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Chapter 71: The Beginning of the Harvest, a Two-way Strike

For the next three days, Liu Yan and the other two stayed next to Moon Shadow Bobcat's nest.

During the day, the three of them cultivated separately. Both Murong Xue and Chu Long's abilities improved substantially.

Murong Xue had become familiar with the third layer of the tyrant body and could now use it with ease, but she was still far from unlocking its fourth layer.

Chu Long's grade had increased by two tiers, and her abilities improved markedly. She was now familiar with her new strength.

On the other hand, Liu Yan had more free time. With his SSS-grade talent in divine extraction, he did not really need to cultivate at all.

Liu Yan spent some of his time familiarising himself with some new skills, and spent the rest of it releasing the Shadow Wolf to scout for news outside.

The situation in the Yin Region over the past three days was similar to what Liu Yan had guessed.

The Fierce Beasts tended to emerge at night, while the Awakened hid away during this time.

With their previous experience, the Awakened were now more careful. When the sun set, they basically hid far away from the Yin Lake. This ensured that the Awakened would not be discovered by the Fierce Beasts at night and fall into a siege.

During the day, however, a small number of the Awakened would head out to attack and kill the Fierce Beasts. This would help the Awakened obtain the Yin Card.

Despite their strength, the Fierce Beasts lurked in the Yin Region alone during the day. Working in groups, the Awakened could defeat a single Fierce Beast.

However, a majority of the Awakened focused on the other squads of the Awakened, waiting for an opportunity to attack.

An Awakened squad would have used up most of their energy and would even get injured after tackling a Fierce Beast.

Another Awakened squad would launch out in an ambush. Kinder squads would just take away some Yin Cards, but more ruthless squads would just kill the squad under attack. It was better to silence them once and for all, in order to avoid any vengeful actions in the future.

Nighttime would be peaceful over the last three days, but in the day, the infighting between the Awakened would be even fiercer than their attacks on the Fierce Beasts.

Therefore, the Fierce Beasts were generally unscathed over the last three days, but many of the Awakened were tired and out of energy.

Other than those who had no energy left, many of the Awakened had already left for the Yang Region.

After all, it was useless to obtain more than one Yin Card. One had to have at least one Yin and one Yang Card in order to pass the trial on the third level of the tower, and advance to the fourth level.

Liu Yan saw that the time was right. It was time to strike.

If they waited any longer, the remaining Awakened would all leave. Liu Yan and the others would not be able to reap a significant number of Yin Cards.

At dawn of the fourth day, the trio had packed their luggage and were ready to leave.

Liu Yan and Murong Xue both had spatial rings. It was more convenient for the trio to put their luggage in the spatial rings.

Liu Yan obtained his spatial ring by killing the elite monsters on the first level of the tower, while Murong Xue's spatial ring was a gift from her family. She already had the spatial ring when she entered the tower.

Murong Xue did belong to the established Murong family, after all. With their background, could give out spatial rings as they liked.

The trio waited for a while, and then they saw the Shadow Wolf return with the Moon Shadow Bobcat.

Because they were about to leave, it was also the last night for the Shadow Wolf and the Moon Shadow Bobcat. The two Fierce Beasts lingered around each other the whole night.

"Alright, let's get ready to leave." Liu Yan said when he saw the Shadow Wolf return.

The Shadow Wolf Licked the Moon Shadow Bobcat rather reluctantly, and then followed Liu Yan and the others to leave.

Although the Moon Shadow Bobcat was quite talented, it still fell short of Liu Yan's requirements.

Moreover, the Moon Shadow Bobcat had grown up here, and was reluctant to leave. Naturally, there was no need for Liu Yan and the others to take the Moon Shadow Bobcat away. They just needed to let it stay.

"Okay, we'll return to visit if there's a chance in the future." Liu Yan stroked the Shadow Wolf's Head, comforting it.

But in Liu Yan's heart, he was quite certain that they were unlikely to return.

Following that, the three people and a Fierce Beast set off.

Because Liu Yan and Murong Xue's combat strength were relatively strong, Liu Yan had already discussed with Murong Xue the previous night. When they set off today, they would move separately.

Liu Yan moved alone. Murong Xue and Chu Long moved together, while the Shadow Wolf was in the middle.

If one side encountered a strong squad of Awakened, or a strong Fierce Beast, the Shadow Wolf would just come over for reinforcement.

Fighting would be much more efficient this way.

Liu Yan planned to spend one day completely harvesting Yin Cards in the nearby region.

After that, he would no longer stay in the Yin Region and would directly head to the Yang Region.

After all, Liu Yan knew that he wouldn't be able to head to the fourth level of the tower if he didn't have a Yang Card, regardless of how many Yin Cards he obtained.

The third level of the tower had a time limit, a total of seven days.

If one could not collect a Yin and a Yang Card within seven days, they would not be able to catch up with the time of the teleportation array and leave the third level of the tower.

If that was the case, they could only wait for the next batch of the Awakened. In this period of time, the Awakened would have to face a large number of Fierce Beasts in this long period of time, and their survival was uncertain.

Three days had already passed for the trio. Today, they had to finish their tasks in the Yin Region in one day.

Allowing for three days in the Yang Region gave them ample time to prevent accidents.

There was another benefit for the three of them to move in two directions. Other than increasing efficiency, it was more convenient for Liu Yan to carry out divine extraction on corpses of Fierce Beasts and the Awakened. This helped Liu Yan gain different attributes and different skills, greatly increasing his combat strength.

Although Liu Yan was already familiar with Chu Long and Murong Xue, and they gradually gained his trust, Liu Yan did not want his talent to be known by anyone else for the time being.

After all, it was a legendary SSS-grade talent, and it was too distinctive. If this information were to be leaked, it might very well bring unnecessary trouble and danger to Liu Yan.

Although SSS-grade talent was exceptionally powerful, Liu Yan still needed time to grow.

Moreover, Liu Yan was clear that with this divine extraction, the further he progressed, the more terrifying the speed of improvement would be.

As long as Liu Yan gave himself enough time, he would be able to grow into an expert.

And when that day comes, Liu Yan would have sufficient ability. Naturally, he would not be afraid of all kinds of troubles and dangers.

Very soon, the three of them set off on two different routes.

Although there were two routes, Liu Yan would not be too far away from the two women.

As for the Shadow Wolf, it was moving between Liu Yan and the two women.

Liu Yan instructed the Shadow Wolf to be slightly closer to Chu Long and Murong Xue. From time to time, Liu Yan would check on them to prevent any accidents from happening and to make sure that he could help them in time.

However, Liu Yan still had quite a bit of faith in Murong Xue's strength. With Chu Long's help, the three of them would be able to defeat two or three ordinary Fierce Beasts, and they would be able to easily deal with one or two squads of the Awakened. Even if they encountered an opponent that was too powerful, they should still be able to hold their positions and wait for Liu Yan's support to arrive.

Because Liu Yan was stronger and had more advanced skills, he was bold enough to act alone.

Liu Yan activated an A-grade skill, Omniscient Insight. Immediately, he was aware of everything going on within a 100-meter radius.

Not long after setting off, Liu Yan discovered the corpses of several Awakened and two Fierce Beast corpses.

Liu Yan's face was instantly filled with joy as he rushed over.

Chapter 72: A Rapid Harvest and Upgrade

Liu Yan rushed to the scene. Two Fierce Beasts corpses, and five Awakened ones.

There were more Awakened dead than the Fierce Beasts. It was truly ironic.

Yet, the survival of the fittest was something quite natural.

This didn't matter to Liu Yan. He went forward and began the divine extraction process.

Over the last three days, Liu Yan could sense the ongoing battle outside through the Shadow Wolf and his Omniscient Insight. However, he kept his head low and did nothing.

He didn't take any action to begin divine extraction in order to keep himself safe.

Now that Liu Yan could finally start harvesting and begin divine extraction, he was going to harvest as much as he could at once.

[Divine Extraction of a Silver-Horned Rhinoceros (Level 12 of D-Grade) has been successful.
Congratulations, you have obtained: Strength +105, Vitality +178, Energy +32, Combat Experience +300!]

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[Divine Extraction of a Silver-Green Sand Beast (Level 11 of D-Grade) has been successful.
Congratulations, you have obtained: Strength +95, Agility +145, Adaptability +41, Combat Experience +280!]

[Divine Extraction of an Awakened's corpse has been successful. Obtained lethal poison (D-Grade).
Fusion successful, 5% increase in Poison Control (B-Grade)!]

[Divine Extraction of an Awakened's corpse has been successful. Obtained speed (D-Grade). Fusion successful, 3% increase in Shadow Steps (A-Grade)!]

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After all seven divine extractions, Liu Yan tallied up his harvest.

The Awakened were not particularly talented and their talent grades were average. This did not provide Liu Yan with any new skills, but did help to boost his current ones.

But their levels weren't high, so the boost was not significant.

This was similar to what Liu Yan had expected.

The Awakened with strong abilities wouldn't normally die here, would they?

Those who lay dead here were probably only of average ability.

Although the individual gains were meagre, the five combined gains were decent, and were much better than nothing.

