

## Towers 31

### Chapter 31: A-grade Skill: Frost Control!

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Liu Yan was in pain, but he had no time to think about it. Now was the best time to attack.

At this moment, the freeze bird was trying to escape from the white fog.

However, due to the effect of the white fog, its speed had slowed down quite a bit.

Liu Yan seized the opportunity and hurriedly drew his bow.

While attaching poison to his arrows, this time, Liu Yan also used Flame Control and attached fire to the arrows.

The freeze bird was an ice-type fierce beast, so flames would definitely have a certain control effect on it.

A few arrows were released continuously.

Being shrouded in the white fog, not only was the freeze bird's speed greatly affected but its vision as well.

Liu Yan's arrows successfully hit the target.

The arrows that were imbued with poison and flames had extremely high lethality.

Having only ordinary defense stats, the freeze bird was instantly unable to take the attacks and fell to the ground, injured.

Liu Yan shot out a few more arrows and finally succeeded in killing the freeze bird.

[Congratulations on your victory in battle. Obtained: EXP +500!]

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Liu Yan put away the Fog and the surrounding white fog disappeared. He then came to the freeze bird's corpse and used Divine Extraction.

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Green light enveloped the freeze bird's corpse, and a notification sounded.

[Divine Extraction of the freeze bird's corpse has been successful. Obtained: strength +35, vitality +41, agility +52, Frost Control (A-grade)!]

2

[Frost Control]

[Grade: A]

[Effect: Able to freely control frost and unleash powerful strength!]

Liu Yan was overjoyed when he saw the rewards of using Divine Extraction.

The level 8 freeze bird had provided him with a lot of attribute points, improving his overall strength by quite a lot.

Apart from that, he had obtained another A-grade skill, Frost Control!

Frost Control and Flame Control were similar skills with opposite attributes. They were both powerful A-grade skills that granted him control over an element. One was fire-attributed while the other was ice-attributed.

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The skills of opposing elements had thus appeared in the same person.

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In the future, Liu Yan would be able to use these two skills that each controlled an element at the same time. If used together, he would be able to display even more terrifying combat strength!

However, Liu Yan also understood that he shouldn't stay in the frost secret realm for too long. He had to leave as soon as possible.

Immediately, Liu Yan turned his gaze to the freeze bird's corpse.

After Divine Extraction had been used on it, it had already degenerated by more than half, but its feathers were still intact.

In the battle just now, Liu Yan had discovered some of his own problems.

Although he was very fast, that was not the case for the arrows he shot.

It would've been fine under any normal circumstances. After all, when dealing with ordinary fierce beasts or fierce beasts that were not very fast, Liu Yan could easily hit them.

However, when facing a powerful fierce beast like the freeze bird that was very fast, it would be much harder to hit the target.

In the battle just now, if he hadn't relied on the skill Fog to delay the freeze bird, his arrows might not have hit his target at all.

If he could not even hit his target, then no matter how high the damage his arrows would deal, it would be useless.

Liu Yan looked at the feathers of the frozen bird. This was very good material for making arrow feathers.

He quickly squatted and cut the feathers down with a dagger, making them into arrow feathers.

2

Not long after, by using the feathers of the freeze bird, he successfully made frost arrows.

Not only was the speed of the arrows greatly increased, but there was also the frost element attached to them. They could instantly freeze the target then directly break it into pieces.

With this, Liu Yan's combat strength had once again improved greatly.

Following that, Liu Yan chose to leave. He shouldn't stay in the frost secret realm for too long.

2

After walking for a while, when he passed by the enchanted puppets, he had some ideas in his heart.

The enchanted puppets were not considered living beings, but they were still objects, so Divine Extraction should work on them, right?

Curious, Liu Yan came to the bodies of the already crippled enchanted puppets and used Divine Extraction.

As white light enveloped the puppets, a notification appeared in front of Liu Yan's eyes.

[Divine Extraction of the enchanted puppets has been successful. Obtained: Map of traps in the secret realm!]

A map appeared in Liu Yan's hand, clearly indicating the distribution of traps in the secret realm.

It turned out that the map of the entire secret realm had been stored inside the puppets. Now that Liu Yan had obtained the map, he could see through all of it.

Soon, he had a guess.

Although the enchanted puppets were controlled by the freeze bird, they were obviously not made by the freeze bird itself. After all, the bird's claws were not that delicate yet.

Clearly, the creator of the enchanted puppets was someone else.

It might even be a human or some humanoid fierce beast!

The enchanted puppets could also be considered a trap. When they had been made, the map of traps seemed to have been stored inside them through a special method.

The creator probably never expected that Liu Yan, who possessed Divine Extraction, would be able to extract the map at once.

Liu Yan was secretly delighted. With this map, his following exploration would be much more smooth.

Not only could he save time by directly following the map, but all the traps had been marked on it. His exploration on level two would undoubtedly be much safer.

After reading the map for a while, Liu Yan figured out his bearings and immediately set off.

As he continued to go deeper into the secret realm, he found a long ice tunnel.

Walking in it, he soon discovered some man-made traces around.

The tunnel in the secret realm was made of ice crystals, and it looked extremely peaceful.

However, Liu Yan, who had the secret realm's map of traps, knew very well that this seemingly peaceful tunnel was much more dangerous than the previous world of ice and snow.

The previous world of ice and snow had not been dangerous except for the freeze bird and the enchanted puppets.

And now, this tunnel made of ice crystals was covered with all kinds of traps.

Liu Yan took out his bow and shot an arrow in a direction in front of him.

When the arrow landed, a huge rock immediately toward him.

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The huge rock was gigantic, almost the size of the entire tunnel.

However, Liu Yan, who had already known about it beforehand, went straight to the corner of the wall and dodged the huge rock by hiding in the cracks.

After dodging it, Liu Yan looked at the huge rock that rolled ahead as the ground shook slightly. He was extremely fearful.

If not for the secret area's map of traps and he was to face the huge rock unprepared, even if he could dodge it, he would definitely be injured.

After that, Liu Yan didn't even take two steps before he suddenly retreated dozens of steps.

The area where he was originally standing was now covered with crossbow bolts.

The extremely fast crossbow bolts were also covered with poison and were extremely dangerous.

With that, Liu Yan relied on the secret realm's map of traps for the rest of his journey.

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The path was filled with all kinds of traps. There were huge rocks, crossbow bolts, quicksand, holes, poison gas, and everything else.

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Fortunately, Liu Yan had the secret area's map of traps. Otherwise, if he was hit by any one of the traps and got injured, it would have been even harder for him to deal with the rest of the traps.

But now, he had a smooth journey of avoiding all the traps.

After avoiding all the traps, Liu Yan went forward and used his hunter class specialty to dismantle the traps one by one.

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If the traps were useless to him, he directly dismantled and destroyed them. If they were still useful, he first dismantled them and then put them into his storage ring, saving them for his own use in the future.

Along the way, facing so many traps, Liu Yan was completely fine. On the contrary, he had obtained many more materials to make traps, which he stored in his storage ring.

At the same time, as he removed the traps, his ability to arrange and install traps had further improved.

### **Chapter 32: Evolution, Ice and Fire Two-headed Wolf!**

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Liu Yan arrived safely at the end of the ice crystal tunnel.

He had originally thought that there would be some treasures or some danger at the end of the tunnel, but in reality, there was nothing.

Liu Yan found it a little strange and went forward to further explore when he suddenly triggered a mechanism under his feet.

He immediately activated Swiftsteps and used Spirit Vision to sense his surroundings. Once he sensed danger, he would immediately avoid it.

At the same time, Liu Yan was quite puzzled. Why didn't the secret realm's map of traps indicate that there was a trap here?

However, after a few seconds, no trap appeared. Instead, a human figure appeared in front of the empty ice wall before him.

Only then did Liu Yan realize that this was an imaging mechanism that would display the human figure.

Immediately, he looked at the human figure's footage and soon understood.

All of this was originally the works of a powerful cultivator. His class was a magic warlock, which was a hidden class like the hunter.

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In addition to hunters and magic warlocks, there were many other powerful hidden classes.

This powerful magic warlock had been injured in the higher levels of the Tower. He did not have long to live, but he was unwilling to give up. Therefore, he found a way to retreat to level two to recover.

He first made enchanted puppets, then released the freeze bird to control the enchanted puppets and protect the periphery.

At the same time, he himself stayed here and tried to heal and recover.

He didn't expect that his injuries were too severe and failed to recover in the end.

In desperation, he had no choice but to leave the last bit of his soul in the magic tool for the future Awakened. This way, at the very least, his life wouldn't be wasted and he could make a contribution to humanity.

