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Chapter 141: The Origin of Stars, Damn Rules! _2

Currently, people from the Academy Alliance were stationed around his house, apparently to safeguard the Random Rift Dungeon.

Chen Mo and Lin Ranhai descended onto the rooftop, where a woman was leisurely sunbathing and reading a book.

"Xiao Hai, you're back," she said without lifting her head.

"Mm."

"I heard you asked your dad for a lot of money. What did you do with it?" Only after saying this did the woman put down her book.

She looked up to see Lin Ranhai. Behind him, a girl with delicate features and a spirited air had just landed. Instantly, she no longer bothered to ask Lin Ranhai why he needed the money.

Does she even need to ask? He obviously took the money to woo a girl, and look, he even brought her home!

"Who's this girl?" she immediately asked Lin Ranhai.

"This is Miss Zhao. I invited her to help us clear the Random Rift Dungeon."

"Invited to clear a dungeon?" Mother Lin glanced suspiciously at Lin Ranhai.

"Hello, Auntie," Chen Mo greeted with a smile.

Seeing Mother Lin's expression, Chen Mo recalled Sister Yiyi sometimes teasing him to find a girlfriend while still in school, when it was easier to meet girls. Otherwise, once he entered society, opportunities

to connect with girls easily would be scarce, and he'd miss out on the sweet, innocent moments of youth.

Chen Mo's sweet smile instantly won Mother Lin's heart. "Alright," she said, laughing merrily. "Go clear the dungeon first. But after you finish, you must stay for a simple meal at home..."

"Mom, don't be ridiculous. She's just here to help; why would we have a meal?" Lin Ranhai was somewhat speechless.

She's completely out of our league.

"It's only polite to invite someone who's helping us for a meal. How is that ridiculous?"

"I can't be bothered to argue. I'm going to the Rift Dungeon now, or it might disappear." With that, Lin Ranhai quickly motioned for Chen Mo to follow him, and they fled the rooftop, leaving Mother Lin standing there, excited.

Once inside, Lin Ranhai said apologetically, "I'm sorry, my mom's like that. I hope she didn't make you uncomfortable."

"No, I understand," Chen Mo said, shaking his head with a smile.

The Lin family home was a three-story villa. The Random Rift Dungeon was located in Lin Ranhai's room on the second floor. Following Lin Ranhai into the room, Chen Mo clearly saw a black rift, over a meter long and half a meter wide, hanging just above Lin Ranhai's bed.

Since they didn't know when the Random Rift Dungeon would disappear, they skipped the small talk and both reached out to touch the rift. Instantly, Chen Mo received The Heavenly Path's Hint.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You have unexpectedly encountered a Random Rift Dungeon. The following is information about this dungeon. Please review!]

As a flood of information accompanied The Heavenly Path's Hint, Chen Mo quickly scanned the details of this Random Rift Dungeon. Entry was restricted to those at first-transition or below, meaning players from Level 1 to Level 40 (who hadn't undergone the second-transition) could enter.

The dungeon was a world occupied by dark-type monsters. Its difficulty was high, but there were three main questlines to choose from, each corresponding to different rewards. The best reward was SSS-level. However, the warning stated a 99% failure rate and an over 90% death rate for first-transition professions choosing this path. The second-best reward was SS level. The warning indicated a 70% failure rate and a 50% death rate for first-transition professions on this path. The third path offered S-level rewards, with an approximate 20% failure rate and only a 5% death rate for first-transition professions.

Furthermore, the dungeon's difficulty would scale with the number of participants: 110% for two people, 130% for three, 160% for four, and 200% for five. Clearly, entering with two or three people was optimal; more was inadvisable. There were also many hidden missions of varying difficulty, selectable based on one's situation. Chen Mo didn't have time to examine the specifics.

Following Lin Ranhai's confirmation, Chen Mo also confirmed, and they immediately entered the dungeon.

Just three seconds after they entered, the rift outside sealed completely. This, however, wouldn't prevent Chen Mo and Lin Ranhai from returning.

As the rift sealed, Lin Ranhai and Chen Mo simultaneously received an astonishing Heavenly Path's Hint!

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Attention! Attention! Dungeon type altering! This dungeon is transforming into a Stars Dungeon! Transforming into a Stars Dungeon!!!]

As previously mentioned, regular dungeons have a small chance to transform into Stars Dungeons. Typically, however, only high-level dungeons of B-Class difficulty or higher have this chance, with a probability of 1 in 10,000. In other words, out of 10,000 dungeon runs, one would most likely encounter such a transformation only once. Of course, the transformation doesn't always occur at the start; it can happen mid-dungeon or even towards the end. If your dungeon is chosen, you're considered "lucky."

This 1-in-10,000 probability doesn't apply to Random Rift Dungeons, which are entirely random. They appear randomly, have random restrictions, and random difficulty! Even their transformation into a Stars Dungeon is random. The chance of this happening is as high as 1%, but even so, it's quite rare to trigger.

One could only say Lin Ranhai and Chen Mo were incredibly lucky.

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Of course, at this moment, Lin Ranhai didn't feel lucky; he felt extremely unlucky.

After all, although a dungeon transforming into a Stars Dungeon would raise the overall quality of its rewards, the difficulty also significantly increased.

He not only had to fight the monsters within the dungeon but also had to be on guard against other Alien Professionals who entered, constantly engaging them in a battle of wits and courage!

This is far too dangerous!

A momentary lapse in concentration could be fatal!

As successive warnings sounded, Lin Ranhai was dumbfounded!

"How can this be? The bonus dungeon actually turned into a Stars Dungeon!? This is such a rip-off! Run!"

With that, Lin Ranhai had already taken out a 'Dungeon Leave Talisman' and tried to activate it.

However, nothing happened.

"Damn it! How can it be ineffective!" Lin Ranhai was utterly stunned.

"Check the Stars Dungeon rules!"

Chen Mo glanced at the Heavenly Path System and reminded Lin Ranhai.

Only then did Lin Ranhai realize that when a dungeon transforms into a Stars Dungeon, several random restriction rules appear.

The number of restriction rules represents the number of extraterrestrial forces in this dungeon.

If there are five rules, it means that professionals from five different Star Systems will enter the dungeon.

And now, this Random Rift Dungeon had a total of three Stars Dungeon rules.

This indicated that besides Chen Mo and Lin Ranhai, professionals from two other Star Systems would also enter the dungeon.

[Stars Dungeon Rule (One): All Teleport abilities are invalid before the dungeon is cleared! (This rule can be negated by eliminating all Solar System Professionals.)]

[Stars Dungeon Rule (Two): All damage reduction effects are invalid before the dungeon is cleared! (This rule can be negated by eliminating all Yongming Star System's Professionals.)]

[Stars Dungeon Rule (Three): The coordinates of all professionals are shared in real-time before the dungeon is cleared! (This rule can be negated by eliminating all Kaiyang Star System Professionals.)]

Generally, a Stars Dungeon will prioritize inviting Star System Professionals from nearby Star Systems to participate.

Therefore, those from the Solar System often encounter professionals from the Yongming Star System, as well as those from slightly more distant systems like the Kaiyang Star System and the Fairy Star System, within Stars Dungeons.

"This is such a rip-off! The rule corresponding to our Solar System is the Teleportation rule. Doesn't that mean we can't escape early unless someone clears the dungeon?!"

Lin Ranhai felt a wave of despair.

I came into this dungeon to make a profit!

The Random Rift Dungeon is one of the very few dungeon types where you can get S-level rewards with relatively low difficulty.

But now, before I could even start grabbing rewards, I've run into this kind of rotten luck!

It's enough to make me want to cry, but no tears will come!

