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"Hello, to prevent disruption, we're charging a deposit of 100 million for those collecting a bidding number. After the auction, if you do not win any bids, you can retrieve your deposit. If you win a bid, the deposit will go towards the payment. If it's not enough, you can make up the remaining amount."

"No problem." Chen Mo promptly took out a Gold Coin.

"Alright, here is your bidding number. Please sign your name and provide your Heavenly Path System contact number here, so we can accurately refund your deposit."

Chen Mo nodded and signed his name.

"Brother Mo, are you going to bid?"

Seeing Chen Mo actually take a bidding number, Liu Yiming was somewhat surprised. Even if he had money, he shouldn't bid on this thing! After all, this item is expensive and useless for combat professionals, who generally don't get sick.

"I just got it to have a look. After all, the money will be refunded if I don't win any bids."

When Liu Yiming heard Chen Mo say this, he didn't say anything else.

"By the way, can I bring my younger brother over to sit with me?"

"Sorry sir, our seating is limited, so that's not possible. Your younger brother can watch from the side."

"It's fine, Brother Mo, you go ahead. I'm good standing here." Liu Yiming smiled and didn't seem to mind.

Chen Mo nodded, took bidding card number 55, and went to sit in the middle of a large cluster of seats.

At this time, more than fifty people were already seated in the front, most of them middle-aged and older, with a few looking very young. It's unclear whether they were naturally young or had consumed the Age-Preserving Holy Fruit.

As the crowd gradually arrived, the seats behind Chen Mo were progressively filled.

When all one hundred auction seats were taken, the auction for the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine was about to begin.

At that moment, the Pharmacist on stage picked up a microphone and began, "Thank you all very much for your presence today. I have brought three bottles of Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine and a Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine's prescription to Fengze City!

"First, let me introduce the effects of the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine..."

As the Pharmacist explained the all-curing properties of the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine, the onlookers listened with burning excitement. If this medicine is really so incredible, having a few bottles at home would mean never having to fear disease again. However, considering how potent this sounds, we know it won't be cheap.

After explaining the effects of the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine, the Pharmacist went on to introduce the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine's prescription.

"I always sell with transparency. Even though the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine is remarkably effective, its creation is not easy.

"Firstly, the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine's prescription is useless for the average person. Only four-star Pharmacists or above can create it after learning the recipe.

"Secondly, the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine's prescription is a permanently limited-quantity recipe. Each person can only produce up to ten bottles. Otherwise, I wouldn't have used a Recipe Extraction Stone to retrieve the recipe again.

"Thirdly, it's quite a hassle to obtain the necessary materials to make the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine.

"I've disclosed all relevant information to you. Now, let's talk about the starting prices.

"Each bottle of Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine has a base price of 100 million, and each bid increment must not be less than 10 million. The base price for the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine's prescription is 1 billion, with each bid increment not less than 100 million!"

As the four-star Pharmacist finished speaking, an attractive young woman walked onto the stage. She took the Pharmacist's microphone and continued, "I believe Pharmacist Lin has explained everything very clearly. Now, let's welcome the famous Appraisers of Fengze City, Mr. Lai and Mr. Wang."

After she finished speaking, the four-star Pharmacist took out a bottle of the potion and placed it on the table. The two top-tier Appraisers from Myriad Heaven Auction House had already stepped onto the stage.

Seeing these two, the crowd was understandably taken aback.

"I didn't expect the hospital to invite such famous Appraisers to vouch for Pharmacist Lin's auction. It seems the rumors that Pharmacist Lin is going to be a resident here are true."

"Indeed. These two only appraise items worth hundreds of millions."

The young woman continued, "Now, we'll have our Appraisers verify the medicine so that everyone can get accurate information."

Appraisers were Appraisers because they possessed special abilities. Items they appraised would show a 'verified' mark when inspected by others. At the same time, some high-level information, normally difficult to investigate, would also be fully disclosed to those who needed to inspect it.

As the two top-tier Appraisers collaborated on their appraisal, everyone could clearly see the detailed information about the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine. The 'verified' mark displayed on the Heavenly Path

System panel after inspection further proved that the item was not a fabricated counterfeit. Otherwise, its original, unverified state would have been displayed.

In the past, some cunning practitioners had used this method to deceive people, but as people learned to seek out Appraisers, this trick became less effective.

"Alright, the two Appraisers have completed their appraisal. I believe there should be no more doubts. Now, let's start the auction for the first bottle of Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine!

"This item is available in limited quantities. If you miss this chance, it will be very difficult to come across it again. Please bid enthusiastically.

"Now, let the bidding begin!"

As the young woman finished, the bidding immediately began. A bottle with a starting price of 100 million soon reached one billion.

Liu Yiming, standing nearby to observe, saw that Chen Mo hadn't made a move. He was now convinced that Chen Mo was truly just there to watch.

The first bottle soon sold for 1.5 billion!

Chen Mo, listening from the side, was astonished. These people are incredibly wealthy, spending so much money on a potion primarily intended for lifestyle professionals!

Soon, the auction for the second bottle of Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine began. The bidding for this bottle wasn't as high as the first, but it ultimately sold for a high price of 1.4 billion.

With two bottles gone, the competition for the final bottle of Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine started even more fiercely. It didn't take many rounds of bidding to reach one billion. However, once it reached a billion, the bidding slowed. Finally, bids were increasing by only ten million at a time. After reaching 1.4 billion, it continued to increase in this manner.

Eventually, it sold for an astonishing 1.6 billion.

The person who acquired it probably hadn't expected the bidding for the last bottle to surpass the previous two. However, this was a rare opportunity, not to be missed. He had to secure it, even if it cost over a billion.

As for the prescription, it's useless for most people. Four-star Pharmacists aren't that easy to find, are they? There aren't even ten of them worldwide!

Although everything Pharmacist Lin said was true, he had concealed a very important piece of information: after a four-star Pharmacist crafts a certain quantity of medicine, they can receive a special quest to obtain the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine's prescription.

In other words, those who can learn this recipe don't need to buy it, and those who can't learn it would find it useless, rendering it essentially valueless!

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He had only concealed this crucial piece of information, so it couldn't be said he was outright lying.

After all, triggering the special task for this prescription required producing a considerable amount of preliminary medicines. Even a four-star pharmacist couldn't produce such large quantities so quickly.

So, if a new four-star pharmacist was eager to produce the medicine, they could indeed buy this prescription.

However, one could only make ten doses of this potion in a lifetime. Unless a family member had an incurable disease, there was genuinely no urgent need for it.

Although Chen Mo possessed pioneer perception ability, he couldn't perceive this layer of detail.

After all, even a regular four-star pharmacist wouldn't know they could normally receive the mission for the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine's prescription.

However, to be cautious, Pharmacist Lin hadn't put it up for auction on Myriad Heaven.