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Liu Yan didn't expect there to be such a story.

Now that the magic tool had been found by Liu Yan, Liu Yan was naturally the destined one.

Liu Yan then took the magic tool that was in front of him and continued to watch the human figure in it.

Other than the introduction just now, what was left was the methods to make and use various magic tools as well as puppets.

Only then did Liu Yan learn that the raw material to make such tools was magic crystals.

Magic crystals contained powerful power that could drive all the tools.

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Magic crystals could only be obtained from the bodies of the fierce beasts they killed. Usually, they would be located in the head and sometimes in the heart.

Other than that, the most crucial material in making a puppet was the soul of a living person.

When Liu Yan saw this, he immediately felt a headache coming on. The other things were fine. Although the materials were rare, there were ways to obtain them.

As for the soul of living persons, it was a tad too difficult to get any.

Extracting another's soul would definitely kill the other party.

In other words, if Liu Yan wanted to create his own powerful enchanted puppet, he would have to first kill someone...

Liu Yan shook his head and decided to think about all this later.

At this time, the footage had also ended and the human figure had vanished into thin air.

The magic warlock was, after all, a powerful hidden class, so he only taught his techniques to one person.

If anyone else arrived after this, they would not be able to obtain Liu Yan's gains.

Liu Yan looked at the ice crystal in front of him, but he noticed that the inferno shadow wolf seemed to be very interested.

With that, he summoned it.

Since it was interested, he would give the ice crystal to it.

Liu Yan now understood its personality. Generally, things that it was interested in would be very important to it and would improve it greatly. It would not be interested in other things.

Besides, the inferno shadow wolf had played a key role in the battle with the freeze bird just now.

If not for the inferno shadow wolf's cooperation, Liu Yan reckoned that he would have been doomed in that battle.

This also made Liu Yan realize that he needed to improve the inferno shadow wolf's combat strength as soon as possible to help himself.

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After all, he traveled alone most of the time. Having a powerful and reliable combat partner would be of great help to him and would increase his combat strength by a lot.

At this moment, the inferno shadow wolf came to the front of the ice crystal and directly swallowed it.

Following that, its entire body emitted a purplish-blue light and looked like it was evolving.

Liu Yan, who was by the side, was also quite curious. Wasn't the inferno shadow wolf fire-attributed? Why was it able to devour ice-attributed ice crystals to evolve?

3

Liu Yan could not understand the logic behind this and could only wait by the side.

Ten minutes later, the inferno shadow wolf that was evolving with closed eyes once again emitted a light so blinding that Liu Yan couldn't help but close his eyes.

When the light disappeared, the inferno shadow wolf's body had already undergone a huge change.

It actually grew another head.

The newly grown head looked the same as its original head. However, it was covered in ice crystals, and its eyes were filled with a cold light.

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At the same time, the body of the inferno shadow wolf had gotten even stranger.

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Its entire body was emitting a faint blue light, but for a minute it looked like flickering flames, and in another minute it looked like ice crystals. It was extremely strange.

Liu Yan was curious and quickly checked the wolf's stats.

[Ice and Fire Two-headed Wolf]

[Level: 7]

[Potential: S]

2

[HP: ...]

Liu Yan was immediately surprised when he saw this.

To think after devouring the ice crystal, the inferno shadow wolf had evolved into the ice and fire two-headed wolf.

Not only had its level increased tremendously, reaching level 7, but its potential had also reached the S-grade! Its overall strength had increased tremendously.

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Liu Yan was only in level 4 and was about to reach level 5. After following Liu Yan, the shadow wolf had improved tremendously. In just a day or two, it had already reached level 7. Its improvement speed was extremely terrifying.

However, Liu Yan also understood that this was mainly because it had devoured too much.

It had first eaten the fire Kylin, and now, it had swallowed the ice crystal. Both of which had extremely high levels.

At the same time, the opposing attributes of ice and fire seemed to have made the shadow wolf much stronger.

At this moment, the ice and fire two-headed wolf seemed to have felt the increase in its strength increase and was also extremely happy. It came to Liu Yan's side and rubbed against him.

Liu Yan immediately used his hand to rub and pat the wolf for a while.

However, the sensation was really strange.

One moment he felt like his hand was burning, and the next moment it was extremely cold.

Fortunately, Liu Yan had two both Flame Control and Frost Control. Hence, he had a strong resistance to whether it was the fire or ice attribute.

Otherwise, if it were any other ordinary person, Liu Yan suspected that just by patting the wolf, one would probably suffer heavy injuries!

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At the same time, the ice and fire two-headed wolf that had just completed its evolution sent out a huge wave of energy to the surroundings.

It had just completed its evolution and did not know how to control its power. It simply could not suppress its power and directly released it.

On the top of the mountain, Chu Long, who had just rushed over to save Liu Yan, was anxiously looking for him.

Sensing the wave of energy and seeing the entrance of the secret realm, she immediately guessed that Liu Yan had already entered ahead of everyone else.

Chu Long, who was extremely worried about Liu Yan, hurriedly went to the entrance of the secret area while avoiding the raging flames and entered directly.

At the same time, this energy was also sensed by Sun Ren and the others that were halfway up the mountain.



Sensing the energy fluctuation that was even more powerful than before, Sun Ren immediately raised his head and looked at the top of the mountain. His gaze was filled with shock and doubt.

### **Chapter 33: Chu Long's S-grade Holy Healing!**

"Brother, what's wrong? Don't worry, with a fire this fierce, burning Liu Yan to death will definitely not be a problem!" Sun Yi looked at Sun Ren with puzzlement.

"I feel an even stronger wave of power. Coupled with the notification that the secret realm has just opened, I reckon that the entrance of the secret realm might be on the mountain. We have to hurry up!" Sun Ren said seriously.

"Huh? On the top of the mountain? But the fire is so fierce now. We can't go up at all!" Sun Yi was in a dilemma.

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The other Awakened who had participated in setting fire to the mountain were also anxious.

They had set fire to the mountain with the intention to burn the fierce beast on the mountain and Liu Yan, their powerful rival, to death.

Now, it was unknown whether the fierce beast and Liu Yan had been burned to death, but it was a fact that the fire was blocking their advance and delaying their entry into the secret realm.

"What if Liu Yan finds the entrance to the secret realm first?"

"Chu Long also went up just now. If the entrance to the secret realm is up there, she might have entered as well!"

"We're finished now. We've set the fire in vain, and it's actually stopping us from advancing."

"Sigh, if Liu Yan enters the secret realm first and takes away all the treasures, we'll suffer a huge loss!"

"If I had known earlier, I wouldn't have set the place on fire. There haven't been any benefits at all, and I have cheated myself instead!"

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"..."

The few Awakened in the surroundings were discussing among themselves. At this moment, all of them regretted setting the mountain on fire.

These words were undoubtedly a little harsh to Sun Ren's ears.

"Enough!" Sun Ren frowned slightly and roared, "So what if Liu Yan finds the entrance to the secret realm first? The secret realm is full of dangers. Just judging from the power fluctuation that had been released just now, the boss in there should be even more powerful. Liu Yan would be courting death if he dared to enter the secret realm alone! Calm down, all of you. When the fire dies out, we will enter together. Don't be thrown into a mess yourselves!"

Hearing Sun Ren's words, the Awakened felt that it made sense. No matter how strong Liu Yan was, he would be courting death if he dared to enter the dangerous secret realm alone!

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On the other side, in the secret realm, Liu Yan, who had reaped a full harvest, had already left the ice crystal tunnel and was preparing to return to the entrance to leave.

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Previously, he did not know how to return to the entrance, but after obtaining the secret area's map of traps, he already knew the way to activate the teleportation array and leave.

Not long after heading towards the entrance, Liu Yan met Chu Long who had just entered.

When he saw Chu Long, Liu Yan was a little surprised and quickly walked up.

"Chu Long? Why are you here?" Liu Yan said in surprise.

When Chu Long saw Liu Yan, she was also very pleasantly surprised and quickly ran over.

Without having time to reminisce, Chu Long quickly told Liu Yan about the other Awakened's actions in setting the mountain on fire.

"I feel that Sun Ren and the others aren't setting the mountain on fire to burn the fierce beast to death. It's more probable that they want to burn you to death. I was worried that you would be in danger, so I immediately came to find you!" Chu Long explained.

Liu Yan nodded slightly. He had long understood.

The two of them were childhood sweethearts and their relationship was very good. Liu Yan was very grateful that Chu Long was willing to take the risk to come and inform him, but there was no need to say any thanks at this moment. With the relationship between them, saying thanks would make them seem like strangers.