"Teleportation being impossible is bad enough, but the worst part now is the third rule! Real-time location sharing means all professionals who enter the dungeon have absolutely nowhere to hide!

This is a Stars Dungeon where, from the very start, hiding is impossible, and a direct, deadly confrontation is guaranteed!"

Chen Mo's expression couldn't help but turn grave.

Although he was quite skilled and possessed top-tier rewards, further boosted by his Composing Ability, his combat power, even before his own first transition, had already surpassed that of typical first-transition professionals.

But after all, he was about to face a group of unknown alien experts in a life-or-death battle!

This very uncertainty is the root cause of this unease!

However, amidst the gravity of the situation, Chen Mo felt a faint thrill of excitement stirring deep within him.

Although he knew his combat power had exceeded the first-transition stage, if his opponents were among the top-tier of that stage, he wasn't entirely sure by how much he surpassed them.

This time, I finally have a chance to find out!

Chapter 143: Star Boosting! (Two in one) _1

As The Heavenly Path's Hint ended, Chen Mo and Lin Ranhai saw significant changes in the dungeon map. Two other dungeon maps were pieced together directly, and the merged map then transformed into a vast, wide-area map.

Another Heavenly Path's Hint quickly sounded.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Due to the change in the type of dungeon, the method to clear this dungeon has changed. Please check again!]

As it was a new world pieced together from three dungeons, the method to clear the dungeon had also changed.

The Stars Dungeon is essentially a random combination of several relatively compatible same-type dungeons.

It could be a normal dungeon, or it might be a Random Rift Dungeon.

When being pieced together, you might have just entered the dungeon, already cleared half of it, or you could be near the end.

However, once a dungeon transforms into a Stars Dungeon, your prior efforts would likely be in vain.

But there were also benefits. The more progress you had made in your dungeon tasks, the more star boosting you would receive when your dungeon was transformed into a Stars Dungeon.

Chen Mo and his party, who had just entered the dungeon, wouldn't receive progress rewards.

But since they had entered through a Random Rift Dungeon and were at a numerical disadvantage, the Stars Dungeon would compensate them with some star boosting.

The Heavenly Path's Hint promptly sounded at this moment.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: It has been detected that your original dungeon was a Random Rift Dungeon. According to the rules of transformation into a Stars Dungeon, participants of this type of dungeon can receive five random Star Boosting effects. Please check!]

When Chen Mo accessed the star boosting details, he immediately saw five powerful effects.

[Star Boosting·Energy Return]: Your energy recovery speed increases (10% * number of non-Star System Professionals remaining in the dungeon).

[Star Boosting·Eternal Spring]: Your life recovery speed increases (10% * number of non-Star System Professionals remaining in the dungeon).

[Star Boosting·Strength]: Your life value increases (100% * number of non-Star System Professionals remaining in the dungeon).

[Star Boosting·Crit]: Your critical hit rate increases (1% * number of non-Star System Professionals remaining in the dungeon).

[Star Boosting·Resistance]: The duration of all abnormal states you suffer decreases (1% * number of non-Star System Professionals remaining in the dungeon).

"This star boosting is quite strong, but how can these five effects possibly compensate for their numerical advantage! Especially with a team of a hundred, they can form an army! Are we supposed to fight them head-on with what we have?"

Lin Ranhai opened the map and checked. He found two groups of people far from their location.

One group had a full hundred people, while the other only had about twenty.

Their own group consisted of just two people.

"We seem to be out of luck this time. We entered from a Random Rift Dungeon, and they were in the middle of a normal dungeon that got transformed. Their numbers are far greater than ours."

Just as Lin Ranhai finished lamenting, Chen Mo immediately noticed something amiss.

"Wait! The minimum requirement for a normal dungeon to transform into a Stars Dungeon should be a B-Class, Level 40 dungeon, right?"

Hearing this, Lin Ranhai also froze.

"Exactly! We were in a first-transition limited instance. Why would they pair us with a group of Level 40s to form a Stars Dungeon? This is ridiculous! They shouldn't pull such tricks!"

"It seems they're a group of Level 40 professionals who haven't undergone their second-transition yet. To be precise, they are indeed still within the first-transition category."

"First-transition or not, the level disparity is too much! Aren't we doomed? With such an outrageous gap, they only gave us five Star Boosting effects. That's totally unfair."

Lin Ranhai had a look of despair on his face.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Detected current average dungeon level: 38. Your level is below the average professional level in this dungeon. For every 5 levels you are below the average level, you will gain one layer of Star Boosting·Balance. You have received an additional five layers of Star Boosting·Balance. This layer count will change dynamically with changes in the average level.]

[Star Boosting·Balance]: Each layer increases life value by 100% and All Attributes by 5%.

"Not too bad, there's an additional Balance boost," Chen Mo chuckled upon receiving the hint.

"It's not much use, though. It's just a 15% increase for me."

"15%?" Chen Mo almost forgot that he was Level 13, while Lin Ranhai was Level 20.

Lin Ranhai, being Level 20, was 18 levels below the average dungeon level of 38. As a result, he only qualified for three layers of the buff.

"Something is better than nothing," Chen Mo remarked.

"Adding such a small amount to our attributes isn't nearly enough for us to fight these people. It looks like we're in grave danger this time." Lin Ranhai felt a deep sense of sorrow. I'm still a virgin! I don't want to die like this!

Chen Mo, however, was much more composed. Having received so many enhancements, his attributes had improved tremendously.

His Health, in particular, was already very high.

Of course, this Health would decrease as the number of participants in the dungeon diminished.

"Since we're here, let's make the best of it. First, let's check the changes to the tasks. Judging by their coordinates, they don't seem to be in a hurry to find us."

"With the maps merged, the whole world has changed. The tasks have probably undergone significant changes as well."

The two of them opened the task description to check.

Indeed, the task content had changed significantly, and both the difficulty and rewards had been further upgraded.

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However, the methods for accepting tasks were now all unknown.

The highest difficulty offered an SSS-level reward plus an SS level reward.

The next difficulty level provided an SS level reward plus an S-level reward.

The lowest difficulty offered an S-level reward plus two A-Class rewards.

However, the current lowest difficulty was now as high as the previous SS level reward difficulty.

This was primarily because the fusion of instances had significantly increased the overall combat power of the monsters.

Of course, there was also a simpler way to directly obtain the top-tier reward.

That was to kill all professionals from other Star Systems within the dungeon.

Once all professionals from other Star Systems were successfully killed, the dungeon would be considered cleared, eliminating the need to complete its internal tasks.

However, this was very difficult. First, one had to prevent anyone from escaping.

If even one person escaped, the dungeon could not be ended directly; one would have to resort to completing the dungeon's tasks.

However, the Aliens killed previously were not a wasted effort.

After completing the dungeon tasks, the more Aliens one had previously killed, the higher the chance of receiving better rewards.

If one was doing an S-level reward task, the reward might be upgraded to SS level.

If doing an SS level task, the reward might be upgraded to SSS-level.

Therefore, once inside a Stars Dungeon, dealing with Aliens was of paramount importance.

Killing Aliens not only improved rewards but also allowed for harvesting dropped items, offering substantial benefits.

Of course, one wouldn't always be as fortunate as this time, with a rule of the Stars Dungeon conveniently restricting Teleportation or escape.

If the rules of the Stars Dungeon didn't restrict Teleportation or exiting, many people, upon discovering they were in a Stars Dungeon, would immediately use a Dungeon Leave Talisman to escape for their survival.

This was the case with Lin Ranhai moments ago.

In such cases, it was difficult to gain benefits from Aliens.

Regardless, the advent of Stars Dungeons undoubtedly brought greater benefits to the strong.

