so long, but I couldn't find one. It's too difficult." Murong Xue asked with some doubts.

Chu Long also nodded in agreement, "Yeah, I feel that the fierce beasts in the altar of fragrance are too hard to find. Not only the two of us but so many students around unable to find a fierce beast."

"It's hard to find one without a special skill." Luo Qingcheng nodded slightly.

Upon hearing this, Murong Xue and Chu Long immediately set their eyes on Luo Qingcheng.

Both of them did not have special skills. If they wanted to catch a fierce beast, it would be difficult to find it.

They had been looking for a fierce beast for such a long time, but there was still no sign of a fierce beast.

Luo Qingcheng's words could not be any more obvious. It was obvious that she had a special skill.

As for the rules, there were no restrictions on this aspect. There were no rules at all. As long as they successfully caught a fierce beast before the trial ended, they could count on the help of others. It would not affect their results at all.

Murong Xue hurriedly came in front of Luo Qingcheng and said, "Luo Qingcheng, you have a special skill, right? Then hurry up and help us. I have enough."

"Yes, Sister Luo Qingcheng, hurry up and help us." Chu Long also pleaded.

Luo Qingcheng nodded slightly and said, "I do have a special skill. However, the situation in this swamp is more complicated. I can only have a blurry image under the swamp. The range is not big either. It is about thirty meters. However, Liu Yan should have a better detection skill, right?"

As Luo Qingcheng spoke, she looked at Liu Yan.

Although Liu Yan did not explicitly mention it before, it seemed that Liu Yan obviously had a detection skill, and it was a powerful detection skill.

After all, Liu Yan performed well in the altar of sound. He must have a good detection skill.

Murong Xue and Chu Long also looked at Liu Yan curiously.

"Liu Yan, do you really have a detection skill? How about the detection range?" Murong Xue asked curiously.

Liu Yan faced the curious and puzzled three women and nodded slightly, "Yes, I have a detection skill. The swamp does not affect my skill. I can see the things under the swamp clearly. The range is about a hundred meters."

When Chu Long heard this, she immediately said with joy, "That's great. Brother Liu Yan has such a powerful detection skill. We don't have to spend so much effort to find the fierce beast."

"You should have told me earlier. I even spent so much time looking for it and got myself all stinky and dirty." Murong Xue also let out a sigh of relief.

Previously, Murong Xue did not think much of it. She felt that without a special skill would not be much useful. As long as they caught a fierce beast, they would be able to pass this trial.

However, Murong Xue realized how difficult it was to rely on brute force to find the fierce beast in this swamp. It was simply hopeless.

Fortunately, Liu Yan had a detection skill, and its range was not small. It was a hundred meters in circumference. Therefore, this trial became much easier for them.

After hearing that, Luo Qingcheng looked at Liu Yan with her eyes wide open.

After studying in the Command School, Luo Qingcheng understood the key to the detection skill.

Although these special skills were not helpful to the improvement of combat strength, the detection skill had an extremely crucial role to play in the trial and combat. It allowed the user to gain the upper hand.

Luo Qingcheng's detection-type skill with a detection range of thirty meters was already impressive, but she did not expect Liu Yan's detection-type skill to be so terrifying.

Previously, Luo Qingcheng had already guessed that Liu Yan had a detection-type skill. It should be stronger than her. But she did not expect it to be off the chart, reaching an unbelievable range of a hundred meters.

In this way, Liu Yan could gain the upper hand in all sorts of situations.

Liu Yan said he could detect the fierce beasts under the swamp clearly. It was even more terrifying.

At this moment, Luo Qingcheng was jealous of Liu Yan. Liu Yan's combat strength was already tremendously strong, but his detection skill could be so powerful too. Liu Yan was an expert in all aspects.

No wonder the academy, the principal, and the other principals paid so much attention to Liu Yan. It was not without reason.

Murong Xue also hurriedly said, "Then why are we still standing here? Liu Yan and Murong Xue, you two find the fierce beast. Let's quickly capture and complete this round of trial together."

"What are you so anxious for? It's still early. We will only end this round of trial at dusk." Liu Yan said in a bad mood.

Murong Xue was about to refute and felt relieved to complete the capture as soon as possible.

Luo Qingcheng pulled Murong Xue aside and started to explain.