Otherwise, if it were displayed across the entire network and an expert saw it, it would be quite embarrassing.

Now, it was just a small-scale auction within the hospital, so there was no need to worry about encountering an expert.

After all, not only in Fengze City but in the entire Jiangnan Province, there wasn't a single four-star pharmacist. Otherwise, the hospital management wouldn't have invited him for a permanent position.

Not knowing the inside story, everyone felt the prescription must be valuable.

The issue was that very few people could use it, making it useless for an average person to buy.

Once the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine auction concluded, it was soon time for the prescription auction.

The girl on stage said, "Now, we will begin the auction for the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine's prescription. If you are not interested in the prescription, you may leave now. Those who wish to remain and participate in the auction will need to pay a deposit of 1 billion.

Additionally, anyone nearby who hasn't received a number plaque but wishes to participate can also come forward to pay the deposit and get a number plaque."

As soon as the girl finished speaking, dozens of people stood up, went to the nurses' station to return their number plaques, and reclaimed their deposits.

Now, including Chen Mo, only ten people remained in the venue.

Hearing the 1 billion deposit, the onlookers couldn't help but shake their heads. Who would be crazy enough to pay such a massive deposit?

They were merely there to watch the excitement.

Even those who weren't just spectators were primarily interested in buying the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine itself.

This prescription was truly unaffordable and unusable for most.

However, about a dozen more people joined in.

The remaining participants, after a nurse approached them with a list, paid the additional deposit.

Seeing that fewer than twenty people remained below the stage, the girl on stage turned to look at Pharmacist Lin, seemingly asking for his input.

The girl didn't understand the reason behind it. She thought Pharmacist Lin was at a disadvantage continuing the auction with so few people; if she had advertised more widely, perhaps more wealthy individuals would have been attracted.

But Pharmacist Lin wanted exactly this outcome. Wider publicity might have exposed his scheme. As long as he could sell the prescription for 2 billion, he would be satisfied; anything more would be a bonus.

He nodded at the girl, signaling her to continue.

The girl, understanding, turned back and said, "Okay, since there are no more new bidders, we shall now begin the auction. The starting price is 1 billion. Please begin bidding!"

The moment the girl finished speaking, Chen Mo raised his plaque, "1.1 billion."

"What's going on, Brother Mo? You didn't bid on the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine, but the prescription instead? Isn't that even more useless?"

Liu Yiming, watching from the crowd, was clearly surprised.

He had initially just wanted to watch the excitement and see how much the prescription would fetch. He hadn't expected someone from his own side to bid first.

If their family had a four-star pharmacist, that would be one thing.

But among all the lifestyle professions in their entire family, there wasn't a single truly reliable one.

They were all rather ordinary professions like gardener, masseur, hairdresser, cleaner...

What use would this prescription be if they bought it?

However, Liu Yiming quickly thought of a possibility: Perhaps Chen Mo planned to buy it to resell.

After all, auctioning this prescription in such a small setting likely undervalued it.

If he resold it online with a bit of hype, it might fetch a much higher price.

But this line of thought only confused Liu Yiming further.

Why hadn't Pharmacist Lin chosen that route? Why was he seemingly underselling the prescription by auctioning it off directly at such a small event?

Chen Mo had also considered what Liu Yiming was thinking.

Therefore, he was quite sure there was something fishy about this.

Just now, while others were making transactions, he had checked the Heavenly Trade Market. Although someone was selling the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine for a high price of 2 to 3 billion, no one was selling its prescription.

Those high-priced Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicines might be the remaining seven bottles Pharmacist Lin had. But if he intended to sell them at such a high price, why was he now underselling this prescription for just over 1 billion?

Chen Mo was even more inclined to suspect that those few bottles were listed by someone else who knew the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine's prescription.

But wasn't it true that each person could only make ten bottles? Why hadn't that person listed the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine's prescription for a high price?

This point puzzled Chen Mo greatly.

And now, with only about twenty people participating in the auction, even the host felt the number was too small and had sought his opinion, yet Pharmacist Lin still insisted on proceeding. This was indeed rather intriguing.

If Chen Mo hadn't clearly perceived the contents of the prescription with his ability and confirmed it was genuine, he might have even suspected Pharmacist Lin's prescription was fake.

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As Chen Mo raised his placard, the bidding began.

The price for the formula quickly rose to two billion. A seemingly useless formula was bid up to two billion. For Pharmacist Lin, this amount was already more than enough.

But the bidding continued.

"2.5 billion!"

Chen Mo directly raised his bid by 500 million, hoping to dissuade the others. He felt the formula's price had already reached a reasonable ceiling. After all, judging from Pharmacist Lin's attitude, this wasn't some priceless item, and those present must have more or less sensed this.

It was indeed as Chen Mo had guessed.

When he bid 2.5 billion, everyone fell silent.

This development rather puzzled some of the less astute onlookers, who weren't prone to overthinking. In their view, it was a simple calculation: learn the formula, make ten bottles, and sell them for at least ten billion in return. Even after deducting material costs, making a profit of five billion should be feasible, right? Why hesitate over a 2.5 billion formula?

The sole reason for everyone's hesitation was the lack of a four-star pharmacist in their respective families.

Among the many people gathered there, only two or three actually knew a four-star pharmacist—and they all knew the same one.

Others were planning to secure the formula first, and then try to befriend a four-star pharmacist.

For some of the wealthier individuals present, personal safety and longevity were far more important than mere money. If they could befriend a four-star pharmacist, it would be convenient to obtain prescriptions from them in the future. Moreover, if they personally presented the formula, wouldn't the pharmacist feel obliged to give them some of the resulting Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine in return?

During the auction, the three bidders who knew a four-star pharmacist stopped bidding after communicating remotely with a certain four-star pharmacist in another area. Although the four-star pharmacist they consulted hadn't obtained the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine's prescription himself, he had been incrementally receiving tasks for other potion formulas. From these, he could roughly deduce certain possibilities. The Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine's prescription might very well be something obtainable after successfully preparing a greater number of other potions. And after learning that the

situation at the venue was essentially a small-scale auction, he became even more certain of this conjecture. However, as it wasn't yet confirmed, he couldn't definitively say if Pharmacist Lin was right to sell this formula. But he suspected foul play and advised the people he knew to stop bidding.

Conversely, the few individuals still bidding against Chen Mo were completely oblivious to these undercurrents.

The price had already reached 2.5 billion, which was no small sum. If their families already employed a four-star pharmacist, they might have been willing to pay more. However, they were merely bidding for the \*possibility\* of befriending a four-star pharmacist. Investing too much money for such a slim possibility wasn't prudent.

But they didn't completely give up and were still occasionally raising the price.

Soon, the price had increased to three billion.

These people are truly persistent! I thought 2.5 billion would be enough to deter them, but they're still at it.