Whether the Aliens fled or not, the new dungeon formed from the fusion of multiple instances offered quite substantial task rewards.

However, for the weak, it was a nightmare.

They would feel particularly desperate in situations where escape was impossible, much like Lin Ranhai currently.

"Even the lowest-level main tasks are hard to complete now." Lin Ranhai looked at the enhanced main task, which now required traversing three dungeon areas, giving him a headache.

If they rushed over, wouldn't those two Alien teams come directly to kill the two of them?

This task was simply impossible to complete.

"Let's do the Dark King task line," Chen Mo said after reading through all the tasks.

"Dark King!?" Lin Ranhai immediately checked the task description. "No way! This is a high-difficulty task line. According to the description, this line alone has several golden-grade BOSS at the peak of the first-transition. Even a hundred-person team might not be able to complete this task."

"That's exactly the effect we want. This task is likely to trigger more powerful BOSSes; we can use the strategy of 'setting the tigers to devour the wolves'!"

"You mean using the monsters to deal with them?" Lin Ranhai's eyes lit up. "That's not a bad idea! We're isolated and helpless right now; a direct confrontation would be certain death. If we could lure them into fighting the BOSSes, we might have a slim chance of survival."

While the two were talking, they noticed a change in the coordinates of the hundred-person team.

"They seem to be coming our way," Lin Ranhai said nervously, looking at the hundred-person team's movement.

"Don't worry, they're still far away. It would take them at least half a day to get here. Let's focus on our tasks first."

"The twenty-person team on the right isn't showing any movement."

Lin Ranhai commented, looking at the other team's situation.

"I suspect that team is also intimidated by this hundred-person team. They're probably waiting for the hundred-person team to kill us so they can use a Dungeon Leave Talisman to escape immediately."

"Those guys are sharp! If there weren't so many of them, we should have gone over and dealt with them first. Once the people from the Kaiyang Star System are dead, our coordinates would become hidden, and we'd have plenty of opportunities to ambush these guys from the Yongming Star System."

"It's not an issue now. Our coordinates are exposed, so the people from the Yongming Star System will come straight for us, which fits our plan perfectly."

With that said, Chen Mo turned and walked towards the nearby town. Although they had chosen a task, they didn't know where to accept it and could only explore on their own.

Watching Chen Mo walk fearlessly into the town by herself, Lin Ranhai felt, for the first time, so powerless in front of a girl.

It was as if from the moment he entered the dungeon, he had been relegated to the role of a follower.

Is this the characteristic of an aristocratic family's daughter? Making people instinctively want to follow her lead.

Looking at Chen Mo's retreating figure, he couldn't help but sigh to himself.

「In the small town.」

It was already a scene of devastation, with collapsed houses and ruins everywhere. Virtually no living beings were in sight.

Walking along the flagstone path toward the town center, Chen Mo saw an inverted crucifix, covered in a strange, viscous black liquid, thrust into the ground.

"This town looks rather eerie," Lin Ranhai remarked, feeling a wave of discomfort.

"After all, it's a dark-themed dungeon."

Chen Mo, however, was unfazed; she was currently using her Pioneer ability to sense her surroundings.

The town was quite large, and Chen Mo's perception range wasn't enough to cover it entirely.

After scanning for a while and covering more than half the town, Chen Mo finally detected a living creature.

What is this thing?

Although it was a living creature, it wasn't human.

It was a dark, writhing mass of strange flesh.

It somewhat resembled a legendary slime, but unlike a slime's amorphous form, this thing had distinct human-like tissues.

These included eyes, strange tufts of hair, and twisted limbs.

However, all these features were haphazardly distributed across the fleshy mass.

It looked as if a person had been put through a blender and then reformed into this grotesque creature.

The sight alone was enough to cause nausea and make one's skin crawl.

This creature was currently hiding in the town's only abandoned shrine, its activities unknown.

Despite its repulsive appearance, it was the only living creature in town, so she had to investigate if it held any clues.

Since Lin Ranhai lacked Chen Mo's powerful perception ability, he was busy searching around.

While Lin Ranhai searched, Chen Mo headed towards the shrine, taking the opportunity to synthesize her Holy Corpse Army Skill.

After all, she had gathered all the materials and spent some money using the Token Function to create two Holy Corpse Army skill books.

[Congratulations, synthesis successful!]

[Please select one of the following three synthesis options as the final result!]

[One]: Shared Fate Undead Army·Red (Bound)

[Two]: Immortal Undead Army·Red (Bound)

[Three]: Unity Undead Army·Red (Bound)

[Four]: Reroll special bonus (free)

The Shared Fate Undead Army had the same effect as Chen Mo's Shared Fate Magic Wand, so there was no need for her to choose it at the moment.

After all, she had no plans to change her Magic Wand.

The Immortal Undead Army would make the duration of summoned Skeleton Monsters infinite.

This wasn't particularly useful either, as Chen Mo's Skeleton Monsters already lasted for a very long time.

This skill couldn't stack summons; recasting it would refresh the previously summoned monsters, making an infinite duration largely meaningless.

The third option, however, was exactly what Chen Mo desired.

Unity Undead Army allowed Chen Mo and her Skeleton Monsters to share perception.

Skeleton Monsters had no eyes and relied solely on perception to discern their surroundings. Now, Chen Mo could synchronize with all their perceptual information.

This effectively turned every Skeleton Monster into a mobile sensor for Chen Mo.

Moreover, it was a sensor with a considerable range.

Each Skeleton Monster had a perception range of one hundred meters. If they were all dispersed, Chen Mo's overall perception coverage would increase significantly.

Of course, the Skeleton Monsters' perception ability couldn't compare to her Pioneer ability.

After all, they couldn't perceive invisible units or detailed information, essentially only functioning as an extension of her sight.

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Upon making his selection, Chen Mo finally obtained his first top-tier Skill!

Initially, he thought it would be a minor improvement, just like before, with the skill only changing color. But he hadn't expected that upgrading the skill from intermediate-tier to top-tier would bring about a qualitative change!

[Unity Undead Army·Red]

Profession: Skeleton Mage

[Cooldown]: 5 seconds

[Effect]: Consumes 100 Energy to summon "2,000 + Profession Star Level * 200" Skeleton Monsters that last for 60 minutes (The Skeleton Monster's profession can be specified, and it will carry phantom weapons corresponding to its profession).

The Skeleton Monsters' attributes are linked to your Wisdom and Spirit (Life = Spirit * 10, Dual Attack = Wisdom * 3), and their stats are further enhanced by an amount equivalent to "Profession Star Level * 20%" of your All Attributes.

Traits—Bomb, Revival, Corpse Poison, Invisible, Sacred, Unity.

The significant increase in summon quantity wasn't the main thing; the crucial part was the description in the parentheses that followed.

"Awesome, I can finally specify the profession of the Skeleton Monsters!"

Seeing this improvement, Chen Mo felt incredibly delighted.

He had thought he would have to wait until level 15 and acquire the Elite Undead Summoning skill to summon Skeleton Monsters of specific professions.

Now that this skill had been upgraded to top-tier, his regular summoning skill could finally summon Skeleton Monsters of any profession he desired.

The emergence of this effect meant the practicality of this summoning skill had increased dramatically!

Once the synthesis was complete, Chen Mo, with a touch of his Magic Wand, immediately summoned 3,400 invisible Skeleton Monsters stacked together around him.

Then, he dispersed all of them to various parts of the town to investigate.

He slowly entered the shrine himself.

The strange creature, seemingly having heard Chen Mo's footsteps, appeared very alert.

As soon as Chen Mo entered the shrine, it quickly wriggled away and hid in a dark corner.

The dark corner seemed to blend perfectly with the darkness encompassing it.