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"Hey, are you injured? Let me help you heal your injury!" Chu Long said when she saw the wounds on Liu Yan's shoulder.

Liu Yan looked at his shoulder. There were deep scratches there which had been left from the battle with the freeze bird.

He hadn't paid much attention to the wounds because he had been in a hurry. Plus, in the ice and snow secret realm, he didn't feel much pain under the low temperature.

"Sure," Liu Yan nodded.

With that, Chu Long summoned a ball of milky white light and covered it on Liu Yan's shoulder.

Immediately, Liu Yan felt an itchy sensation on his shoulder. The deep wound that revealed his bones was recovering at a speed visible to the naked eye.

In less than a minute, the white light dissipated and Liu Yan's shoulder was already as good as new. It was as if he had never been injured before.

In fact, the skin on his shoulder seemed even better than the other parts.

"Not bad, your skill isn't weak at all!" Liu Yan was a little surprised.

"Of course!" Chu Long had a smug look on her face. "My talent is the S-grade Holy Healing. How about it? Are you envious?"

"I'm envious. I'll follow you in the future!" Liu Yan said with a smile.

Although healing type S-grade talents did not have any combat power, they were similarly extremely powerful and could play a crucial role.

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With such a heaven-defying talent, Chu Long's future was destined to be great, and Liu Yan was happy for her.

At the same time, Liu Yan thought to himself, if Chu Long knew that the talent he had awakened was the SSS-grade Divine Extraction, what would she think?

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However, Liu Yan obviously couldn't tell her about it since an SSS-grade talent was simply too frightening. On one hand, he wanted to hide his strength to preserve it. On the other hand, he didn't tell Chu Long because he didn't want to hurt her self-esteem.

"Oh, right," Chu Long regained her composure and said, "What conflicts do you have with Sun Ren, Sun Yi, and the others? From what I've seen, they seriously want to kill you. If they knew that the fire didn't burn you to death, they would definitely still deal with you."

"Conflicts?" Liu Yan frowned slightly.

After thinking for a while, he shook his head slightly and said, "There's no big conflict. Sun Yi probably wants to kill me because I snatched his first place. In the Tower, the dangerous beings are not only the fierce beasts, but the human Awakened as well. In fact, the cruelty of the same species is even more terrifying than the different creatures."

"I see," Chu Long nodded. She felt that it was a little scary. To think someone wanted to kill Liu Yan just because he snatched his first place. Their hearts were really vicious.

"Then what should we do? Sun Ren and Sun Yi are not weak, and now there are many Awakened siding with them. If they combine their strength, they are very strong," Chu Long said worriedly.

"That's simple. When you go out later..." Liu Yan told Chu Long the plan that he had come up with.

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He told her the method to get out of the ice and snow secret realm. At the same time, he asked her to go back and tell them his location, then lead them into the secret realm.

After that, he told her to not follow them in but stay outside.

After they entered the ice and snow secret realm, he would deal with them properly.

Chu Long looked at Liu Yan in puzzlement. She knew that Liu Yan had been ranked number one in Tower 105 and was very strong, but was he strong enough to have the confidence to deal with Sun Ren and a dozen other powerful Awakened alone?

However, the two of them had known each other for a long time. Chu Long knew that Liu Yan was not the kind of person who would talk big, so she chose to believe him and did not ask further.

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Then, Chu Long took out a white pearl the size of a palm and handed it to Liu Yan, saying, "This is a healing pearl. It can treat most superficial wounds. Keep it well and use it in the future. I'll go out and act according to the plan first. Stay diligent for your safety!"

"Alright!" Liu Yan replied.

Following this, the two of them bade farewell. Chu Long left to lead Sun Ren and the others into the ice and snow secret realm.

As for Liu Yan, he began to think of ways to deal with Sun Ren and the others.

The ice and snow secret realm was filled with dangers. There were many ways to deal with them. The most simple one was for him to just leave after they had been lured into the realm. After all, they wouldn't be able to find the way out. If they were trapped in the ice and snow secret realm for a long time, the place could freeze them to death.

However, this was undoubtedly a waste of time. It was also easy for unforeseen circumstances to occur.

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Then, Liu Yan's eyes lit up when he thought of the traps in the ice crystal tunnel earlier.

### **Chapter 34: Adding Some Spice to the Traps, Lie Waiting for His Prey!**

The ice crystal tunnel was full of traps, to begin with.

There were boulders, crossbow bolts, quicksand, holes, poison gas, and all sorts of other traps.

Liu Yan was powerful, and his body was extremely agile, but he believed that without the map of traps, even he would not be able to pass through the ice crystal tunnel safely.

As for the secret realm's map of traps, one could only obtain it from the enchanted puppets with special methods.

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Without Liu Yan's heaven-defying talent Divine Extraction, it would not be that easy.

As for the enchanted puppets from before, they had all been stored by Liu Yan in his storage ring, making it even more impossible for the others to obtain them.

Thinking of this, he took out the trap materials that he had kept previously and returned to the ice crystal tunnel, rearranging them one by one.

At the same time, he added some spice to these traps.

He replaced the crossbow arrows that were just laced with poison just now with his frost arrows. Not only were they faster and more powerful, but they were also harder to dodge. On top of that, there were many more types of poison on them. As long as they hit, the targets would die without a doubt!

Apart from that, he also used Fog to add many effects to the tunnel such as poison, paralysis, and delay to increase the hit rate of his arrows.

After everything was set up, Liu Yan hid to the side and waited for the group of Awakened who wanted to burn him to death to enter.

The traps that had been spiced up were even more dangerous. Even Liu Yan himself, if he didn't know beforehand, wouldn't be able to pass through safely, let alone those Awakened.

On the other side, Chu Long activated the mechanism according to the method Liu Yan had told her, successfully activating the teleportation array and leaving the ice and snow secret realm.

As soon as she returned to the top of the mountain, she ran into Sun Ren and the others who had just come up.

When Sun Ren and the others saw that the fire had almost died off, they hurriedly put out the remaining and climbed to the top of the mountain.

On the top of the mountain, there were traces of fighting, but there were no corpses or anything else.

When he saw Chu Long, Sun Yi immediately pretended to be worried and asked, "How is it? Is Liu Yan okay? Have you found him?"

Chu Long had already learned about Sun Yi's viciousness from Liu Yan. Seeing that he was pretending to be concerned now, she felt a sense of disdain in her heart.

However, on the surface, she pretended to be anxious and said, "I haven't found him. I've searched around and haven't seen him at all, not his body either. However, I have seen the entrance of the secret realm below. I wonder if he has entered."

When Sun Yi, Sun Ren, and the others heard this, they quickly went to the other side of the mountain and saw the entrance of the secret realm that was halfway up the mountain.

"It's the entrance of the secret realm. Let's go in quickly. Liu Yan might have already entered ahead of us!" Sun Ren said excitedly.

The group of Awakened was excited when they saw the entrance of the secret realm. One by one, they rushed to enter.

However, they didn't notice that Chu Long had stopped where she was and didn't enter the secret realm together with them.

After entering the ice and snow secret realm, Sun Ren and the others were searching.

"What broken secret realm is this? Why isn't there anything?"

"It's so damn cold. We don't even know where the exit is. If this continues, we'll all freeze to death here!"

"What's there to be afraid of? There are so many of us. We're very powerful. We'll definitely be able to find the exit safely."

"I wonder where Liu Yan is hiding. If I were to find him, I would definitely kill him!"

"Forget it, he might have already encountered some danger and is already dead."

"..."

Sun Ren and the other Awakened grumbled as they explored.

After a while, they found the entrance of the ice crystal tunnel.

"Look, there's a tunnel over there!"

"There are many traces of battle at the entrance of this tunnel. Liu Yan must have encountered something."

"We haven't seen him yet. He must have died in this tunnel."

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"There must be treasures in this tunnel. Let's go in and take a look!"

"..."

Sun Ren looked at the ranking list and found that there was no change. This meant that Liu Yan was most likely injured in the tunnel.

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"Quick, let's go in and find the treasure!" Sun Ren shouted.

The other Awakened were excited as they rushed into the ice crystal tunnel.

Sun Ren pulled Sun Yi who wanted to go in with the others and shook his head slightly.

"Brother, shouldn't we go in quickly? If we fall behind, we won't be able to get the treasure, right?" Sun Yi was a little confused.

"Are you silly?!" Sun Ren glared at him and said in a low voice, "Even if there's treasure here, we have to be alive to get it. Look, there are only so many traces of battle outside, which means that it's very dangerous. The tunnel itself is definitely more dangerous. Let them go in first as cannon fodder, then we'll go in and reap our harvest!"

