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Chapter 401: Designated Star System! (Two in One)_2

If the opposing team also had five contestants, that would be one thing. But a lone contestant, and only level 30 at that, actually dared to designate our star system?

After all, the Sanyang System was a bit distant from both the Solar System and the Yongming Star System. Consequently, the people from the Yongming Star System naturally wouldn't think that fellow from the Solar System would inexplicably designate the Sanyang System. Since he chose to designate a target, besides designating their Yongming Star System, there was no other possibility.

"Is this guy insane? Did the SS-level Disaster we just triggered knock him silly? Has he given up on himself and come to deliver double rewards to us?"

Someone in the Yongming Star System squad immediately burst out laughing.

They were still unaware of the heavy losses incurred from this SS-level Disaster. Only good news was reported, not bad. How could their superiors let them know about such an embarrassing incident?

However, the squad leader vaguely sensed that something wasn't quite right.

The opponent's actions were so idiotic that it made him suspect this behavior might not stem from genuine stupidity.

A possibility flashed through his mind. But then he dismissed it as improbable. How could it be such a coincidence? Among all the people in the Solar System, their squad just happened to run into such a peculiar individual? But the opponent's behavior was so bizarre. Who else could it be but that person from the survival activity who, despite being of a lower rank, had killed every last one of the second-transition full-level-full-star experts?

"Don't get too excited, everyone. Even if he's here to hand out freebies, we still have the Sanyang System competitors to deal with. We need to perform at our absolute best."

Being a squad leader, he had some sense. He wasn't fooled by Chen Mo's outward appearance and, on the contrary, became even more vigilant.

He wasn't the only one who found it strange; the Sanyang System's squad leader also sensed something out of the ordinary.

Chen Mo's previous performance had made him famous in every star system.

After all, a zeroth-transition individual defeating a second-transition full-level-full-star expert was an incredible feat, no matter the context.

Naturally, the attention it garnered would be immense.

Now that a strange level 30 professional had suddenly emerged from the Solar System, it naturally made people speculate.

As the two squad leaders felt a hint of unease regarding Chen Mo's designation, The Heavenly Path's Hint continued to sound.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Generating random enemy-slaughter speed-run instance...

Generation successful. The current speed-run instance generated is 'Black Wind Village'. Current instance objective: Eradicate Black Wind Village!

There are three speed objectives:

Speed Objective (1): Kill the Chieftain of Black Wind Village.

Speed Objective (2): Kill the three Bosses of Black Wind Village.

Speed Objective (3): Achieve the complete annihilation of Black Wind Village.

Helpful Task Briefing:

First, you all need to understand the situation in Black Wind Village.

This stronghold is reportedly the base of a bandit group that frequently robs and plunders the surrounding settlements.

You all need to prepare ample weapons and equipment, along with sufficient items and consumables, to ensure your team can maintain peak condition during battle.

Regarding the speed objectives' requirements, it is best if you can quickly achieve the first kill in each of the three distinct phases.

For the first speed objective, you must immediately begin searching for and eliminating the Chieftain of Black Wind Village. You can determine his location and movements by gathering intelligence in the area surrounding Black Wind Village, then devise a sound plan to swiftly eliminate him. If you are the first to complete this objective, you will receive additional instance rewards.

For the second objective, you need to concentrate your firepower and quickly defeat all three Bosses of Black Wind Village. This will demand greater tactics and coordination. You must ensure your team can support and cooperate effectively during battle to swiftly eliminate your opponents. If you are the first to complete this objective, you will again receive additional instance rewards.

For the third objective, you need to completely eradicate Black Wind Village. This will require more time and effort. You must meticulously plan your assault routes and combat strategies to ensure you can quickly defeat all enemies. If you are the first to complete this objective, you will receive the highest instance rewards and collect all wagers from the participating contestants.

Finally, I hope all your team members will cooperate closely, give their utmost in the speed-run instance, and continuously optimize your combat strategies and skills to achieve ultimate victory in the shortest possible time.

Good luck to all of you!]

The bandit extermination instance task commenced.

As The Heavenly Path's Hint concluded, a light flashed in Chen Mo's eyes, and he found himself in a quaint, ancient town.