One wouldn't notice it without looking carefully.

But Chen Mo was relying on his perception ability; its attempts to hide were pointless, regardless of where it went.

"No need to hide, I've already seen you. I'm an Adventurer who has traveled a long way to get here. This village seems to have been attacked by some Dark Power. Are you a villager from here?"

Chen Mo attempted to communicate with this peculiar entity.

He didn't classify it as a monster because when his perception ability gathered information about it, its identity was revealed as 'villager'.

That's why Chen Mo asked.

"GURGLE, GURGLE, GURGLE..."

Upon learning Chen Mo was an Adventurer, the flesh blob quivered excitedly and emerged from its hiding place in the shadows.

It seemed to want to tell Chen Mo something, but all that came out were incoherent gurgling sounds.

Clearly unable to communicate in its current state, it extended a small tentacle, pointing towards the inner hall of the shrine.

"Is there something inside?"

Chen Mo curiously walked to the door of the inner hall.

"Miss Zhao, be careful! There's a monster behind you."

As Chen Mo was about to open the door, Lin Ranhai had also entered the shrine.

The moment he entered, he saw an incredibly disgusting flesh blob right behind Chen Mo.

He thought the creature was about to launch a sneak attack on Chen Mo.

A flash of light from the longsword in his hand, and he was ready to strike.

"Don't panic! This is a villager."

Seeing Lin Ranhai was about to kill the crucial NPC, Chen Mo hurriedly stopped him.

"A villager?!"

Lin Ranhai stared in shock at the bizarre ball of flesh before him, feeling a wave of nausea.

"This thing is a villager?"

He found it hard to believe.

"This village was attacked; it must have been afflicted by some sort of dark curse."

As soon as Chen Mo finished speaking, the flesh blob wriggled vigorously and began to make gurgling noises.

It seemed to be affirming Chen Mo's point.

"Judging by its reaction, it seems you're right."

Lin Ranhai retracted the light from his longsword and stood firm.

However, he didn't completely lower his guard around the flesh blob.

Meanwhile, Chen Mo had already opened the door to the inner hall.

The sight that greeted them was one of utter devastation; disgusting black slime oozed all over the room.

Chen Mo even felt a bit reluctant to enter.

Once the door opened, the small flesh blob quickly wriggled inside. It soon rummaged through the wreckage and found a book covered in black slime.

As it placed the book inside its body and took it out again, all the disgusting black slime on the book vanished.

After cleaning the book, it used its little tentacle to carry the book over to Chen Mo.

"The Xiensa Evil God's Ritual?"

Chen Mo immediately skimmed through it.

It turned out that the villagers had worshipped the so-called Xiensa Evil God, holding rituals every year.

Under the protection of the Xiensa Evil God, the village enjoyed favorable weather and abundant harvests year after year.

However, these good days didn't last. Just ten years after they began worshipping the Xiensa Evil God, strange mutations started to occur among the villagers!

One by one, they began to transform into strange flesh blobs.

Initially, they retained their sanity. But as time passed, their minds gradually eroded until they became horrifying monsters, devoid of consciousness and driven solely by the instinct to hunt.

The ritual book offered no solution for these monstrous transformations.

However, according to the final entries in the ritual book, this anomaly was believed to be connected to the Xiensa Evil God.

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In the rumors, the Xiensa Evil God was a massive flesh ball covered in tentacles and eyes.

"It seems that the root of the problem lies with this Xiensa Evil God."

After reading it, Lin Ranhai glanced at the huge flesh ball sculpture covered in tentacles and eyes on the strange shrine wall.

How could anyone worship something this disgusting?

Chen Mo hesitated for a moment before asking, "Where have all the villagers gone? Have they all killed each other? Why are you still in the village?"

Chen Mo placed the book on the ground and asked him to point to the words in sequence.

Languages and scripts varied across the Universe. However, once individuals awakened as professionals, they were influenced by the Heavenly Dao, allowing them to automatically convert the languages and scripts of various races they saw or heard into their own familiar forms.

Unless the words spoken by the other party are not decent language at all, just like the gurgling sounds this flesh ball made earlier.

That's purely a sound without any meaning.

Following the flesh blob pointing out word by word, Chen Mo finally understood. This flesh blob used to be the priest of the village.

Due to successive poor harvests, the villagers who once fervently worshipped the God of Harvest began to scoff at him.

Ultimately, under their intense fury, the statue of the God of Harvest was smashed, his name was scorned, and the shrine was almost burned down.

To save the shrine, the Priest had to turn to the Xiensa Evil God, who had been seducing him to establish faith for himself.

The Priest knew very well that the so-called Xiensa Evil God was, in fact, an Evil God.

Continuous worship of him would eventually lead to no good end.

But since the Goddess of Harvest had lost contact, he had no choice but to rely on this Evil God to calm down the frenzied villagers.

As the Priest introduced the belief of the Xiensa Evil God to the village, the villagers' lives finally started to improve.

With good harvests year after year, naturally, the villagers began to believe in the Xiensa Evil God more devoutly.

During this period, the Priest kept trying to make contact with the Goddess of Harvest, but unfortunately, to no avail.

At that time, the Priest realized that things had turned bad.

And the outcome was exactly as he had predicted.

Human greed is unending.

Once their hunger and cold were satisfied, the villagers started to constantly pray for other benefits.

Once their prayers were fulfilled, villagers had even more faith in the Xiensa Evil God.

With their faith becoming stronger, the Divine Power of the Xiensa Evil God also grew stronger, and the villagers became even greedier!

The greedier the villagers became, the more adamantly they worshipped the Xiensa Evil God, and the more his Divine Power would increase.

This cycle kept going on.

In the end, there could only be two outcomes!

The first, the villagers would go mad!

The second, after collecting enough faith, the Xiensa Evil God would essentially discard his worshippers like a millstone and then reap a wave of human negative emotions in the end.

He is an Evil God after all, who can prosper from the faith offerings or absorb human negative Energy to replenish himself.

Upon failing to satisfy the endless greed of humans, he changed his goal to create human negative Energy instead!

As the Priest explained everything.

"Anything with the word 'god' in it must be hard to handle," Lin Ranhai looked at Chen Mo and said fearfully, "If we continue down this mission line, the final BOSS might be a god-grade monster!"

How terrifying a god-grade monster is!

Even if a hundred first-transition fighters came together, it might not be enough to defeat it.

Now there were only two of them here.

Of course, Lin Ranhai was feeling very nervous inside.

But it was too late for him to change the main storyline now.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Congratulations on discovering the secret of Qiluo Town's decay. You have been given the SSS-level main mission—"Changes in Qiluo Town." Please explore according to the task hints! You have already obtained the main mission and cannot change it anymore. Please work hard to complete it.]

[Changes in Qiluo Town: First Phase Mission]: Find a way to return the Priest to human form before he loses his reason or is killed by other mutated monsters. Be aware that failure of the task will lead to double the difficulty in the remaining process!

"Damn it, we were forced to receive an SSS-level mission." Lin Ranhai was feeling a bit devastated inside.

Where's the planned mission to serve the Dark Lord? How did I inexplicably accept a mission from Xiensa the Evil God?!

Now, the rules of the stars prohibit them from teleporting away.

The mission they've accepted is an unattainable SSS-level one.

This is terrible. It seems like dying is hard to avoid now.

Watching as Lin Ranhai deflated like a punctured balloon, Chen Mo slapped his shoulder and said with a laugh, "An SSS-level mission is actually good. The monsters on this mission will be even more powerful—we might be able to use them to design a trap to kill those people from the Yongming Star System."

"Let's hope so..." Lin Ranhai muttered.

At this point, they had no choice but to keep moving.