“That’s right! Brother, you’re so smart!” Sun Yi came to a realization.

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Following this, Sun Ren and Sun Yi followed behind the other Awakened from afar and entered the ice crystal tunnel.

On the side, Liu Yan, who had relied on his C-grade skill Aura Concealment to successfully hide from Sun Ren and the others’ detection, saw all of this clearly.

Hearing Sun Ren’s thoughts, Liu Yan immediately snickered to himself. How vicious.

Fortunately, when he had set up the traps, he had paid special attention to making it so that the traps set up in the first half of the ice crystal tunnel could not be triggered at will. Liu Yan had to go over and activate them before they could be triggered.

He planned to open the traps on the outer part when all of them were in the middle of the tunnel. Then, when they encountered danger inside, they could not retreat even if they wanted to. Both the paths of advancing and retreating were laid with traps, and both were dead ends.

Sun Ren and Sun Yi, who thought themselves clever, could not escape the traps either. What awaited them was only death.

Inside the ice crystal tunnel, after the group of Awakened entered, they quickly regained some sense. They knew that if there were treasures inside the ice crystal tunnel, there was also danger accompanying it.

However, after carefully advancing forward for a few minutes, they did not encounter anything. It was as if this ice crystal tunnel was just an ordinary tunnel, and there was nothing else.

“Why is there nothing? There should be some danger.”

“I don’t understand. If there is no danger, there might not be any treasures inside.”

“There should be something. There is nothing in the ice and snow secret realm outside. The treasure must be in this ice crystal tunnel.”

“I suppose Liu Yan had encountered and used up all the danger, which is why we can be safe!”

“If that’s the case, we’ll have to say thank you to Liu Yan. Let’s be careful. There might be danger ahead!”

“...”

The group of Awakened was a little confused as they continued to move forward in whispers.

Although they were puzzled, they could only continue forward. After all, they didn’t know where to go after leaving the ice crystal tunnel. They couldn’t even find the way to leave this ice and snow secret realm.

As they were carefully moving forward, an Awakened at the front suddenly triggered a trap.

Immediately, a large number of frost arrows shot over.

“There’s a trap!” The Awakened at the back quickly reacted and successfully dodged.

With the help of the frost, the speed of the arrows was extremely fast. The few Awakened at the front couldn’t dodge in time and were directly hit.

Within a few seconds of being hit, the Awakened began to fall one by one.

“There’s poison on the arrows!”

Instantly, three from the group of a dozen Awakened were dead. The losses were not small.

### **Chapter 35: Find Another Group of Cannon Fodder**

“There’s a trap inside!”

“This trap is too powerful.”

“This can’t do. If this goes on, we’ll all die here!”

“...”

The Awakened were instantly fearful.

Seeing this, Sun Ren and Sun Yi, who were behind them, frowned slightly.

“Something’s not right. Liu Yan must have come in, so why haven’t we seen him, but there’s still an untriggered trap?” Sun Yi was a little puzzled.

“Something’s not right. I saw some traces just now that showed that the traps should’ve already been triggered,” Sun Ren frowned, feeling something wrong with the situation.

Following this, the group of Awakened gritted their teeth and still chose to move forward, but they became more careful.

However, not long after they advanced, the ice crystals before them suddenly sank, revealing the quicksand underneath.

The Awakened in front quickly retreated to avoid the quicksand, but one of them was still too slow and died in the quicksand.

“No, we can’t advance any further.”

“Right, if we advance any further, we’ll all die here before we even see the treasure.”

“I second the idea that we can retreat first and then make a plan. If there’s really nothing we can do, let’s make the Awakened at the foot of the mountain come in first to trigger the traps, then we’ll come in to harvest the treasure!”

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“...”

The group of Awakened discussed for a while and prepared to retreat first.



Sun Ren and Sun Yi, who had been walking at the back at the beginning, suddenly became the lead.

However, after walking for a while, an ice crystal under their feet moved, and the mechanism was triggered. A huge rock suddenly broke through the ice crystals above them and fell.

“Not good, danger!” Sun Ren hurriedly pulled Sun Yi aside and dodged.

The huge rock rolled over. One of the Awakened was slightly injured, but none died.

The expressions of the group of Awakened instantly became serious.

They had just passed through here when entering, and there hadn't been any traps.

But now that they were returning to the entrance of the tunnel, there were traps instead.

Their current situation was very bad. Whether they advanced or retreated, there were traps.

The remaining Awakened had grave expressions serious as they discussed their decision.

In the end, they decided to retreat.

After all, they had just come in from the outside, so they knew that they weren't very far from the entrance.

Even if there were still traps, they had a chance of getting out alive if they were careful.

If they continued to go deeper, no one knew how far they would have to go to reach the end, and no one knew how many more terrifying traps were waiting for them along the way.

After the discussion, the group returned.

This time, Sun Ren and Sun Yi were a little more cautious as they walked to the back of the group.

The few Awakened continued to charge out and constantly encountered traps.

Some were killed by the traps, while others managed to avoid the traps but were either lightly or heavily injured.

At this moment, they were only thirty meters away from the entrance.

There were only four of them left from the initial group of a dozen people.

The four of them looked at each other. Each of them had some injuries on their bodies, and they were all quite heavy.

Sun Ren, who was the strongest and most injured, had three to four wounds on his body at this moment, and blood was continuously flowing out.

There were simply too many traps in this place. Moreover, they were extremely hidden and powerful. It was impossible to guard against them.

At this moment, Liu Yan, who was outside, moved a little closer when he heard the waves of miserable screams suddenly stop.

Seeing that Sun Ren and the others were hesitating, he was not in a hurry.

Although it was only the last thirty to forty meters, the last stretch had the most traps and was the most dangerous.

Sun Ren and the others discussed for a moment before deciding to just rush out. They were only left with the last thirty meters or so.

Immediately, the four of them rushed towards the entrance together.

Not long after they did so, a trap was triggered.

A huge rock rolled over. At the same time, poisonous gas was released, and a white fog with a delay effect appeared under their feet.

The four did not expect that there would be three traps in the last thirty meters that were all extremely powerful.

Under the white fog's paralysis and delay effect, their speed was immediately affected and reduced.

The giant rock in front of them was about to arrive, and the poisonous gas beside had also spread over.

They had encountered this kind of poisonous gas before. It was a mixture of many kinds of poison. As long as they came into contact with it, they would almost certainly die.

The only chance for the four of them to survive was to rush through the gap between the giant rock and the tunnel before the poisonous gas arrived.

However, because of the delay effect, their time to do so was extremely limited.

On top of that, only one person could pass through the gap at the same time.

This almost meant that only one of the four of them could survive.

If they wanted to be the second to pass through the gap, it would be too late because by then, the poisonous gas would have already arrived.

At this time, among the four, Sun Ren and Sun Yi were at the front.

Sun Yi didn't think too much about it and immediately rushed forward.

If he was fast enough, two might be able to pass through in time, though it was only a possibility.

Sun Ren looked at the white fog around him. Under the delay effect, he reckoned that there was no time at all.

Looking at his younger brother who was in front of him, Sun Ren gritted his teeth, then grabbed Sun Yi and threw him behind him.

"Hey, brother, what are you doing?" Sun Yi was in a daze. He never thought that his brother would actually make a move against him.

At this time, Sun Ren's face was full of indifference as he said coldly, "I'm sorry, but only one person can survive. This person must be me!"

As he spoke, Sun Ren rushed forward. Before the poison gas arrived, he passed through the gap between the rolling stones and the tunnel and escaped from the tunnel.

At the same time, although the three people behind Sun Ren could also dodge the rolling stone's attack by passing through the gap, the poison gas had already arrived.

Immediately, the three screamed and died miserably under the mixture of poison.

Looking at the miserable situation behind him, Sun Ren gasped for breath.

"This can't do, this secret realm is too dangerous. I have to find a way out quickly. I can't stay here alone. There are still many Awakened outside. I have to find them and make them enter the secret realm together with me. With so many of them, they will definitely be enough to trigger all the traps in this tunnel. By then, I will be able to obtain the treasures inside. Since this ice and snow secret realm is so terrifying and the ice crystal tunnel is so dangerous, there must be an extremely powerful treasure inside!"

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Sun Ren muttered to himself as he thought about his next move. He did not feel too sad about the deaths of the Awakened who had just traveled with him. He was even thinking of bringing more Awakened in to be his cannon fodder and help him obtain the treasures.