Although Chen Mo really wanted to get this formula, if the price got too high, he would have to consider giving up. After all, this whole affair reeked of something suspicious.

He continuously observed Pharmacist Lin's expressions using his Pioneer perception ability. With this meticulous perception ability, he could easily capture any change in Pharmacist Lin's expression. Through these observations, Chen Mo had already confirmed his suspicion: the formula Pharmacist Lin was auctioning was definitely not worth that much! When Chen Mo had bid 2.5 billion, Pharmacist Lin's reaction had been one of pleasant surprise. Now, with the price at three billion, although Pharmacist Lin maintained a poker face, Chen Mo could sense his inner delight.

Seeing that the other bidders were growing increasingly hesitant and weary, Chen Mo once again added 500 million in one go.

"3.5 billion!"

If the bids keep increasing by only a hundred million at a time, these people will likely cling on. I need to hit them hard.

It wasn't yet clear if this had intimidated the other bidders, but Liu Yiming, watching from nearby, was already terrified. He had just learned that Chen Mo had only received a reward of 11 eternal gold coins from the Academy Alliance. Where on earth did he get 3.5 billion to bid with? Making wild bids like that, if he actually won, meant the deposit would be forfeited. He was immediately flustered.

And with Chen Mo's abrupt bid increase of another 500 million, the remaining bidders finally wavered.

"Three point five billion, going once! Are there any further bids?"

"Three point five billion, going twice! Miss this formula, and who knows when you'll see it again!"

After two reminders, no one in the crowd responded. After all, the price was too high. They weren't bidding for a pharmacist within their own families, so such a high price was entirely inappropriate. Besides, they also sensed that this auction was rather peculiar and were reluctant to bid further.

The girl looked around. Seeing no one else raising their bid, she continued, "Three point five billion, going three times! Congratulations to bidder number 55 for successfully acquiring the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine's prescription! Please come to the stage to complete the transaction."

Oh crap!

When Liu Yiming saw that Chen Mo had actually won the bid and was even asked to complete the transaction publicly, he grew even more frantic. If Chen Mo couldn't produce the money, not only would the deposit be confiscated, but he'd also become a public laughingstock.

Worried, he immediately rushed over to Chen Mo.

"Brother Mo, why did you bid so much? What are we going to do now?"

"What do you mean, what should we do?" Chen Mo glanced at Liu Yiming in surprise, then quickly understood. He chuckled. "Don't worry, I have the money. I earned a lot in the assessment instance before. I found many valuable items, like the Life-Lengthening Fruit, and sold them for a significant sum."

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"What? Is this for real?"

Liu Yiming was taken aback when he heard this.

He had heard about the value of the Life-Lengthening Fruit.

Now that he thought about it, it occurred to him that there were indeed hidden rewards in the five-star exam dungeons, including such items. People had mentioned this before. Normally, these items could only be found in specific instances, and the yield wasn't high, so the price was quite steep. However, achieving tenfold completion of the daily tasks in the five-star exam instance could yield a random hidden reward, which might include valuable items like the Life-Lengthening Fruit. Considering Chen Mo had spent thirty days in the exam instance, it was quite possible he could have achieved this feat on several days. After all, he had the assistance of a five-star professional. With her powerful abilities, it wasn't impossible for them to secure tenfold rewards for two people.

At this moment, Liu Yiming felt even more envious. He had initially thought Chen Mo had made a fortune just by scoring five hundred extra points and earning eleven eternal gold coins with the help of the five-star girl. He hadn't expected the additional hidden rewards from tenfold completion.

With a wicked grin, he said, "Brother Mo, tell me honestly, does that five-star girl have a crush on you? Why else would she take such good care of you?"

"Nonsense," Chen Mo replied. "It's just that I'm a Summoner, and her abilities provide significant enhancement for me. Our synergy is high, so we're very formidable when we team up."

"I see." Hearing this, Liu Yiming didn't dwell on it.

After all, the Skeleton Mage wasn't the only summoning-type profession; there were various others, some of which were quite powerful. For instance, the four-star Elemental Summoner who could summon units of earth, water, fire, wind, thunder, Sacred, and dark elements. The four-star Druid who could summon various beasts. The three-star Nature Summoner who could summon various treemen. Even summoners of the same star level as Chen Mo, like the two-star Little Elf Summoner, whose summons could heal but weren't strong fighters, and the two-star Phantom Beast Summoner, whose summons had powerful attacking abilities but would disappear after sustaining a certain number of attacks... Most two-star Summoners had relatively weak combat abilities in the early stages. Three-star Summoners were more balanced; for example, the treeman could both take and deal damage, making it a solid option in the early stages. By the time they reached four stars, their strength increased dramatically. The beasts summoned by the Druid not only possessed passive skills but also active skills. Their combat power rose by a whole tier. Comparatively, a Skeleton Mage, who could summon a few more Skeleton Monsters than others of its class, seemed quite weak in the early stages. However, once they grew and developed, both two-star and three-star Summoners possessed quite good combat abilities. At least they were easier to manage than other professions of the same star level. The only issue was that if your early development was slow, by the time you reached the late game, others would already be deep into the late game. Therefore, professions with poor early development often received low ratings, unless their poor early stages were counterbalanced by an extremely powerful late game. But it was quite clear that a regular Skeleton Mage wasn't overly powerful, even after multiple class advancements. If she had chosen to partner with Chen Mo simply because he was a Summoner, she could easily find a more powerful Elemental Summoner to team up with later. In that case, Chen Mo would become the least preferable option.

Thinking this, Liu Yiming felt the likelihood of Chen Mo deepening his relationship with the girl had suddenly diminished significantly.

After a brief chat with his younger brother, Chen Mo stepped onto the stage. He took out 25 Gold Coins and placed them on the table next to Pharmacist Lin. With the deposit being 10 Gold Coins, the total added up to precisely 35 Gold Coins.

As Chen Mo was stowing the formula, Pharmacist Lin suddenly asked, "My friend, are you a four-star Pharmacist?"

"No," Chen Mo shook his head. "I just know one."

"I see." Pharmacist Lin nodded and didn't press further. He then took some items out of his bag and handed them to Chen Mo. "These are the ingredients I've collected for making the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine. I have almost a full extra set here; consider them a gift."

Chen Mo examined the materials and was surprised to find they included not only Legendary Level materials but even some Legendary ones. These materials could fetch hundreds of millions if sold! Was he really giving them away just like that?

"Thank you, Pharmacist Lin."

"Don't mention it," Pharmacist Lin replied with a hearty laugh.

Seeing this, Chen Mo was certain there was something unusual about this formula. Not the content, but the formula's value itself! However, since no one was publicly selling this item online, Chen Mo wasn't too concerned. Regardless of the formula's value, the value of the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine was concrete. What Chen Mo was most intrigued about now was something else. If he didn't refine the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine through conventional means, but instead used the formula to fuse the materials directly... would the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine produced this way still be subject to the restriction that each person could only craft ten doses? If the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine he synthesized wasn't subject to this restriction... then he would make a fortune!