Lin Ranhai could only comfort himself that there was a one-in-ten-thousand chance they could survive this.

After learning the specifics, Chen Mo further questioned the Priest, asking if he knew how to solve the issue.

However, the Priest stated he had no idea, but he could sense a stream of Energy flowing from the west of the village into the village well.

He suspected strongly that the people in the town had transformed into weird meat monsters after drinking the water polluted by this strange Energy.

"West of the village, huh," Chen Mo nodded. "You continue hiding and stay safe. I'm heading there to check it out."

The meat lump squirmed a few times and then hid in the shadows nearby.

Its movements seemed to say, 'Go on, don't worry. I'm well hidden.'

Chen Mo smiled and said to Lin Ranhai, "You keep patrol around this church and protect him. I'm going to check out the west."

"Wait, you're going alone?!" Lin Ranhai exclaimed in shock. "There might be mini-BOSSes over there. This is an SSS-level mission; even a mini-BOSS would be a formidable entity."

"Relax, I'm not going alone!"

As he spoke, Chen Mo undid the invisibility of the Skeleton Monsters around them...

"What's going on?!" Lin Ranhai jumped in fright, thinking they were suddenly surrounded by a horde of monsters.

The place was densely filled with weapon-wielding Skeleton Monsters.

"Don't worry, these are my summoned creatures."

"Sum... summoned creatures? So many?!"

Lin Ranhai looked around and couldn't count how many of these summoned creatures there were.

"You can summon so many! That's insane! How many are there?" he asked, astounded.

"A thousand."

Chen Mo had casually made a thousand of them visible. Over two thousand more remained invisible, as they wouldn't have fit otherwise.

"A... a thousand?!" Lin Ranhai was speechless. He looked at Chen Mo with a wry smile. "Then I'm assured. Go ahead; I will take good care of him."

With so many Skeleton Monsters to charge and attack, there would be no danger at all. There's nothing to worry about.

If I had so many minions, all I'd need to do is hide in a safe place and send them into danger. I'd never put myself at risk.

He had heard before that Chen Mo was an Undead Mage, but he hadn't realized Chen Mo possessed such top-tier Skills.

That's a thousand monsters, all armed! This Skill's rank must be at least top-tier!

Lin Ranhai's assessment was not wrong. Chen Mo's combined Skills were all indeed transcending their ranks.

When his Skill was still purple, he could summon more than a thousand. His purple Skill was actually comparable to a top-tier red Skill obtained by an ordinary person!

Having Lin Ranhai safely stay behind allowed Chen Mo to operate more comfortably, not having to hide or cover up every move.

He directly began flying towards the west side of the town.

As Chen Mo sensed more and more through his Pioneer ability, he found that there was really something wrong in the west of town.

There were large amounts of black sticky fluids on the ground, and he could see some meat blobs wriggling around.

Chen Mo ignored them and flew further ahead.

It wasn't until he flew more than a thousand meters out of town that he sensed something unusual.

Inside a cave to the west of the town, there was a huge tentacled monster, its body oozing disgusting black slime.

Although it resembled the meat blobs near the town, it was clearly on a different level.

There was no need to use any exploration Skills. Using his Pioneer's perception ability, Chen Mo obtained the creature's information right away.

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[Monster Name]: Bishop of Xiensa Evil God

[Monster Rank]: Golden-grade BOSS (First-transition)

[Level]: 40

[Attributes]:

[[Health]] : 170,000,000,000 / 170,000,000,000

[[Energy]] : 170,000,000,000 / 170,000,000,000

[[Physical Attack]] : 17,247

[[Magic Attack]] : 17,247

[[Physical Defense]] : 8,623

[[Magic Defense]] : 8,623

[[Critical Damage]] : 100%

[Active Skills]: Xiensa Evil God's Sacrificial Rain (Area of Effect Damage), Xiensa Evil God's Prayer (Buff Enhancement), Black Sea Purgatory (Area of Effect Damage, Control, Debuff), Thousand Transformation (Avatar Skill).

[Passive Skills]: Xiensa Evil God's Protection, Xiensa Evil God's Intent, Star Boosting (Health)

[[Xiensa Evil God's Protection]] : Protected by the Xiensa Evil God, 50% chance to transform all damage received into a healing effect.

[[Xiensa Evil God's Intent]] : Protected by the Xiensa Evil God, 50% chance to directly gain immunity to all abnormal effects.

[[Star Boosting (Health)]] : Boosted by the Stars Dungeon, Health is increased a hundredfold.

A Level 40, First-transition Golden BOSS would normally only have 1.7 billion Health. But in the Stars Dungeon, it's enhanced and actually bumped up a hundredfold! Disgusting!

While Chen Mo grumbled about how disgusting the monster was, his own Health was, in fact, also absurdly high at the moment.

With the star boosting affecting him, his Health had increased by even more than a hundredfold, surpassing the BOSS's increase.

It was just that his base Health couldn't compare to the BOSS's.

But it was, after all, just a Golden BOSS. If it had been a Level 40 First-transition field group BOSS, its Health would have been truly staggering.

Without any boost, it would have had over 800 billion Health. If that were multiplied by a hundred, it would be over eighty trillion.

Though the BOSS was disgusting, Chen Mo's current combat power was even more astonishing.

After acquiring the Amplification God Ring and the star boosting, his Wisdom and Spirit had reached 4,473 points, and his Magic Attack had reached 14,439 points.

The stats of the Skeleton Monsters he could summon with his current attributes were: Health 107,355, Physical Attack 32,207, and Magic Attack 32,207.

If Chen Mo activated the Group Attack Boost, his Skeleton Monsters' attack power could climb to over fifty-four thousand.

With this attack power hitting the BOSS, the damage would typically reach around fifty thousand.

Taking into account Chen Mo's talent doubling effect, each Skeleton Monster could inflict damage nearing one hundred thousand.

Now that Chen Mo was affected by the Star Critical Hit Boost, his critical hit rate had exceeded 100%. The star boosting applied to all of Chen Mo's units.

Every Skeleton Monster was now guaranteed to land a critical hit.

It's a shame the Skeleton Monsters' Critical Damage isn't the same as mine,

Chen Mo thought. Otherwise, the damage would be even more explosive.

Taking into account all the effects of Unwinding Worship, each of Chen Mo's Skeleton Monsters could deal approximately three hundred thousand damage per second to the BOSS!

Now that Chen Mo could control the types of his summons, the number of effective attacks from his Skeleton Monsters was different from before.

By summoning 3,400 all-ranged Skeleton Monsters, the number of effective attacks would be exactly 3,400.

The damage they could deal in a single second could reach as high as 1 billion!

The BOSS's 170 billion Health seemed like a lot, but it still wouldn't last three minutes against this onslaught.

And that wasn't even factoring in the effects of Corpse Poison.

If one considered 3,400 stacks of Corpse Poison being applied every second, that 170 billion Health wouldn't even last tens of seconds.

Of course, this was all assuming one ignored the BOSS's passive skills.

The BOSS's passive effects were certainly noteworthy.

Its Xiensa Evil God's Protection gave it a chance to convert damage taken into healing, and Xiensa Evil God's Intent allowed it to potentially ignore abnormal conditions.

The first passive was easy enough to deal with; once Corpse Poison stacked up, its healing would be nullified.

The second passive, however, would halve the stacking speed of Corpse Poison.

But even at half efficiency, under the assault of 3,400 Skeleton Monsters, it would still be devastating.

Just as Chen Mo prepared to unleash his Skeleton Monsters to attack the BOSS, a giant eyeball on the BOSS somehow spotted him through the stone wall of the cave.

Does this guy have x-ray vision or something?

Chen Mo wondered.