"Murong Xue, you have to be careful. There are no rules. So even if we capture the fierce beast, other students can snatch our fierce beast. We can't leave early. After capturing a fierce beast, we have to defend it."

"There are so many students from the Gifted Academy, but they didn't manage to capture the fierce beast. What do you think they will do if we capture one now?"

Luo Qingcheng patiently explained.

Chu Long immediately understood after listening. She said, "They will definitely attack us and snatch our fierce beast. Although we are strong, they have many people. It will be very troublesome for us, especially since there is still so much time before dusk."

However, Murong Xue said in a carefree manner, "What are you afraid of? They are just a bunch of rookies. We can defend our fierce beast."

Liu Yan and Luo Qingcheng were stunned when they heard her words and were also a little speechless.

Although it was true that they were strong enough to fight the other students, there were so many students. It was inevitable that something unexpected would happen.

"It's better to capture the fierce beast after a period. It's safer this way." Luo Qingcheng continued to suggest.

“That’s it. We’ll go capture them when the time is almost up. Let’s rest for a while and observe the movements of the other students first.” Liu Yan decided.

Murong Xue felt that it did not matter. She did not need to be afraid of others snatching their fierce beast. After all, her strength was powerful.

However, since Liu Yan and the others had said so, Murong Xue could not refute anything. After all, only Liu Yan and Luo Qingcheng had the detection skill. In the end, it was the two of them who had the right to speak.

Following that, Liu Yan and the others walked around the altar of fragrance patiently, observing the movements of the other students. At the same time, Liu Yan and Luo Qingcheng also used their detection skill to search for the fierce beast in the surrounding swamp.

Chapter 268: Threat

Inside the altar of fragrance.

Liu Yan and the others were constantly moving around, observing the situation around them.

They found that the situation had not changed.

Those students without a special skill could only aimlessly dig through the mud and try their luck to find the fierce beast. Not only were they tired and stinky, but they also could not find anything at all.

Those students with special skills were not any better.

After all, they could find the exact location of the fierce beasts, but the fierce beasts could still move. The fierce beasts quickly ran away when they sensed the movement of the students.

These fierce beasts were all in the mud. Once they ran away, it wouldn’t be easy for the students to catch them.

But on the whole, those students with special skills could still occasionally catch a fierce beast. The harvest was still pretty good.

However, the fierce beasts they caught were big, and their movement speed was not fast. Those students could pass the trial but could not get a high score.

However, most of the students were completely satisfied with this. After all, this trial was relatively challenging. They hoped that they could pass the trial even without a high score. Many students put in a lot of effort, but they did not find anything at all.

They did not even see the shadow of a fierce beast. Even if they managed to spot the fierce beasts, those fierce beasts disappeared without a trace, making it impossible to capture them.

As time passed, some students gradually became restless.

They knew that if they continued to search aimlessly, they would not successfully capture a fierce beast in this large swamp for the rest of the time.

Very soon, some people remembered the rules. There was no restriction that they had to catch the fierce beast themselves. They would pass the trial as long as they could submit an uninjured fierce beast.

Very soon, these people had their eyes on the students who had already caught the fierce beast and were resting.

Liu Yan and the others were hanging around when they saw Zheng Tainan, Liu Qing, and Liu Ning not far away. They surrounded a student who had caught the fierce beast.

Luo Qingcheng noticed this scene and smiled faintly, "It seems that these people are starting to get restless. After all, they don't have much time left."

Chu Long heard this and asked in confusion, "What do you mean by restless? What does this mean?"

Murong Xue saw Zheng Tainan and the other two not far away and immediately guessed something.

"Looks like these people are preparing to snatch that student's fierce beast." Murong Xue smiled and said.

Liu Yan heard this and followed the women's line of sight.

At this moment, Zheng Tainan and the other two surrounded a skinny and weak young man.

There was a fierce beast half the size of a human beside the skinny student. The young man had already captured it and tied it.

The skinny student's body was covered in mud, and even his face and hair were covered in mud. He looked exhausted and stinky.

The skinny student had expended a lot of effort to capture the fierce beast beside him.

However, compared to most of the students in the trial, he was relatively lucky.

He had at least successfully captured a fierce beast even though he was in a miserable state.