In any case, Liu Yan didn't exert much energy. He only used a bit of divine extraction to increase his strength. In fact, Liu Yan's abilities had improved very quickly compared to the other Awakened,

As for the harvest from the two fierce beast corpses, Liu Yan was somewhat surprised.

Extracting skills from fierce beasts normally only happened if the beasts were highly talented. It would be difficult for Liu Yan to extract any skills from fierce beasts with middling or low levels of talent. This was something that Liu Yan understood long ago.

However, extracting skills from the fierce beast corpses would give Liu Yan a large amount of attributes.

Even though these fierce beasts were not very talented, their levels were quite good, so Liu Yan could gain a decent number of attributes.

From these two fierce beasts, Liu Yan strengthened himself by about 5%. Overall, it was not bad.

What made Liu Yan somewhat surprised was that when extracting the corpses of fierce beasts, one could actually obtain EXP, and quite a significant amount of EXP.

In the previous divine extraction, even the corpses of fierce beasts with high talent levels didn't give Liu Yan EXP.

Only occasionally did Liu Yan get a very small amount of EXP.

But now, he could get EXP, and it was quite a lot. It was almost the same EXP as killing these fierce beasts.

This surprised Liu Yan, but he was happy.

After some thinking, Liu Yan could guess why. It was probably the divine extraction that changed things.

Now, he only needed to extract a part of the fierce beast's gene fragment to obtain something positive.

However, after extracting the fierce beast's corpse, Liu Yan could gain something more. There was also EXP value in addition to a large number of attributes.

In an instant, Liu Yan was happy.

In the previous two floors of the tower, Liu Yan's grade didn't increase quickly although he grew much stronger.

The main reason was that Liu Yan had spent most of his time and energy on using the divine extraction to rapidly increase his strength. As a result, he did not have much time to kill a large number of fierce beasts to obtain EXP.

Now that the divine extraction was fully advanced, Liu Yan did not need to fight and kill the fierce beasts. He only needed to use the divine extraction to extract the fierce beast's corpse in order to obtain a considerable amount of EXP.

This meant that Liu Yan would be able to make use of situations better, where other people put in the hard work to kill the fierce beasts, and he just needed to conduct divine extraction of the corpse to gain EXP.

Other than that, Liu Yan estimated that if he were to kill the fierce beast, he would also gain double the amount of EXP. One from killing the fierce beast, and one from the divine extraction of the fierce beast's corpse. He would level up so quickly!

Once he understood this point, Liu Yan moved quickly.

Because Liu Yan had a relatively high agility attribute, he was much faster than Murong Xue and Chu Long. Additionally, he also gained the Shadow Step skill.

Therefore, Liu Yan was actually able to complete the divine extraction of the Awakened and fierce beast corpses on his route before going to the route Murong Xue and Chu Long were on.

Along the way, Liu Yan continued with the divine extraction from the corpses of fierce beasts and the Awakened. He continued to obtain large amounts of attributes and EXP, increasing the power of his own skill.

Occasionally, Liu Yan would also obtain some new skill. However, he was busy with divine extraction and didn't bother to examine what skills they were exactly. Liu Yan would wait until he had finished harvesting and clearing everything before doing a tally.

However, neither Liu Yan nor Murong Xue and Chu Long, who were on the other side, encountered any Awakened squads that were still alive.

Initially, they wanted to conduct a robbery. They knew that the squads of Awakened that would have survived till now would have a substantial number of Yin Cards on them. The trio would become quite wealthy if they could lay their hands on these Yin Cards.

Occasionally, they would encounter some fierce beast, but these beasts were not strong, so Liu Yan took them down with a single blow.

On Murong Xue and Chu Long's side, although they couldn't kill the beasts instantly like Liu Yan, it was easy to deal with the fierce beasts.

The journey was relatively smooth. It wasn't until noon that the Shadow Wolf communicated telepathically with Liu Yan through their contract. It told Liu Yan that they were in danger and needed support.

Liu Yan hurriedly followed the rough directions given by the Shadow Wolf and rushed over.

Immediately activating his A-Grade skill, Shadow Steps, Liu Yan's originally swift speed had received a terrifying increase in an instant.

With hardly a shadow on the ground, Liu Yan had already disappeared as he rushed away.

Through his B-Grade skill, Omniscient Insight, Liu Yan easily found Murong Xue and Chu long who were fighting, and rushed to the scene.

He saw Murong Xue fighting with a fierce beast that looked like a leopard, but was several times larger than a normal leopard.

This leopard-looking fierce beast was huge, at least three to four meters tall. It was almost the same size as the twin-headed wolf. Its entire body was black, and it looked extremely fierce.

Liu Yan quickly checked the fierce beast's information through the smart wristband.

[Dark Cloud Leopard]

Talent Grade: S

Level: 20

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It was another fierce beast with S-Grade talent, and it was already at level 20!

The Ghost Face Jellyfish from before was also at the S-Grade, but it was only at level 15. Even then, Murong Xue was quite overwhelmed and was unable to defeat it.

During this period of time, although Murong Xue had increased her combat strength, this Dark Cloud Leopard was a S-Grade fierce beast with level 20 potential. Moreover, this Dark Cloud Leopard was a strength-type fierce beast that specialized in close combat, making Murong Xue even less able to deal with it.

Chapter 73: Liu Yan's Terrifying Close Combat Ability

In the forest, Murong Xue had already unleashed her full strength, activating the third layer of the Tyrant Body to tackle the Dark Cloud Leopard.

However, the Dark Cloud Leopard was a powerful fierce beast with S-grade talent. It was also at level 20, and its overall combat strength was more than double of the Ghost-Face Jellyfish they had encountered previously.

Most importantly, the Dark Cloud Leopard was good at both close and long-range combat. This overwhelmed Murong Xue, who mainly focused on close combat.

If she were better at long-range combat or if she were facing another fierce beast, Murong Xue could stand a chance by relying on her strong S-Grade talent in the Berserk Stance and her innate physical strength.

However, the Dark Cloud Leopard was also good at close combat, at a level far above Murong Xue's.

For a time, Murong Xue had no way to deal with the Dark Cloud Leopard.

Fortunately, she had Chu Long's help, and Chu Long was constantly healing Murong Xue.

Although Murong Xue could not defeat the Dark Cloud Leopard, she could still rely on the powerful third layer of the Tyrant Body to hold on.

Occasionally, Murong Xue would be injured. Behind her, Chu Long would also heal her in time, and in an instant, Murong Xue would be able to continue holding on.

However, if this continued, it would not be a solution. If she could not deal with this dark cloud panther, Murong Xue would not be able to hold on for long.

Although the injuries on her body would continue to heal, her stamina would not be able to recover.

When the time came, Murong Xue would definitely not be able to hold on any longer. When that happened, she knew that both Chu Long and herself were in for a tough time.

As for the Dark Cloud Leopard, it would be able to hold on for a long time with its strong body and stamina. It would be able to drag on until Murong Xue's energy ran out.

Seeing this, Liu Yan, who was not far away, naturally wanted to lend a hand.

Liu Yan could rely completely on his bow and arrow to help him deal with this long-range problem. However, he wanted to try out the power of a few of his new skills.

It just so happened that the Dark Cloud Leopard was also a fierce beast that specialized in close combat. It was a good opportunity to spar with it, and hopefully train Liu Yan's close combat strength.

An A-Grade skill, Shadow Cloak, was activated. Liu Yan became invisible at once, and nobody could see him.

A B-Grade skill, Traceless Silence, was activated. Liu Yan's voice was completely hidden.

With these two skills, nobody could detect Liu Yan's presence whether through sight, hearing or perception.

On the other side, the Shadow Wolf was shocked and looked around blankly. Wasn't his master still here just now? How did he suddenly disappear?

At this moment, Liu Yan, who had entered stealth mode and concealed his presence, had already arrived beside the Dark Cloud Leopard.

The Dark Cloud Leopard, Murong Xue, and Chu Long, who were in the middle of the battle, did not notice Liu Yan's arrival at all.

Liu Yan raised his fists with the soft blade boxing gloves on. These were A-Grade equipment and were filled with sharp, thin blades. They were quite lethal.

The Dark Cloud Leopard was very powerful. Liu Yan did not plan to hold back, and attacked with his full strength. He wanted to see just how powerful all his strength and skills were.

Activating the A-Grade skill, Power of Desolation, Liu Yan's blood and Qi burned, and his body was instantly filled with the skill. His strength received a terrifying boost.

Following that, Liu Yan simultaneously activated another A-Grade skill, the Blazing Tyrant Fist, and one more A-Grade skill, Flame Control.

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He attached flames to his fists, increasing the power of the Blazing Tyrant Fist.

The Blazing Tyrant Fist was a fist skill with a fire attribute. The stronger the fire attribute attached to it, the stronger the Blazing Tyrant Fist.

This direct blow towards the Dark Cloud Leopard was probably Liu Yan's strongest close combat attack.

It was only at this moment that the Dark Cloud Leopard and Murong Xue sensed the surrounding energy fluctuations and felt that something was amiss.