"Human, are you interested in joining my Church of the Xiensa Evil God? If you enter the Church of the Xiensa Evil God, you will obtain eternal happiness! Our Xiensa Evil God can fulfill all your wishes."

Suddenly, a wave of bewitching whispers echoed from all directions.

Chen Mo discovered that the small, fleshy orbs scattered on the ground had all become amplifiers for the BOSS, transmitting its voice.

So noisy! Chen Mo thought, annoyed.

He waved his Magic Wand, and a horde of Skeleton Monsters launched their attacks in unison.

Arrows, crossbow bolts, magic projectiles...

All sorts of ranged attacks bombarded the cave interior!

Just one volley of attacks reduced the BOSS's Health by several hundred million.

At this point, Chen Mo also joined the fray, firing Energy Bullets at the BOSS.

He could fire Energy Bullets from a much greater distance than his Mage Skeleton Monsters.

After all, Chen Mo possessed the Thousand-mile Scepter.

With Chen Mo adding his firepower, the Skeleton Monsters' damage output immediately doubled.

Furthermore, Corpse Poison continuously triggered detonations.

The BOSS's Health began to plummet rapidly!

"Despicable human, you dare to attack the great Bishop of Xiensa Evil God! I will make you understand the price of offending the Xiensa Church!"

The moment the BOSS's voice fell, Chen Mo felt the entire world around him darken.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You are trapped within Black Sea Purgatory. If you continue to exist within it, you will take continuous damage, and your All Attributes will decrease by 1% every second until death. Please leave immediately!]

This domain-type skill is truly troublesome, Chen Mo mused. Even if I'm immune to abnormal effects, being caught within its range is still a problem! Good thing I have plenty of tricks up my sleeve.

With just a thought, Chen Mo and his Skeleton Monsters all vanished into the Void Realm.

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After Chen Mo left, Lin Ranhai kept the map open to constantly monitor him and ensure his safety.

However, to his surprise, the light representing Chen Mo abruptly disappeared.

What's going on! How did he die?

Lin Ranhai was taken aback. It hadn't been long since he left. He must have died rather quickly. If he is dead, does that mean there's no hope left for me?

Lin Ranhai looked up at the sky, his heart sinking into despair.

He wasn't the only one surprised by Chen Mo's disappearance. The group from the Yongming Star System, who were rushing over, were also quite taken aback.

Could it be these two stumbled upon some formidable creature? And one of them got killed? one of them thought.

Those two damned idiots! If they both die, the people from the Kaiyang Star System can just escape the dungeon!

Having read the three star rules, the captain of the hundred-man team from the Yongming Star System had already devised an easy annihilation plan. If they killed the people from the Kaiyang Star System first, even if the ones from the Solar System couldn't escape and there were only two of them left, once the coordinates were no longer shared, finding two people hiding in such a vast map would be a great waste of time.

Their original plan was to kill one of the two from the Solar System and capture the other. Then, by sharing coordinates, they could easily exterminate the twenty from the Kaiyang Star System. Finally, they would kill the controlled professional from the Solar System. This way, they could perfectly utilize the two star rules and comfortably complete the annihilation!

But now, even before they had made their move, one from the Solar System side had already vanished.

If they both die at once, wouldn't it ruin our plan? They were naturally furious about this.

On the other hand, the people from the Kaiyang Star System looked rather pleased.

One of them got himself killed so quickly. If they all die, we could leave earlier.

One's already dead; the one left probably won't be so hot-headed anymore.

Moreover, this person has barely moved from his spot. I've seen him pacing around that area for ages; he must be a very timid person.

This is really annoying. We have to waste more time here because of him.

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Chen Mo was unaware that his act of entering the Void Realm had led everyone to believe he was dead. If he had known earlier, he would have used this tactic to launch a sneak attack on the people from the Yongming Star System.

Currently, Chen Mo was patiently waiting inside the Void Realm.

This BOSS's domain skill, Black Sea Purgatory, had a rather long duration. To break it, one could only collide it with another domain ability or possess an ability to dispel or ignore it. However, this was extremely difficult. Domain abilities were normally accessed by professionals only upon reaching the fourth-transition. Unless one obtained something similar from SSS-level rewards, there was no hope of breaking it.

All Chen Mo could do was wait patiently.

After waiting for nearly five minutes, Chen Mo finally saw the Bishop of Xiensa Evil God retract the Black Sea Purgatory domain.

The moment the Bishop retracted his domain, Chen Mo immediately led the Skeleton Army out of the Void Realm!

This left the Bishop of Xiensa Evil God, who thought Chen Mo had already been reduced to ashes within the domain, somewhat dumbfounded. But at this point, his domain was on Cooldown, and he could no longer deploy it.

These ghostly abilities are truly troublesome, the Bishop thought.

The moment Chen Mo appeared, he had already launched a barrage of projectiles, causing the Bishop of Xiensa Evil God's Health to drop by over a billion in an instant.

In just a few breaths, the Bishop's Health had already plunged by more than half.

"Damned human! You're provoking an existence you shouldn't! Oh, Xiensa Evil God, bring down the punishing blood rain upon this sinner!" the Bishop of Xiensa Evil God incanted.

As he began his incantation, the surrounding sky underwent a drastic change. The previously white clouds turned into a dark, ominous layer of black clouds. Accompanying these black clouds was an indescribable, foul, fishy odor that almost caused Chen Mo to retch in disgust.

He quickly held his breath. His attacks quickened. He didn't know how powerful this BOSS was; all he knew was that it was nasty enough to make him thoroughly disgusted! Chen Mo just wanted to finish it off as soon as possible.

As the dark clouds rapidly gathered, a stinking, blood-red rain quickly began to fall from them.

Seeing this, Chen Mo hurriedly applied a Huge Shield to the Skeleton Monsters and once again took refuge in the Void Realm. He wasn't afraid of the damage. It was simply that the blood rain smelled so foul he could hardly bear it. He didn't want that ghastly stuff to get on him.

This time, only he hid in the Void Realm; the Skeleton Monsters were still outside, dealing damage furiously.

The BOSS's Health was rapidly depleting.

Just as the BOSS's Health dropped to about 10%, it suddenly shuddered and, with a BANG, exploded entirely, turning into tens of thousands of tiny wads of flesh, each only about the size of a human palm. Each small wad of flesh looked remarkably similar to the original BOSS. The more Chen Mo looked at this BOSS, the more sickened he felt.

Seeing the BOSS split into a dense horde of mini-BOSSes that immediately rushed towards the cave entrance, Chen Mo instantly sent the shielded Skeleton Monsters to block it.

The number of mini-BOSSes was extremely high, so naturally, the attack frequency on the shielded Skeleton Monsters was also extremely high. Because of this, the shield's Lightning Chain was triggered continuously!

Chen Mo's own damage was not low either. The Health of these mini-BOSSes was evenly divided from the main BOSS's remaining Health. The BOSS's remaining Health had been only 1.7 billion. Divided into ten thousand parts, each part now had only 170,000 Health.

With Chen Mo's current Magic Attack of 14,439 and Critical Damage of 3,283%, the Lightning Chain triggered by his normal attacks could instantly deal several hundred thousand points of damage.

With a series of CRACKLES from the Lightning Chain, all the small meat wads about to swarm out of the cave were instantly electrocuted into a pile of charred flesh, emitting a burnt, rotten stench.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Congratulations on successfully killing the 'Bishop of Xiensa Evil God.' You have earned 1,000 dungeon reward points.]

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Congratulations on successfully killing the 'Bishop of Xiensa Evil God.' Since this is a Stars Dungeon, all professionals in your Star System will receive 1,000 dungeon reward points.]