The skinny student's fierce beast would not give him a high score, but he could at least pass the trial.

Most of the other students had expended a great deal of effort, but they were still unable to find anything.

At this moment, Zheng Tainan brought Liu Qing and Liu Ning and surrounded them.

The three of them went in three different directions and surrounded the skinny student.

When the skinny student saw Zheng Tainan and the other two walking toward him, he immediately felt something was wrong. He stood up with a cautious expression and said, "Zheng Tainan, what are the three of you trying to do?"

Zheng Tainan smiled disdainfully and said, "Shi Hao, I know you have a special skill. You definitely have a way to find the location of the fierce beast, right? Just give us your fierce beast, and you can capture another one yourself. What do you think?"

When Shi Hao heard this, his expression immediately became unsightly.

Shi Hao had already successfully captured the fierce beast, so he was relaxed and not on guard. Then, Zheng Tainan and the other two surrounded him.

After learning Zheng Tainan's plan, Shi Hao immediately became nervous.

Shi Hao did indeed have a detection skill. He was able to detect the fierce beast under the mud, unlike the others who could only rely on luck to find one.

It was possible to detect a fierce beast, but it was hard to capture one.

These fierce beasts could move freely in the mud, making it extremely difficult to capture them.

It had been three hours since they entered the altar of fragrance.

During this period, Shi Hao discovered dozens of fierce beasts.

He couldn't catch most of them. As soon as he dug up the mud, those fierce beasts had already disappeared without a trace.

He had captured a few of them but also injured them when capturing them.

Although these fierce beasts weren't strong, they weren't particularly weak either. It was difficult to capture these fierce beasts without causing any injuries.

Those injured fierce beasts were useless. They did not worth any score.

Shi Hao managed to catch one out of ten fierce beasts without injuring it.

Although it wasn't a fierce beast with high marks, it was enough for him to pass this trial.

However, he didn't expect that after resting for a short while, Zheng Tainan and the other two would surround him, wanting to snatch his fierce beast.

Shi Hao knew that once they snatched his fierce beast, it would be difficult for him to capture another fierce beast even if he had a detection skill.

If he were lucky, he would be able to capture another beast. If he was unlucky, he might not be able to capture one at all.

"You guys are going too far. Why don't you go and capture it yourself? You only know how to snatch it." Shi Hao shouted at the top of his lungs.

Shi Hao's shout also attracted the attention of the surrounding students.

After roughly understanding the situation, not a single student wanted to step forward to help. Instead, their eyes lit up, and they decided to follow Zheng Tainan's example.

They had no special skills to capture fierce beasts, but as long they had the strength, they could snatch fierce beasts from the other students. This was also permitted under the rules, and it was also a method to pass this trial!

Zheng Tainan heard Shi Hao's shout. However, he said with an indifferent expression, "Stop shouting. This is permitted under the rules. If you want to blame someone, then blame yourself for being weak and unable to guard this fierce beast. You make your choice. Either you give us this fierce beast intact, and you still have a chance to capture another one. Otherwise, we will make our move. If we injure you, then you probably won't have a chance to pass this trial, right?"

After Zheng Tainan finished speaking, he looked at the fierce beast tightly held in Shi Hao's arms with a cold smile.

Zheng Tainan didn't make a move because he didn't want Shi Hao to get desperate and injure the fierce beast accidentally. It was not worth the loss. He figured it was better to threaten Shi Hao so that Shi Hao would give up willingly. Then, he might be able to get the fierce beast from Shi Hap.

When the surrounding people heard Zheng Tainan's words, they looked at Shi Hao with some pity. Zheng Tainan and the other two were all top 30 students in the Gifted Academy. Shi Hao was not their match at all.

Chapter 269: Cruelty

Within the altar of fragrance.

Shi Hao was nervous and angry.

After hesitating for a while, Shi Hao had no choice but to compromise even though he was angry and clenched his teeth.

Although Shi Hao's strength was above average within the Gifted Academy, he was not comparable to existence like Zheng Tainan, whose battle prowess was in the top 30.

At this moment, he was surrounded by Zheng Tainan and the other two. Within this swamp, his movements were restricted, and he had no chance of escaping.

Shi Hao was very clear about the outcome if he tried to resist. He would definitely be beaten by Zheng Tainan and the other two. After being injured, he would lose his fierce beast.