He immediately stowed everything, preparing to try it out later.

As Chen Mo stepped down from the stage, Liu Yiming hurried over and said, "Brother Mo, I didn't expect you to actually know a four-star Pharmacist! We don't have any four-star Pharmacists in Jiangnan Province, do we?"

"Well, it's an old friend of my parents."

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Chen Mo casually spun a lie.

Upon hearing this, Liu Yiming harbored no doubts.

After all, Chen Mo's parents had also reached the second-transition level, so it wasn't surprising that Chen Mo had some connections.

Once the excitement died down, Chen Mo treated Liu Yiming to a good meal, and then they returned to the hospital together.

Back at the hospital, they waited for the better part of half a day. When everyone heard from Liu Yiming that Chen Mo had spent tens of billions on a Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine's prescription, they were all stunned.

They hadn't expected the seemingly ordinary Chen Mo to possess such a vast sum of money.

Immediately, everyone surrounded him, buzzing with talk; after all, this money could significantly enhance his combat strength if used for his own advancement.

Only after Chen Mo explained that he had already acquired his bound equipment set did everyone finally relent.

Having escaped a round of lectures from the elders, Chen Mo found an excuse to slip into the bathroom and secretly began crafting the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine.

As Chen Mo used the prescription, a notification from The Heavenly Path's Hint promptly sounded.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Congratulations, you have learned how to make the "Myriad Spirits Medicine"!] ]

Seeing that he had learned the prescription, Chen Mo immediately opened the Heavenly Path System and navigated to the Synthesis interface.

Sure enough, the prescription list in the Synthesis interface now included the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine's prescription.

He immediately clicked on the prescription and chose to craft it.

[Detecting prescription...]

[This prescription has been identified as self-learned. All required materials must be inserted for synthesis to proceed!]

After Chen Mo added a large quantity of materials, the notification continued.

[Initiating success rate check...]

[Current Synthesis Level is 3. This prescription is Level 5. Success rate is 60%. Do you wish to continue synthesizing?]

[You can also increase the success rate by 1% by paying 1 eternal copper coin, up to a maximum increase of 10%.]

[You can also increase the success rate by 1% by paying 1 eternal silver coin, up to a maximum increase of 10%.]

[You can also increase the success rate by 1% by paying 1 eternal gold coin, up to a maximum increase of 10%.]

No wonder the success rate was always 100% during previous checks. It seems the success rate only changes when synthesizing a self-learned prescription.

Chen Mo carefully read the notification. He discovered that paying 100,000 could increase the success rate by 10%, paying another 10,000,000 could increase it by an additional 10%, and paying a further 1,000,000,000 could boost it by yet another 10%, for a maximum potential increase of 30%.

He considered it and decided to pay ten eternal silver coins and ten eternal copper coins.

Boosting the success rate to 80% should be relatively safe. Pushing it any further, and I might really lose my shirt. Right now, the cost of all the materials plus the fee to boost the success rate only amounts to a

few hundred million. If I were to use eternal gold coins to boost it, the total cost would likely exceed the price of the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine itself. Besides, that would only bring the success rate up to 90%. If it failed, the loss would be devastating and irrecoverable. An 80% success rate is quite good. Even if this attempt fails, as long as the second try succeeds, it won't be a true loss.

Having made his decision, Chen Mo immediately paid 10 eternal silver coins and 10 eternal copper coins to increase his synthesis success rate by 20%.

[Payment successful. Current synthesis success rate is 80%. Do you wish to proceed with the synthesis? Note: Regardless of success or failure, all currently invested materials will be consumed. Please confirm!]

[Confirm!]

As Chen Mo confirmed, the animation in the semi-transparent floating window began. All the materials swirled and merged, as if being drawn into an unknown vortex.

Chen Mo immediately clicked to skip the synthesis animation.

[Congratulations, synthesis successful!]

[Please retrieve your synthesized item: "Myriad Spirits Medicine".]

Chapter 186: Worth the Meal! (1/5)\_1

[Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine]: An extremely rare and miraculous spiritual medicine. It can be applied externally or taken internally and is capable of curing any disease in the world upon use!

Chen Mo immediately took out the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine and examined it. As expected, it was not bound.

Items synthesized by self-studying the formula can be traded freely, he realized. I don't even need to be a Pharmacist to make it. Aren't I going to be rich now?

As he fiddled with the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine in his hand, he started to chuckle gleefully.

Just as Chen Mo thought he had found the path to riches, he suddenly received The Heavenly Path's Hint.

[Since this formula is a permanently limited formula, this synthesis will consume one crafting charge. You currently have nine crafting charges left.]

"The permanent limitation is still in place, so I guess I'm not going to get as rich as I thought!"

Although Chen Mo grumbled, he wasn't surprised; after all, he had considered this possibility.

However, this didn't prevent him from making money; ten bottles of Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine already represented a significant gain.

But before he could fully savor his excitement, another Heavenly Path's Hint popped up.

[Once a permanently limited formula reaches its production cap, you can continue crafting by paying a fee of 1 eternal gold coin for each additional craft beyond the cap. The excess crafting count will be reset on the 1st of each official month.]

Since years, months, and days vary across planets in the universe, the Heavenly Path System established the concepts of an official year, official month, and official day. An official year is a unified time period equivalent to 500 Earth days. Each official year consists of ten months, and each official month has twenty days. Therefore, an official day is equivalent to 2.5 Earth days (60 hours), making an official month equivalent to 50 Earth days. This official time system isn't commonly used before entering the Tower of Eternity, but it's frequently encountered once inside.

Upon reading the new prompt, Chen Mo was overjoyed. I can even pay extra to exceed the crafting limit?

Although paying to exceed the limit wouldn't generate as much profit as unlimited production, the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine was worth over a billion. Even after deducting material costs, the profit per bottle should be around a billion. In other words, crafting a few more by paying the extra cost would still be significantly profitable.

Plus, if any of my family members get sick and can't find affordable Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine, I can keep making it myself. This feature is fantastic! he thought. What's even more important is that the excess crafting allowance will be refreshed every official month. This way, every fifty Earth days, I can continue to craft them cheaply. This could be a lucrative source of income!

After crafting the Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine, Chen Mo didn't immediately give it to his grandpa. He planned to wait until the guests had left and find an opportunity to administer it.

Everyone stayed at the hospital until the sky darkened around six or seven in the evening, then they began to leave one after another.

"Mo, you should go home and get some rest too," Grandma said. "Your college entrance exams are the day after tomorrow; don't let this distract you."

After all, it was a major event in his life. Grandma naturally hoped Chen Mo would focus all his attention on preparing for the exams.

Chen Mo nodded and said, "Okay, but before I go, I have something for you all."