At a glance, it was clear the town bore the scars of bandit raids.

Chen Mo surveyed his surroundings. Most of the buildings in the village were dilapidated, with many houses either burned down or looted bare.

The villagers' faces were etched with sorrow and fear; life here was clearly very difficult.

The village was surrounded on all sides by mountains that stretched for countless miles. Without knowing the specific location of the stronghold, relying purely on perception would make it difficult to find quickly.

Chen Mo immediately began to search for clues, hoping to find the bandits' trail and hideout.

He approached some villagers whose injuries had not yet healed and inquired, "Hello, I'm an Adventurer. I heard that bandits from Black Wind Village have been causing trouble here, so I've come to help. Do you happen to know where Black Wind Village is hidden?"

"They come to our village every few days to cause trouble and have even abducted many women from our village. But they come and go mysteriously; we don't know where they're from," a villager said, their expression pained.

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"You don't know?"

Chen Mo frowned slightly. Does this mean I have to search the vast mountains myself?

That seems highly improbable. Chen Mo immediately tried asking the other villagers.

Almost all the responses were identical.

Realizing that persistent questioning was futile, Chen Mo fully engaged his senses, attempting to identify any suspicious individuals in the village.

After carefully scanning the entire village with his senses, Chen Mo found no suspicious individuals.

However, a dejected-looking little boy in the village caught his attention. The boy was in his room, holding a vase and seemingly lost in thought.

Chen Mo decided to chat with him.

With a mere thought, he used Divine Flicker and appeared in the boy's room.

"EEK!"

Chen Mo's sudden appearance clearly startled the boy.

The lad clutched the vase tightly and took a few wary steps backward.

"Don't be scared. I'm an Adventurer. I heard Bandits were causing trouble around here and came to help. However, I couldn't find any trace of the Bandit Village from the villagers I questioned, so I apologize for the intrusion. Do you have any information about this?"

Hearing that Chen Mo was here to deal with the Bandits, the boy looked at him with excitement and asked, "Really?"

"Of course. If you have any clues, tell me. I will definitely help you eliminate those Bandits."

"Yes, yes, yes! Please help us! My sister was kidnapped by Bandits. I beg you to help bring her back."

The boy put the vase aside and began kowtowing to Chen Mo, his head THUDDING against the floor.

Chen Mo quickly helped him up, saying, "There's no need for that. Just tell me how to find the Bandit Village. I'll definitely rescue your sister."

"When my sister was kidnapped, she was carrying a Dark-Sorcery Flower. I can track the scent of the flower to the Bandit Village."

"Dark-Sorcery Flower?"

Chen Mo sniffed the air but couldn't detect any odor.

With his extraordinary attributes, his sense of smell was exceptional, yet he still couldn't detect anything.

Does this kid really have such a sharp sense of smell?

Chen Mo looked at the boy and said, "If you're not scared, then guide me there."

"For my sister, I'm not afraid of anything! Adventurer, let's get going right now."

Chen Mo nodded. "Walking is too slow. I'll fly you there."

Having said that, Chen Mo picked up the boy.

Suddenly being hoisted into the air startled the boy so much that he instinctively wrapped his arms tightly around Chen Mo's neck, his body trembling in fear.

"Don't be nervous. I won't let you fall," Chen Mo said with a smile.

Upon hearing this, the boy relaxed a bit.

Seeing the boy relax, Chen Mo asked, "Can you smell that flower from this height?"

"Yes, Adventurer! Fly in that direction. A faint fragrance is continuously drifting from there," the boy said, stretching out his small finger to point.

"Will other flowers blooming in the mountains interfere with your sense of smell?" Chen Mo suddenly considered this.

"No, this flower is very special. It has different scents before and after being picked. And in the entire village, only our family can detect this flower's fragrance, so we're the only ones who pick it to keep at home."

"So, if it's a picked flower, it must be from my sister, as no one else would have one. The scent I'm tracking is its fragrance *after* being picked," the boy explained, shaking his head.

Hearing this, Chen Mo breathed a sigh of relief. If they flew in the wrong direction and wasted time, another team might seize the opportunity for the first kill, which wouldn't be good.

