

## Global CM 121

Chapter 121: No Martial Ethics! \_1

With Chen Mo's arrival, the thirty people who had grown bored waiting turned to look at him in unison.

"Sorry, I was a bit far from here. You've all been waiting for a while," Chen Mo apologized with a smile.

"No big deal. We won't be here for long anyway, so a little more time doesn't matter," Jiang Jie smiled dismissively.

Having finished speaking, he then tossed Chen Mo a bead enveloped in flashing electricity.

"This is your reward for acting as a witness."

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You have now gathered earth, water, fire, wind, and lightning Spirit Orbs, you can go to the set destination and combine them into a Five Elements Spirit Orb!]

As The Heavenly Path's Hint sounded, Chen Mo saw a new highlighted spot appear on his map, clearly the synthesis location.

"I don't take things from others for nothing. Take this." Seeing the other party's straightforwardness, Chen Mo, being a direct person himself, tossed the "Instant Group Teleportation Talisman" to Jiang Jie.

Jiang Jie initially paid no mind to the item Chen Mo tossed him.

It's probably just some small trinket, he assumed.

After all, the Thunder Spirit Pearl was just one component of the Five Elements Spirit Orb, not a complete Five Elements Spirit Orb itself, so its value was significantly lower.

However, after reading the item's information, Jiang Jie was stunned.

"Isn't this thing too valuable?"

Group Teleportation Talismans were already rare, let alone Instant Group Teleportation Talismans. The value of such a potent life-saving item, especially one that affected a group, was self-evident.

"It's nothing much, just a fair trade."

Now that Chen Mo possessed the Super Instantaneous Group Teleportation Talisman, trading this ordinary one was no great loss.

"Alright then, I'll accept this favor," Jiang Jie said, feeling he had profited greatly this time.

Actually, Chen Mo had initially planned to trade something from the spoils he'd acquired earlier. He hadn't expected Jiang Jie to be so forthright and offer the pearl for free, so he didn't need to trade and simply tossed the talisman to him. Since the other party was generous, he would naturally reciprocate.

"The witness has arrived, so let's establish the rules for the duels," Jiang Jie said, turning to the members of the aristocratic family.

"Go ahead, let's hear them," Zhao Wuming said, glancing at him and stepping forward.

"As we agreed before, it's two of you against one of them. However, your side is allowed one Support on standby for healing and applying buffs."

"Accepted." Zhao Wuming readily agreed. They had already prepared for a two-against-one scenario, and now they could even have an additional Support.

"Both sides will pull their punches. Falling below 20% Health counts as an elimination."

"Agreed."

At this point, Jiang Jie turned to Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue. "Then we'll ask you two to be the witnesses. If either side reneges on the agreement, we hope you two will intervene."

"No problem," Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue replied with smiles.

Seeing them clearly state their position, everyone on both sides felt more at ease.

"Alright, then let's begin—"

Suddenly, Chen Mo interjected, "Wait a moment. Why don't we set an area and a time limit? It might not always be a blitzkrieg. Let's say a maximum of half an hour per match, with the combat area being a two-hundred-meter radius centered on this spot. When time is up, the one with more Health remaining wins. Anyone stepping outside this range during the match will be considered defeated."

"Fine by us. We have no objections," Jiang Jie replied nonchalantly.

"We have no objections either." The scions of the aristocratic family were never ones to be outdone; if the other side agreed, so would they.

"Then, please have both sides select their combatants. Inform me of your choices first, and then they will enter the arena together to prevent any targeted matchups," Chen Mo instructed.

Hearing Chen Mo's proposal, both sides found it reasonable.

Soon after, both sides sent Chen Mo their list of participants via the Heavenly Path System.

"Good. Then let the first duel commence! From the Aristocratic Family, the first-round contestant is—the man with the five-star initial profession, 'Holy Martial Demon Knight,' Chen Mo!"

The aristocratic family's Chen Mo had insisted on this introduction. Although our Chen Mo found it a bit cringeworthy to announce, he still obliged.

Upon hearing this, the Chen Mo from the aristocratic family proudly strode out, holding a black-red hammer, his chest puffed out.

Witnessing this, our Chen Mo was momentarily speechless before continuing, "From the Academy, the first-round participants are Shen Lun, a four-star 'Curse-Disturbing Master,' and Ma Hong, a four-star 'Defender'! In accordance with our prior agreement, the Aristocratic Family's side is allowed one additional Support member who will not engage in combat but will only provide healing and cast beneficial buffs—no debuffs. The Aristocratic Family has chosen Lin Jiajia, a three-star 'Nature Priest'! Will the four of you please enter the arena? Everyone else, please withdraw beyond the battlefield perimeter."

This wasn't Chen Mo's first time officiating such a contest. Back in his school days, whenever teachers had urgent matters, they would often leave him—the top student—in charge of overseeing the remaining duels. So, he was quite adept at it.

"Two four-stars against one five-star, and they also have a three-star Support. I feel like the Aristocratic Family's side has a greater chance of winning," Yan Yingyue remarked, assessing their professions.

"It's hard to say," Chen Mo replied. "The Academy team knew the Aristocratic Family had two five-star professions, so they must have prepared countermeasures."

On the Aristocratic Family's side, Lin Jiajia, holding a verdant Magic Wand, stood near Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue.

The rest of the crowd then retreated from the battlefield.

Only Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue, the two witnesses, one non-participating Support, and the three combatants remained within the battlefield.

Once the combatants were positioned about ten meters apart, Chen Mo immediately announced, "The duel officially begins!"

Lin Jiayi swung her Magic Wand at an astounding speed, successively casting several layers of buffs on Chen Mo from the aristocratic family. These reinforcements included Nature's Guard, which boosted his abnormal resistance; Nature's Healing, which enhanced his health regeneration per second; and The Strength of Nature, which amplified his overall battle prowess. With the addition of these triple buffs, Chen Mo, whose combat strength was already quite formidable, seemed even more overpowering.

He hefted his giant hammer in one hand as if it were a mere cotton ball, then swiftly advanced to the front of the two opponents across from him in a single stride! With a dull swoosh as his great hammer cut through the air, it suddenly expanded tenfold. The massive hammer, like a huge boulder, came crashing down directly on Shen Lun and Ma Hong!

As Chen Mo launched his attack, Shen Lun and Ma Hong weren't about to sit idle. From the moment the fight began, they had already pulled out all the stops!

Shen Lun held a mysterious demon sphere emitting strange beams of colored light, and soon, layers of illusions enveloped Chen Mo.

Thanks to Chen Mo's ability to sense everything around him, much like a seer, he could perceive all their details.

Even though Chen Mo was protected by Nature's Guard, which reduced abnormal effects, the Curse-Disturbing Master used just three Skills to inflict him with at least ten different debuffs. Some were negligible, but others were critical: slowed movement, defense reduction, healing barrier, and continuous blood loss!

This four-star class might not look impressive in terms of combat power, but its ability to 'throw dirty water' is truly potent!

The term 'throwing dirty water' generally referred to inflicting a large number of negative effects at once. In this regard, the Curse-Disturbing Master excelled.

As Shen Lun applied numerous debuffs, Ma Hong, the Defender standing before him, suddenly had a light burst from his shield. It expanded rapidly, swelling to the size of Chen Mo's massive hammer!

It all happened in the blink of an eye!

The sequence of events, from Chen Mo launching his attack to the other two reacting, took only a few short seconds.

BOOM!

As the deafening sound echoed, the hammer crashed onto the giant shield, causing a visible ripple of Energy to spread out. The shield cracked and, in the next instant, disintegrated into fine dust.