At this, Chen Mo took out two Age-Preserving Holy Fruits and two Resurrection Crosses from his bag and handed them to Sister Yiyi and Grandma.

"What are these?"

Both of them immediately inspected the items in Chen Mo's hand.

They had no idea what they were looking at, but a single glance left them astounded!

"Oh my god, an Age-Preserving Holy Fruit! And a Resurrection Cross!?"

Chen Mo didn't know much about the Age-Preserving Holy Fruit, but Sister Yiyi and Grandma, being women, had learned about such things when they were younger.

They were very clear about the value of the Age-Preserving Holy Fruit.

And everyone knew how incredibly valuable the Resurrection Cross was.

The value of these four items alone was already astronomical.

Both of them were naturally stunned.

"I obtained these in an exam instance," Chen Mo explained. "These two Resurrection Crosses are for you—one each. The Age-Preserving Holy Fruits are also for you, Grandma, and you, Sister Yiyi—one each. I also prepared an Age-Preserving Holy Fruit and a Resurrection Cross for Grandpa. I'll give them to him when he wakes up."

Originally, Chen Mo had harvested four Life-Lengthening Fruits from this trip. He could have given one each to Sister Yiyi, Grandpa, and Grandma. However, out of curiosity, he'd combined three of them, leaving only one normal fruit to give away.

So he planned to give it to Grandpa first. After all, Grandpa's grave illness would surely have taken a toll on his remaining lifespan.

"These things are extremely valuable! You should sell them quickly. We don't need them at all," Grandma immediately refused.

"Grandma, don't worry about me. I've already sold the extras. These remaining ones are specifically for you, so please eat them soon," Chen Mo said, taking out a handful of eternal gold coins from the Heavenly Path System as proof.

Seeing the handful of eternal gold coins in Chen Mo's hand, Sister Yiyi and Grandma finally believed him.

However, looking at the Age-Preserving Holy Fruits in their hands, they couldn't bring themselves to eat them.

A single bite of this fruit was potentially worth several hundred million.

Having never experienced such extravagance, the thought of consuming something so valuable weighed heavily on them.

"Eat them without worry," Chen Mo said with a smile, gently taking their hands. "From now on, we won't have to live in poverty anymore."

Hearing Chen Mo's words, the two looked at each other and then consumed the Age-Preserving Holy Fruits.

As the fruits dissolved in their mouths, they immediately received The Heavenly Path's Hint.

After consuming an Age-Preserving Holy Fruit, one could choose the age to which their appearance would be restored.

Grandma chose to restore herself to thirty years old, while Liu Yiyi chose twenty.

Soon, their appearances began to change.

Grandma's transformation was especially dramatic; her face instantly regained its youth, restoring her to the beautiful woman she had been in her prime.

Liu Yiyi, on the other hand, now radiated an even more vibrant, youthful aura.

"Well? How do I look?" they asked, looking at each other.

Liu Yiyi then laughed and said, "Mom, you look exactly like you did in your wedding photos!"

Qiu Yuehong immediately hurried to the bathroom to look in the mirror.

What woman doesn't appreciate beauty, regardless of her age?

Previously, she hadn't had the means for such things, but now that she did, Qiu Yuehong was overjoyed.

Looking at her youthful reflection in the mirror, she happily touched her face, finding it hard to believe.

She soon returned to the hospital bed and looked at Liu Yuanzong, who was still unconscious.

"I wonder when this old fellow will wake up. I really want to see his reaction," Qiu Yuehong said lovingly, smiling at the unconscious Liu Yuanzong.

"Dad will definitely be stunned when he sees you," Liu Yiyi giggled. "You don't just look younger; your skin seems even better than in the photos!"

Soon, Liu Yiyi also went to check herself in the mirror. She came out with her spirits visibly lifted as well.

Seeing Sister Yiyi and Grandma so happy, Chen Mo felt that the two fruits had been well worth it.

"By the way," Chen Mo said, "I contacted a Pharmacist earlier. He said if I give him the formula, he'll help craft a few bottles of Sacred Spirit Medicine for free. This way, we can awaken Grandpa sooner. Maybe his lifespan won't even decrease because of this illness. I'll go find him first."

Chen Mo made an excuse, planning to step out for a bit and then return to give his grandpa the medicine.

## Chapter 187: Rule Card! (2/5)\_1

Before heading out, Chen Mo first went to the restroom to try synthesizing a few items for which he didn't yet know the complete formulas.

The first was Unwinding Worship.

[Starting quality check for this combination...]

[This combination is of High Quality, requiring the addition of three special materials—Heart of Magma·Legend, Five Elements Spirit Pearl·Legend, Holy Beast's Inner Core·Legend]

Heart of Magma? I don't think they have it in Seaside Town. What about here?

The materials needed for Unwinding Worship seemed easy enough to get, but the key would be the Honor Brave Challenger Suit.

Chen Mo tried to synthesize it.

[Starting quality check for this combination...]

[This combination is of God-Grade, requiring the addition of five God-Grade materials—the divine character of a Low-level God or the core of a Low-level Demon God, Divine Beast Essence Blood·God-Grade, God Source Crystal Ore·God-Grade, Sky Dew·God-Grade, any Divine Material x10·God-Grade]

HISS! I haven't heard of a single one!

Chen Mo immediately checked through the Heavenly Path System.

Good heavens! Apart from the ten divine materials, all the others seem to be bound. Where am I going to find them?!

Moreover, the value of just ten divine materials was already astronomical. A single piece of divine material sold for at least a hundred billion. Ten pieces would be over a trillion.

It seemed like synthesizing a divine artifact was still a distant goal.

However, ordinary people wouldn't need divine materials. They were used by powerhouses who had achieved the fourth-transition, and even they had a hard time obtaining them, so the price was naturally staggering.

After a quick glance, Chen Mo put the synthesis of the Honor Brave Challenger Suit aside for now.

If I can't synthesize a divine artifact, I wonder if I can even synthesize a black skill.

Chen Mo spent six hundred million to synthesize two red-quality copies of Unity Undead Army, then placed all three copies into the synthesis slot.

[Starting quality check for this combination...]

[This combination is of Super High Quality, requiring the addition of four Legendary-grade materials—Legendary Heart·Legend, Mysterious Spirit Milk·Legend, Mysterious Spirit Juice·Legend, Phoenix Tail·Legend]

Ah, this... apart from the Phoenix Tail, all are bound!?

And the crucial point was, no one was selling Phoenix Tails!

This legendary material was not just a crafting component; it also had the same effect as the Resurrection Cross. As long as you carry a Phoenix Tail, even if you are killed, you can directly use it to resurrect on the spot.

Life-saving items like this were ones that basically no one sold. If they did, the price was sky-high, starting at ten billion and up. Chen Mo's own Resurrection Cross and the Sacred Spirit Medicine sold by

Pharmacist Lin were prime examples. These were things that weren't particularly useful to have on a daily basis but could directly save your life in critical moments.