There are three first-kill opportunities, and Chen Mo didn't want to relinquish any of them.

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With the little boy's keen sense of direction, combined with Chen Mo's Flying ability and his own extensive perception ability, Chen Mo could easily find the stronghold of the black-wind bandits, even if it was hidden deep in an old forest.

When Chen Mo perceived the location of the bandits' lair, the other two teams, in their respective dungeon worlds, had only just found the little boy and begun their journey.

After all, Chen Mo's method was to directly perceive and teleport, then take the boy and fly off, all in one smooth sequence.

This efficiency was remarkably high.

Normally, first-transition professionals could not use Flying.

This point alone put them a fair bit behind Chen Mo.

「At this time, outside the instance, the relevant progress was also displayed synchronously on the feedback screen.」

It could be seen that among the three teams, only the Solar System team had a x2 marker displayed next to its name.

This indicated that Chen Mo had used the 'designate' function.

Right from the start, Chen Mo gave the spectators an unexpected surprise.

"So brave! He directly designated the Yongming Star System. A Level 30 first-transition professional, racing against five Level 40s, and he even paid double the cost to designate them! It seems he truly is that contestant from the survival challenge."

"If he really is that person, Student Chen Mo is probably going to make a killing! The other two teams each have five Level 40 participants in this Speed Competition Dungeon. Just their bets combined will amount to ten shares!"

"But he still has to actually win in terms of speed. Individual strength is one thing, but some dungeons also have high requirements for intelligence gathering. With more people, they can spread out and collect information more effectively. It's really not certain who will be faster or slower."

"I think he should be fine. Since he dared to come, he's obviously done his research on the Speed Competition Dungeons and should have the necessary scouting abilities. Besides, even if he loses, the loss isn't that substantial. According to the betting rules shown in the feedback, wagers are related to Level. For Student Chen Mo, a Level 30 professional, even a doubled cost isn't a huge deal. The others, however, are staking the equivalent of ten Level 40 professionals."

"That's true. If Student Chen Mo's strength is truly extraordinary, he can indeed achieve high returns with minimal risk."

While the two were discussing, they saw the progress on the feedback screen change.

Finding the little boy was 10% progress, and finding the Bandit Village was another 10%.

When others were at 0%, Chen Mo was already at 10%.

When others reached 10%, Chen Mo was already at 20%.

In terms of progress, Chen Mo, playing solo, was somehow consistently ahead of the other, larger teams.

This made the people outside find it rather incredible.

If Chen Mo's combat power was exceptionally strong, far beyond that of ordinary first-transition experts, it would be understandable if he caught up in the latter half of the dungeon.

But the first half is usually a search process. How could he be completely surpassing them even in the first half?

"He's too fierce, completely dominating them in the first half! How could they possibly compete on speed in the latter half? If Student Chen Mo truly possesses the strength he showed as a zeroth-transition, when he insta-killed a full-level-full-star second-transition expert, then now, after his first transition, clearing first-transition monsters should be as easy as drinking water for him."

"Looks like those five Level 40 players from the Yongming Star System are going to have to cough up! Haha."

"It's a pity there's no mechanic where low-level players can crush high-level ones; otherwise, if they could be made to pay double, that would be even sweeter!"

「While the people outside were discussing.」

「Inside the dungeon.」

Since it was a Speed Competition Dungeon, any change in a team's progress was synchronized and shared with all other squads.

At this moment, the members of both the Yongming Star System and Sanyang System teams were stunned.

When they saw this lone Level 30 professional from the Solar System effortlessly leaving their five-person squads far behind in terms of progress, they too felt this speed was utterly outrageous.

And what came next would only show them that there was no such thing as 'most outrageous,' only 'more outrageous.'

Shortly after Chen Mo's dungeon progress reached 20%, it instantly made a huge leap, jumping directly from 20% to 50%.

This left the other two teams, who had just found the little boy and were following him towards the Bandit Village, completely dumbfounded.

"What's going on? Why did this guy from the Solar System's progress suddenly jump by 30%?"

"He only reached 20% a few seconds ago, right? What the hell?"