Sensing this terrifying energy fluctuation, Murong Xue thought that the Dark Cloud Leopard was about to unleash some hidden killing move.

They had not come into contact yet, but judging from the current situation, Murong Xue was completely clear that she could not defend against the fluctuation at all. If she were to be hit, she was definitely going to be killed at once!

"That's not good!"

Murong Xue didn't hesitate. She quickly stomped on the ground and jumped backwards, putting some distance between her and the Dark Cloud Leopard.

At this moment, the Dark Cloud Leopard had also sensed the terrifying energy fluctuations. However, it didn't know where these fluctuations were coming from. With its face full of fear and confusion, Liu Yan's fist had already struck the Dark Cloud Leopard's body.

Under the terrifying energy fluctuations, the Dark Cloud Leopard was sent flying dozens of meters away. It only stopped after smashing down several towering trees.

The Dark Cloud Leopard was completely still. Blood gushed out, and its innards were all exposed. This was quite gory, but the Dark Cloud Leopard was definitely dead.

Liu Yan's definitive punch had killed the Dark Cloud Leopard instantly!

Seeing this, Liu Yan was extremely satisfied. It seemed that he had underestimated his own strength.

Between the Power of Desolation and the Blazing Tyrant Fist, Liu Yan should only need one to finish off the Dark Cloud Panther.

When the two were combined, the power would be doubled. It was too terrifying. It was overkill and a bit of a waste!

Up until now, Liu Yan's figure was still not revealed.

The absolute invisibility of the Shadow Cloak, coupled with the excellent invisibility effect of the Traceless Silence allowed Liu Yan to remain completely hidden. Even as it died, the Dark Cloud Leopard had no idea who launched that fatal attack.

Meanwhile, Murong Xue and Chu Long were looking at the empty space with blank faces. They did not know what monster had released such a terrifying attack that could kill the powerful Dark Cloud Leopard instantly.

The two women were so shocked that they even forgot to run away. They were utterly confused.

Seeing this, Liu Yan finally remembered. He quickly dispelled the two skills of Traceless Silence and Shadow Cloak and revealed himself out of thin air.

Murong Xue and Chu Long saw that a person had appeared out of thin air in the open space. They were both terrified and wanted to run away.

The two women were certain that they were no match for such a powerful monster. If they were to fight, the result would be even worse than the Dark Cloud Leopard. They would be killed right away.

However, just as they were about to escape, Chu Long noticed that the person that revealed himself was actually Liu Yan. She immediately exclaimed, "Brother Liu Yan, why is it you?"

Upon hearing this, Murong Xue also stopped and looked over. The figure revealed was indeed Liu Yan.

When Liu Yan heard this, he smiled faintly and said, "I heard from the Shadow Wolf that you guys were in danger, so I rushed over to help."

"No. I meant to ask how you did it. How did you appear out of thin air and launch such a powerful attack?" Chu Long stared at Liu Yan with both curiosity and confusion.

Murong Xue, who was at the side, guessed something. She looked at Liu Yan in shock and asked, "Do you have an invisibility skill?"

As a member of the Murong family, Murong Xue knew that she had an invisibility skill. However, these skills were extremely rare. Usually, only those with high talent levels would have invisibility skills.

Otherwise, one would have to wait until they were at a high level. One also had to undergo assassin-related training before learning this skill.

In short, the invisibility skill was an extremely rare and high-level skill.

"That's right, it's an invisibility skill." When Liu Yan heard this, he did not hide much and nodded his head slightly to admit it.

Instantly, Murong Xue looked at Liu Yan with a face full of surprise.

Liu Yan already had many powerful skills on him, which made Murong Xue very surprised. She did not expect that he actually had an invisibility skill now.

Murong Xue felt that she couldn't see through Liu Yan at all. There seemed to be too many things hidden in this man.

Murong Xue gradually realized that her original thought that she was only marginally inferior to Liu Yan was quite illusory. Liu Yan didn't even use his full strength.

If Liu Yan had used his full strength, Murong Xue wouldn't even be able to defend against a single attack, let alone fight against Liu Yan.

Chapter 74: The Partner of Revenge, the Terrifying Smoke Cloud Beast

"Invisibility skill? That exists? This is so magical." Chu Long said, surprised.

"That's right." Murong Xue nodded and looked intensely at Liu Yan. She continued explaining, "Liu Yan's invisibility skill is probably one of absolute invisibility. Therefore even after he attacks, or is attacked, the invisibility skill won't be damaged. It's completely dominant and is the highest level of all the invisibility skills."

At this moment, Murong Xue felt that Liu Yan was too powerful.

That attack just now was too terrifying. It actually killed the Dark Cloud Leopard instantly.

Furthermore, Liu Yan also had the extremely rare absolute invisibility skill.

The terrifying strength of a warrior, coupled with the rare invisibility skill of an assassin, was simply too much. It was abnormal.

Murong Xue thought for a moment, but she couldn't think of any fierce beast or any Awakened on the same level as Liu Yan that could even withstand his attack.

The invisibility skill allowed Liu Yan to get close by without anyone noticing him.

It was one thing for Liu Yan to be invisible, but his power was so terrifying that no one would be able to defend against it. It was quite ridiculous.

At this moment, Murong Xue couldn't help but feel immensely lucky. Fortunately, Liu Yan was on her side. If Liu Yan were an enemy, Murong Xue knew that she wouldn't even be able to escape, let alone defeat Liu Yan.

Murong Xue had always led a blessed and privileged life. Yet, she now felt that Liu Yan was someone that seemed so superior, as though he were a huge mountain. This made Murong Xue look up to Liu Yan and realise her own powerlessness.

Just then, Liu Yan said, "Alright, let's continue our journey. We should hurry up."

Liu Yan was preparing to arrange for the two girls to continue their journey, and he would deal with the corpse of the Dark Cloud Leopard after.

The Dark Cloud Leopard was at level 20, and had S-Grade talent. Its corpse would definitely give Liu Yan a huge boost in strength.

However, at this moment, Liu Yan sensed a powerful aura rapidly approaching from all directions.

Liu Yan's expression changed slightly, and said, "A powerful fierce beast is charging over, get ready for battle!"

Murong Xue and Chu Long, who were initially relaxed, became serious when they heard Liu Yan's words, and entered into battle mode.

Almost instantly, a nearby figure rushed towards Liu Yan and the others. It approached at a terrifying speed, almost like a ghost.

Liu Yan did not hesitate. He hurriedly activated Shadow Steps, and became horrifyingly fast. With nothing more than a shadow left behind, Liu Yan managed to dodge the attack.

When this fierce beast realised that it was unable to attack Liu Yan, it charged towards Chu Long, who was nearby.

Liu Yan was just about to go over and help when he saw Murong Xue dash forward, in front of Chu Long and face the attack head on.

Under attack, Murong Xue took a few steps back, causing Chu Long to fall to the ground.

Chu Long was fine, but Murong Xue was spitting out blood. With this attack, Murong Xue was badly injured, even though she had activated the third layer of the Tyrant Body and possessed immense physical strength.

If this were to land on Chu Long, there was no doubt that she would have been killed instantly.

Seeing Murong Xue's hand, Chu long hurriedly activated her S-Grade talent skill. Three layers of milky white light enveloped Murong Xue.

Under this healing light, while Murong Xue was not fully recovered, she regained half her strength.

At this moment, the fierce beast finally revealed itself. It stood far away from Liu Yan and the other two. It stared coldly at the trio, especially when it looked at Liu Yan with a slightly surprised gaze. The fierce beast did not expect that these tiny humans had speeds comparable to its own, especially when speed was its greatest strength.

Just then, Liu Yan and the other two also saw the figure of the Fierce Beast. Its appearance was similar to a leopard, but it was different from the Dark Cloud Leopard they encountered just now. The Dark Cloud Leopard was huge, but this fierce beast was much smaller. It was about the same size as a normal leopard, and its body was only the size of a human.

However, its entire body and four claws were covered in white clouds. It looked to be an agile and swift fierce beast.

Liu Yan hurriedly used his smart wristband to check the information of this fierce beast in front of him.

[Smoke Cloud Beast]

Talent: S-Grade

Level: 18

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Description: It is an extremely agile fierce beast, and is very lethal. Difficult to capture. Fights to the death upon any encounter, and never thinks of escaping. With its agility, it will be difficult to escape from its clutches.

Another powerful fierce beast with S-Grade potential. While its level was lower than the Dark Cloud Leopard, it was still at level 18.

What was even more troubling was that this Smoke Cloud Beast was very agile and extremely difficult to deal with.

With the speed that the fierce beast was at just now, one could not even react, let alone fight back.

Murong Xue only managed to react because she was right beside Chu Long. She helped Chu Long defend against the attack, otherwise Chu Long would have probably been killed.

Any normal Awakened of the same level had virtually no chance of defeating the Smoke Cloud Beast. It was just too agile, making any counter-attack impossible, so no one could deal with it.

Liu Yan could only dodge the Smoke Cloud Beast's attack because he had Shadow Steps, an A-Grade skill.