After seeing the requirements for synthesizing Unity Undead Army, Chen Mo temporarily lost interest in SS-level synthesis.

For now, I should focus on getting the few S-level items done first.

After confirming what he needed, Chen Mo left.

He found a secluded place, transformed into Zhao Min's appearance, and then headed towards the auction house in Myriad Heaven. Previously, the Myriad Heaven auction house in Seaside Town didn't have the items he needed. He planned to see if this one did.

With his silver card, he easily entered the auction house.

"Miss Zhao, hello. How may I assist you today?" Upon seeing a silver card member, the receptionist at the entrance warmly greeted him.

"Hello, may I see the information on tonight's and tomorrow's auction items?"

"Of course, I'll pull up the details for you right away." With a few adept operations on her terminal, the receptionist quickly handed a tablet to Chen Mo. "You see, all the auction information for the next two days is on here."

Chen Mo flipped through it. Indeed, the auction house in a large city was much better stocked than those in smaller towns. He found several items he needed: Holy Beast's Inner Core, Five Elements Spirit Orb, Heart of Magma, Extreme Poison Heart, and Ice Heart were all listed. He could conveniently collect them all now.

Chen Mo circled these items and said, "These three Holy Beast's Inner Cores and three Five Elements Spirit Orbs that are slated for the ordinary field don't need to be auctioned; I want them all. I'm going to

attend tomorrow's Silver Field auction for the Extreme Poison Heart and Ice Heart, so reserve good seats for me. Also, arrange for my participation in the Heart of Magma auction in an hour."

"Of course, Miss Zhao. Based on the six materials you've selected, if charged at the highest closing price of the most recent auction, the total will be four hundred and eighty million. Is this acceptable to you?"

"No problem, wrap them up."

"Okay then, I'll reserve your participation spots for the Heart of Magma, Extreme Poison Heart, and Ice Heart auctions first."

After a series of operations, she finally looked at Chen Mo and said with a smile, "Miss Zhao, everything is arranged. Your participation number for the seventh Silver-grade Auction House tonight at 8 o'clock is twenty-three. Please be punctual."

"Alright."

"Then please wait in Lounge 23 over here. I will have someone bring you the materials you need."

Chen Mo nodded and handed over four eternal gold coins and eighty eternal silver coins.

Once in the lounge, Chen Mo scanned it with his senses. It was very private with no surveillance, and he could even call for tea and dessert service, which was quite satisfactory.

Utilizing the waiting time, Chen Mo prepared to open the three gift packs he had received earlier.

He first took out the All Stars Gift Pack. It was the first time he had obtained this, and he had no idea what it would contain.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You are opening the All Stars Gift Pack. You have a chance to obtain the 'All Stars Rule-Modification Card,' 'All Stars Rule-Deletion Card,' or 'All Stars Rule-Adding Card'! You can

spend 100 eternal gold coins to guarantee obtaining one of them. Would you like to force the acquisition?]

So the All Stars Gift Pack granted items that could alter the rules of the Stars Dungeon! The cost for a guaranteed item was 100 eternal gold coins—an outrageous 10 billion! Only a fool would opt for that!

Chen Mo directly chose a random draw.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Congratulations, you have randomly obtained an 'All Stars Rule-Modification Card'!]

['All Stars Rule-Modification Card']: You can modify an existing Stars Dungeon rule and choose an alternative rule from four randomly generated new Stars Dungeon rules to replace it.

All Stars Rule-Modification Card? Its capabilities seem quite good.

Take this Stars Dungeon instance, for example. His Star System's corresponding rule was a ban on teleportation, which put his Star System at a significant disadvantage. After all, if his presence meant that people who didn't want to fight couldn't leave, wouldn't that effectively make him a public enemy? If he had possessed a rule modification card back then, he could have easily amended that rule, allowing him to leave whenever he wanted. Of course, the All Stars Rule-Deletion Card could also achieve this, but the modification card offered more benefits to the attacking side. Take coordinate sharing, for example – it was incredibly useful for strong teams. In that Stars Dungeon instance, the combination of a teleportation ban and coordinate sharing appearing together had been the most ideal set of rules for a strong team. Otherwise, even with teleportation banned, if someone hid in a corner of the map and you didn't have special tracking abilities, finding them would be a major headache. If one could modify the rules to include something like coordinate sharing, it would be enormously beneficial for strong teams!

Overall, the benefits of this All Stars Rule-Modification Card were higher than those of both the All Stars Rule-Deletion Card and the All Stars Rule-Adding Card.

Being able to get this card for free could only mean that his luck was extremely good.

He was quite satisfied and happily stored away the All Stars Rule-Modification Card.

My luck is so good right from the start! I wonder what amazing items the two remaining SSS-level gift packs will bring me!

Chen Mo couldn't help but grow more excited.

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Just as Chen Mo was about to open his SSS-level Gift Pack, he sensed Miss Zhao coming towards him with a small trolley, so he temporarily refrained from opening it.

KNOCK KNOCK. The sound of knocking soon echoed through the room.

"Come in."

"Excuse me, sir. This is Miss Zhao. We've prepared the materials you requested. I also brought you some tea and desserts; I hope they are to your liking."

"Thank you. I'm not picky. You can leave them here."

"You're welcome, it's my duty."

Miss Zhao nodded and placed the tea and desserts on the small coffee table beside Chen Mo's chair.

"I'll take my leave then. If you need anything else, please press this button to notify me."

"Okay."

As Miss Zhao closed the door and left, Chen Mo put the six sets of materials into his backpack. After taking a sip of tea, he then took out an SSS-level Gift Pack, once again choosing to bind it upon opening.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You have successfully opened an SSS-level Gift Pack. Congratulations on obtaining the bound mythical-grade equipment, "Touchstone"!]

Touchstone? What is it?

Chen Mo had never heard of this item before, so he quickly inspected it.

[Touchstone]: Can transform one of your non-professional Skills into gold-grade!

Whoa! Instantly upgrading a Skill to gold-grade, that's incredibly powerful!

Chen Mo immediately reviewed all the non-professional Skills he currently possessed.

It turned out he only had two: one was Elemental Control, which was already gold-grade. The other was Elf Flicker, which was intermediate-tier.

This Flicker Skill is a true lifesaver. If it could be upgraded to a gold-grade version, that would undoubtedly be a huge advantage.

Chen Mo decided to try it.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You are using the Touchstone on the "Elf Flicker" Skill. Upon activation, "Elf Flicker" will transform into an equivalent golden Skill. Confirm?]

[Confirm!]

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Transformation successful! You have obtained "Divine Flicker"!]

[Divine Flicker (Gold)]

[Profession]: All Occupations

[Level Requirement]: None

[Active Effect]: You can flicker to any area on the current map (this flicker effect is not affected by any spatial obstructions below god-grade). This Skill has no Cooldown!