Looking at the state of the three combatants, Chen Mo, for some unknown reason, had lost half his Health. Ma Hong, on the other hand, had only lost a little Health, and Shen Lun was completely unscathed.

However, they hadn't gained any significant advantage, because Ma Hong's shield had been completely shattered by Chen Mo's hammer!

This scene clearly caught the members of the Academy Alliance off-guard.

The surrounding crowd immediately erupted, "He can actually smash equipment directly! Five-star cultivators are truly monstrous! Even though we speculated about his various possible abilities, we never anticipated such a disgusting ability!"

"It's no use. It seems we've lost this round," Jiang Jie said, shaking his head helplessly.

The opponent shattered equipment with a single blow. What's the point of fighting on? If this continues, won't all their gear be destroyed?!

Although Chen Mo had been affected by Ma Hong's Damage Reflection Skill, losing half his Health from his own attack, he still wore an invincible expression as he laughed and taunted, "Got any more shields? Bring them on!"

At these words, Ma Hong's mouth twitched. I really want to rush up and pummel this fatty!

Damn it! My hard-earned golden-grade shield was shattered by this damn fatty with one hit! That shield cost a fortune! This is a devastating loss!

Ma Hong's heart ached at the thought.

But right now, I'm representing the Academy Alliance. I can't just back down. He was in a real dilemma. He had one more backup shield, but he couldn't afford to lose it. If that one shatters too, I'll really flip out!

Shen Lun, standing nearby, was equally terrified and quickly stashed away his precious demon sphere. What if Chen Mo smashes my beloved weapon with one hit too?!

Chen Mo wasn't dominating the field due to terrifying damage output. Rather, it was his equipment-shattering Skill that made both opponents wary and unwilling to engage directly, fearing their precious items would be next.

Seeing this, Chen Mo laughed and said, "It seems you can't carry on fighting."

Chen Mo had barely finished his sentence when Jiang Jie, who was watching the fight from outside the combat area, stepped forward and said, "We surrender this round!"

"Surrendering so soon? I haven't even really started yet!" Chen Mo pouted, looking somewhat unsatisfied.

Seeing that smug look on Chen Mo's face, Jiang Jie's fists clenched.

If I'd known this would happen, I would have fought this round myself!

I originally thought the opponent was a powerhouse dealing both physical and Spell damage. That's why I sent Ma Hong, the Defender, who can withstand both types of attacks. With a Curse-Disturbing Master as Support, winning should have been straightforward.

But who would have thought he'd just start breaking equipment!

So unsportsmanlike! Utterly devoid of martial virtue!

"First round, victory to Chen Mo of the aristocratic family group, the 'Holy Martial Demon Knight'!"

Chen Mo swaggered back to his team, glanced at Zhao Wuming beside him, and said, "Too easy. You're up next. Don't embarrass us."

Zhao Wuming glanced at Jiang Jie on the opposing team and retorted, "You think my opponent will be as easy as yours was?"

Despite his words, Zhao Wuming still strode forward with indomitable spirit.

His class was the "Bloodthirsty Blade Fighter"!

The class was a perfect match for his inherently wild aura.

On the other side, Jiang Jie and a seemingly timid girl stepped forward.

"Prepare for the second match! From the aristocratic family group, the second contestant, Zhao Wuming, a five-star 'Bloodthirsty Blade Fighter'!"

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The contestants stepping on stage for the second round in the Academy group were Jiang Jie, a five-star "Divine Warrior", and Lian Yue, a three-star "Chanter".

Since the aristocratic family group didn't change their Support, Lin Jiayi remained the Support.

The participants took their places.

The second round of the battle began quickly.

Lin Jiayi still started with her usual opening moves.

However, Zhao Wuming's fighting style was completely different from Chen Mo of the aristocratic family.

The moment the match started, his body was already flashing with a bloody light. He resembled a god of slaughter, and just standing there, his presence alone was enough to send chills down one's spine.

After a brief 1-second charge-up, no one even saw how he drew his blade.

SWISH! A huge, blood-red blade shadow descended from the sky at incredible speed, slashing directly at Jiang Jie!

The speed was so fast, even Chen Mo felt that it would be quite challenging to dodge.

Faced with this attack, Jiang Jie neither dodged nor evaded. He took a firm horse stance, his powerful fighting spirit surged. With a punch that carried overwhelming momentum, he smashed it against the falling blade shadow!

The impact of the fist and blade shadow erupted in a powerful shockwave, scattering the surrounding dust.

Lian Yue, meanwhile, had already begun to play her peculiar instrument, a pleasant melody flowing from her lips as she chanted.

Chen Mo sensed that as Lian Yue began her chant, Jiang Jie's overall attributes surged significantly!

As expected from a support-type profession whose support abilities are classified in the highest tier. Even as just a three-star profession, it can provide such a significant Attribute Enhancement.

While Chanters possess strong support abilities, they also have several drawbacks. For example, most Chanter Skills require them to remain stationary, continuously playing an instrument while chanting.

Even if a few Skills allowed for chanting while moving, the disrupted breathing from movement would significantly impact the chant's accuracy.

The greatest drawback for Chanters is that their tunes must be flawless throughout the entire performance.

If there is even a slight error in the chant, or if the chanting stops, the Skill will immediately be interrupted and enter Cooldown.

Therefore, if Zhao Wuming were to attack Lian Yue now, it would be very easy to interrupt her.

Zhao Wuming chose not to attack Lian Yue, partly out of self-confidence and partly due to his own code of honor.

He was determined to win the battle, even if his opponent had the support of a Chanter!

Given his title, "Bloodthirsty Blade Fighter," it was impossible for him to end things with a single strike!

With a series of SWISHES, he swung his blade through the air, unleashing countless terrifying streams of blade Qi that slashed madly towards Jiang Jie!

Chen Mo was somewhat surprised as he sensed Zhao Wuming's attributes. This fellow could actually imbue his normal attacks with blade Qi. These attacks dealt significantly more damage than standard ones and covered a much larger area. With this ability alone, Zhao Wuming's long-range suppressive

power already surpassed that of most Mages. After all, Mages required casting time and had Cooldowns for their Skills. It would be difficult for them to match Zhao Wuming's speed; he could unleash several streams of blade Qi in an instant.

Even with his significantly enhanced attributes, Jiang Jie found it difficult to find a suitable opportunity to charge forward.

He could only rely on his boxing style, which integrated both offense and defense, to mitigate the damage.

However, everyone knew the principle that a prolonged defense was bound to fail. Jiang Jie certainly wouldn't just sit back and await his doom!

Just as Zhao Wuming was suppressing him with blade Qi while secretly charging up a powerful Skill, Jiang Jie suddenly WHOOSHED and vanished from his spot!

Chapter 124: Do you still want to compete? (3/5)\_1

"Where is he?"

"Where did Jiang Jie run off to?"

The aristocratic family disciples were immediately brimming with curiosity.

Not just them, even the members of the Anti-Aristocratic Alliance didn't know where Jiang Jie had gone at this point.

Seeing Jiang Jie disappear, Lin Jiayi raised her Magic Wand, and the surroundings immediately flickered with green light!

She had used her Natural Shining Skill.

This is a Skill that can illuminate all invisible units.

If Chen Mo's Skeleton Monster wasn't standing far away, it would probably have been exposed too.

"Strange? Nothing?"

At this instant, Lin Jiayi and Zhao Wuming were both somewhat puzzled.