At this moment, the Smoke Cloud Beast glanced at the Dark Cloud Leopard's corpse, which was nearby. It then looked at Liu Yan and the others, and its eyes were filled with hatred as it roared at the trio.

Clearly, the Smoke Cloud Beast and the Dark Cloud Leopards were supposed to be partners. The Smoke Cloud Beast had come to seek revenge for its partner.

Seeing the Dark Cloud Leopard die at the hands of the trio, the Smoke Cloud Beast was filled with hatred. It would fight to the death against Liu Yan, Murong Xue and Chu Long.

The trio could not escape. The Smoke Cloud Beast was far too agile, and there was no way for them to slip away.

Additionally, the Smoke Cloud Beast now had a great enmity with the trio. It would not back down until one party perished. Even if the trio managed to escape, the Smoke Cloud Beast would definitely continue to chase after them, and it would not stop until they died.

"Looks like we can only fight."

After the initial shock, Liu Yan quickly came up with a way to deal with this fierce beast.

Liu Yan knew his close combat strength was in no way inferior to the Smoke Cloud Beast. He could kill the Dark Cloud Leopard instantly, and it specialised in close combat. In terms of physical combat, Liu Yu could deal with Smoke Cloud Beast.

However, the Smoke Cloud Beast was extremely swift. Even if Liu Yan could catch up with it using the Shadow Steps, it would still take some effort.

During this process, Murong Xue and Chu Long would be in extreme danger.

Just now, Murong Xue could block the attack against Chu Long only because she realised it in time. Otherwise, Chu Long would have been in trouble by now.

If the Smoke Cloud Beast managed to find an opportunity to attack Murong Xue and Chu Long, there was no guarantee that they would remain safe.

Therefore, Liu Yan thought of a counter-attack. He knew he could not engage in close combat, and could not stray far away from Murong Xue and Chu Long. He had to stay by their side and protect them.

And therefore, the only way to attack the Smoke Cloud Beast was from a distance.

Thinking of this, Liu Yan acted decisively.

“Chu Long, take care of yourself. If Murong Xue or I get injured, treat us in time.”

“Murong Xue, you’re also responsible for protecting yourself and Chu Long. If the Smoke Cloud Beast gets close, attack again when there’s an opportunity to.”

“I’ll stay beside the two of you. Let’s not get separated by the Smoke Cloud Beast and allow it to break through. Stay together and look out for each other. I’ll be the main long-range attacker to deal with the Smoke Cloud Beast. Once it gets close, Murong Xue, you’ll fight with me against the Smoke Cloud Beast!”

Chapter 75: A Powerful Arrow

Chu Long immediately nodded in agreement after hearing Liu Yan’s tactics. She had always listened to Liu Yan.

It was the same in both the outside world and in the world of the tower. After all, Chu Long was more familiar with Liu Yan, so she naturally trusted him.

As for Murong Xue, she might not have trusted Liu Yan in the past, but after witnessing his terrifying strength, she could not help but admire him. Therefore, Murong Xue obeyed Liu Yan’s instructions now.

“Okay!”

The two women responded one after another.

Following that, the three of them stood together. Liu Yan and Murong Xue acted as a barrier, protecting Chu Long. For her safety, Chu Long stood in the middle. At the same time, she could heal Liu Yan and Murong Xue, helping them in the battle.

Murong Xue immediately activated the third layer of the Tyrant Body, preparing for battle. As long as the Smoke Cloud Beast dared to get close again, Murong Xue stood a chance. She planned to attack with all her strength.

The emergency situation just now was also to protect Chu Long.

If she were to do it again, Murong Xue would definitely disregard her injuries and defense and launch her own fierce attack directly.

In any case, with Chu Long, as long as she was not instantly killed, Murong Xue could basically heal up and recover very quickly.

Liu Yan also looked coldly at the Smoke Cloud Beast not far away. He was on high alert, observing the Smoke Cloud Beast’s every move.

Fierce beasts of this level, especially those with S-Grade talent, were quite intelligent.

Seeing that the trio were close together, the Smoke Cloud Beast seemed to know that it could not engage in close combat. Giving Liu Yan and the others a chance, it stood far away and launched its long-range attack.

The Smoke Cloud Beast let out a long roar, and a cloud of thunder appeared. Lightning enveloped the trio.

This Smoke Cloud Beast was not only highly agile, but it could also use lightning attributes to attack from a distance.

Liu Yan was slightly surprised. He immediately took out the Myriad Beast Bow from his spatial ring, nocked the bow, and used an A-Grade skill, Frost Control. With frost elements attached to it, he shot out a few arrows consecutively, launching an attack at the same time.

When the Smoke Cloud Beast's attack landed, Chu Long had no time to dodge. Liu Yan and Murong Xue decided not to. They directly blocked the attack from the front, taking it head-on.

Liu Yan already had Electrification, an A-Grade skill with lightning attributes. Therefore, his resistance to lightning was relatively good. In addition, Liu Yan's physical body was very powerful, so his strength and constitution attributes were both extremely high. When this lightning landed on Liu Yan's body, it did not hurt at all. It did not affect him in the slightest.

Although Murong Xue was not as strong as Liu Yan, she had activated the third layer of her tyrant body, so her physical body was extremely powerful. Although she took the attack head-on, Murong Xue only had minor injuries. She was fine.

Chu Long was extremely safe at the back. With Murong Xue and Liu Yan bearing the brunt of the attack, the lightning could not even get to her. ,

Seeing Murong Xue's hand, Chu Long raised her hand and two milky white halos flew out, landing on Liu Yan and Murong Xue respectively.

Liu Yan felt a wave of comfort all over his body. There was no injury to begin with, and therefore no treatment.

On the other end, Murong Xue was only mildly injured. These superficial injuries were healed at once. The spots on her skin that had been charred by electricity were also healed immediately. They looked completely untouched, as if she had never been injured before.

On the other hand, Liu Yan's attack was not very fast because he had only used Frost Control on his bow. The highly agile Smoke Cloud Beast dodged it easily.

Liu Yan was not surprised to see this. He sneered and continued to draw his bow and arrow.

Liu Yan's past attacks were merely trials. Now that Liu Yan had roughly figured out the strength of the Smoke Cloud Beast, there was naturally no need for him to hold back.

He activated Fog (B-Grade) and attached a debuff to the bow and arrow. He activated Ultimate Aim (B-Grade) to increase accuracy.

He then activated Poison Control (B-Grade) to attach large amounts of poison to the bow and arrow. Liu Yan continued to activate Wind Control (C-Grade) and Electrification (A-Grade) to increase the speed of the arrow.

Although the Smoke Cloud Beast was also a fierce beast with lightning attribute and so the lightning element attached to the Electrification skill could not deal much damage to it, the arrow was much faster now.

Finally, Liu Yan activated Split (A-Grade) and Track (A-Grade) .

Although Liu Yan could still use the Power of Desolation to increase his strength and increase the power of the arrow, he knew that the defensive ability of the Smoke Cloud Beast was not particularly strong. There were already so many skills attached to the arrow, and that was enough to deal with the Smoke Cloud Beast.

Additionally, Liu Yan's strength had recently received a large boost through divine extraction. At this time, he had already drawn the Myriad Beast Bow into a circular shape.

If he were to use the Power of Desolation again, with a tenfold increase in strength, he would probably break the Myriad Beast Bow.

Liu Yan's strength was increasing too quickly. The current Myriad Beast Bow could no longer display all of his strength.

Following that, an arrow was shot out.

With many attachments, Liu Yan's arrow was multicolored, filled with various elements and effects. It was incomparably beautiful.

The speed of this arrow was even more terrifying. It left images in the air, and the position of the arrow could not be seen clearly.

As the arrow was shot, the effect of the Split skill was triggered, and this arrow multiplied to become five more.

The Smoke Cloud Beast felt the terrifying threat from this arrow and quickly dodged with all its might. As quick as a wink, the Smoke Cloud Beast's figure had already appeared on the other side.

However, this arrow had a tracking effect. The arrow automatically changed direction and chased after the Smoke Cloud Beast.

The Smoke Cloud Beast hurriedly continued to dodge, but these five arrows all had a tracking effect and were extremely fast.

In just a moment, the Smoke Cloud Beast was hit by one of the arrows as it could not dodge in time.

The moment the first arrow hit, the Smoke Cloud Beast slowed down, and soon the remaining four arrows all found their target.

Many debuff effects, poison effects, and other effects were triggered.

The Smoke Cloud Beast, whose defense wasn't that terrifying to begin with, was killed on the spot.

When Liu Yan saw this, he was overjoyed.

These skills added to the arrows made them simply too strong. This had even exceeded Liu Yan's expectations.

Especially Liu Yu's newly obtained Split and Track skill. While they may not have been as strong as other A-Grade skills, they became particularly important and powerful after coming together with the other skills on the bow and arrow.

This time, if he did not have the Split and Track skill, Liu Yan might still have a way to deal with this Smoke Cloud Beast. However, he would have to expend a lot of effort.

Chu Long and Murong Xue were both shocked when they saw the Smoke Cloud Beast lying motionlessly on the ground.