[Passive Effect]: Within a radius of (Personal Level x 10) meters around you, any enemy units possessing a Flicker Skill will have their Flicker Skill disabled! (This effect does not apply to god-grade Flicker Skills.)

[Skill Introduction]: It is said that only Gods can master this Divine Skill. With it, you can travel freely anywhere, just like a God!

So powerful! Not only can I flicker across the entire map without a Cooldown, but it also restricts all surrounding enemy units!

Chen Mo opened his current map and saw that its range covered the entire Solar System. This meant he could freely flicker throughout the Solar System—truly outrageous!

Of course, he couldn't just flicker around carelessly. A single misstep could send him colliding with an asteroid or into the vacuum of space, both of which would be extremely unpleasant.

According to the information Chen Mo possessed, surviving in a vacuum required either a specific Skill or sufficiently high attribute points. Otherwise, one would simply explode and die. His current attributes were still somewhat lacking; he couldn't even risk flickering recklessly within Earth's atmosphere, let alone throughout the Solar System.

However, this didn't diminish the heaven-defying power of this Skill. Chen Mo was extremely satisfied with acquiring this Touchstone.

With the acquisition of the Divine Flicker Skill, Chen Mo suddenly remembered the Sage's Ring he possessed. The Sage's Ring also had a similar Skill effect, but its version had a Cooldown and was less

effective than Divine Flicker. However, what allowed the Sage's Ring to reach god-grade wasn't this Skill effect, but its extraordinary ability to empower Five-Star Hidden Professions.

Since the Sage's Ring's effect of restoring 100% Life Value and mana every second was still very good, Chen Mo wasn't in a hurry to change his profession for now.

Picking up a spoon, he ate a few mouthfuls of dessert, sipped some tea, and then proceeded to open the next Gift Pack.

He had been seeking more SSS-level rewards that could significantly boost his damage output. But after opening so many, he hadn't encountered any SSS-level rewards that specifically enhanced offensive power.

Logically, one should be due by now.

Chen Mo couldn't help but hope that this SSS-level Gift Pack would yield such a reward.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You have successfully opened an SSS-level Gift Pack. Congratulations on obtaining the bound mythical-grade equipment, "Almighty Converter"!] ]

What's this thing?

Looking at the item's name, Chen Mo wasn't quite sure what this so-called "Almighty Converter" was supposed to do.

[Almighty Converter (Mythical-grade)]

[Item Passive Effect]: When inactive, gain (Personal Level) points of conversion Energy per second, up to a maximum of (Personal Level x 100) points. Current: 1,500/1,500. (Effective even when in the backpack)

[Item Active Effect]: When activated, allows you and your affiliated units (including summons, pets, servants, etc.) to change attack types. (Effective even when in the backpack)

Converting to "Physical Damage" or "Magic Damage" requires 1 Energy point per second.

Converting to "Siege Damage" requires 2 Energy points per second.

Converting to "Firm Damage" requires 3 Energy points per second.

Converting to "Chaos Damage" costs 5 Energy points per second.

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Transformation into "true damage" requires 10 Energy points per second.

It can transform into multiple damage types simultaneously, but the Energy consumption will also stack.

The first 30 seconds of transformation do not consume Energy. After 30 seconds, Energy is consumed according to the transformation type.

Once turned off, transformation cannot be reactivated for 30 seconds. During an active transformation, damage types can be switched freely.

[Item Introduction]: A mysterious artifact said to be capable of various damage type transformations. Legend claims it was created by an entity known as the God of Invention, but no one has ever seen this God in person, and it's unknown if the rumor is true!

"Well, how about that? All damage type conversion?"

A smile spread uncontrollably across Chen Mo's face as he saw the effect he had been longing for.

This is so powerful! Even true damage can be transformed? Although the consumption is a bit high, at Level 15, my full capacity is 1,500 Energy points. I can continuously activate it for 150 seconds. Including the 30 seconds without consumption, that's a full three minutes of true damage. That's already quite long enough!

He had finally obtained the attack-class artifact he had been thinking about for so long.

The item's effect was powerful and practical, capable of dealing with enemies in almost any state.

Chen Mo was very satisfied with the two SSS-level rewards he received this time.

Speaking of which, they are SSS-level rewards, after all. It seems like no matter what I get, it won't be weak.

Chen Mo shook his head with a smile, put away his things, and opened the synthesis interface again.

There are still nine chances to synthesize Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine. I'll make one and sell it on the Heavenly Trade Market first.

If he synthesized too many at once, he wouldn't have enough money. He now had less than five billion Gold Coins left.

Chen Mo attempted to use the Token Function for synthesis.

[Current Synthesis Level: 3. Token Function fee rate: 120%. This usage will consume 6 eternal gold coins. Confirm?]

[Confirm.]

[Congratulations, synthesis successful!]

[Please retrieve your synthesized item: "Myriad Spirits Medicine".]

Spending just 600 million to produce a Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine worth at least more than a billion was a huge profit.

Chen Mo immediately listed it on the Heavenly Trade Market.

Currently, the cheapest Ten-Thousand Spirit Medicine on the Heavenly Trade Market sold for 2.5 billion. Chen Mo listed his for 2 billion, planning to sell it slowly. Besides, the number of profitable vials he could make within 50 days wasn't large, so there was no hurry.

After listing it, Chen Mo took a break.

During the break, he didn't forget to browse the Heavenly Trade Market to get a general idea of the current prices for various items.

Of course, the prices on the Heavenly Trade Market were definitely inflated; otherwise, items wouldn't sit there for so long without being sold. However, one could occasionally find some cheap, newly listed goods.

Time passed quickly while he was browsing. It felt like no time at all had passed before it was already 8:00 PM.

As the pre-set reminder from the Heavenly Path System sounded, Chen Mo closed its interface and walked out of his room.

Several other people came out at the same time. Chen Mo guessed they were also bidders for the 8:00 PM auction.

Their respective receptionists had already approached. They led Chen Mo and the others to the No. 7 silver-grade Auction House.

Chen Mo received his number 23 bidding paddle and took his seat.

There were quite a few items in the 8:00 PM auction, five in total. The Heart of Magma Chen Mo needed was the fourth item, so he would have to wait a bit.

As people gradually took their seats, the auction soon began.

The first three items were legendary-level materials required for many common formulas, so the bidding was quite intense. One item even fetched a bid of 700 million, which Chen Mo hadn't expected at all.

Seven hundred million for a Unicorn's Holy Horn? This thing usually costs only tens of millions, right? Is this person insane?

Chen Mo immediately sensed the formula this person had learned.

[Unicorn Hat Crafting Method]: Can produce the purple gold-grade equipment, "Unicorn Hat"!

Seems ordinary enough, huh?

However, Chen Mo soon noticed something extraordinary: the man was excitedly fiddling with an invitation.