Before they could fully process their shock, The Heavenly Path's Hint sounded close behind.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Congratulations to the professional from the Solar System for being the first to complete Speed Task (1) — 'Eliminate the Head Chieftain of the Black Wind Village.' Other teams need to step it up!]

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Congratulations to the professional from the Solar System for being the first to complete Speed Task (2) — 'Eliminate the three Chieftains of the Black Wind Village.' The Solar System professional's progress in this Stars Speed Competition Dungeon has now reached the 50% mark! If other teams don't hurry, they will likely lose this speed competition. If you have any interference tools, you can try using them to affect your opponent.]

In the Stars Speed Competition Dungeon, although each team performs their dungeon tasks within their own independent Dungeon Space, during the course of these tasks, some protection tools and interference tools can be picked up.

Interference tools can be used to remotely harass other dungeon teams. They can decrease output, increase Cooldowns, pause spacetime, inflict Silence or Disarm, and apply other debuffs to disrupt the other teams' operational rhythm, thereby slowing their task completion speed.

Protection tools, conversely, counter interference tools. Once used, they can provide immunity to specific types of interference effects for a period.

This is the only means of direct competition within the Stars Speed Competition Dungeon.

However, these tools appear randomly throughout the dungeon. If teams don't encounter them during their missions, no one will deliberately search for them. Otherwise, it would be putting the cart before the horse, sacrificing their own task completion speed to go after such items.

Moreover, there's never just one opposing team in these competitions. Target one team, and there's still another to worry about. Targeting two teams at once means attracting hatred from both. If they then decide to gang up on you, the losses would far outweigh any gains.

Since Chen Mo had been flying with the little boy earlier, he hadn't picked up any tools on the ground.

The other two teams, however, had traveled the mountain paths with the little boy. Along the way, they had managed to pick up some tools.

Seeing Chen Mo's insanely fast speed, the leaders of the two teams naturally made an immediate, decisive call to interfere with him. Otherwise, they feared the opponent would have already completed the entire mission before their own two teams even found the Bandit Village.

「On Chen Mo's side.」

A Speed Competition Dungeon, true to its name, is all about one thing: speed.

After Chen Mo found the Bandit Village, he didn't hesitate for a moment, directly summoning a massive swarm of Skeleton Monsters.

Their primary targets were the three Chieftains of the Black Wind Village.

With millions of Skeleton Monsters, each possessing attack power comparable to a fourth-transition professional, all attacking at once, how could first-transition-level BOSSes possibly withstand it?

In an instant, the three Chieftains were effortlessly and utterly annihilated by Chen Mo's Skeleton Monsters.

This caused Chen Mo's dungeon progress to skyrocket directly to 50%.

At this point, less than five seconds had passed since he had reached 20% progress.

A 30% surge in progress in just five seconds!

Seeing this, how could the other two teams possibly tolerate it?

All sorts of interference tools were immediately hurled towards Chen Mo.

The Heavenly Path's Hints exploded madly in Chen Mo's ears!

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[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You are under the influence of an interference tool used by Yongming Star System's Professionals, which has extended your skill cooldown time by 100%.]

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You are under the influence of an interference tool used by Yongming Star System's Professionals, reducing your recovery effect by 100%.]

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You are under the influence of an interference tool used by Sanyang Star System Professionals; time in this world has been stopped for 10 seconds.]

Notifications for nearly ten interference tools popped up in succession.

Chen Mo was immediately hit with a slew of restrictions.

Feeling the Rule Power enveloping him, Chen Mo couldn't help but chuckle. These guys are really working together, huh?

However, through these entwined Rule Powers, Chen Mo also came to understand a few things. I clearly possess immunity to abnormal statuses, yet it seems completely ineffective against these rule-level ones. Even with the Space-Time Pearl, I was still caught in a time stop for 10 seconds when faced with rule-level power. Evidently, the power of rules is on a much higher tier than so-called divine artifacts. It would be truly amazing if I could one day wield power at that level.

But even with various restrictions, even being caught in a time stop twice for a total of 20 seconds, Chen Mo still held a commanding lead.