The two of them expected that it was going to be a long and intense battle. They didn't expect Liu Yan to end it in such a short time.

The battle ended much faster than the two of them had expected.

"Brother Liu Yan, how did your arrow turn?" Chu Long asked in surprise.

Murong Xue also looked at Liu Yan in shock. The speed and power of the arrow just now were extremely terrifying. More importantly, it could change directions and track its target. This was way too scary.

At this moment, Liu Yan seemed like a strange monster to Murong Xue.

His concealment ability was so strong, and his close-combat explosive power was also incomparably terrifying. Now, his long-range offensive ability was equally skilful.

Liu Yan was superior in every way. He was like an omnipotent and powerful monster without any flaws!

Chapter 76: The Counterattack Storm

Murong Xue looked at Liu Yan doubtfully.

She had just noticed that Liu Yan's arrow was covered in various colors, as if it was imbued with various elemental powers.

The most surprising thing was that Liu Yan's arrow could actually change directions.

Liu Yan looked at the doubtful faces of Murong Xue and Chu Long, but he smiled mysteriously and said, "Don't ask me about this. It's some special ability, okay? We should pack up and set off soon!"

Murong Xue and Chu Long were still confused, but they packed up and set off again.

After the two girls left, Liu Yan went to the corpses of the Dark Cloud Leopard and the Smoke Cloud Beast and used divine extraction.

White light enveloped the corpses of the two fierce beasts, and notifications appeared in front of Liu Yan.

[Divine Extraction of the Dark Cloud Leopard (S-Grade Potential, Level 20) has been successful. Congratulations on obtaining: Strength +412, Vitality +378, Adaptability +278, Counterattack Storm (A-Grade), Combat Experience +900!]

[Divine Extraction of the Smoke Cloud Beast (S-Grade Potential, Level 18) has been successful. Congratulations on obtaining: Vitality +268, Agility +403, Spirit +232, Smoke Cloud (A-Grade)!]

[Smoke Cloud (A-Grade) has successfully fused with Electrification (A-Grade) and Shadow Steps (A-Grade), increasing the strength of Electrification by 50% and the speed of Shadow Steps by 30%. Combat experience +800!]

[Congratulations on having sufficient EXP, and you have successfully levelled up to level 8. You have obtained 20 attribute points, which can be freely distributed!]

[The number of Divine Extractions have increased!]

As the notifications appeared before his eyes, Liu Yan suddenly felt a warm current flash across his body, and his body immediately underwent a visible change.

With these two fierce beasts having a relatively high level of potential, Liu Yan was provided with a large amount of attributes.

Liu Yan already had an enormous amount of attributes, but with the support from the attributes of these fierce beasts, Liu Yan's overall attributes increased by 50% right away.

Such an increase over just a single battle was quite incredible.

The Awakened would need at least ten days to two weeks to increase their strength to this extent, and not all the Awakened could do this.

However, because of Liu Yan's SSS-grade talent in divine extraction, he improved immensely in just one battle.

Apart from the huge amount of attribute points, Liu Yan had also improved a lot in other aspects.

Previously, when he had collected the corpses of the ordinary fierce beasts, Liu Yan would gain a substantial amount of EXP.

This time, he had killed two high-level fierce beasts with S-Grade potential and obtained a large amount of EXP. After that, he had obtained a large amount of EXP through divine extraction.

The large amount of EXP added together allowed Liu Yan to level up two levels in a row within one day, directly rising from level 6 to level 8. His strength had risen quite a bit in all aspects, and the number of times he could conduct divine extraction increased significantly too.

Coincidentally, when Liu Yan was cleaning up the corpses of the Awakened and fierce beasts today, he had already used up a lot of his divine extraction. Now, as he leveled up, the total number of divine extraction times had increased, and it had also refreshed.

Liu Yan looked and saw that he currently had another 100 opportunities for divine extraction. It should be enough for the rest of the cleaning up he had to do today.

Other than attribute points and EXP, Liu Yan had also reaped some very significant gains: two powerful A-Grade skills.

Smoke Cloud, an A-Grade skill Liu Yan gained, was also a lightning attribute skill. Other than the power of lightning, it also had the effect of increasing agility. It merged with Liu Yan's original skills, Electrification (A-Grade) and Shadow Steps (A-Grade), making these skills even more powerful.

Additionally, Liu Yan gained a completely new A-Grade skill. He hurriedly checked to see what it was.

[Counterattack Storm]

Grade: A

Effect: After activation, one will enter an absolute defence period that can last up to 5 seconds (extendable). Defensive abilities will increase by five times (extendable). After five seconds or if ended earlier, all damage received during this period will be concentrated as a counterattack!

When Liu Yan saw the effect of the new skill, he was overjoyed.

The Counterattack Storm was a close-combat skill that gathered both defence and attack.

Firstly, this came as a perfect completion to Liu Yan's currently lacking defensive skills. Previously, Liu Yan could only rely on his physical constitution attributes to defend himself. Otherwise, he had to use agility and speed to dodge from attacks.

Liu Yan didn't have an active defense skill before.

He was quite different from Murong Xue. After she activated the tyrant body, her strength and vitality increased, and her defensive abilities had also increased tremendously. Only then did Murong Xue have the conditions to face the attacks head-on.

Liu Yan more than made up for his weakness now with the Counterattack Storm.

A five-fold defence bonus was quite ridiculous. Currently, Liu Yan's vitality reached a high of 2000 points. This was insane.

Even fierce beasts that relied on strength like the Dark Cloud Leopard were probably not be able to deal much damage to Liu Yan.

Under such circumstances, with a five-fold increase in defense, Liu Yan really couldn't think of any fierce beast or any of the Awakened that could hurt him.

In addition to actively defending Liu Yan, the Counterattack Storm could also absorb all the damage received and allow Liu Yan to control how the damage will be used in a counterattack. This was extremely convenient, and worked like a combination of offence and defence.

At this moment, Liu Yan could not help but feel a little sorry for the Dark Cloud Leopard just now. The Dark Cloud Leopard was clearly skilful at defence, but before it could use its skills, Liu Yan relied on his powerful invisibility skill to come close. Before the Dark Cloud Leopard even had time to defend or show its strengths, Liu Yan had killed it almost instantaneously with his own explosive power.

After taking stock of the gains, Liu Yan continued to set off. He returned to the original route and continued to move forward.

Liu Yan and Murong Xue's two routes were also planned in advance by Liu Yan. They could cover the core areas of the nearby region. Although they could not stop by every single fierce beast or Awakened corpse, covering most of them wasn't a problem.

The main thing was that Liu Yan didn't have much time. He didn't want to waste too much time in the Yin Region, and wanted to head to the Yang Region as soon as possible to obtain the yang card.

After confirming that he could pass the trial on the third level of the tower, Liu Yan would slowly obtain more yin and yang cards. From there, Liu Yan knew that he would be able to transition to a more powerful class.

Liu Yan continued to follow his previous strategy. He continued to conduct divine extraction on the fierce beast and the Awakened corpses he saw along the way.

He then relied on his high levels of agility to continue sweeping up the corpses along the route Murong Xue took.

Liu Yan wanted to conduct divine extraction on the greatest number of fierce beasts and Awakened corpses in the shortest amount of time possible.

Most of the fierce beasts and Awakened that died here were of average strength. Naturally, Liu Yan did not receive much. However, there was quite a large number of corpses, and so Liu Yan had a substantial harvest when totalling up everything he extracted.

Liu Yan continued to harvest attributes, increase his EXP and boost his skill strength.

The only drawback was that the yin cards on these corpses had already been looted by others, so Liu Yan didn't get any more yin cards.

Not long after, Liu Yan used Omniscient Insight (A-Grade) to sense what was going on a dozen meters away. There was a sound of fighting. The Awakened seemed to be fighting among themselves.

When he noticed this, Liu Yan's eyes were filled with joy.

What a wonderful coincidence! Liu Yan was lacking a yin card, and it so happened that he would be able to get one easily.

Today, Liu Yan had finally met a living Awakened. He could go up and plunder a wave of yin cards!

Chapter 77: Leave Everything Here

Liu Yan activated his B-Grade skill, Traceless Silence, and moved forward to check out the situation first.

At the same time, through the contract, Liu Yan communicated telepathically with the Shadow Wolf and had it notify Murong Xue and Chu Long to bring them over.

It wasn't that Liu Yan needed the two of them to help him, but rather to prevent them from encountering danger again. If Liu Yan took action here, he wouldn't be able to escape in time to help them if they were to get into trouble.

As he disappeared, Liu Yan's movements were completely concealed as he moved forward.

Not long after, Liu Yan stopped behind a patch of flowers and grass to observe the situation in front of him.

There were three Awakened currently surrounded by more than ten other Awakened in the open space in front of them.

When Liu Yan saw this, he was quite surprised. Normally, a small squad of the Awakened consisted of only three people.

When the Awakened had just entered the third level of the Tower, they tended to form large groups.

But later on, rumor had it that the Awakened were ambushed and attacked by a group of fierce beasts that night, resulting in heavy casualties.