At this moment, Lin Ranhai, who had thought Chen Mo was dead and was looking up at the sky in despair, giving up on himself, suddenly received a hint from the Heavenly Path.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: As a professional from your Star System's faction has killed a golden-grade BOSS, you have received 1,000 dungeon reward points.]

What!? Are there other professionals in my Star System's faction?

Lin Ranhai almost thought he was seeing ghosts. It wasn't until he opened the map to check that he discovered Chen Mo's coordinate point had actually reappeared.

He had only just realized it, while the other two forces had already noticed. This made both groups somewhat curious as to why Chen Mo's coordinates could disappear and then reappear.

However, someone from the Yongming Star System, being more experienced, pointed out the possibility that Chen Mo had entered the Void Realm. So, the team leader immediately had several people with the

ability to enter the Void Realm try it. Sure enough, they found that their coordinates disappeared from the map.

So that's how it is. It seems the Solar System duo, who we originally thought would be easy to handle, aren't so simple after all. This person who can enter the Void Realm is very troublesome.

No matter. We have five who can enter the Void Realm. Surely, five of us can beat one of him, right?

That's a good point. Let's go take a look first. Then, we can use the captain's group invisibility item to launch a surprise attack and control them. His Void Realm ability will be useless then!

Communicating via the Heavenly Path System within the dungeon could easily reveal their position. Therefore, Chen Mo didn't add Lin Ranhai as a friend or even form a team with him, as teaming up would expose all Level information.

Lin Ranhai already knew their enemies were all powerful Level 40 first-transition experts. If he now found out his teammate was only Level 13 and hadn't even undergone the first-transition, Lin Ranhai's head would probably explode on the spot. Chen Mo didn't want to scare Lin Ranhai to that extent.

After killing the Bishop of Xiensa Evil God and receiving The Heavenly Path's Hint, Chen Mo was instructed to investigate inside the cave. However, Chen Mo was cautious and used his Pioneer Perception from outside the cave first.

He discovered an Array where the Bishop of Xiensa Evil God had previously stood. It was emitting red light, though he wasn't sure of its purpose.

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Because he couldn't perceive anything from simply standing outside the cave, Chen Mo tried to send a Skeleton Monster inside.

As the Skeleton Monster stepped onto the strange, red-glowing Array...

The Heavenly Path's Hint immediately sounded.

[Heavenly Path's Hint: Your summon has come into contact with the Xiensa Evil God's Array, you have obtained relevant information...]

As a flood of information rushed into his mind, Chen Mo realized that this Array was a connection to the Xiensa Evil God's Holy Spring.

The previous Bishop of Xiensa Evil God had teleported the Xiensa Evil God's Holy Spring through the Array, infiltrating it into the well water of Qiluo Town from underground.

As a result, everyone who drank the well water turned into meatball monsters.

However, according to the information, the Xiensa Evil God's Holy Spring is the Xiensa Evil God's bathwater, containing the mighty Divine Power of Xiensa. It offered immense benefits to those who consumed it.

It could turn those who drank the Holy Spring into divine disciples of the Xiensa Evil God and allow them to gain the Xiensa Evil God's Body.

If they were talented enough to retain their consciousness for a long time, they would have the opportunity to be directly taught by the Xiensa Evil God in the future. They could gradually master Divine Power and approach a divine position!

This was the information left by the Xiensa Evil God, though its authenticity was unknown.

The Bishop of Xiensa Evil God was originally a human. Like the Priest in the shrine, he possessed strong willpower. He retained his self-consciousness for a long time after transforming into the Xiensa Evil God's Body.

Because of this, he was favored by the Xiensa Evil God, who then gave him more of the Xiensa Evil God's Holy Spring and even a portion of the Xiensa Evil God's blood.

This allowed him to grow to such a formidable level.

The Priest in Qiluo Town had also been favored by the Xiensa Evil God.

However, this Priest has remained loyal to the Goddess of Harvest from beginning to end. Regardless of his current form, he refuses to abandon his faith.

So, no matter how the Xiensa Evil God tempted him, it held no attraction for the town's Priest.

Otherwise, this Priest might have already become another Bishop of Xiensa Evil God.

After learning some information about the Xiensa Evil God's Holy Spring, what Chen Mo most wanted to know now was a way to counteract it.

While Chen Mo was checking the information, the pieces of burnt meat on the ground began to eerily wriggle.

Chen Mo's pioneer perception ability had been active the entire time, so he immediately noticed this strange phenomenon.

Seeing these lifeless chunks of meat wriggle so unnaturally and frantically gave Chen Mo goosebumps.

I'll avoid dark-themed dungeons from now on if I can. I don't know about the difficulty, but they're definitely a huge strain on one's Spirit.

Suppressing his revulsion, Chen Mo reached out and grabbed a piece of the frantically squirming meat.

He felt as if the chunk of meat was being drawn by something, trying to move in a specific direction.

Chen Mo followed this pull and walked in that direction.

The meat, it turned out, was trying to move towards the center of the Array.

Curious, Chen Mo placed the chunk of meat on it.

As soon as the first chunk of meat was placed on it, the Formation began to glow with a strange red light. WHOOSH! A terrifying suction force suddenly filled the cave. In the blink of an eye, all the scattered pieces of meat on the ground were sucked onto the Array.

It's not going to resurrect, is it?

Chen Mo was already prepared for a fight.

However, as the chunks of meat gathered, Chen Mo watched them wriggle continuously, slowly reforming into a human shape.

"Young man..."

Once the transformation was complete, Chen Mo saw it was a middle-aged man. However, he couldn't detect any sign of Life from him. He wondered how the man could still speak.

"Are you the Bishop of Xiensa Evil God from before?" Chen Mo asked curiously.

"Yes. I was lost in desire and eventually became a puppet of the Xiensa Evil God, completely losing myself..."

"Are you free from the Xiensa Evil God's control now?"

"Yes. You killed me, and in doing so, you did me a great service. You helped break the slave contract I had with the Xiensa Evil God. Had I not died, I would have remained enslaved by him until I completely lost myself and was ultimately devoured by him."

"But didn't he favor you precisely because you hadn't lost yourself?"

"Indeed. However, his only intention was to acquire better disciples. Disciples who retained their selves could accumulate power faster and strengthen their Xiensa Evil God's Body more effectively, making them better for him to devour."

"I see. When did you realize this?"

"I only realized this as my sanity began to fade, but by then, it was too late..."

"To have grown so strong, you must have absorbed a considerable amount of the Xiensa Evil God's blood. Did you gain any information from it? For instance, how to undo the Xiensa Evil God's Body?"

"True, absorbing the Xiensa Evil God's blood does provide some related information. However, I never learned how to undo the Xiensa Evil God's Body. But I do know that the Xiensa Evil God has always been terrified of a certain Grand Sage. Perhaps that Grand Sage has a solution."

"Oh?" Upon hearing a lead, Chen Mo immediately asked, "Where can I find this Grand Sage?"

"He lives in Sage's Village, about ten thousand meters east of Qiluo Town."

"Then I'll set off to find him immediately."

"Wait."

"What is it?"

"Sage's Village isn't a place just anyone can enter. The Xiensa Evil God has wanted to eliminate this Grand Sage for a long time. However, every disciple he sent there ended up lost in the Forest of the Sage surrounding Sage's Village."

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"So, you're saying there's something odd about this forest? We can't fly into it?"

"You can't fly in. There's a Flying-Restricted Domain there, and once you enter the range of the Forest of the Sage, you will be trapped in a bewitching illusionary realm."

"Then what's the way to get in?"

"If you find one of the villagers of Sage's Village and have them guide you, you'll be able to get in."

"Where am I supposed to find them in this vast world?"