Seeing this while hiding at the side, Liu Yan's expression turned cold. Since Sun Ren was such a person, he wouldn't feel the slightest bit of guilt if he killed him. With that, Liu Yan immediately summoned the ice and fire two-headed wolf.

Immediately after, he ordered the ice and fire two-headed wolf to temporarily return to its shadow wolf form. Then, it appeared in front of Sun Ren.

Sun Ren, who possessed an A-grade talent Soul Extraction, was instantly moved when he saw the shadow wolf.

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If he could kill it and extract its soul, his strength would receive a huge increase.

"To think it's a shadow wolf. This trip hasn't been in vain. The sacrifice of my younger brother and the others is finally worth it!"

Sun Ren hurriedly raised his weapon and charged forward, preparing to defeat it.

### **Chapter 36: Enchanted Puppet Successfully Made**

The shadow wolf had high potential but had obviously not matured yet, so Sun Ren was very confident in dealing with it.

However, just as Sun Ren rushed at the shadow wolf, it immediately returned to its fully evolved form, the ice and fire dual-headed wolf!

Its two heads with different elements, its instantly incomparably huge body, and the terrifying elements of ice and fire that constantly flashed on its body appeared before Sun Ren.

“Shit!” Sun Ren immediately realized that things were not good.

He could deal with the shadow wolf but was obviously not a match for a shadow wolf that had already evolved and matured. Just by looking at its appearance, it was incomparably terrifying.

Sensing the danger, Sun Ren hurriedly wanted to retreat.

However, the ice and fire two-headed wolf that had received Liu Yan’s order did not hold back at all. It directly went forward and bit at Sun Ren.

Although the ice and fire two-headed wolf was huge, it was extremely agile.

Sun Ren did not have the time to dodge at all and hurriedly retaliated.

However, having just risen to level 3, how could he be a match for the ice and fire two-headed wolf that was in level 7 and had S-grade potential?

Sun Ren was unable to resist the wolf’s attack at all and was directly bitten to death with a single bite from the ice and fire two-headed wolf.

Following this, Liu Yan walked out from his hiding place to Sun Ren’s body, beginning to reap the rewards.

He used his SSS-grade talent Divine Extraction, and green light enveloped Sun Ren’s corpse.

[Divine Extraction successful. Obtained: Soul Stripping (A-grade)!]

[Soul Stripping]

[Grade: A]

[Effect: You will have strong soul-sensing ability. At the same time, you will be able to extract the soul of your target to strengthen yourself.]

The grade of the skill was quite high, reaching A-grade.

The effect of the skill was also very strong. It had great potential since it allowed one to extract the souls of others to strengthen oneself.

However, it was of little use to Liu Yan. The Soul Splitting was simply a simplified version of Divine Extraction.

With the SSS-grade Divine Extraction, this skill was simply useless.

Liu Yan shook his head, a little disappointed. He then used Soul Stripping on Sun Ren.

After that, he took out an enchanted puppet and transferred Sun Ren’s soul into the puppet’s body.

Liu Yan did not choose to control the puppet like how the freeze bird had done so previously. Although controlling the enchanted puppet through an ice line would make it have no energy core and thus no

weakness, the prerequisite was that no one could discover the thin ice line. Otherwise, it would collapse with one strike.

According to the magic warlock's knowledge that he had inherited, Liu Yan customized the puppet and placed the energy core at its ankles.

The ankles were in the lowest position and were also the least noticeable, so the spot was relatively safe.

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After everything was done, the enchanted puppet emitted purple light and could already be used.

Liu Yan checked and found that these were all level 5 enchanted puppets, and their strength was about the same as that of an ordinary level 5 Awakened.

However, as the enchanted puppets were not living beings, they did not feel pain. As long as their energy core was still intact, they would be immortal. Therefore, their combat strength should be on par with that of an ordinary level 6 Awakened.

Although they were still inferior to Liu Yan since he could easily deal with them, to the ordinary level 2 and level 3 Awakened outside, the puppets were undoubtedly incomparably powerful.

The key was that the enchanted puppets could move independently, which instantly increased Liu Yan's combat power.

Then, Liu Yan entered the ice crystal tunnel again.

First, he put away all the traps into his storage ring for the next use.

His usage of traps this time had made him think more highly of traps. Sometimes, they were indeed very useful.

After putting everything away, Liu Yan went to the corpses of the Awakened.

These Awakened didn't have any grudges against Liu Yan.

Yet, they had listened to Sun Ren's words and coveted the treasure, to the point they didn't hesitate to set fire to the mountain to kill Liu Yan.

This had thus resulted in their deaths. Let alone obtaining the treasure, they hadn't even seen the shadow of the treasure, and their bodies were all cold as they lay here.

Liu Yan went forward and used Divine Extraction on the corpses one by one. Green light enveloped them, and notifications appeared one after another before him.

[Divine Extraction of Awakened's corpse has been successful. Obtained: Fireball (C-grade) that has been automatically merged into Flame Control (A-grade), increasing Flame Control's power by 10%!]

[Divine Extraction of Awakened's corpse has been successful. Obtained: Wind Control (C-grade), able to somewhat control the wind, increasing agility and offensive ability!]

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After finishing using Divine Extraction on all the corpses, Liu Yan's gains were quite rich.

However, he already had quite a lot of skills with quite high grades. As such, almost all of the skills he had obtained now had been merged into his original high-grade skills, improving their effects.

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He had only obtained one new skill, and that was the C-grade skill Wind Control.

Liu Yan took a look. Wind Control was not weak. On the contrary, it was quite strong. However, because he had just obtained two A-grade skills, he was no longer very interested in it.

Wind Control could only be used as a support method. It could be attached to the arrows when shooting, further increasing the speed of the arrows, as well as their accuracy and lethality.

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After finishing Divine Extraction, Liu Yan used the A-grade skill Flame Control. Balls of flames flew out, and the corpses of the Awakened were all burned to ashes.

He had already obtained all the treasures there were in the ice and snow secret realm, so there was no need for him to stay any longer. He went straight to the entrance, triggered the mechanism, and left the realm.

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Then, he successfully met up with Chu Long, who had been waiting here at the peak of the fire-elemental mountain.

At this moment, the time was up and the teleportation portal was open. They could already leave level two of the Tower.

At the foot of the mountain, seeing that the fire had been extinguished, the remaining Awakened were rushing to the top of the mountain when the time was up.

"How are Sun Ren and the others?" Seeing Liu Yan return safely, Chu Long was curious.

"We'll talk later. Let's leave level two first," As Liu Yan spoke, he led Chu Long into the teleportation array and left.

After a short period of dizziness, Liu Yan and Chu Long arrived at the resting platform between levels two and three.

Inside the tower, a notification sounded.

[Time is up. Those who enter the teleportation array alive will be considered to have successfully passed the trial on level two of the Tower!]

[Towers 100 to 120 have merged!]

[Rewards are being distributed according to the ranking of the points on level two!]

As the notification sounded, Liu Yan and Chu Long quickly looked at their rankings.

After Liu Yan returned to the scoring area, he returned to first place on the reputation ranking list.

Killing the fire Kylin, the enchanted puppets, and the freeze bird, as well as obtaining the inheritance of the deceased magic warlock had all provided Liu Yan with a large number of points. He was undoubtedly the first place.

On the other hand, although Chu Long didn't do anything on level two and didn't receive any points, she had accumulated quite a lot of points before and was ranked in the top few. With the deaths of Sun Ren, Sun Yi, and the other Awakened, she had directly come to second place on the reputation ranking list. It could be said that she had won without breaking a sweat.

At this moment, the Awakened on level two who were hurrying to the top of the mountain heard the notification and saw the reputation ranking list. All of them were instantly shocked.

"What's going on? Not only did Liu Yan not die, but he even ranked first on the reputation ranking list. His reputation points are ahead of the second place by so much. It's more than four times that of the second place!"

"Look, Sun Ren, Sun Yi, and the dozen people are all gone from the ranking list. Could it be that they're dead?"

"A dozen, all dead? What happened at the mountain peak and in the secret realm just now?"

"Liu Yan has ranked first again. He's going to get rich rewards again. Hasn't his strength increased too fast?!"

### **Chapter 37: Lighthouse Academy**

On the resting platform between levels two and three, as soon as Liu Yan arrived, he found out that he was ranked first on the reputation ranking list.

At the same time, a notification appeared in front of him.

[Congratulations on ranking first on level two's reputation ranking list. Obtained: Golden treasure chest!]

Following this, a notification sounded and a golden treasure chest appeared before him.