After that fateful night, the Awakened realized the power and number of the fierce beast on the third level of the Tower.

The large group disbanded on the spot, and the Awakened began to move separately.

As it turned out, the Academy's rule of having three people in a group was quite reasonable.

Except for Liu Yan, who was too powerful and could walk alone, the Awakened couldn't deal with any fierce beast on the third floor of the tower alone.

However, the Awakened could deal with most of the fierce beasts when they travelled in groups of three.

As for the fierce beasts they could not tackle, the safest way was to avoid them and not face them head-on.

Liu Yan didn't expect that the Awakened would form a large group even though it was already the fourth day in the third level of the Tower.

There were thirteen people in this squad of the Awakened.

However, the three Awakened they were surrounding didn't look weak either. However, looking at the corpses of the fierce beast and the wounds on their bodies, it was obvious that this group had just been through a huge battle with the fierce beast and was heavily injured.

This small group of Awakened were already injured and were surrounded by four times the number of people. It was a dire situation.

In the open space, the leader of the group was a young man with a clear scar on his face. It was obvious that he didn't come from the Academy.

"The three of you, surrender all the yin and yang cards you have. Give me whatever you have on you now, and I will spare your lives! If not, I will kill you!" The leader of the group of young men said with a sinister smile.

Seeing this, his subordinates at the side began shouting and clamouring for attention.

“That’s right. Why aren’t you all handing them over? Are you courting death?”

“Our boss Scarface has already spoken, Aren’t you all going to do as he says?”

“I’m sure you’ve heard of our boss, Scarface. And I’m sure you’ve heard about his reputation. If you don’t want to die, then hurry up!”

“These three fools. Are you sure you want to resist? Hahaha!”

“...”

The three Awakened on the other side knew that the ringleader of other party was Scarface. It seemed like they had heard of him before, and their expressions weren’t positive. The three of them discussed in low voices.

“That guy is Scarface. I heard that they’re all very powerful, and their attacks are very vicious.”

“There are many Awakened squads that have already suffered in their hands these past few days.”

“Don’t listen to them. I know that Scarface and the others are very ruthless. Even if we hand over the items, we’ll still be killed. They won’t give us any way out.”

“What should we do? We could make a run for it if we weren’t injured. But we can’t even run now!”

“We can’t hand the weapons over. We’re dead if we do!”

“...”

At the same time, Murong Xue and Chu Long were led by the Shadow Wolf and came over.

Seeing the situation in front of them, Chu Long frowned slightly and said, “These people are too much. More than ten people are bullying just three people!”

Murong Xue looked at the clothes of these people and reminded them, “The Awakened that we met before seemed to be with them.”

Liu Yan was just about to remind them not to speak for fear of discovery, but he was already too late.

One of the underlings beside Scarface said a few words in his ear. Scarface immediately brought a few Awakened to surround Liu Yan and the others.

Obviously, some of them had a perceptive skill.

Liu Yan had been careful about this. After all, Liu Yan had relied on the Traceless Silence skill to hide his voice. That was why he dared to come so close.

If Liu Yan were to use his perceptive skill, he would be able to sense Murong Xue and Chu Long’s arrival from a hundred meters away, not to mention the distance of 20 to 30 meters.

Seeing that he had been discovered, Liu Yan decided not to hide anymore. He brought Murong Xue and Chu Long out of the bushes and revealed themselves.

As for Shadow Wolf, Liu Yan arranged for it to continue hiding. Later on, he could use it as a surprise move. It could also be considered as a backup plan to prevent any accidents.

Seeing Liu Yan and the other two come out, especially the two extremely beautiful ladies, Scarface and the others became excited. They all looked at Murong Xue and Chu Long with narrowed eyes.

“Oh! I didn’t expect to see two great beauties.”

“Aren’t you pretty? I never thought I would see such a pretty lady.”

“Tsk, tsk. tsk. After you’ve had your fun, Boss, I have to be the first one!”

“Aren’t we lucky today, Brothers!”

“...”

Scar’s underlings started to tease them one after another.

They didn’t take Liu Yan, Murong Xue and Chu Long seriously.

The Awakened thought that even if each individual’s skills were stronger, they had strength in numbers. The Awakened themselves were not weak, and could just gang up and get rid of this trio.

At this moment, Scarface frowned as he looked at Liu Yan and the other two. He had a bad feeling, especially when he saw Liu Yan’s calm expression.

Liu Yan looked like an inexperienced young man, with hardly any societal experience. Yet, Scarface just felt like Liu Yan would be a tough opponent.

However, Scarface did not put too much thought into it. After all, there were more than ten people on his side. The other party only had three. It should be a piece of cake, right?

Liu Yan looked at Scarface and the others in front of him, but his expression was calm. He asked indifferently, “Are Big Brother Hai and Shouhou on your side?”

“Big Brother Hai? Shouhou?”

When Scarface’s subordinates heard this, their expressions changed immediately.

“Kid, you know them? Do you know where they are?”

“The last time those guys went out, they didn’t come back. Seriously.”

“They are on our side. Kid, how do you know them? Tell us now!”

When Scarface heard this, he frowned slightly. He looked at Liu Yan, then nodded and said, “That’s right, they are my subordinates. Do you know them? If you know them and are friends, you can hang out with us.”

Liu Yan heard this and immediately confirmed that these people were allies. These were all Awakened that were released from prison, and had taken action against other Awakened in the Tower. Liu Yan decided that he would not let any of them off.

If he came across other groups of the Awakened, Liu Yan would just rob them of their Yin Cards. He would not harm them if it was not necessary.

However, Scarface and the others weren’t good people and harmed countless others.

Liu Yan naturally wouldn't show mercy.

"Well, since you lot are in cahoots, you'll all die here today."

Liu Yan's tone was extremely calm, but what he said shocked Scarface and the others.

Chapter 78: One-Sided

Scarface looked at Liu Yan mockingly and said, "Kid, you really know how to talk big."

Originally, Scarface did think there was more to Liu Yan and was quite afraid.

But once Liu Yan said those words, Scarface suddenly felt that his fears were unfounded.

No matter how strong Liu Yan was, Scarface believed that Liu Yan could only deal with two or three people at most.

His group of Awakened here were not weak, so why should they be afraid of this trio?

Scarface's subordinates also laughed as if they had heard a joke.

"I've seen arrogant people, but I've never seen such arrogant people."

"Kid, you really do talk a lot, so let's see if you can still claim to be tough after I kill you!"

"How interesting, offering yourself up as a sacrifice. What a joke."

"This is ridiculous, because I've never seen a person so full of themselves!"

"..."

Liu Yan couldn't be bothered with these people. Time was precious. He couldn't waste too much time here.

Liu Yan glanced at Murong Xue and Chu Long. The two girls understood immediately and prepared to fight.

Although the opponent had a huge advantage in numbers, with three to four times the number of people, the trio were extremely confident in their own strength. There was no need to be afraid.

Murong Xue walked forward and stomped hard on the ground. Under the huge force, several cracks appeared on the floor.

After entering the second layer of the tyrant body, Murong Xue's aura changed, and her entire being gave off a feeling of immense authority.

Liu Yan also took out the Myriad Beast Bow from his spatial ring and prepared to fight.

Chu Long stood quietly at the side. Her mission was to protect herself well, and then observe the situation. If Murong Xue and Liu Yan were injured, she would treat them in time to ensure that they could continue fighting, and to help them, maintain their combat strength.

When Scarface and the others saw Murong Xue's terrifying strength, their expressions changed slightly. They put away their relaxed and teasing expressions and started to treat her seriously.

They had seen some Awakened who focused on strength, but this was the first time they had seen an Awakened with such terrifying strength.

“Little beauty, since you’re so good at fighting, we’ll take you seriously. It won’t be pretty if we hurt you later.”

“It’s such a pity to damage such a lovely face.”

“What’s there to pity? Isn’t it more interesting to damage such a pretty face? Hahaha!”

“That’s right. It won’t affect us even if we destroy it!”

“...”

Scarface led his subordinates on a charge towards Murong Xue.

They had all seen Murong Xue’s strength, but they weren’t afraid. After all, they had more people. They could just charge forward and finish off Murong Xue together. After that, they could easily deal with the remaining two.

Seeing this, Liu Yan wasn’t in a hurry to attack.

With Liu Yan’s current ability, he could take care of these ten or so ordinary Awakened in just a minute if he attacked with his full strength,

He felt that there was no need to do that although he could very well do so. Liu Yan wanted Murong Xue to fight and train more.

When Liu Yan was dealing with the Dark Cloud Leopard and the Smoke Cloud Beast, it was too dangerous. Liu Yan could only do his best to end the fighting as soon as possible to avoid Murong Xue and Chu Long from getting hurt.

But now, the situation was not that critical. These Awakened might be stronger than most other Awakened, but compared to Murong Xue, they were just average.

Anyway, with Chu Long’s healing support, Murong Xue would be fine even if she was slightly injured.

In an instant, Scarface led everyone and rushed in front of Murong Xue.

Murong Xue faced thirteen Awakened by herself. The Awakened did not panic at all. Instead of retreating, they advanced and took the initiative to attack.