Seeing that their interference tools were exhausted and their progress hadn't budged an inch, Chen Mo ordered his Skeleton Monsters to commence a massacre in Black Wind Village!

The Bandits in Black Wind Village numbered only in the tens of thousands. For Chen Mo to attack them with a hundred times their number in monsters was truly using a sledgehammer to crack a nut. This was especially true since Chen Mo's Skeleton Monsters possessed attack power comparable to fourth-transition professionals, while these Bandit minions were merely at the first-transition level. A few tens of thousands of them were no match at all; within seconds, the entire Black Wind Village was wiped clean by the Skeleton Monsters' indiscriminate volleys.

Meanwhile, the other two teams were still rushing towards Black Wind Village.

When The Heavenly Path's Hint sounded again, the members of these two teams were utterly flabbergasted. They had participated in Stars Speed Competition Dungeons before. While performances always varied in speed, this was the first time they had witnessed someone clearing it at such an outrageous pace. While other teams were still at 10% progress, one team had already cleared the entire dungeon.

And this 'team' couldn't even really be called a team. It was, in fact, just a single professional. Their opponent's 'team' consisted of only one person, who was merely level 30. Under such conditions, he had cleared the speed competition dungeon at a ridiculously, almost unbelievably, fast pace. This left them completely dumbfounded.

They immediately quickened their pace, eager to see if this Stars Speed Competition Dungeon was truly as ridiculously easy as it now seemed.

Stars Speed Competition Dungeons are similar to normal dungeons in one respect: just because someone else finishes first doesn't mean you can't continue playing. Even if another team beats you to the finish line, you still have the opportunity to complete the dungeon yourself, until you clear it. If you manage to complete the speed objectives, you will receive enhanced dungeon rewards. The more objectives you complete, the better the rewards. Of course, the ultimate reward is reserved for the team that is the very first to clear the dungeon. By doing so, not only do you win superior dungeon rewards, but you also claim all the bets placed by other teams. It's a chance to rake in massive profits. However, if you don't win the speed run, even if you continue and complete the dungeon, it's mostly just to mitigate some of your losses. The most crucial rewards in a Stars Speed Competition Dungeon are tied to the speed objectives. If you fail to complete any speed objectives, even if you clear the dungeon, your earnings will be far less than what you lost on your bet.

Outside the dungeon, the few individuals who had been closely monitoring Chen Mo were stunned as they watched his progress bar jump forward in large chunks.

"What's going on? His progress jumped from 20% to 50% all of a sudden?"

"That's way too fast! He only hit 20% a few seconds ago, and now he's at 50%?"

"This is insane! We guessed he'd be in the lead, but we never imagined this kind of speed!"

Just as they were marveling at Chen Mo's progress leaping from 20% to 50%, something even more astonishing occurred. Not long after Chen Mo's progress hit 50%—barely enough time for them to exchange a few words—it began to skyrocket again. It felt like only about ten seconds passed before his dungeon progress jumped straight to 100%.

This time, they were utterly astounded, their faces etched with shock.

"What just happened? How is his progress increasing so rapidly?"

"This is just unbelievable!"

"From 20% to 50%, and then boom—straight to 100%! What kind of dungeon clearing speed is that?"

"Look, the other two teams are still stuck at 10% progress! I bet they're completely stunned by now."

"He's way too dominant—ten times their speed! And he's doing it solo against their five-person teams!"

"Is he really only a first-transition professional?!"

"Think back to that survival event! A zeroth-transition player was able to dominate second-transition ones. If Student Chen Mo was that zeroth-transition player, then it stands to reason he'd have this kind of power as a first-transition."

"I really want to know what kind of miracle drug he's on to get this strong! It's just monstrous!"

Inside the dungeon, Chen Mo had entered observer mode. I actually didn't know that after securing first place in a Stars Speed Competition Dungeon, you could directly observe the actions of other teams. Not only that, but I can even investigate their attributes.

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Chen Mo glanced over the attributes of these ten people. For those in their first-transition, they were pretty good.

There was one five-star and four four-star individuals from the Sanyang System, and five four-star individuals from the Yongming Star System among the ten.

This would be considered an above-average team.