They originally thought that Jiang Jie must have turned invisible, but the Natural Shining Skill, which could illuminate all invisible units, failed to reveal his figure. This was quite strange.

"Sure enough, five-star professionals are full of quirks!" At this moment, Zhao Wuming had no time to mind Lian Yue, the only ally present on their side. He spun around vigilantly on the spot, guarding against a surprise attack from behind.

Even though he was also a five-star professional, he did not possess any strange abilities. What he had was an extremely fast attack speed and powerful output capabilities.

While everyone present wondered where Jiang Jie had gone, only Chen Mo sensed his whereabouts.

At this moment, Jiang Jie had not disappeared, nor had he gone invisible. He was very much in the field and was continuously closing in on Zhao Wuming.

However, at this moment, no one could see him!

That was because he had entered the Space of Void.

The Space of Void can only be entered after voiding oneself.

Generally speaking, the Space of Void and normal space are like two different worlds that do not interact.

Units in the Space of Void cannot see or attack units in ordinary space.

Units in ordinary space also cannot see or attack units in the Space of Void.

These two spaces are like opposite sides of a coin.

After Jiang Jie entered the Space of Void, he relied on his talent ability to perceive the original world, which enabled him to accurately locate Zhao Wuming.

Although the Space of Void is special, Chen Mo's Pioneer perception ability is top-tier, which allowed him to sense the existence of the Space of Void and the changes within it.

He sensed that Jiang Jie, leveraging his divine power, had hidden himself in the Space of Void and walked straight up to Zhao Wuming, ready to ambush him at any moment.

It was just that Zhao Wuming kept moving erratically, making it somewhat difficult to ambush him from behind.

But the moment he emerged from the Space of Void would be enough to carry out an ambush.

Moreover, Zhao Wuming could not continue to move indefinitely.

Even if a person's body doesn't tire, their Spirit does.

Soon, there was a noticeable slackening in Zhao Wuming's defensive posture.

Seeing this, Jiang Jie immediately seized the opportunity, activated his divine power, and emerged from the Space of Void. WHOOSH! A Fatal Charging Fist struck Zhao Wuming solidly on the temple!

This Skill was his class-specific characteristic Skill, possessing the ability to deal increased damage based on the location struck.

This punch landed on a critical spot like the temple, causing a very high damage amplification!

Even though Zhao Wuming was prepared and had used some life-saving measures, this ruthless punch still instantly depleted 90% of his Health.

If it were a life-and-death battle, this punch wouldn't determine the outcome; Zhao Wuming had even prepared an excellent counterattack.

He was the Bloodthirsty Blade Madness, after all! His bloodsucking ability was off the charts; as long as he wasn't killed, he could instantly restore his Health to full!

And he had a very powerful life-saving Skill that could prevent his Health from dropping below 10% for several seconds!

Unless one possessed a low-Health execution ability, it would be very difficult to finish off Zhao Wuming.

But this was a competition; according to the rules, Health dropping below 20% constituted a loss. So, even though Zhao Wuming had many reversal tactics, they were useless.

Moreover, he wasn't bitter about losing, since he didn't know how Jiang Jie had disappeared and then reappeared.

If they had really dragged it out, he might not necessarily have had a winning chance.

Unless the Cooldown of the opponent's ability was very long.

Willing to accept defeat, Zhao Wuming didn't make excuses. After Lin Jiayi healed him to full Health, he went straight back to his companions.

Although Chen Mo of the aristocratic family often bickered with Zhao Wuming, upon seeing him lose, he refrained from taunting him.

He merely said, "This guy's abilities are very strange. It won't be easy for any of us to deal with him."

"Round two, the Academy team, 'Divine Warrior' Jiang Jie and 'Chanter' Lian Yue, win!"

As Chen Mo announced the results of the second round, the third round swiftly began.

The aristocratic family team had already deployed their five-star professional, so their odds of winning the third round were not great.

In the third round, the aristocratic family team sent up Ji Yu, while the Academy team sent up a four-star warrior and a three-star Wizard.

Ji Yu's class was quite interesting.

At full Health, she didn't possess much combat power. However, after taking damage, the more Health she absorbed that didn't belong to her, the stronger her combat power became.

However, this enhancement didn't apply to all targets, only to those units from whom she had absorbed Health.

For example, if she absorbed Health from Professional A, then for each additional 1% of Professional A's Health she possessed, her damage to Professional A would increase by 1%, and the damage she received from Professional A would decrease by 1%.

The damage increase was up to 100%, and damage reduction was up to 50%.

And when all her Health was replaced by that person's Health, all subsequent damage she dealt to that target would become true damage.

Generally speaking, hers was a class very strong in single combat. In a group fight, even if it was difficult to trigger the true damage effect, she was still quite good.

Unfortunately, the Academy team seemed to have anticipated her participation, so the four-star warrior and Wizard they sent out both possessed healing barrier Skills that prevented her from absorbing Health!

Despite being suppressed throughout, Ji Yu still performed impressively, nearly bringing the Health of those two below 20% a couple of times.

But each time, the Wizard used Witch Doctor Arts to restore their Health. Ultimately, unable to leverage her class advantage, she couldn't withstand their combined assault and was defeated.

Even so, her performance in battle made everyone look at this young lady from the aristocratic family with new admiration. She lost with honor, showcasing her remarkable capabilities.

"Her Occupational Talent was practically nullified, yet she still almost eliminated both of them. That student is incredibly strong," Yan Yingyue couldn't help but exclaim in admiration after Chen Mo explained Ji Yu's predicament.

"Little Rain, you did great. You're not to blame for this round."

Seeing Ji Yu return with tears welling in her eyes, the aristocratic family disciples immediately gathered around to console her.

"We accept our loss. We'll take our leave first!"

After consoling Ji Yu, the aristocratic family disciples felt they had no face to remain any longer and promptly exited the instance one by one.

At this point, only Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue, along with Jiang Jie's group, remained in the instance.

The atmosphere suddenly grew tense.

Yan Yingyue saw that many among the twenty people present were eyeing the two of them hungrily.

Now that the aristocratic family disciples had departed, it was twenty against two.

Previously, it wouldn't have been appropriate to make a move against Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue, but now, things were uncertain.

Chen Mo, however, seemed unconcerned. He looked at Jiang Jie, who stood at the head of their group, smiled, and said, "Student Jiang, perhaps you're interested in another match?"

Chapter 125: Vote! (4/5)\_1

Jiang Jie looked at Chen Mo's calm expression and laughed, "What are your thoughts on this?"

Chen Mo replied with a smile, "We don't mind either way. However, if we do participate in the duel, it might be hard for us to hold back. We would probably have to fight to the death."

Upon hearing this, Jiang Jie immediately chuckled and shook his head. "In that case, let's forget about it."

"Team leader!"

As soon as Jiang Jie finished speaking, someone immediately objected.

Eliminating Chen Mo and his partner would only raise their twenty-person team's overall rank by two places. However, the outcome would be significantly different because the positions Chen Mo and his partner occupied were crucial—the first two places. The additional points from these two ranks were huge. If they could oust Chen Mo and his partner, they would secure spots in the top twenty. No matter how many days of accumulation one had, being eliminated meant their rank would drop below everyone who hadn't been eliminated yet. The top twenty spots would then be completely open for them to divide, and they could decide the order using a game of chance, like rock-paper-scissors or some other method based on random luck. Everyone would be ecstatic. The current decision to eliminate Chen Mo and his partner hinged on whether they could exchange the bonus points from the 21st and 22nd places for those of the 1st and 2nd places. The difference was huge!