The Awakened fell one by one with each punch and kick under Murong Xue’s exquisite yet powerful moves.

On the other hand, even though Murong Xue was under heavy attack, her physical ability was superior and the injuries she had received were only minor. Murong Xue still had Chu Long who could help heal her.

Chu Long’s healing had already begun before her attack had even landed. The cures came right as Murong Xue got injured.

For a moment, the scene looked a little exaggerated. Murong Xue was actually not at a disadvantage when facing these thirteen people alone.

Scarface and his underlings were all injured and fell down one by one. On the other hand, Murong Xue was getting braver and braver as she fought on, her body unscathed.

Murong Xue also noticed that Liu Yan didn't help her from behind. Instead, he was just observing the battle. However, she didn't mind and directly activated the third layer of the Tyrant Body.

The initial balance of power was toppled after Murong Xue entered the third layer of the Tyrant Body.

When she was still at the second layer of the Tyrant Body, Murong Xue needed a few more punches to finish off one of her opponents.

Once Murong Xue entered the third layer of the Tyrant Body, she crushed them. One punch sent each one of them flying. Although Scarface was fighting in a big group, they couldn't stop Murong Xue.

When Scarface and the rest were shocked when they saw this. They did not think that the woman in front of them could actually fight so well. Thirteen of them could not beat her alone. It was truly unbelievable. This was totally inconceivable if not for the fact that they physically experienced it.

Scarface looked at his subordinates falling one by one. The number of people around him was getting smaller and smaller. At this moment, he finally realized that something was not right.

Even though he didn't want to face this reality, Scarface was helpless. If he didn't retreat, he would have to die here today.

"If we can't beat him, let's run!"

Scarblade gave the order. His subordinates, who had been thinking of escaping, turned around and fled.

These people had obviously encountered a powerful fierce beast before, and they had a method of escaping. They all ran in different directions, so they had a chance.

"Where do you think you're going!" Murong Xue saw this and quickly chased after them.

Liu Yan also chose to make his move. He took out the Myriad Beast Bow and nocked an arrow.

This was a group of very ordinary Awakened. Liu Yan only used an A-Grade skill, Track, to ensure that the arrow would be neutralised. There was no need to worry about its power because Liu Yan knew that with his current power, the kills would be instantaneous as long as an arrow hit.

After a few consecutive arrows were shot, the escaping Scarface and the others fell to the ground one by one. Liu Yan and Murong Xue rushed up to finish them off. Those who were lucky enough not to die were also killed.

The field became quiet.

Liu Yan's three-man team faced off against Scarface's thirteen Awakened. It ended with a complete victory for Liu Yan's side. Moreover, the battle was completely one-sided, and it ended extremely quickly.

“That wasn’t even a tough fight. These people are too weak!” Murong Xue shook her head. She obviously wanted a better fight.

Murong Xue had been following Liu Yan for the past few days and had suffered quite a number of blows.

The Awakened had been taught a lesson at this moment, and Murong Xue had finally found some sense of superiority. She was still the blessed and privileged daughter of the Heavens. It wasn’t that Murong Xue was weak, but Liu Yan was just too good.

Liu Yan and Chu Long heard this and smiled, but didn’t say anything more.

Following that, Liu Yan went forward to pack up their bounty.

Scarface and the others had travelled everywhere and robbed quite a number of the Awakened squads. They would certainly keep large amounts of treasures and yin cards with them. Liu Yan knew that they could reap a significant amount this time.

Chapter 79: Repaying Kindness with Malice

The trio were busy collecting their spoils of war.

On the other side, the three Awakened whom they rescued just recovered from their daze.

The three of them originally thought that Liu Yan, Murong Xue and Chu Long were dead for sure.

However, the small squad of Awakened did not expect that what Liu Yan’s trio said about Murong Xue’s combat strength would turn out to be accurate. She was actually able to fight against 13 people by herself, and in the end, she even crushed Scarface and the others.

The three of them quickly came to Murong Xue’s side, the leader of the group smiled with admiration and said, “Hello, Miss. My name is Xu Tian and I am their leader. Thank you for saving our lives. Without you, the three of us would be dead for sure. Since you are so strong, can we forge an alliance and look out for one another?”

When Murong Xue heard this, her face was cold and indifferent. She could not be bothered to respond.

Murong Xue, who had been the favored daughter of the heavens since she was young, had countless admirers. She was quite fed up with these things.

“Oh, you want to create an alliance and work together? Then go ask our captain.” Murong Xue said indifferently. She pointed at Liu Yan and then continued to pack up her loot.

When Xu Tian and the others heard this, they were quite surprised. From their point of view, Murong Xue was the strongest of the three. Liu Yan only knew how to shoot arrows and pick up scraps. There was nothing strong about him. What right did such a person have to be the captain?

For a moment, Xu Tian and the other two were also a little envious of Liu Yan. He actually had such a strong teammate and was so good looking. Wasn’t he lucky?

The three of them immediately came before Liu Yan, but their attitude wasn’t as respectful as when they faced Murong Xue earlier.

“Brother, you’re really capable. You actually have such a strong teammate, and you’re good looking too.”

“Thank you for saving my life.”

“Brother, how about the six of us move together? A group of six isn’t a big target, and we can take care of each other if we move together.”

“...”

Although the three of them said that they were grateful, their expressions didn’t show too much gratitude. Instead, they seemed to look down on Liu Yan.

Liu Yan also had a cold expression, just like Murong Xue. It was impossible for them to form an alliance.

At that time, if it wasn’t for the Academy’s rules and restrictions, Liu Yan didn’t even want to form a team with Murong Xue and Chu Long. The two of them wouldn’t be of much help to him. On the contrary, it would be more convenient for him to travel alone.

Liu Yan said indifferently, “We’re not forming a team. We’ll travel alone. Move aside and don’t block the way.”

Following that, Liu Yan ignored the three of them and continued to collect his loot from the battle.

Liu Yan was only helping them out in passing. The main reason was to teach Scarface and the others a lesson. More importantly, he wanted to rob Scarface and his group.

Xu Tian and the other two Awakened could accept Murong Xue’s cold treatment. After all, Murong Xue was so powerful and so good looking.

However, when Liu Yan treated them coldly, Xu Tian and the others felt that it was an insult to their reputation.

“What are you talking about? You’re just following them around. Do you really think you’re that powerful?”

“That’s right. What kind of attitude is this? You’re too arrogant.”

“Boss, what should we do? We’re injured. If we don’t follow them, we might be in danger later.”

“What’s there to be afraid of? Let’s recuperate properly. We can survive even if we look a little ragged.”

“...”

The three of them discussed in low voices. They had just been saved by Liu Yan and the others, but now they were saying bad things about Liu Yan behind his back.

Little did they know that Liu Yan, who possessed Omniscient Insight, had heard everything clearly.

After learning about this, Liu Yan did not mind. After all, he did not act to save them. If they did not thank him, so be it. They were strangers to Liu Yan anyway.

Liu Yan continued to pack up the loot they took from the Awakened. Not long after, the three of them packed and tallied everything.

First was the equipment and supplies. The level of the equipment was relatively low, and Liu Yan and the other two were far superior in terms of equipment. Naturally, they didn't take a fancy to it.

The supplies were stuffed into the spatial ring. Having more supplies was always a benefit, and they could be used in case there were emergencies.

Undoubtedly, the biggest harvest were the yin cards.

These thirteen people should only have thirteen yin cards in total, perhaps a few more if they obtained any from the fierce beasts.

However, the probability of obtaining a yin card from the fierce beasts was very low. Normally, even if ten fierce beasts were killed, one might not be able to obtain a single yin card. This depended on luck.

This happened when Liu Yan killed the Dark Cloud Leopard and Smoke Cloud Beast. Their potential was S-Grade and their levels were very high, and their combined strength was definitely at the peak of the third level of the tower.

But even so, the trio did not obtain a single yin card from these powerful fierce beasts. They were perhaps just unlucky.

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Normally, it would be an excellent outcome if Liu Yan and the others found more than 20 yin cards on Scarface and the thirteen Awakened.

But after totalling up all the yin cards, Liu Yan and the other two were surprised to find that the 13 Awakened had a total of 62 yin cards!

"Why are there so many yin cards? These people are too rich!" Chu Long said in surprise.

Murong Xue had guessed the reason and said with disdain, "It seems that these people have plundered the yin cards belonging to many other Awakened squads. They must have killed many Awakened."

Liu Yan concurred and nodded slightly.

Scarface and his squad would have never imagined that their past few days' worth of hard work plundering and collecting all sorts of yin cards would eventually fall into the hands of Liu Yan's trio.

"That's right, 62 yin cards. That's more than 20 for each of us. That's definitely enough. Now, we'll follow the original route to harvest and sweep. Then, we'll think of a way to quickly head to the Yang Region to look for the yang cards. We have more than enough yin cards now." Liu Yan explained.

Following that, the two women handed over the yin cards for Liu Yan to manage. The two women continued to set off, returning to the original route and continuing to sweep according to the plan.