"According to information I received previously, a villager from Sage's Village is cultivating in Geluo Pagoda to the west. If you have enough strength, you should go find him there."

As the other party mentioned Geluo Pagoda, Chen Mo timely received a prompt from the Heavenly Dao.

[The Heavenly Dao's Hint: You have obtained the second phase task: find a villager from Sage's Village. Please head towards Geluo Pagoda quickly before he leaves.]

"I see, thank you."

"No, I should be the one thanking you. Without you, I wouldn't have been liberated."

After explaining everything, the former Bishop of the Xiensa Evil God finally breathed his last.

As he closed his eyes, his physical body began to gradually decay, eventually turning into black ash that scattered around.

This Xiensa Evil God has certainly caused a lot of trouble. Even the Xiensa Evil God's Body he crafted is disgusting.

Chen Mo rarely detested specific monsters, but he truly loathed this Xiensa Evil God, because the things this entity did were just so unsettling.

After stepping out of the cave and taking a few breaths of fresh air, Chen Mo set off again, flying further west towards Geluo Pagoda.

As for Lin Ranhai, Chen Mo figured that since a Heavenly Dao Hint had already been triggered, Lin Ranhai should know what he was doing.

Lin Ranhai did know. But precisely because he knew, he was even more shocked.

This was a golden-grade BOSS, after all!

Based on the changes in this dungeon, this golden-grade BOSS should have reached the strength of a Level 40 first-transition entity.

Plus, there was the inevitable Health boost that all BOSSes in a Stars Dungeon received.

He roughly estimated this golden-grade BOSS's Health to be in the hundreds of billions.

From the moment Chen Mo left his side until the BOSS's death, barely ten minutes had passed.

Ten minutes to single-handedly defeat a golden-grade BOSS with hundreds of billions in life value!

What kind of concept was that?

The most critical point was the Level gap.

A Level 40 first-transition golden-grade BOSS—how high would its attributes be? A Level 20 first-transition professional—how high could their attributes possibly be? Could the two even be compared?

Forget the current disparity; Lin Ranhai would find it hard to believe even if a Level 40 second-transition powerhouse killed a Level 40 first-transition golden-grade BOSS—one with a hundred times its life value—within ten minutes.

He had initially thought that the two of them were doomed once this dungeon transformed into a Stars Dungeon.

He never imagined he'd end up latching onto such an incredibly powerful ally.

So, an Undead Mage with a large number of minions can be this monstrous?

Lin Ranhai had always believed that even if an Undead Mage could summon a horde of Ghosts, it wasn't particularly impressive. He never expected to be so profoundly shocked this time.

He desperately wanted to know how Chen Mo had managed to kill such a powerful BOSS so quickly.

Unfortunately, after killing the BOSS, Chen Mo flew off to an even more distant location. No matter how curious Lin Ranhai was, he could only stay put and speculate wildly.

「Meanwhile, the other two factions were monitoring everyone's movements via the map information.
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They noticed that the Solar System's main quest completion progress had increased by 10%.

And the difficulty indicator for this 10% main quest completion was SSS-level.

"Those two from the Solar System are incredibly gutsy, daring to take on an SSS-level quest!"

The twenty people from the Kaiyang Star System sat idly on the ground, looking at the map and conversing in peculiar tones.

They were planning to flee as soon as the Solar System members died, so naturally, they saw no need to waste time on dungeon quests, as it would be pointless.

"Actually, I think their choice is somewhat understandable."

"Understandable? How? Two people taking on an SSS-level Stars Dungeon quest—isn't that just suicide?"

"Think about it. If it were just the two of you, and you saw a hundred people coming to kill you, what would you do?"

"Run, of course."

"Idiot. Coordinates are shared in real-time. Where could you possibly run?"

"Oh! I get it! Then they'd have to find a way to borrow strength. They want to use the power of an SSS-level BOSS!"

"Exactly. Right now, if they want to survive, that's their only option. They can't run towards us because our primary objective would definitely be to kill them. Once they're dead, we can escape. So, they can't borrow our strength. The only strength they can borrow is from the dungeon BOSSes."

"No wonder those two dared to start an SSS-level main quest."

"The key is, not only did they dare to start it, but their completion speed isn't slow either. They're already at 10%."

"They wouldn't dare to be slow. If they don't unleash a powerful BOSS soon, how will they fend off the hundred-strong legion from the Yongming Star System?"

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In the Yongming Star System's camp, upon seeing that Chen Mo's team had completed 10% of the SSS-level quest, they also immediately realized their intentions.

"Captain, well, I'll be. Even though there are only two of them, they've got some tricks up their sleeve. They actually plan to use an SSS-level BOSS against us."

"Hmph! Those Solar System folks are underestimating us."

"Later, don't just kill one. I suggest we capture both and torture them thoroughly. Let them learn how formidable we truly are! Then we'll see if they still dare to plot against us."

"Don't we have a Pain Mage in our team? Let them experience what true agony feels like."

The group of one hundred cheerfully discussed how they would torment Chen Mo and Lin Ranhai once they were captured.

They completely underestimated Chen Mo and Lin Ranhai.

At this moment, Chen Mo was still focused on his quest.

After all, while killing all the Alien Professionals would directly clear the dungeon with the maximum reward, obtaining additional dungeon reward points during the process could yield a significant amount of extra experience points and other bonuses on top of that.

One can never have too many experience points.

Naturally, Chen Mo wanted to acquire as much as possible.

Flying at a speed that completely disregarded mana consumption, he soon spotted a tower that soared into the clouds.

The tower was not only tall but also covered a vast area.

Chen Mo estimated the base of the tower had a radius of at least 100 meters.

This must be the Geluo Pagoda the Bishop of the Xiensa Evil God mentioned.

Chen Mo immediately accelerated, flying towards the Geluo Pagoda.

The Geluo Pagoda looked peculiar. Though it was a tower, it only had a single entrance at its base, and the entire structure lacked even a single window.

As Chen Mo landed, he gained an even more profound sense of the Geluo Pagoda's immense size.

Looking up, the tower stretched so high that its top was lost from view.

As Chen Mo approached the entrance of the Geluo Pagoda, two Gatekeepers immediately stopped him.

"Greetings. This is the Geluo Pagoda, a place dedicated to the training of the brave and Sages. May I ask who you are?"

"I suppose you could call me one of the brave," Chen Mo replied after a moment of thought.

"Then, would you be willing to accompany us for the test of the brave?"

Before Chen Mo could move, he received a Heavenly Dao Hint.

[The Heavenly Dao's Hint: You have triggered the hidden mission 'Gelu Pagoda Test'. Based on the final difficulty of the test you complete, you will receive special title rewards of varying ranks, up to an SSS-level title! This mission has a high mortality rate. Please challenge according to your capabilities.]

Oh? I remember seeing an introduction to hidden missions in the Random Rift Dungeon before. The best reward mentioned then was only SS-level. I didn't expect that after upgrading to a Stars Dungeon, the reward specifications for hidden missions would also increase. I just wonder how difficult it will be to obtain this hidden mission's reward.

However, Chen Mo quickly found out.

The Gatekeeper led him to a Teleportation Array inside the tower.

Chen Mo immediately received another Heavenly Dao Hint:

[The Heavenly Dao's Hint: You are about to undertake the one-star Brave Challenger's Trials. The historical mortality rate for professionals attempting this trial is 20%. Successful completion will earn you a special B-Class title! Please confirm if you accept this challenge!]

A one-star trial has a 20% mortality rate? And it only gives a B-Class reward? What a joke! Chen Mo was somewhat surprised.

The Gatekeeper kindly reminded him once more, "The 'Test of the Brave' carries a risk of death. If you are not truly brave, please leave now."