At that time, Shi Hao would no longer have the chance to capture a fierce beast and pass this trial on the altar of fragrance.

Rather than doing so, he might as well hand over the fierce beast he captured and preserve his strength. Then, he would find another opportunity to capture a fierce beast.

Even though it was humiliating, this was still the best choice.

In the end, Shi Hao helplessly handed over the fierce beast in his hand. Then, he left this place dispiritedly.

Zheng Tainan and the other two became happy after obtaining the fierce beast.

"That's more like it. It saves us the trouble of making a move, haha!" Zheng Tainan laughed.

Initially, Zheng Tainan was still struggling over how he could pass this trial. He did not expect it to be so simple. He could just plunder another student instead of capturing a fierce beast himself.

Zheng Tainan looked at the fierce beast that he had obtained. It was quite ordinary. Its size was not small, and its speed was not slow either. He reckoned its score was not high, but it was enough to pass the trial.

Zheng Tainan directly threw this fierce beast to Liu Qing at the side and said, "Take good care of it. If you injure it or lose it, I'll kill you. If I can find a better fierce beast, I'll give this fierce beast to you as a reward."

When Liu Qing heard this, his face was immediately filled with joy.

Zheng Tainan's strength was not bad. Liu Qing and Liu Ning would have a chance to plunder another two fierce beasts if they followed Zheng Tainan. At that time, he would naturally be able to follow them through this trial.

When the surrounding students saw that Shi Hao did not resist and handed over the fierce beast he had painstakingly captured, they all began to ridicule him.

"Shi Hao is too cowardly."

"Shi Hao's strength isn't bad. I thought he would fight to the death."

"He doesn't have the fighting spirit. He just handed over the fierce beast to Zheng Tainan."

"It seems like this is a pretty good idea. We can't capture the fierce beast ourselves, but we can still plunder one from others."

"That's right. Why don't we do it together? Wouldn't it be a piece of cake to plunder other people if we team up?"

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The students mocked Shi Hao as he left. They were also discussing amongst themselves.

Most students had no way of capturing the fierce beast in the swamp.

However, after seeing Zheng Tainan's method, they were enlightened.

It would be fine even if they couldn't capture the fierce beast themselves because they could plunder the fierce beast captured by others.

Although they weren't as powerful as Zheng Tainan, there was always someone weaker than them.

In addition, if they worked together, it would be easy for them to plunder other students.

However, some students felt they didn't have the strength to plunder, so they could only continue searching for fierce beasts aimlessly in the swamp.

At the same time, Liu Yan also witnessed the scene just now.

Liu Yan ignored the discussions of the surrounding people.

Shi Hao's strength was average, so he was no match for Zheng Tainan and the other two.

Under the circumstances just now, giving up the fierce beast was the best choice. Although it was humiliating, Shi Hao had no choice.

If Shi Hao acted impulsively, he would not be able to protect the fierce beast he captured. Instead, he would be injured and no longer have a chance to pass this trial.

If Shi Hao compromised, he still had a chance to pass this trial. Only then would he be able to continue becoming stronger. In the future, he would naturally have the opportunity to take revenge on Zheng Tainan and the other two.

Liu Yan looked at Shi Hao's back in the distance. For some reason, he had a good feeling about this person.

Luo Qingcheng also saw this scene. She nodded and praised, "This person's temperament isn't bad. Although he isn't a genius, he still has some talent. With such a temperament, he will have a great chance to grow up in the future and become an expert."

When Liu Yan heard this, he couldn't help but agree in his heart.

Shi Hao's small interlude didn't cause Liu Yan and the others to pay too much attention to it. They continued to wander around the swamp and observe.

As time passed, the remaining time became lesser.

Most of the students put in a lot of effort. They were getting dirty and tired, but they didn't find any fierce beast.

Most students didn't even see the shadow of a fierce beast, let alone capture a fierce beast,

Many students gradually realized that it would be difficult to gain anything if they continued to search aimlessly. They began to have devious ideas.

Plundering those students who had already captured a fierce beast was undoubtedly the best choice.

Fights between the students constantly broke out in many places within the altar of fragrance.

In order to pass this round of trial, many students fought fiercely with their schoolmates and even their former good friends.