At the same time, a silver treasure chest also appeared in front of Chu Long, who was beside him and had also received a reward.

Liu Yan opened his golden treasure chest.

Within the huge treasure chest, there was only a pure white and somewhat translucent ring that looked extremely ordinary.

Liu Yan checked its stats.

[Basic Teleportation Ring]

[Grade: A]

[Effect: Upon usage, you can teleport to any area within a ten-meter radius. Number of uses: 1/1 (refreshes once every 24 hours)]

Liu Yan was surprised when he saw the effect.

Among the attributes of the various talents and equipment, time and space were the most mysterious and precious.

Anything to do with time and space would be extremely powerful.

This basic teleportation ring was of the A-grade. Although its effect seemed ordinary, but if used properly, it would be extremely powerful.

For example, in the previous battle between Liu Yan and the fire Kylin, as well as the battle between him and the freeze bird, he had been held back by the opponent from the start and was unable to escape.

If he had this teleportation ring, it would have been much more convenient. He could just teleport and pull away, and the battle situation would have been reversed instantly.

Other than pulling away to dodge, the ring could also be used in attacks. If he suddenly appeared behind his opponent to attack, the opponent would be caught off guard, and it would be extremely easy for him to succeed in attacks!

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The only unfortunate thing was that this teleportation ring was only at the basic level. The teleportation distance was a little short, and the number of times it could be used was also not much.

However, Liu Yan had Divine Extraction. With that, he tried using his talent on the ring, and it was immediately successful. A white light enveloped the teleportation ring, and a notification appeared in front of him.

[Divine Extraction of the basic teleportation ring (A-grade) has been successful. Congratulations on obtaining the intermediate teleportation ring (S-grade)!]

4

The originally translucent teleportation ring suddenly became almost completely transparent.

Liu Yan was instantly overjoyed and hurriedly checked its stats.

[Intermediate Teleportation Ring]

[Grade: S]

[Effect: Upon usage, you can teleport to any area within a hundred meters. The effect can be used on other items with a maximum size of 100KG. The number of uses: 10/10 (refreshes once every two hours)!]

Seeing the effect, Liu Yan was ecstatic.



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It had become an S-grade treasure, after all. Its effect was several levels stronger.

Not only was the teleportation range increased by a lot, reaching a range of 100 meters, but besides himself, he could also teleport other people or items. With this, the usage of the ring would undoubtedly be much more effective, and the effect would be doubled!

Other than that, the number of times it could be used had also increased by a lot. It could be used 10 times while it would refresh once every two hours.

Although the number of uses was still a little scarce, teleportation itself was extremely powerful, to begin with. He did not need to use it often. It was enough for him to use it at critical moments.

Liu Yan put on the intermediate teleportation ring. The almost transparent teleportation ring was not eye-catching on his hand. Rather, one could not even see it if one did not look carefully.

After putting it on, Liu Yan realized that he could teleport himself and the people and things around him with just a thought. It was truly powerful.

At this moment, Chu Long came over from the side.

"I've obtained a piece of B-grade equipment, and my strength has increased a lot. What about you?" Chu Long asked curiously.

"I'll tell you next time," Liu Yan smiled but did not tell her.

2

This intermediate teleportation ring was extremely powerful, so he naturally had to hide it. He would not use it unless it was a critical moment. Keeping it as his trump card could prevent many accidents.

"Tsk, stingy!" Chu Long curled her lips, but she was already used to Liu Yan's personality.

2

At this moment, the two started observing the resting platform between levels two and three.

It was different from the resting platform between levels one and two which had been just a few simple houses.

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Rather than calling this place a resting platform, it was more appropriate to call it a resting street because it was as spacious as a whole street.

This was also where the Awakened of the 20 Towers were gathered.

Although there weren't many that could reach level three, there were still several hundred. Some probably hadn't arrived either. When they arrived, there would be even more people.

Apart from that, there were some human things here, such as the usual food street.

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These days, although Liu Yan's strength had increased a lot in the Tower, the food was undoubtedly quite miserable.

Most of the time, he could only eat some wild fruits and the corpses of fierce beasts.

Without any condiments and only being able to roast the meat of fierce beasts, it was undoubtedly a little bland, and he didn't have an appetite for food.

"Wow, we can finally have some real food. Let's go, let's go!" Chu Long's eyes lit up when she saw the food street, and she hurriedly pulled Liu Yan along.

The two of them ate all kinds of delicious food and relaxed for a rare moment.

Finally, it was noon, and the time was up. The teleportation array from level two to the resting platform was closed, and all the Awakened who could reach had already arrived.

The remaining who hadn't arrived had either died on level two or hadn't made it in time. They could only come when the next teleportation array was activated.

However, the prerequisite was that they could survive until then.

At this moment, when the instructor saw that all the Awakened had arrived, he gathered them together and began to announce some things.

"Everyone, first of all, congratulations on reaching this place and successfully obtaining the qualifications to enter level three. Any one of you is the pride and the future of humanity! I believe all of you have noticed that this resting platform is much larger than the previous resting platform. The largest and most important part of this resting platform is the military academy behind me, the lower house of the Lighthouse Academy!"

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The many Awakened followed the instructor's finger and saw a huge academy not far away.

The entire academy was a towering tower with its tip reaching into the clouds. It was extremely tall and majestic.

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At this moment, the instructor continued, "Starting from level three, the danger level will increase exponentially and will be obviously higher than the first two levels! Those who died in the first two levels are mostly those who are not talented, strong, or lucky. All of you who have been able to reach here are the precious resources for us humans. You can not be sacrificed so easily. As such, to prevent you from suffering huge casualties after level three, our ancestors have built this military academy here for you to learn how to advance in the Tower before heading to level three!"

3

"The Lighthouse Academy is gathered with the wisdom of our ancestors. Of course, this is only the lower house. The upper house will be on the resting platform of a higher level! Other than helping you learn and improve your combat strength, the Lighthouse Academy will also provide you with a platform to

find suitable teammates. Starting from level three, it will be extremely dangerous. You must find suitable teammates to form a team with comprehensive strength. Only in this way can you survive and go further!”

### **Chapter 38: Unprecedented**

When the group of Awakened heard the instructor’s introductions, all of them were astonished and started discussing.

Previously, they had already encountered all sorts of dangers on levels one and two, and 80% of them had been lost.

Yet now, the instructor was saying that the first two levels were relatively safe, and only level three onwards was really dangerous?

For a moment, they found it hard to imagine how dangerous level three could be.

“It seems that level three is very dangerous. We must seize the time we have in Lighthouse Academy to improve ourselves. Otherwise, we won’t be able to survive after entering level three!”

“It’s also extremely important to find suitable teammates. With sufficient strength and comprehensive abilities, we need synthesized combat strength to be the strongest!”

“A reasonable team should have close combat individuals in front, as well as damage output, control, and healing at the back, right?”

“Sigh, I didn’t expect it to be so difficult later on!”

“...”

At this moment, the group of Awakened was discussing in low voices.

The instructor at the front continued, “Everyone, follow me into the academy’s auditorium now. The freshmen assembly is about to begin!”

Under the guidance of the instructor, the group of Awakened entered Lighthouse Academy and into the auditorium.

They sat down and waited curiously.

Not long after, the principal appeared. When he saw that there were more than 300 Awakened in the auditorium, he nodded slightly.

The overall strength of this batch of students was quite good. To think there were more than 300 Awakened who had obtained the qualifications to enter level three.

Then, the principal began his speech, “Welcome, all Awakened. I feel very honored to be able to witness your awakening and growth! Without further ado, we are pressed for time. Now, let’s begin the first segment, the summary of the ranking list. Let’s see who will be ranked first in the overall ranking of our

twenty Towers! The person ranked first in the overall ranking will receive an extremely generous reward!”

After the principal finished speaking, he retreated to the side and made way for the big screen.

When the Awakened heard this, they were all extremely curious. Who would be able to be ranked first in the overall ranking? These were the rankings that included all of the Awakened from the 20 Towers.

On the big screen, the names of the first rankers from the 20 Towers appeared. There were also the records of the persons who ranked first on the overall ranking in the past.

The ranking points for the person who ranked first in the overall reputation ranking for the past three years: 124353,135564,115453.

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The highest-ranking points in history for the person who ranked first in the overall reputation ranking: 204342.

When the Awakened saw the record, many began to discuss it.

From the past recent records, the numbers seemed to be just over 100000.

Yet the highest record actually reached over 200000, which was ahead by many points.

“Damn, I was Tower 120’s first place, but my reputation points are just over 30000. How did they do it?”