Naturally, some couldn't resist voicing their opposition. This was especially true since they had initially heard Jiang Jie seem willing to continue the duel, only for him to be scared off after Chen Mo mentioned a fight to the death. Some teammates were understandably resentful. How could their group of twenty be intimidated by just a few words from two people?

"Alright," Jiang Jie reminded them, "we've already triumphed by managing to suppress the scions of the aristocratic families and take their share. Don't forget the original purpose for forming this team."

Upon these words, quite a few people in the team immediately fell silent.

But some remained unconvinced, arguing, "Even so, Captain, we clearly have an overwhelming advantage. Why should we back down now?"

Jiang Jie gave that person a side-eye and replied, "Are you forgetting who killed the Flying BOSS before? If it were up to our team, could we have killed it?"

"This..."

No one could refute this point.

But the dissenter continued, "Fighting a BOSS and fighting real players are vastly different. Like that skill you used earlier, Captain—even stealth-detection abilities couldn't locate you. It wouldn't be easy for him to deal with you, right?"

Jiang Jie shook his head and smiled. "That's correct. When I used that ability, none of you knew where I was. However, I noticed that among everyone here, only Chen Mo kept his eyes on me the entire time. Although I don't know if he could truly see me, I suspect my ability offers no advantage against him."

After saying this, Jiang Jie glanced at Chen Mo, as though seeking an answer from him.

But Chen Mo remained as serene as ever, his face expressing neither affirmation nor denial, leaving Jiang Jie unable to read him.

Seeing that some still remained unconvinced, Jiang Jie continued, "Alright, we established from the beginning that our team wouldn't be a one-man show. Since some team members have a different opinion, we'll vote on it! I cast my vote to stop here. Those who agree with me, raise your hands to vote!"

Once Jiang Jie finished speaking, the team members who had previously objected had nothing more to say. They were clearly in opposition, and quite a few others shared their sentiment.

Finally, when the votes were counted, it was ten against ten. Ten in favor, ten against.

The situation grew interesting.

"What should we do?" someone immediately asked Jiang Jie with a bemused expression.

"No problem. You all discuss it thoroughly. I've done what I needed to do, so I have plenty of time now."

Chen Mo wasn't in a rush and let them discuss matters clearly. After all, there weren't many people left in the instance. If this group departed, it would indeed become rather quiet.

Soon, a group of people gathered around Jiang Jie to discuss.

"Captain, why are you so afraid of them? They don't even have a tank—just a Priest and a Skeleton Mage. No matter how we fight, we should win, right?"

"Indeed, judging by their classes, they should be easy to kill. But they killed the SS level Flying BOSS, the SSS-level Special BOSS, and those three tricky assassins! Do you really think the two of them are easy targets?"

"Killed three tricky assassins?"

Upon hearing this, everyone instantly recalled the three assassins Jiang Jie had mentioned earlier—the ones who had surged up the leaderboard when few participants remained in the instance. At the time, Jiang Jie had been puzzled. With monsters becoming so difficult to kill, how had these three individuals with such specialized roles managed to climb the ranks even faster than during the initial days when monsters were easier? Those three were truly strange.

Then, later, those three suddenly died.

Jiang Jie had suspected they might have been killed by a BOSS. However, considering their records of killing SS level BOSSes and the bizarrely fast monster-clearing speed they had displayed on the leaderboard, he didn't believe they would be so easily defeated by a BOSS. So, within the entire instance, who else could possibly have killed those three? The only possibilities were their own team, the team of the aristocratic family scions, or Chen Mo and his partner. At that time, the aristocratic family scions, much like Jiang Jie's own team, were too preoccupied with completing their base quota of tasks to bother with anything else. Factoring those groups out, only Chen Mo and his partner remained.

He deduced that those three must have targeted Chen Mo and his partner, only to be counter-killed. Jiang Jie believed that although he hadn't interacted with Chen Mo for long, he could sense a peaceful aura about him; Chen Mo didn't seem like the type to actively seek trouble. Besides, being ranked first and second, they had no need to. Conversely, those three assassins, after surging into the top five, had likely grown arrogant. Their methods were extremely strange, and they definitely possessed extraordinary skills. If three such skilled assassins failed in their attempt to assassinate Chen Mo and his partner, what advantage could his team possibly gain by fighting them openly? This was precisely why Jiang Jie had decided against confrontation.

As Jiang Jie laid out these points and the overall stakes to his team, one or two of the ten originally unconvinced members changed their minds. Ultimately, those who voted to stop outnumbered those who wanted to press the issue. Although the remaining few were still unhappy, they couldn't argue against the majority's decision.

"Don't be resentful," Jiang Jie continued his persuasion. "They can easily complete ten times the base task quota every day. Do you really think they're simple opponents? Consider how difficult it was for us to complete even our single-multiplier task quota today! Are you tougher than these monsters? And don't bring up percentage-based damage; they've killed an SSS-level Special BOSS. If we truly fought, even if we managed to win, how many of our twenty members do you think would survive? Is such a heavy price worth paying?"

After Jiang Jie's final words of persuasion, the remaining dissenters finally let go of their grievances. Upon further reflection, they realized Jiang Jie's words held considerable merit. They had believed they could win, but they had overlooked the potential cost of that victory. Victory isn't everything! If the price is too steep, it's better not to win at all!

Seeing that everyone had come to an understanding, Jiang Jie turned to Chen Mo and smiled. "We'll take our leave then. Good luck to you both on the rest of your journey! I believe you have a strong chance of breaking the record, and I look forward to seeing it! In the future, I can also boast that such incredible individuals were from my graduating year."

Chapter 126: The Twisted Nineteenth Day! (5/5)\_1

With everyone else having left the dungeon, only Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue remained.

Looking at the empty surroundings and the leaderboard, which now only showed two lit names, Chen Mo grinned and teased, "Well, now it's truly a world for two."

Yan Yingyue's face turned slightly pink. She simply smiled brilliantly without a word.

After the joke, Chen Mo got down to business. Now that he had the Thunder Spirit Pearl, he could finally create the Five Elements Spirit Orb.

He opened the map, checked the coordinates, and immediately led Yan Yingyue to the destination.

"According to the description, that place is where the Five Major Element Sprites converge. I wonder if we will encounter these five Element Sprites," Chen Mo said.

"It's best not to. I heard they're quite powerful," Yan Yingyue replied, a bit afraid.

Even though Chen Mo had been overwhelmingly confident in this dungeon, these five Element Sprites were no simple characters.

Their strength was off the charts.

Even Chen Mo wouldn't dare to provoke them recklessly.

「About an hour later」

Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue arrived at their target location.

Before them lay a formation pattern spanning a hundred meters in diameter, surrounded by five circular altars, their purpose momentarily unknown.

Upon closer examination, Chen Mo discovered symbols inscribed on each altar: Flame, flowing water, wind, thunder, and earth.

It didn't take much thought to understand the meaning of these five altars.

Chen Mo immediately took out the Five Elements Spirit Orbs and placed them onto the altars, matching them with the corresponding symbols.

As the last of the Five Elements Spirit Orbs settled into its correct position...

The ground suddenly trembled, and all five spirit orbs were absorbed into the altars.

Simultaneously, pillars of energy flowed out from beneath the altars, converging towards the center of the formation pattern.

When the five energy pillars gathered at the very center of the formation pattern, a brilliant light suddenly erupted there.

A small orb slowly emerged and began spinning rapidly. As it spun, it gradually absorbed all the energy pillars emanating from the altars into itself.

When all the energy pillars were completely absorbed, the small orb had transformed into a large, multi-colored one. It slowly came to a halt, hovering in the air.