As for those students who had captured the fierce beast, they swore to protect it with their lives.

After all, capturing a fierce beast in the swamp of the altar of fragrance wasn't an easy task.

However, the results were mostly negative. Most of the students could not protect the fierce beast in their hands.

Even if there were occasionally students who were stronger and successfully protected their fierce beasts, they would quickly encounter new students and no longer have the strength to resist.

And those students who had successfully plundered the fierce beast also fought fiercely to protect the fierce beast in their hands.

Fights broke out all over the places in the altar of fragrance.

The situation within the swamp had gradually turned from the students fighting against the swamp and fierce beast to the students fighting amongst themselves.

In the end, the greatest enemy was still humanity itself.

In the entire swamp, there were continuous battles. In order to pass this trial, the students fought each other fiercely. It was extremely cruel.

Murong Xue looked at the scene around her. She couldn't help but say with some surprise, "I didn't expect the fight to be so lively. No wonder you guys weren't in a hurry to catch the fierce beast. You all anticipated this scene?"

As Murong Xue spoke, she looked at Liu Yan and Luo Qingcheng.

Previously, after Murong Xue had figured out the rules, she knew fights between students would happen.

However, Murong Xue didn't expect the battles would be so frequent and cruel. These students had given their all to fight the others.

Murong Xue asked herself. Her strength was not bad. However, she could not withstand the continuous siege and ruthless battle no matter how strong she was. Many students had gone mad as the clock was ticking.

Liu Yan and Luo Qingcheng looked at each other and smiled. They had expected this scene.

After all, the determination of these students to go to the fifth level of the Tower and become stronger after passing the trial could not be underestimated.

Fortunately, Liu Yan and the others did not catch the fierce beast ahead of time, so they saved a lot of trouble.

If they caught fierce beasts, it would be challenging and tiring to defend their fierce beasts from the others.

Chapter 270: Starting to Move

Within the altar of fragrance.

Liu Yan and the others continued to walk around.

Most students were busy with their own matters.

They were either busy searching for and capturing the fierce beast in the swamp, plundering other students, or protecting the fierce beasts in their hands.

There were constant clashes and battles between the students. They had given all out in their fights

Liu Yan and the others were different compared to the other busy students. They were walking leisurely.

Many students noticed Liu Yan and the others and felt puzzled.

However, they were busy with their own matters, so they ignored Liu Yan and the girls.

At this moment, Liu Yan looked at the time. It was about time.

There were only two hours left before the end of the trial. It was about time for them to make their move.

After all, they needed to reserve some time to prevent any accidents. If they made their move too late and missed the time, they would not be able to pass the trial. It was not worth the risk.

“It’s about time. We can prepare to make our move.” Liu Yan stopped and said.

When Murong Xue heard this, her expression immediately changed. She pointed in a direction and said, “Those people have a few fierce beasts in their hands. Should we go fight them?”

Murong Xue thought she was about to fight someone, so she looked forward to it.

Chu Long, who was at the side, frowned slightly and said, “It’s not good for us to rob them. If we can capture fierce beasts by ourselves, we should capture them ourselves. If it doesn’t work, then we can plunder them.”

Liu Yan did not care about the other students, but he did not have any thoughts of plundering them.

It was not that he was afraid of harming the other students. Liu Yan was not a kind-hearted person. Liu Yan did not want to plunder other students because their fierce beasts were not up to his standard.

Liu Yan had observed the surrounding. After the beginning of the conflict, fewer and fewer students tried to capture fierce beasts by themselves. Most of them joined in the plundering.

Because of this, fewer students went on their own to search for and capture fierce beasts. In reality, they did not catch any fierce beast with high marks.

Most of the captured fierce beasts were not small and were relatively slow. Hence, they were not worthy of high scores. The students would only be able to pass this round of the trial.

Liu Yan, on the other hand, would be able to find a higher score fierce beast by himself. There was no need to plunder these low-score fierce beasts.

“We can find fierce beasts ourselves. Their fierce beasts are not good enough. There’s no need to plunder them.” Liu Yan said directly.

Murong Xue was a little disappointed when she knew she could not get into a fight.