Moreover, they had the power to dispatch enemies swiftly and cause widespread damage.

It was pretty suitable for them to participate in speed competition dungeons.

However, even so, after they found the Black Wind Village, they needed to deal with the three bandit bosses and tens of thousands of bandits.

It would still be a challenging task.

The Sanyang System team completed it more quickly. From finding the village to clearing the dungeon, it took them just over twenty minutes.

That was already considered extremely fast.

But when compared to Chen Mo's performance, the leader from the Sanyang System team had no words to express his feelings other than cursing Chen Mo internally as a monster.

The team from the Yongming Star System, on the other hand, took more than thirty minutes to fully defeat their enemies.

When compared, they performed worse.

"How did he manage to eliminate all these minions and three strong BOSSes in less than a minute by himself?"

The people from the Yongming Star System were astounded.

"Perhaps this guy knows some widespread forbidden curse and blasted the village."

"Even if he possesses a forbidden curse, a first-transition professional at level 30 shouldn't cause such outrageous damage! The Health of each of the three BOSSes was significant. Could they all be killed off by a single forbidden curse?"

"Who knows what kind of ability this guy has? But seeing him reminds me of that zeroth-transition freak from the Solar System in the game 'Survival in Exile' who killed ruthlessly!"

"Leader, are you saying the person we're up against this time is that zeroth-transition individual?"

"Don't you guys think it's very likely? With the freakish strength of that zeroth-transition individual, if he underwent his first transition now, wouldn't he be able to casually kill these powerful monsters?"

"That's really possible. What a pity! If we could have completed the dungeon task first, we could have observed his attributes. Once we reported to the higher-ups, the rewards alone would be more than enough for us."

Just thinking about how Chen Mo might be that frightening zeroth-transition powerhouse who shocked the entire Milky Way, the members of the Yongming Star System team couldn't help but beat their chests and stamp their feet, regretting deeply.

This was one of the rare opportunities to discover the opponent's strength.

Compared to losing the bet, they were even more regretful that they didn't seize this opportunity.

But they also understood that competing with such a high-level creature to clear the dungeon faster was an extremely difficult matter in itself.

Unless there were many clues to investigate for the dungeon task, their larger numbers might give them a slight advantage.

Seeing the regretful expressions of the Yongming Star System crew, Chen Mo quietly noted to himself. So, the first to clear the Stars Speed Competition Dungeon can freely inspect the attributes of others? What an unreasonable rule.

After everyone had completed the dungeon, a flash of light swept by, and Chen Mo's figure reappeared in the Dungeon Office.

Those who were previously discussing him immediately fell silent when they saw him in person, and greeted him with forced smiles.

After all, in their eyes, Chen Mo was bound to be a future powerhouse on Earth.

Even if they were equally outstanding geniuses, they would not dare to offend him.

Or rather, the more outstanding the genius, the more they realized how abnormal and powerful Chen Mo was.

They were already so exceptional, but when they compared themselves with Chen Mo, they found they were far behind, naturally making them understand his immense potential.

Noticing that so many people were watching him, Chen Mo responded to them with a polite smile, then took the dungeon manual from the two people at the entrance, and left the Sky Science Dungeon Office.

With a flick of Chen Mo's mind, he flashed back to his dormitory.

He then looked at The Heavenly Path's Hint he received after leaving the dungeon.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You have successfully completed the "Black Wind Village" in the Stars Speed Competition Dungeon. As you completed all the speed tasks, your final dungeon reward has increased tenfold.

You have obtained 2,000,000 experience points and ten eternal gold coins.

Because you were the first to complete speed task (three): Annihilate the Black Wind Village.

You have obtained all the bets placed by the competitors.

You have gained 23,226,500 experience points and a reward of 200 eternal gold coins.]

Even if the dungeon profits are multiplied tenfold, it's really not that impressive. But man, the wager winnings are really satisfying.

Chen Mo, looking at the multitude of rewards he won from the aliens, felt quite pleased.

Although he now had a full 300 million merit, which could be exchanged for many items, eternal gold coins were the primary resource consumed by the Composing Ability.

So, he needed to amass a large reserve.