There were only a few left now.

Liu Yan packed his luggage. He also planned to set off after Chu Long and Murong Xue left.

At this time, Xu Tian and the two other Awakened looked at each other, their faces awash with malice.

Seeing this, Liu Yan frowned slightly and said, "Let's go our separate ways."

If Liu Yan let them follow, it wouldn't be convenient for him to conduct divine extraction of the corpses of the fierce beasts and Awakened.

This was especially so now, where there were the 13 corpses of the Awakened, as well as two fierce beast corpses. This could provide a very considerable income.

To the others, they were just corpses.

But to Liu Yan, it was a large amount of attributes, EXP, and all sorts of powerful skills. After he conducted divine extraction on all of them, Liu Yan knew that he could definitely boost his combat ability.

Hearing this, Xu Tian laughed. However, he immediately led his two teammates to block Liu Yan from the front and back.

Xu Tian said with an evil look on his face, "Kid, we asked to work together but you said no. Are we not good enough for you? Who do you think you are? Isn't it just because that girl on your team is strong? How powerful do you think you are? Well, now that she isn't here, isn't she just patronising you? You had a pretty good loot just now, with 62 yin cards. Hand them over now, or I'll kill you!"

Xu Tian's teammates by the side looked at Liu Yan smugly.

"Who does this kid think he is? He's going solo. Without that strong teammate of his, isn't he just courting death by walking alone?"

"Where are the 62 yin cards? We can take them to the Yang Region and casually find someone to exchange them for some yang cards. Then we'll be able to pass the trial of the third level without having to fight any fierce beast. Wouldn't that be easy!"

"Not just that, I've heard that the more yin and yang cards there are, the stronger the class transition will be. We can exchange for more yang cards. When that happens, the three of us will all switch to powerful classes and increase our strength by a large margin!"

Liu Yan looked at the three people in front of him who had repaid his kindness with malice. They were smugly visualising their comfortable lives after obtaining the 62 yin cards. Liu Yan couldn't help but shake his head slightly. It seemed like he had underestimated humanity.

Chapter 80: The End of the Sweep

"Looks like I shouldn't have saved you guys," Liu Yan said calmly.

Liu Yan didn't intentionally save the three of them as he mainly wanted to deal with Scarface and his underlings. Liu Yan acted to obtain the yin cards.

At that time, however, Liu Yan could have waited for Scarface to take action against this three before attacking.

In the end, Liu Yan chose to attack earlier to save their lives. He felt that at the end of the day, they were all human.

Liu Yan did not want anything in return for saving them, but he did not expect the three of them to repay kindness with malice.

When Xu Tian heard Liu Yan's words, he immediately smiled and said, "Kid, the strong prey on the weak, do you understand? Besides, who do you think you are? You are just lucky to have a strong teammate."

When Liu Yan heard this, he smiled faintly. He could not be bothered to argue anymore and said, "Then let's do it. Let's see who is the one that's actually strong."

"How arrogant you are!" Xu Tian laughed even more when he heard this.

The two underlings beside him laughed, too.

"This kid actually thinks he's powerful."

"Kid, why don't you be honest about it and just hand over those yin cards? We can spare your life. Why do you have to fight?"

"This kid is good at archery. He can't manage close combat. We'll attack directly."

"..."

Xu Tian and his two subordinates knew that they had to act quickly in order to avoid further trouble. If that powerful female Awakened returned, they would be finished.

They had seen clearly just now that the female Awakened was extremely powerful. Even on her own, she was not at a disadvantage when dealing with Scarface and the others. This was the first time they had seen such a powerful Awakened since they entered the Tower.

The Awakened that they had met previously, the so-called genius Awakened, could only deal with two or three others of the same level at most. What they just saw was utterly ridiculous.

At this moment, Liu Yan did not show any mercy when facing Xu Tian and the other two.

The Awakened were all humans. Liu Yan would not have taken their lives unless it were absolutely necessary,

Liu Yan naturally wouldn't be merciful now that the trio wanted his life,

The Awakened were three ordinary people, and they were injured. Liu Yan didn't need to use his full strength at all.

He opened the soft blade on his A-Grade weapon, the soft blade boxing gloves. Then, Liu Yan activated an A-Grade skill, the Blazing Tyrant Fist, and rushed forward.

Xu Tian and the other two raised their weapons. Seeing Liu Yan raise his fists, the contempt in their eyes grew stronger.

They had never seen this level of so-called arrogance. It was one thing for Liu Yan to take the initiative to attack in a one-on-three fight, but he actually used his fists to face their weapons.

However, in the next moment, Liu Yan's fist came into contact with their weapons.

Xu Tian and the other two immediately felt a terrifying force coming from their weapons. They felt a pain in their palms and could not help but lose their grip on the weapons.

When they looked again, Liu Yan's fist was already infinitely magnified in their line of sight.

With just a few simple punches, Liu Yan shook off their weapons and took care of the two Awakened. Suddenly, only Xu Tian was left.

At this moment, Xu Tian was dumbfounded. He did not even look carefully at what had happened. Now, his two teammates had already fallen to the ground. They were definitely dead.

Xu Tian looked at Liu Yan with a face full of shock. He had never thought that Liu Yan would be so powerful. In the blink of an eye, he had killed two of his teammates.

It was only at this moment that Xu Tian finally realized how powerful Liu Yan. Only then did he finally understand why Liu Yan could be the team leader. After all, he was the strongest!

"Brother, I was wrong. Please spare my life!" Xu Tian kneeled down on the spot and begged for mercy.

However, Liu Yan did not hold back at all. He directly walked forward and killed Xu Tian with a strong blow.

In fact, when the three of them were deep in discussion, Liu Yan had already used his A-Grade Omniscient Insight skill to see and hear everything clearly.

Others could not hear their whispers, but Liu Yan could hear them entirely.

As long as he used Omniscient insight, Liu Yan could see and hear everything clearly within a hundred-meter radius.

When Liu Yan heard their discussion, he did not take action. Initially, Liu Yan wanted to give them another chance. If they merely thought about carrying out the evil deeds but did not have the daring to do so, Liu Yan would have shut one eye and pretended not to hear. He would have let them go.

However, since the trio had chosen to make a move, they needed to be prepared for failure and for death.

Liu Yan looked at the three new corpses of the Awakened in front of him. Including these three, there were a total of 17 Awakened corpses. Liu Yan hurriedly stepped forward and began divine extraction.

[Divine Extraction of Hard-Armored Giant Rhinoceros corpse (C-Grade Potential, Level 15) has been successful. Congratulations on obtaining: Strength +245, Vitality +312, Adaptability +178, EXP +600!]

[Divine Extraction of Forest-Green Python corpse (C-Grade Potential, Level 18) has been successful. Congratulations on obtaining: Strength +225, Vitality +212, Spirit +248, EXP +650!]

[Divine Extraction of Awakened corpse (D-Grade Potential, Level 5) has been successful. Congratulations on obtaining: Strength Enhancement (D-Grade), fused with Power of Desolation (A-Grade), a 1% increase in power!]

[Divine Extraction of Awakened corpse (C-Grade Potential, Level 8) has been successful. Congratulations on obtaining: Extreme Speed (C-Grade), fused with Shadow Steps (A-Grade), a 3% increase in power!]

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The Awakened like Xu Tian and Scarface did not have high talent and EXP levels overall, so the rewards that they gave Liu Yan were rather average.

Fortunately, there were a lot of them, so it was quite a considerable harvest for Liu Yan.

The two fierce beasts' potential grades were average, but their EXP levels were not bad. They provided Liu Yan with a lot of attributes and EXP.

After this period of divine extraction, Liu Yan gradually realized something.

According to the current situation, the low-level Awakened corpse gave Liu Yan less improvement, while the fierce beast corpse gave him more improvement.

Even if the talent level of the fierce beast was average, the fierce beast could give Liu Yan attributes and EXP. Therefore, even if he couldn't obtain any skill, the harvest was still quite good.

After coming to this conclusion, Liu Yan made a mental note. He knew that he had to try divine extraction on more fierce beasts in the future.

As corpses of the Awakened, only high-level corpses could give Liu Yan a significant harvest.

After that, Liu Yan continued his journey. According to his previous plan, Liu Yan continued to travel through forested areas of the Yin Region, sweeping corpses of the Awakened and of fierce beasts.

At dusk, Liu Yan and the other two finished their sweep and gathered under a huge tree.

It was daytime, so it was relatively safe. The three of them started a fire and ate while resting.

The three of them first tallied their harvest. They obtained the most number of yin cards from Scarface's group. Other than that, the trio didn't meet any living Awakened, and therefore didn't obtain many yin cards.

When they finished gathering and tallying the numbers, the three of them realised that they now had a total of 72 yin cards.

After counting their spoils, they discussed the next step of their plan.

Liu Yan was eating a huge, roasted rhinoceros leg as he analyzed, "The Yin Forest is too big. We don't have the time to sweep it all. The spoils from today's sweep are enough."

"No matter how many yin cards we have, they're useless without yang cards."

"Let's set off tonight and head to the Yang Region."