After waiting for three more seconds and seeing no other activity, Chen Mo finally stepped forward and reached out to touch this Five Elements Spirit Orb.

"Getting a Legendary Level material isn't easy," Chen Mo remarked. "I'm afraid that in the future, we'll only be able to get this material after enrolling in a university."

After storing the Five Elements Spirit Orb, Chen Mo carefully scanned the surroundings again.

Wasn't this place said to be the gathering spot of the Five Major Element Sprites? Why is it so quiet? The Elemental Energy in this part of the world was chaotic; the Five Major Element Sprites should have arrived by now. Or could it be that it's not time yet, and they've only temporarily arrived in this area but haven't started their gathering?

Chen Mo wasn't particularly interested in watching any gathering of Element Sprites; he was just curious. Since the dungeon is named 'Five Spirits Gathering,' they must be up to something, right? It would be great if he could gain some advantage from it. Regrettably, there was no indication of that at present. However, they still had ample time.

The maximum survival time in the dungeon was 30 days, and it was only day 16.

In the following days, with no pressing urgency, Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue began to leisurely explore the dungeon. They occasionally discovered hidden missions and special BOSSes.

「Soon, it was the nineteenth day.」

Since no one had ever survived to the twentieth day, Chen Mo was very curious about what the nineteenth day's survival mission would be like. Even the survival mission on the eighteenth day hadn't seemed very difficult to him. Could there be such a huge leap in difficulty in just one day?

As the nineteenth day arrived, Chen Mo received a hint from the Heavenly Dao.

[Mission requirement: All remaining adventurers in the dungeon must collectively kill 1,000 Mutated Elemental BOSSes, which may mutate up to ten times each!

All target BOSSes will be deployed simultaneously in 10 seconds! Real-time coordinates of all target BOSSes will be updated on the map.

Furthermore, an additional 100 target BOSSes will be deployed every hour.

Upon completion, all adventurers will be rewarded with a 10-day extension to their survival time.

The adventurer who lands the killing blow on the final target BOSS for the mission will receive a hidden reward.

At the daily settlement time, if all target monsters on the map have been cleared, all adventurers will receive a hidden reward.]

"What the heck! What kind of mission is this?"

"Heavens! What a sadistic mission!"

After reading the mission description, Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue exclaimed in unison.

At this moment, they finally understood why no one had ever survived beyond 19 days.

It turned out the mission released on the 19th day was a huge trap!

Even if the competition for BOSSes in past Five Spirits Gathering Dungeon runs wasn't as fierce, it was likely that no more than twenty adventurers would be left by the nineteenth day.

In such a situation, if a group mission based on all 100 adventurers still being alive was suddenly issued, it would be incredibly difficult for those remaining.

For instance, only the two of them, Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue, were left in the dungeon, yet a perverse mission requiring at least a hundred participants was directly issued.

However, even if the mission was disgusting, Chen Mo wasn't intimidated.

With his combat strength far exceeding that of this dungeon, killing a thousand monsters in a day was not an issue for him. However, wanting to clear all target monsters on the map by the settlement time would likely be very difficult to achieve. According to the Heavenly Dao's hint, these monsters would be deployed randomly. Who knew over how large an area they would be scattered? If there were monsters in every corner of the entire map, with just Chen Mo's and Yan Yingyue's speed, it would be impossible to cover the whole dungeon in a single day. However, achieving the kill count for the last part of the mission wasn't a big problem, so there was still a chance to get the hidden reward.

Amidst Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue's exclamations, the 10-second countdown quickly passed.

In an instant, a large number of light spots appeared on the map.

Clearly, the BOSSes had descended.

Dealing with a thousand of them, even Chen Mo couldn't complete it as quickly as before.

Never mind how spread out the thousand monsters were; just the fact that each BOSS had a chance to mutate before dying, and could mutate up to ten times, directly caused the kill speed to drop drastically.

After spending half a day, Chen Mo had only killed seven hundred of them.

He couldn't help but suspect that if the difficulty continued to increase in the next few days, his original plan to create a peak survival record of thirty days would likely not be easy to realize. Surviving for thirty days—that would be an absolutely unbreakable historical achievement! What young man isn't a bit wild? Chen Mo also wanted to become famous. It's just that the prerequisite for fame was ensuring his

own safety. Although creating this record would be unbelievable, as long as others couldn't detect anything special about him, he would remain safe. Moreover, he now had Yan Yingyue, this huge smoke bomb, accompanying him, which lent greater plausibility to everything.

## Chapter 127: Yan Yingyue's Abnormal Ability! (1/5)\_1

「The outside world...」

Seeing it had already been the nineteenth day, many teachers began to discuss.

"The performance of these two youngsters has been truly exceptional in recent years. I wonder if they have a chance to make history."

"I'm afraid it's quite difficult. The missions that start on the nineteenth day are typically collective in nature. With only the two of them left in the dungeon now, it's likely their journey will end here."

"I wonder when the next person who can survive into the twentieth day will appear."

"We'll cross that bridge when someone capable of creating thousands of avatars appears."

"Even if their journey ends here, their performance this time has been very impressive and certainly worth remembering. In particular, their speed in taking down the SS level Flying BOSS is something we've never seen before."

Some time later, seeing the changes to the leaderboard, the teachers' original speculations were finally confirmed to some extent.

"It appears Yan Yingyue's ability truly does enhance the combat power of summoning-type professions."

"Yep, there was nothing to see on the leaderboard before, but this time it's glaringly apparent."

"That being said, this leaderboard is a bit unfair to support-type professions. In reality, Yan Yingyue played the main role, not Chen Mo. Yet, all the kills were attributed to Chen Mo, so he's been topping the charts alone the whole time."

"They might have agreed to split the hidden rewards, so it's not a matter of fairness. If you bring value to the team, others naturally won't underestimate you. The result would be the same anyway."

Because the nineteenth day brought a group mission, the daily mission board's calculation method differed from before. It no longer displayed how many rounds of missions each person completed but instead gave the specific kill count for each person.

Currently, only Yan Yingyue and Chen Mo were left in the dungeon.

However, only Chen Mo's name on the leaderboard saw a constant rise in kill count.

Yan Yingyue had not killed a single monster.

This was why the teachers were having these discussions.

Half a day later, seeing that Chen Mo's kill count had reached seven hundred, the teachers couldn't help but exchange glances.

"It has already come so far, and he is still keeping up this pace!"

"They might really have a chance to break the historical record this time."

"He killed seven hundred in half a day. Judging from missions in previous years, today's mission should require between one thousand and one thousand five hundred kills. If he can kill seven hundred in half a day, there's indeed a significant chance he can complete it."

"Are we about to witness history being made?"

At this point, only a handful of people were left in the other two dungeons.

However, the difficulty of those two dungeons was no match for the Five Spirits Gathering Dungeon. The highest survival record there was a full 30 days.

So, not many people paid close attention to the latter two dungeons.

Everyone's main focus was still on the Five Spirits Gathering Dungeon.

Now, a new record might be born right before their eyes, and everyone watching was naturally much more invested.

「In the dungeon, Chen Mo was laboring to kill monsters.」

One thousand BOSSes, back and forth, had taken Chen Mo almost 17 hours to finish off.

On average, it took almost a minute to take down each one.

The main problem was the BOSS's mutating ability.

Each time the BOSS mutated, it would enter an Invincible State, and only after it had finished transforming could they continue their attack.

If they encountered a BOSS that didn't mutate, they could kill it quickly, within ten seconds.