Luo Qingcheng saw Murong Xue. She smiled and teased, “Murong Xue, do you want to fight? Don’t worry. When we capture a fierce beast, there’s a high probability that the other students will come to plunder it. When the time comes, there will be plenty of battles waiting for you.”

Upon hearing that, Murong Xue immediately felt relieved, “That’s good. When the time comes, if those little brats dare to plunder our fierce beast, I’ll beat the sh*t out of them.”

Upon hearing that, Luo Qingcheng immediately smiled and looked at Liu Yan, "I can only sense two fierce beasts within a thirty-meter radius, but their sizes are not small. Did you find anything?"

Liu Yan used his A-grade perception skill Omniscient Insight. He shook his head and said, "Other than those two, there are a few fierce beasts in the surroundings. However, their sizes are larger, and their scores are not high. I reckon the battle nearby is more intense, so most fierce beasts have escaped. Let's go to other places to take a look."

Following that, Liu Yan brought a few women and trekked through the swamp, heading towards places where there were fewer students.

After all, the students were fighting in crowded places. The noises they made caused many fierce beasts to run away.

Liu Yan and his group left the noisy place. After avoiding the crowd, they continued to search.

Luo Qingcheng's detection skill could only detect a radius of thirty meters, which was relatively limited. Therefore, she mainly relied on Liu Yan to search.

In less than ten minutes, Liu Yan stopped.

At this time, Luo Qingcheng also looked at Liu Yan with a face full of joy. She also sensed it.

There were two fierce beasts near Liu Yan's group. Moreover, the size of these two fierce beasts was small. They were only half the size of a human. Compared to the fierce beasts captured by the other students, the two fierce beasts were much smaller. Besides, their scores were much higher.

These two fierce beasts were the smallest fierce beasts that Liu Yan's group had encountered so far.

"There's a fierce beast? Where is it? Tell me. I'll hurry up and catch it." Murong Xue could not wait any longer.

However, Liu Yan shook his head slightly. "I'll catch it. You'll scare it and let it run away."

"Tch, you're looking down on me." Murong Xue was somewhat displeased when she heard this, but she did not make any more movements, not disturbing Liu Yan.

Liu Yan directly used a B-grade skill Traceless Silence and approached one of the fierce beasts.

Liu Yan knew these smaller fierce beasts were also faster, agile, and extremely sensitive.

If Murong Xue were to catch them, it was very likely that these two fierce beasts would sense the movement and run away as soon as she got near.

Compared to the fierce beasts caught by the other students, these two fierce beasts were extremely difficult to catch.

Liu Yan didn't make any sound. Not only his footsteps but even his heartbeat and breathing couldn't be heard. When Luo Qingcheng and Murong Xue saw that, they were surprised.

The two girls didn't expect Liu Yan to have such a special skill and could get close without making a sound.

Murong Xue and Luo Qingcheng looked at each other and saw the surprise in each other's eyes.

However, to avoid affecting Liu Yan, the two women did not dare to make any sound.

On the other side, Liu Yan moved slowly without making any noise. Very soon, he arrived above the two fierce beasts.

Until now, the two fierce beasts did not notice Liu Yan's approach and did not sense the danger coming toward them.

Liu Yan used his Soft Blade Boxing Gloves instead of other weapons.

The Soft Blade Boxing Gloves were only A-grade, and could not compare to the SS-grade Blue Flame Gloves. Their combat strength was not even on the same level.

However, the Soft Blade Boxing Gloves had a special function in this situation.

It could cover the hands and was extremely thin, like a layer of sandpaper. At the same time, it had quite a bit of damage and toughness. It could also easily pass through the mud. Under such circumstances, it was simply the best choice.

Liu Yan seized the opportunity, and his arms stabbed into the mud.

With the help of Soft Blade Boxing Gloves, Liu Yan had incredible speed and strength. Liu Yan stabbed his arms into the mud. He accurately caught the two fierce beasts, and then directly pulled out the mud.

The two fierce beasts looked like hamsters but had sharp fangs. They were extremely frightened. They did not even notice Liu Yan's approach and were directly caught by Liu Yan.

The two fierce beasts stretched out their fangs and roared as they were about to bite Liu Yan.

Liu Yan grabbed tightly and caught the special rope that Murong Xue threw toward him. He immediately tied up the two fierce beasts.

This time, the capture was completed in such a short time.