“You only have 30000 points? Damn, you’re lucky. To think you can get the reward with only 30000. I’m only second with 50,000 points in Tower 109. Our first is a monster, I reckon it’s very likely that he’s going to be ranked first here!”

“What’s going on? Why is the highest record so high?”

“It’s said that it was set when the Towers first appeared. At that time, there were many powerful humans, but in the past 20 years, there hasn’t been a true top-tier expert!”

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“No wonder it’s said that our human strength has been declining recently, so it’s true.”

“It’s said that if this continues and there aren’t any top-tier experts, the human race might be doomed!”

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“...”

Just as the group of Awakened was discussing, the big screen started to show the statistics.

The reputation points behind the 20 names started to jump, and the rankings kept changing.

There were people continuously reaching the first place, but there were also people continuously surpassing the original ranking.

Finally, a name stopped in the first place, and the person's reputation points had reached more than 140,000.

Although it hadn't reached the highest record in history, it had already surpassed the highest record of the previous three years.

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Instantly, everyone felt that Tower 109's first place was almost guaranteed to be first on the overall ranking. 140,000 points were completely enough.

Due to the fact that the Awakened in Tower 105 that Liu Yan had been from were the last to arrive, their points totaling had also been placed last.

In a corner of the crowd, the number one of Tower 109 stood up, ready to become the number one on the overall ranking list and receive the award with a proud expression.

However, at this moment, a wave of exclamations rippled through the auditorium.

Everyone looked towards the big screen and saw that Liu Yan's reputation points were being calculated. Liu Yan's points had instantly surpassed the previous number one and had already reached 180,000 points.

What was even more exaggerated was that the totaling of his reputation points was far from being over. The reputation points behind his name continued to rise.

Very quickly, it had exceeded 210000 points, surpassing the highest record in history!

Up until this moment, the totaling was still ongoing. The numbers were still rising!

2

Instantly, everyone in the auditorium was shocked.

"Damn, what's going on? Is there a mistake in the statistics?"

"How is this possible? I've been hunting beasts the entire time, and I've never stopped, but I've only got around 50000 points. How did he manage to get more than 200000 points?"

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"Not only that, it seems like his points are still increasing!"

"This is too exaggerated. Who is Liu Yan? Why haven't I heard of him before?"

"I think I heard someone from Tower 105 say that he's a lone-ranger with terrifying strength. He's a monster!"

"..."

Even the instructor and principal were dumbfounded and couldn't believe it.

Based on past experience, as long as one's reputation points reached 150000 or more, they would most probably be able to grow into a top-tier expert.

It had been over 20 years since humanity had seen a top-notch expert.

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As for the highest historical record, let alone surpassing it, no one had even gotten close to it in the past 100 years.

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But at this moment, not only had this person's points surpassed 150000 and the highest historical record, but it was even continuing to rise.

"Principal, could there be a mistake in the statistics?" The instructor asked doubtfully. It wasn't that he didn't trust Liu Yan, it was just that the current situation was just too shocking and unbelievable.

The principal was also a little suspicious at this moment. He hurriedly went to look it up and returned with an ecstatic expression.

"Don't worry, instructor Fang. I've just checked and there isn't a single problem with the system. The data is completely correct. This time, not only will the human race produce a top-notch expert, but it's an unprecedented expert at that. As long as Liu Yan is able to grow smoothly, he will become the strongest expert of the human race in our history. Not only will he be able to turn the defeating tide of the human race, but he will also be able to bring us to a new peak. This time, we humans might have a chance to rise!"

When instructor Fang heard the principal's words, her face was filled with ecstasy. Especially since Liu Yan was her student, she was undoubtedly very proud this time. Because of Liu Yan, she might even be promoted to vice-principal!

At this moment, the reputation points behind Liu Yan's name on the big screen finally stopped. The numbers stopped at a very exaggerated figure.

324566! A total that was more than 320000! It was simply unprecedented!

### **Chapter 39: Bountiful Harvest**

In the auditorium, all the Awakened looked at the exaggerated number on the big screen and were shocked.

Some of the Awakened from Tower 105 knew Liu Yan and were all looking at him now.

Some of them even started showing off to the people around them.

"See, I told you that the number one in Tower 105, Liu Yan, is very strong!"

"I even know Liu Yan. I traded with him back then!"

"I had thought that the gap between me and Liu Yan was huge. It turns out that it's not that I'm too weak, but he's too strong."

"As expected of the number one in Tower 105. He's awesome."

“Say, Liu Yan and I were both in Tower 105. Will he accept me as his teammate because of this?”

“Are you serious? Do you know Liu Yan?”

“...”

At this moment, the Awakened were discussing.

Only the Awakened from Tower 105 knew Liu Yan, and the Awakened from Tower 106 and Tower 107 had seen him before on level two.

As for the rest, they didn't know Liu Yan at all. As such, they were all curious about who this unprecedented genius was.

At this moment, in a corner of the crowd, Chu Long was surprised as she pulled on Liu Yan's arm, her face full of excitement, “Wow, you're number one. You actually have 300,000 points. How did you do it? You're too amazing!”

When they were on level two, Chu Long already knew that Liu Yan was extremely powerful.

After all, he had been far in the lead when they were climbing the mountain.

After that, he entered the secret realm alone and survived.

Then, Sun Ren and a dozen other Awakened who had entered the secret realm and met Liu Yan did not return alive.

However, Chu Long did not expect that his strength had already reached such a level. He was ridiculously strong!

At this time, the principal returned to the stage and came to the middle.

“Next, let's invite our number one, Liu Yan, to the stage to be presented with his rewards!” The principal announced.

Hearing the principal's voice, Liu Yan stood up and walked toward the stage.

For a moment, all eyes in the auditorium were focused on him.

“So this is the number one genius, Liu Yan?”

“He looks so ordinary. How can he be so monstrous?”

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“What do you know? This is being reserved. From now on, Liu Yan is my idol!”

“His reputation points have directly surpassed the highest historical record. Liu Yan's future is destined to be limitless.”

“F\*ck, this guy must be lucky. If I'm lucky, I would've definitely been first!”

“So what if he's first? He's only the number one of the first two levels. Level three of the Tower is extremely dangerous. He might not even survive.”

“That’s right. It’s useless if a genius can’t grow into an expert. Who knows how many geniuses have fallen in the process of growing.”

“...”

At this moment, Liu Yan didn’t pay attention to the discussions of the Awakened around him. Instead, he walked straight up to the stage.

The principal walked up to Liu Yan with a smile on his face and shook his hand.

“Congratulations, Liu Yan,” The principal said with a smile.

He was clearly the dignified principal with high status and immense power in his hands, yet at this moment, the principal felt extremely honored to shake hands with one of his students.

This was because the principal knew very well that in the near future, when Liu Yan truly matured, he was destined to become the top expert in the entire Federation.

With such heaven-defying talent, it meant that he would become the leader of mankind in the future and lead the entire human race to a new height.

The principal said a few congratulatory words and began to distribute the rewards.

The rewards for being ranked first in the overall ranking of the twenty Towers were naturally extremely rich.

Apart from the various basic but precious potions that could be used externally or taken directly to improve one’s physical strength, there were also some weapon-exchange coupons and skill-exchange coupons.

The people below were all extremely envious when they saw this.

Those precious potions for external application and taken directly could help an Awakened improve one’s physical strength without any side effects.

The weapon and skill vouchers were even more precious. They could be exchanged for many powerful pieces of equipment, which would greatly increase one’s combat strength.

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Liu Yan took a quick look. The equipment that these weapon and skill vouchers could be exchanged for was even stronger than his current Wind Rider Set.

On top of that, he could use Divine Extraction on the equipment that he had exchanged for.

This way, his overall equipment could be raised by another two grades, and his strength would be doubled!

Liu Yan was also quite surprised. He didn’t expect the rewards to be so abundant.

After he received his rewards, Liu Yan left the stage.



Although Liu Yan's strength had exceeded everyone's expectations, time was pressing, and there was still a lot of work to be done.

The principal introduced the specific functions of the Lighthouse Academy, urging everyone to increase their strength as soon as possible to increase their chances of survival from level three onwards. After that, he ended his speech and concluded the freshmen assembly.

When the Awakened left the auditorium, a large number of investors from various factions and Chambers of Commerce had already gathered at the entrance.

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To be able to obtain the qualifications to enter level three, it was destined that these Awakened would have a high chance of leaving the Tower alive in the future. They would be able to grow and become true experts.

It was undoubtedly wise for them to invest in these yet-to-grow Awakened.

Of course, those with higher rankings would be able to gain the favor and investment of more factions and Chambers of Commerce that were stronger.