However, if they encountered one that mutated, it would waste at least five seconds each time.

Adding up all these wasted periods cost them a lot of time.

This was what left Chen Mo speechless.

We have to use 17 hours to finish the mission on the nineteenth day. It seems unlikely that we can survive until the thirtieth day.

Chen Mo started considering whether he should upgrade his Skill Level.

If he increased his Skill Level, his combat power would increase significantly, and his efficiency would also improve considerably.

Just as Chen Mo was thinking this, Yan Yingyue suddenly blushed and said in a soft voice, "I have a method that can enhance your attributes, but it will cause you to continuously lose Health."

"Lose Health? The thing I'm least afraid of is losing Health. Tell me," Chen Mo promptly responded with a smile.

With the Heart Pendant and Pioneer's ability, he could restore 40% of his maximum life value per second. Moreover, he also had the Shared Fate ability. If he were to lose Health, the Skeleton Monster he summoned would lose Health first.

As long as there was a way to enhance his attributes, he wouldn't be afraid of losing Health.

"I have an ability that can directly possess you, increasing your attributes by an amount equal to my own attribute values, and letting you use my Skills and benefit from my passive abilities."

"Being able to increase my attributes by an amount equal to your attribute values is pretty good!"

After all, Yan Yingyue was a five-star professional, so her attributes couldn't be bad. Her profession was in the same magic system as his, and she would surely assign points favoring Wisdom and Spirit, making her very compatible with him. With her attribute values added to his, the Skeleton Monster's combat power could also be significantly improved. More importantly, he could also use her Skills and benefit from the passive abilities she possessed, which would be incredibly powerful.

"It's not just by one multiple of my attributes," Yan Yingyue corrected him.

"What!? Then by how many multiples can it increase at most?"

"Infinite multiples."

"Infinite multiples!? How is that possible!" Chen Mo was dumbfounded when he heard this. Is it real?

"Actually, it's not truly infinite. The multiple it increases by is equal to my Level."

"You're Level 10 now, so that means it can increase my attributes by an amount equal to ten times your attribute values. That's pretty insane! How long does it last?"

"The duration is truly infinite this time. Unless you consciously dismiss it, or I consciously revoke it, it can keep going. But the longer it lasts, the bigger the trade-off."

"That's crazy!? So, what's the specific trade-off?"

"The trade-off is that, during the time I'm possessing you, you'll lose 1% of your maximum life value as Health every second! The higher the enhancement multiple, the faster the Health is lost. For every additional multiple of enhancement, an extra 1% of your maximum life value as Health is deducted per second! Furthermore, if the possession lasts for more than 30 minutes, for every subsequent 30-minute period, the Health deduction rate increases by an additional 1% of your maximum life value per second! This Health deduction cannot be immunized, transferred, or reduced!"

"So, if my attributes are increased by ten times your values, I will lose 10% of my maximum life value as Health per second!"

"Yes, that's how it is."

"According to what you've just said, this Health deduction effect can't be immunized, transferred, or reduced, so indeed the trade-off is quite substantial."

"There's one more trade-off: if you die while the effect is active, I will die with you."

"What about the Cooldown period?"

"The Cooldown is a fixed 30 minutes and cannot be reduced."

"The effect is certainly powerful, and the trade-off is also significantly high. But no problem, I can afford to lose 10% of my maximum life value as Health per second. Let's give it a try."

"10%? You're planning to go straight for a ten-multiple increase!?"

"Did you forget the pendant I just got?"

Yan Yingyue had seen the attributes of the Heart Pendant.

Thinking of this, she nodded immediately with relief.

Chapter 128: The Unbelievable Talent of a Five-Star Profession! (2/5)\_1

Forget about losing 10% of my maximum Health per second; I can now regain 40% of my maximum Health per second! Even if my attributes were increased 40-fold, I could withstand it! I originally thought I could only double Yan Yingyue's attributes, but I didn't expect they could be increased tenfold! With this possession, my combat power could soar rapidly!

Chen Mo was already eager to try it out.

Actually, Yan Yingyue's ability isn't something she can use on just anyone, because it would expose most of her information. If it weren't someone she trusted, Yan Yingyue would never even mention this ability of hers to them.

Although Chen Mo didn't say anything, he understood this.

Seeing Chen Mo's expectant expression, Yan Yingyue shyly began to twirl the Magic Wand in her hands. Her unusual expression left Chen Mo slightly puzzled. However, he didn't have time to think much about it, as he soon received a notification.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Professional Yan Yingyue is using the "Saint Possession" skill on you! During the possession, you will gain an attribute bonus from her, as well as some of her unrestricted Skills. However, based on the magnitude of the increase, a certain percentage of your maximum Health will be deducted per second, starting at 1%. Please confirm!]

After all, an ability that involves possession and deducts a large percentage of maximum Health naturally requires the target's consent. Otherwise, it could become a deadly Skill used for mutual destruction.

As Chen Mo confirmed, Yan Yingyue instantly transformed into countless motes of light, which then all streamed into his body.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You have entered the possessed state. During this period, you can freely adjust the possession benefits and cancel the possession.]

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Attention! You have entered the possessed state. You are losing Health at a rate of 1% of your maximum Health per second.]

Following The Heavenly Path's Hint, Chen Mo's attribute values also increased considerably.

However, it's clear that the increased attribute points seem to be related only to Yan Yingyue's initial attribute points, not those from her equipment. I only gained 110 points in Wisdom and 110 points in Spirit, along with a few other attributes. Clearly, Yan Yingyue allocated 10 of her 25 attribute points to Wisdom and 10 to Spirit. She must have allocated the remaining five points to Constitution. If Yan Yingyue's equipment attributes aren't included, the one-fold boost isn't actually that significant. Although it's an additional attribute bonus, and even a few dozen points should be appreciated, it's still somewhat lacking if I want to dramatically increase my combat power.

Chen Mo immediately increased the multiplier to tenfold, and the Health loss rate also reached 10% per second. This time, he instantly gained 1,100 points in Wisdom and Spirit.

This means the Skeleton Monster, which originally only had over 10,000 attack power, has now seen its attack power directly increase to 16,000. And this is just the direct increase to my attribute values. Right now, I've also acquired all the Skills Yan Yingyue has mastered. Yan Yingyue, as a five-stars professional, is completely different from my two-star professional.

At Level 10, Yan Yingyue possessed a total of five profession-exclusive Active Skills and five profession-exclusive Passive Skills.

But not every Skill can be fully utilized. As The Heavenly Path's Hint mentioned earlier, it's only some of them. Take the possession Skill, for instance. While Yan Yingyue possesses me, I obviously can't use this Skill repeatedly in a nested fashion. It's directly disabled. Not only that, but a few other Skills are also disabled. The Holy Spirit Possession Skill Yan Yingyue cast on me before is one of them. This Skill is currently disabled. Perhaps it's because it also has a possession-type effect? I carefully examined them; it turns out I can use only three of Yan Yingyue's Active Skills. However, I can benefit from four of her five Passive Skills. Best of all, I also get to enjoy Yan Yingyue's talent effect! That's the biggest gain! Yan Yingyue's talent effect is incredibly powerful.

[Power of the Holy Spirit]: The effects of all Support Skills you use are increased 10-fold! Additionally, whenever you use any Skill, there is a chance equal to your current Level (up to 50%) to refresh the Cooldown of all your Skills!