An SS-level Unicorn Paradise invitation? Wow, a third-transition SS-level pet dungeon. Is he planning to go there and catch the legendary Rainbow Unicorn?

As mentioned before, third-transition professionals could form a soul contract with pets to gain Pet Star Level bonuses, thereby achieving Attribute Enhancement.

And the Rainbow Unicorn was a seven-star Sacred Beast!

It was a very high-level pet. Obtaining one would grant a substantial attribute increase.

After careful observation, Chen Mo understood. The Unicorn Hat, made from this Unicorn's Holy Horn, was the key to enter this SS-level Unicorn Paradise.

No wonder the man was willing to spend 700 million to acquire this Unicorn's Holy Horn.

Pets were still a distant concern for Chen Mo; he had no interest in them at all. Soon, the item he wanted was about to be auctioned.

Following an introduction from the man in black on stage, the bidding immediately began.

The grade and value of the Heart of Magma were the same as the Dark Heart's. Therefore, their auction prices were similar.

The starting bid for the Heart of Magma was 40 million, with each increment being 1 million. Chen Mo didn't rush to bid; he observed everyone's actions.

Quite a few people wanted this item. Out of the hundred people present, more than seventy were bidding, including the man who had just bought the Unicorn's Holy Horn. And this man was bidding aggressively, increasing the price by 5 million each time.

In no time, the price of the item had already risen to 150 million.

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This was 50,000,000 more expensive than the Dark Heart Chen Mo had previously bought.

However, while prices for such items were generally similar, it mainly depended on the current output.

Demand currently far outstripped supply, so past prices could only serve as a reference.

In the last two days, almost every Element Heart auctioned had fetched close to a hundred million yuan.

The one today had gone as high as 150,000,000 yuan.

"160,000,000!"

Chen Mo raised his paddle and announced his bid.

Given the already inflated prices, Chen Mo could only increase his bids slowly.

In no time, the price was raised to 200,000,000 yuan.

Chen Mo was speechless. These people are really rich!

But soon, he heard some murmurs from the crowd around him.

It turned out that the Heart of Magma had become significantly rarer recently.

Hearing this, he grew even more determined to acquire it. Otherwise, who knows when I'll see one again?

Expensive or not, I'm getting it! Chen Mo resolved, then bid directly: "250,000,000!"

It had to be said that auction houses in big cities were vastly different from those in small towns.

Previously, in a small town, when Chen Mo made a large jump in bidding, everyone would turn to look at him.

Here, nobody even batted an eye at Chen Mo's 50,000,000 jump; they just continued bidding.

This was Chen Mo's first real taste of the bidding intensity of people in large cities.

An item originally worth tens of millions had quickly escalated to nearly 300,000,000 yuan.

Perhaps everyone knew this item had become scarce recently, so whenever one appeared, it sparked aggressive bidding.

Chen Mo set a mental limit: if the price exceeded 500,000,000 yuan, he would give up.

His current Unwinding Worship wasn't too bad, he reasoned. At worst, I can just delay things a bit longer.

He then directly bid, "400,000,000!"

"Lady number 23 bids 400,000,000! Are there any higher bids?"

Seeing Chen Mo abruptly increase the bid by 100,000,000, a few people finally turned to look at him.

Among them was the man who had bought the Unicorn's Holy Horn.

Chen Mo sensed the man was finally hesitating.

Looks like his limit is around 400,000,000, Chen Mo thought.

After hesitating for a while, the man increased his bid: "410,000,000!"

When typical bid increments were one million, raising by ten million at once was already considered a large increase.

However, Chen Mo raised it further, "450,000,000!"

After placing his bid, Chen Mo observed the man. If he goes over 500,000,000, I'm out.

Yet, this man was persistent.

"460,000,000!"

This guy... Chen Mo thought, exasperated with the man's incremental bidding. He stopped dragging things out and bid 500,000,000 directly.

This time, if the man continued to raise his bid, Chen Mo planned to bow out.

However, with Chen Mo's bid reaching 500,000,000, the man clearly became conflicted.

"550,000,000!"

The man, who had previously only been increasing bids by 10,000,000, hesitated for a moment before suddenly adding another 50,000,000.

At this point, Chen Mo knew the man had reached his absolute limit.

However, Chen Mo had lost interest in competing.

After all, the price was too high.

A normal Heart of Magma usually sells for around 80,000,000 yuan, which is already a good price. Even if it's become rarer lately, the price shouldn't be this inflated.

Chen Mo decided to withdraw.

With Chen Mo's withdrawal, no one else competed with the man at such a high price, and the man acquired the Heart of Magma with satisfaction.

Seeing that the Heart of Magma was sold, Chen Mo no longer planned to stay and immediately rose to leave.

But just as he was about to leave, the man who had managed to secure the Heart of Magma walked over and said, "Miss, do you really need this Heart of Magma?"

"Not particularly," replied Chen Mo nonchalantly.

"Then I'll let you have it for 300,000,000."

"300,000,000? You just paid 550,000,000 for it. Why would you sell it for 300,000,000?"

Is there something wrong with this guy? Chen Mo wondered.

"There's something you might not know," the man began. "I need this Heart of Magma as a key. I won't consume it. If you need it, I can transfer it to you for 300,000,000 after I'm done. You were prepared to pay 500,000,000 for it anyway, so it's like I borrowed its use from you for 200,000,000."

Hearing this, Chen Mo felt it might be a deal worth considering.

Although 300,000,000 yuan is still significantly above the normal price, just as those bystanders mentioned, this item has become very scarce recently. Everyone wants one. If another appeared, it would definitely fetch over 300,000,000 yuan. In the short term, unless there's a sudden surge in supply, the price will undoubtedly remain high. Getting it for 300,000,000 yuan is clearly not a loss.

Chen Mo said straightaway, "Okay. When will you be done with it?"

"Soon. Please wait for me for a moment."

The man smiled, then walked off to settle the payment and claim the item.

Chen Mo wasn't worried about the man handing him an empty shell. His Pioneer's SSS-level perception ability was a top-tier skill, making it nearly impossible for anyone to deceive him.

Chen Mo sensed the man, after receiving the Heart of Magma, take a peculiar box from his bag. Strange engravings on several of its faces glowed, while the engraving on one face remained unlit.

As the man touched the Heart of Magma to the face of the box with the unlit engraving, that engraving suddenly lit up as well.

Chen Mo used his perception ability to examine the inside of the box and was surprised to find it contained a key.

Chen Mo thought, Clever. Another item related to the SS-level Unicorn Paradise. It seems he's really planning to capture a Rainbow Unicorn.

After the man finished these steps, he put the box back in his bag and walked over to Chen Mo, holding the fiery red Heart of Magma.

"Alright, I'm done with it," the man said. "The item is completely intact. If you don't believe me, we can have an Appraiser from Myriad Heaven inspect it right now."