These factions had long known about the results of the ranking in the auditorium.

At this moment, the moment Liu Yan walked out, a large number of representatives from various factions and Chambers of Commerce came looking for him, wanting to invest in him.

Only a small number of weaker forces and Chambers of Commerce knew that they wouldn't be able to get their hands on him, so they didn't go to him. Instead, they turned their gazes to the other weaker Awakened who were also very talented.

"Hello, Mr. Liu. I am the representative of the Awakened Alliance in City A, and I wish to cooperate with you!"

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"Hello, Mr. Liu. I am the representative of Dingsheng Chamber of Commerce, and I wish to invest in you!"

"Nice to meet you. I'm a member of the Federation's military. I'd like to discuss cooperation with you."

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The representatives of the various factions and Chambers of Commerce were all fighting to cooperate with Liu Yan.

The number of representatives was so large that Liu Yan was immediately surrounded tightly.

Liu Yan looked at these people and smiled politely, "Everyone, please don't be anxious. Let's proceed one by one. I'll record your conditions down one by one. As long as it's suitable, we'll cooperate!"

Very soon, under Liu Yan's arrangement, the messy representatives immediately became orderly. Each of them briefly reported their conditions and negotiated.

Liu Yan's high EQ behavior formed a sharp contrast with the other arrogant and talented geniuses.

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He didn't put on any airs and could discuss and cooperate politely and rationally.

For a time, Liu Yan's behavior was appreciated by all the investors present.

As expected of the number one genius in history, the ordinary geniuses were completely incomparable to him.

#### **Chapter 40: Pure Top-grade Close-combat Skill, Blazing Tyrant Fist!**

Even though Liu Yan tried to speed up the process of meeting with the investors one by one to discuss their cooperation and the signing of contracts, because there were simply too many of them, he was kept busy till the afternoon before it finally ended.

There were still some investors who wanted to discuss the possibility of cooperation with Liu Yan, but they were politely and tactfully rejected.

It wasn't that Liu Yan didn't want to work with them, but he really didn't have the time.

At the freshmen assembly just now, the principal had announced that the freshmen sparring competition would be held tomorrow.

The reason the freshmen sparring competition was held was to be ranked and thus obtain various rewards.

On the other hand, it was to help the Awakened have a certain understanding of their own strength to have a higher survival rate in their later adventures in the Tower.

However, because level three of the Tower was about to open soon, there wasn't much time left.

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As such, to avoid injuries during the spars which would, in turn, affect the Awakened's adventures on level three of the Tower, the sparring competition this time wouldn't be a traditional two-on-two battle or a wheel battle.

The rules had been changed. The ranks would be determined by the attack power each Awakened could implicate on the "strength-testing pillar" that was in the field.

The strength-testing pillar was made of special alloy material that was extremely hard and could withstand the strongest attack of a level 10 Awakened.

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Currently, the highest level of the Awakened present was around level 5, so it was completely enough.

After the Awakened landed their attack on the strength-testing pillar, the pillar would convert the attack power of the Awakened into points that would be displayed on the display that was next to the pillar.

This way, everyone would be able to know their true combat strength and have a clear understanding of their own strength.

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And now, with still some time left. Liu Yan needed to properly improve himself.

In the adventures of the first two levels of the Tower, Liu Yan had also realized that he was lacking in some attributes.

At the moment, his agility was very exaggerated, his ice and fire attributes were very strong, and his long-range archery attacks were ultimately powerful.

But he was not without weaknesses. Liu Yan was clear that his current weakness was his lack of close combat ability.

Although long-range attacks were sufficient for his survival, and most of the time, he focused on long-range attacks, he still needed to improve his close-combat ability to avoid accidents.

Liu Yan still felt that if he wanted to truly become stronger, he needed to have extremely strong integrated combat abilities and become someone without any weaknesses!

Coincidentally, he had a skill-exchange voucher, so he hurriedly went to the exchange counter to use it.

As he was ranked first on the overall ranking list, the skill-exchange voucher that Liu Yan had obtained was an A-grade voucher. It could be used to exchange for any cultivation method that was A-grade or below.

Since he was using the voucher, he naturally had to exchange it for the one with the highest grade.

Liu Yan immediately started searching for an A-grade close-combat cultivation method.

Very quickly, he was attracted by one of them.

[Blazing Tyrant Fist]

[Grade: A]

[Effect: The purest close combat technique. It contains the blazing fire in the user's body and stimulates the potential of the physical body, triggering a powerful explosive force!]

Unlike other close-combat cultivation methods that had some other uses like long-range attacks or speed improvements, the Blazing Tyrant Fist was a pure close-combat technique!

Whether it was speed or long-range attacks, Liu Yan was not lacking in any other aspects. He only needed to maximize his close-combat ability.

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Among the A-grade skills, the others covered some other aspects, so their close-combat ability was not as powerful as the Blazing Tyrant Fist.

This was the main reason why Liu Yan was interested in this skill.

Other than that, it was also because the Blazing Tyrant Fist was related to the fire element since it would raise the strength of one's body through the fire element.

Liu Yan just happened to have an A-grade skill, Flame Control. Wasn't it just nice for cooperation between the two skills to unleash an even more terrifying close-combat ability?

"I'll exchange for this!" Liu Yan confirmed.

Seeing this, the staff member reminded with a hint of surprise, "Sir, the Blazing Tyrant Fist's close-combat ability is indeed very strong and can be considered the strongest among the A-grade skills, even stronger than many S-grade skills. However, even though it's strong, it still has obvious flaws. There's no improvement in the other aspects at all."

Liu Yan understood that the staff member was giving him a friendly reminder. However, he had already considered this and this was the exact effect he wanted because he was not lacking in any other aspects.

"I understand, this is it," Liu Yan smiled.

Seeing this, the staff member did not say anything more. Everyone had their own choices.

After exchanging, Liu Yan went to the side and used Divine Extraction on the Blazing Tyrant Fist.

[Divine Extraction of the Blazing Tyrant Fist (A-grade) has been successful. Obtained: Blazing Tyrant Fist (S-grade)!]

[Blazing Tyrant Fist]

[Grade: S]

[Effects: A top-tier close-combat skill. It will contain raging flames within the body and stimulate the potential of the physical body, perfectly fusing the power of the raging flames with the power of the physical body, and unleashing a terrifying combat power!]

After reading the introduction, Liu Yan was pleasantly surprised.

Thank God he had Divine Extraction which allowed him to directly upgraded the A-grade skill into a powerful S-grade skill.

After the upgrade, the Blazing Tyrant Fist's combat power had grown several times stronger.

Not only was its combat strength great, but Liu Yan had also noticed that not only would the power of flames be contained within his body, but the flames would directly fuse with his body. It was truly monstrous!

Liu Yan had the A-grade skill, Flame Control, to begin with. He reckoned that with the combination of the two, the effects of the skills would at least reach the strength of an SS-grade skill.

In fact, it might even reach the SS-grade!

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Liu Yan hurriedly chose to learn it.

The Blazing Tyrant Fist's book directly transformed into a ball of flame and flew into Liu Yan's body.

Instantly, the method to use the Blazing Tyrant Fist appeared in his mind.

At the same time, his body found the skill extremely familiar. It was as if the Blazing Tyrant Fist was not a skill that he had just obtained, but a skill that he had already learned and practiced for many years.

Liu Yan was secretly surprised. The skill books of the Federation were truly incomparably powerful.

However, he had heard some news that not only did the skill books require extremely powerful strength to be produced, but they also required extremely rare materials.

Therefore, skill books were extremely rare in the Federation.

For example, this Blazing Tyrant Fist was the only skill book in the entire exchange department.

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Suppressing the joy and excitement in his heart, Liu Yan then went to the weapons exchange department.

At present, he was still wearing the D-grade Wind Rider Set.

Unlike skills, equipment was extremely difficult to obtain.

The equipment that could arrive here was basically at least C-grade, but at a glance, let alone D-grade, even E-grade equipment was rare.

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It was extremely rare to have a set of D-grade equipment like Liu Yan did.

Meanwhile, the weapon-exchange voucher that Liu Yan had obtained was a B-grade voucher and was extremely precious.

It was said that normally, the person who was ranked first in the overall ranking here would only be presented with a C-grade voucher.

The reason why Liu Yan had been able to obtain a B-grade voucher was that he had broken the highest historical record. That was why an exception had been made.

However, it was a pity that the voucher could only be exchanged for one piece of equipment, not one set.

Since he could only exchange for one piece of equipment, he had to choose the one that would be the most useful to him.