Wow, not only can it increase all Support Skills tenfold, but using any Skill also has a chance to refresh all Skill Cooldowns! This is absolutely game-changing! I daren't even imagine how overpowered this talent would be for me. My Unwinding Worship is a Support Skill! If its effect increases tenfold... wouldn't that boost the Skeleton Monster's attack speed and attack power by 500%?! Furthermore, Huge Shield is also a Support Skill! If I cast it by expending all my current energy value, and it's enhanced tenfold, wouldn't the shield's thickness reach hundreds of millions?!

The thought alone made Chen Mo extremely excited. He continued to examine Yan Yingyue's Skills.

The Active Skills of Yan Yingyue's that I can use are mostly healing and status-cleansing types. Although they don't seem extraordinary at first glance, when I consider that these Skills can have their effects increased tenfold, their potency becomes immense! Yan Yingyue's Passive Skills are also strong. As a five-stars professional, each of her five exclusive Passive Skills is quite good. The first exclusive Passive Skill grants her immunity to dark-element Spells. The second reduces the effects of all abnormal statuses on her by 50%. The third exclusive Passive Skill ensures she is always under the effect of Holy Spirit Possession—similar to the one she cast on me—allowing her to negate fatal damage and instantly recover to full Health. This Passive Skill is the only one of the five I can't benefit from. The remaining two

Passive Skills are also very useful. One Passive Skill accelerates energy recovery speed—the more Energy she loses, the faster it recovers. The other Passive Skill causes her to regain Health when she heals others. If her Health is already full, it converts into a shield equal to half the healing amount, which covers her and lasts for 30 seconds. Undoubtedly, Yan Yingyue's five Passive Skills greatly maximize her survivability! However, I'm not too focused on her Active or Passive Skills; it's her talent that truly makes me drool with envy. I can't help but marvel; every unique five-stars initial profession in the world truly lives up to its reputation! Their talents are simply outrageous!

When Yan Yingyue first possessed him, Chen Mo was so focused on the benefits she brought that he hadn't noticed something else. Now that he had a moment to reflect, he realized something seemed to have been added to his mind. He immediately probed with his consciousness to investigate and was shocked to find a tiny, completely naked Yan Yingyue floating within his mind.

"Don't look at me..." Seeing Chen Mo's consciousness manifest, the tiny Yan Yingyue immediately crouched down, hugging her knees and burying her head between them, saying shyly.

Seeing this, I finally understood why Yan Yingyue had never mentioned this ability before.

#### Chapter 129: The Safest can also be the Most Dangerous! (3/5)\_1

Yan Yingyue had kept quiet for two reasons. Firstly, she had her own privacy to consider. Secondly, it turned out this was how she appeared in others' minds after she possessed them.

No wonder possessing someone no longer boosted their equipment attributes. They were forcibly unequipped.

"Cough! I didn't see anything."

After saying this, Chen Mo's consciousness immediately dissipated, and he refocused his attention on the situation before him.

He waved his Magic Wand, and instantly, 1,700 Skeleton Monsters—their attributes greatly enhanced compared to before—popped up in neat rows.

As the Skeleton Monsters appeared, Chen Mo immediately cast Unwinding Worship and Huge Shield!

When the light of Unwinding Worship enveloped all the Skeleton Monsters, Chen Mo saw that, indeed, all their attributes had increased considerably.

The Skeleton Monsters, with an initial attack power of 16,040, saw it increase fivefold, reaching a whopping 96,240 points.

This was comparable to the attack power of a third-transition Elite Beast!

Clearly, the combination of stacked attributes from possession and the incredible talent of a five-star profession resulted in immense power.

The shields Chen Mo cast on these Skeleton Monsters were, just as he had anticipated, incredibly thick!

He immediately went to find a few nearby BOSSES to test this.

Previously, he needed most of his Skeleton Monsters to surround and quickly kill a single BOSS.

Now, that was completely unnecessary. Because the Skeleton Monsters' attack speed had also increased by an additional 500%, the output efficiency of a single Skeleton Monster was now equivalent to that of nearly thirty Skeleton Monsters before possession.

Now, Chen Mo only needed to dispatch 50 Skeleton Monsters to quickly kill a BOSS.

With 1,700 Skeleton Monsters divided into teams of 50 to clear monsters, the increase in efficiency was far from trivial.

And with Chen Mo's sudden, explosive increase in monster-clearing speed, the teachers outside also noticed this change.

"What's going on? How did his monster-clearing speed suddenly increase so much?!"

"Could it be he found a dense pack of monsters?"

"That's quite possible."

Since Chen Mo was merely conducting a brief test this time, clearing only a few nearby monsters before canceling the possession, the teachers outside naturally didn't discern anything.

After canceling the possession and re-emerging, Yan Yingyue's face was flushed red, and she didn't dare look at Chen Mo.

After all, everyone's consciousness form was stark naked. Chen Mo himself hadn't noticed his own state earlier; Yan Yingyue had already seen him completely exposed.

「Soon, it was approaching midnight.」

The teachers outside were almost certain that Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue had broken the record this time. Because after Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue had killed over a thousand BOSSES, despite clearly having plenty of time left, their kill count suddenly stopped updating. This either meant they had given up because they couldn't continue, or they had killed enough. Considering the explosive monster-clearing speed Chen Mo had displayed at the last moment, it was unlikely he couldn't continue. So, with no data changes for so long, it could only mean they had killed enough.

Sure enough, as the twentieth day of the dungeon arrived, Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue's names were still highlighted on the leaderboard, just as before!

"Haha, congratulations to Seaside Second Middle School! This time, two of your students have broken the historical record for the Five Spirits Gathering Dungeon. While the two students will be rewarded, the higher-ups will certainly reward the school as well!"

Upon hearing this, Shen Rulong was already grinning from ear to ear. Su Tianxin's and Yan Yingyue's homeroom teachers also had expressions of joy. As their homeroom teachers, their bonuses for the year would be significantly higher. It could be said that thanks to Chen Mo's and Yan Yingyue's performance, a large group of people at the school benefited considerably.

「Inside the dungeon.」

Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue looked at today's task and found it was only a hundred more monsters than yesterday's. Considering their combat power after merging, the increased difficulty from these additional hundred monsters had little impact. Otherwise, they really would have had to grind for over 18 hours today.

"It's the 20th day! We've already broken the historical record!" Yan Yingyue exclaimed excitedly, giving Chen Mo a high five.

"Twenty days is just the beginning. Let's set a record that no one can ever break!" Chen Mo said with a smile.

Yan Yingyue was also very excited at this moment. Don't underestimate her just because she's a girl; her competitive spirit was quite strong. To become a creator of history, her heart swelled with pride and honor.

For the next few days, they both adopted the possession-clearing method. Their task completion speed left the nineteenth day far behind. All the spectators outside were stunned. Originally, on the nineteenth day, they felt Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue had pretty much reached their limit. Unexpectedly, these two became fiercer the more they cleared. In the following days, they always completed their tasks early, then occasionally looked for hidden missions to do or special monsters to kill.

「Time flew, and it was already the thirtieth day.」

At this point, the teachers outside all wore expressions of disbelief.

"I originally thought they were just breaking a historical record. I didn't expect them to be planning to set a record that can never be broken!"

"It looks like the Academy Alliance will have to spend a fortune this time. They'll need to prepare 22 Gold Coins in advance," many teachers said with a laugh.

At this moment, Yue Yang, the main person in charge of this joint examination, also looked at the record set by Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue with a joyful expression, saying, "Money is not the issue. The question is whether such good seedlings can continue to appear in the future."

Just as everyone was full of anticipation, preparing to celebrate Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue making history, one of the teachers pretended to answer a phone call and quietly walked out of the Academy Alliance. Previously, many teachers had gone out to handle various matters, and with people constantly coming and going throughout the Academy Alliance, no one paid much attention to his actions.

He quickly returned to his seat.

Young lady, the price for making history is very high! His burning gaze was fixed on Yan Yingyue; he was already prepared!

When Yan Yingyue broke the 20-day record, he had already contacted his superiors again! He had proposed an extremely daring yet potentially successful idea: assassinate Yan Yingyue directly at the City Academy Alliance Headquarters!

In his view, the longer they waited, the stronger the protective forces around such a talent would become. The sooner he acted, the greater the chance of success! This target had already fully met the conditions for a highest-priority assassination! Since it had to be done, it should be done when success was most likely!

He had heard an old saying from China: the most dangerous place is the safest place! This saying sparked a similar idea in him! Indeed, why couldn't the safest place also become the most dangerous place!

In this City-Level Academy Alliance, teeming with experts and well-equipped facilities, everyone's vigilance was undoubtedly at its weakest. Who would imagine he would dare to suddenly launch an assassination here! Especially at the moment when everyone is celebrating Yan Yingyue for creating history, when they are lost in their elation!

Chapter 130: Elf Gathering! (4/5)\_1

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Congratulations on surviving until the final day! There are no daily tasks today, and each person will receive one free hidden reward!]

Simultaneously, all regions from stages one to thirty will be reopened today, and the activation locations for all hidden missions and Special BOSSes will be published on the map!

Feel free to earn as much survival time as you can! There are 23:59:59 remaining until the reward settlement concludes!]

As The Heavenly Path's Hint sounded, Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue saw a large array of lights appearing on the map.

Since the activity area encompassed the entire thirty-day range, the distances between these points of light were quite significant.

Among them, the brightest light was the place where Chen Mo had previously synthesized the Five Elements Spirit Orb.

As expected, there's a special mission there.

"Shall we go and take a look?" Yan Yingyue glanced at this most brilliant spot of light.

Chen Mo nodded. "Yes, let's go. There might be huge benefits. Even if we can only increase our chance of doubling the reward by 1%, it's worth it."

At the designated site of the five Elemental Altars, marked by formation patterns, the Five Major Elemental Elves had already taken their seats, seemingly discussing something in Elvish.

As Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue approached, the Five Major Elemental Elves turned and stared at them in unison.

At that point, they hadn't even come within a kilometer of the formation pattern.

This demonstrated the formidable perception abilities of the Five Major Elemental Elves.

Only when Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue drew nearer did he sense that the five Elemental Elves had already been observing them.

"Humans! This is not a place you should come to."

Suddenly, Chen Mo received a telepathic message.

Chen Mo perceived that these creatures were all Level 100, fifth-transition monsters! Incredibly powerful!

A mere sneeze from them could probably obliterate me.

Sensing trouble, Chen Mo decided it was better to leave quickly. These Five Major Elemental Elves are not to be trifled with.

However, just as he was preparing to leave, a sudden spatial fluctuation occurred around him.

In the next instant, the five Elemental Elves had descended beside him and Yan Yingyue. Each Elf emanated an overwhelming amount of Elemental Energy.

The Fire Elemental Elf, merely by floating there, made one feel as if they were about to melt.

The Earth, Water, Wind, and Thunder Elemental Elves likewise exuded an intensely oppressive aura.

Chen Mo thought he had provoked them and they were about to attack.

He already had a Super Instantaneous Group Teleportation Talisman clutched in his hand, ready to flee at any moment.

Over these past 14 days, he had acquired several more Instant Group Teleportation Talismans and had synthesized a total of two Super Instantaneous Group Teleportation Talismans.

At the same time, he had also obtained three Age-Preserving Holy Fruits, which he had synthesized into one Appearance Altering Spiritual Fruit!

The Appearance Altering Spiritual Fruit was even more astounding than the Age-Preserving Holy Fruit. Not only could it restore one's youth, but it could also permanently change one's appearance according to their own desires.

Naturally, it was bound, so only Chen Mo could use it. Or perhaps, I could let others try to take a bite while I hold it, he mused.

Among other items, Chen Mo had also obtained five Resurrection Crosses.

He attempted to synthesize three of these Resurrection Crosses, obtaining one Super Resurrection Cross.

Compared to an ordinary Resurrection Cross, the Super Resurrection Cross granted 10 seconds of invincibility after resurrection, during which the user could not be forcibly drawn into combat by other units.

However, one could not exploit this invincibility to attack others; initiating combat would immediately dispel the invincibility effect.

Chen Mo's total hidden rewards from this instance were:

One Gender Transformation Spiritual Fruit, three Super Instantaneous Group Teleportation Talismans, one Rarity Prolong Life Fruit, one Life-Lengthening Fruit, three Age-Preserving Holy Fruits, one Appearance Altering Spiritual Fruit, four Resurrection Crosses, and one Super Resurrection Cross.

Besides these, Chen Mo had consumed one Age-Preserving Holy Fruit himself, given one to Yan Yingyue, and used one Instant Group Teleportation Talisman in a trade with Jiang Jie.

This brought his total gains to exactly thirty items.

This venture had been incredibly rewarding for Chen Mo.

Therefore, expending one Super Instantaneous Group Teleportation Talisman now was of little consequence to him.

However, after approaching, the Five Major Elemental Elves showed no hostility.

In fact, they deliberately retracted their potent Elemental Energy.

Thus, Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue didn't feel such immense pressure when facing them.

"Humans, we did not expect you could master our Elf Clan's exclusive Elemental Control!

Your level of mastery has even reached the apex!

Humans possessing apex Elemental Control shall be eternal friends of the Elf Clan. You are welcome to attend our Elf Gathering!"

He had initially thought they were about to be attacked the moment they were surrounded. Yet, who would have guessed? The Elves' attitude had done a complete one-eighty, and suddenly, they were considered friends. Unbelievable!

"What exactly is this Elf Gathering for?"

Seeing they bore no ill will, Chen Mo relaxed. He wasn't afraid of death; he had plenty of life-saving measures. Even surrounded by these five Elemental Elves, he wouldn't be scared.

My primary concern was Yan Yingyue beside me. For her safety, being suddenly surrounded by five fifth-transition powerful Elves—of course, I had to be ready to flee!

"Our Elf Gathering is for the exchange of Elemental Energy. There will also be some trading of goods. Some items exclusive to Elves will also be exchanged during the gathering."

"Just the five of you?"

"Not at all. We are just about to begin. The five of us are uniting to open the Fairy World Passage. Afterwards, a large number of Elves will come to attend the gathering."

Furthermore, after each gathering, the convergence and sublimation of vast amounts of Elemental Energy will further enhance the strength of all us Elves. It is an important event we hold annually."

"I see. So, what benefits would there be for us if we participate?"

"Since you possess apex Elemental Control, you will naturally benefit. You can also participate in our trading sessions, provided you have items we need, or eternal coins."

"In that case, I would very much like to participate."

"Welcome, dear friend. We will now open the Fairy World Passage. Please wait a moment."

"Alright."

As the Five Major Elemental Elves returned to their positions on the Elemental Altars one by one, Chen Mo and Yan Yingyue waited eagerly nearby.

They were truly curious about what kind of improvements this so-called Elf Gathering might bring them.

After the Five Major Elemental Elves returned to the altars, each began to radiate a glow unique to their element. Chen Mo could feel five incredibly immense energies converging towards the center of the formation pattern!

Instantly, the void at the center of the formation pattern began to vibrate erratically. With a RIIIP, a huge rift tore open out of thin air!