For example, the Divine Fusion Agent, without any discount, cost a thousand eternal gold coins.

It was not a small sum at all.

To avoid his progress being stalled each month, having more eternal gold coins that he could spend freely was naturally the most desirable situation.

Moreover, out of these 200 eternal gold coins, 100 were won from his enemies, which made using them even more satisfying.

Considering the dungeon rewards without the tenfold multiplier, it was clear these people had lost badly.

Under normal circumstances, with only a single reward, they would only have received 200,000 experience points and one eternal gold coin.

They had bet more than two million experience points and 20 eternal gold coins.

They had lost their shirts.

This round, I've made over 20 billion, and earned over twenty million experience points. I can finally start the SSS-level Realm Breakthrough Assessment.

The previous Disaster had wiped out the wild monsters and red-named individuals. However, Chen Mo only received a five-fold level-up experience reward for it, which he felt was rather stingy.

He needed ten times the standard experience required for leveling up to initiate the level 30 Realm Breakthrough Assessment. Five times the experience wasn't nearly enough, and this had delayed him for many days.

Now he had finally gathered enough experience points.

Chen Mo immediately called up the Heavenly Dao interface and clicked to start the pass rate test for the level 30 SSS-level Realm Breakthrough Assessment.

A short time later, the pass rate test results were out.

Surprisingly, the pass rate was only 50%.

Chen Mo found this somewhat baffling.

With my strength that far exceeds the first-transition level, even SSS-level difficulty at this stage should be child's play for me.

Why is the pass rate only 50%?

Chen Mo immediately glanced at the fatality rate.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: In this simulated assessment, there were 50 failures, with 0 deaths.]

Fifty failures and not a single death... It seems some limiting conditions are hindering me, not that my strength is insufficient.

From the test results, Chen Mo gained some understanding of the situation inside the dungeon.

Chen Mo had originally planned to acquire a more powerful BOSS Ghost in this dungeon, but he hadn't anticipated the pass rate would be only 50%. He could forget about capturing a BOSS from it now.

Previously, from an SSS-level dungeon, he had acquired a Special Ghost named Boros, but its versatility wasn't high.

For this SSS-level dungeon, if given the chance, Chen Mo wanted to get a more functional one.

He didn't know why the pass rate was only half.

Chen Mo decided to go in and find out. After all, if I really can't clear it, I still have the sweep scroll. Nothing to fear.

As Chen Mo chose to start the SSS-level Realm Breakthrough Assessment challenge, a flash of light appeared before his eyes.

In the next instant, he appeared in a strange environment.

Previous Realm Breakthrough Assessment challenges had mostly taken place in the daytime.

But this Realm Breakthrough Assessment challenge was set in the pitch-black night.

Or perhaps, in a world of complete darkness.

The surroundings were pitch black, so dark he couldn't see his hand in front of his face.

Only through his Pioneer perception ability could he perceive his surroundings.

Is this SSS-level Realm Breakthrough Assessment this tricky? If I didn't have perception ability, would I be completely blind in here, unable to see anything at all?

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While Chen Mo was still grumbling, the Heavenly Dao's notification promptly sounded.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You have entered the assessment space; the assessment task has been issued!]

[Task Hint: Slay the demon wreaking havoc in this realm using the Power of Darkness!]

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Please find a way to dispel the encroaching darkness. Otherwise, the enemy will possess invincible power within the darkness.]

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Once the assessment begins, a 24-hour countdown will start. Please be ready.]

As the Heavenly Path's hints concluded, Chen Mo extended his senses to perceive his surroundings. He was surrounded by complete darkness and unable to see anything, so he could only rely on his perception to move.

To his surprise, the villagers in this village were able to move freely in the dark environment.

It seems that there is indeed some kind of Power of Light hidden in this village within this assessment space. It was impossible that everyone in the village—men and women, young and old—possessed perception ability.

With this in mind, Chen Mo decided to find someone to ask for the reason. Relying on his perception ability, he quickly found the location of the village chief.

With a mere thought, he activated Divine Flicker and appeared beside the village chief.

"Village Chief, greetings. I heard a demon is causing trouble in this area, so I've come to inquire about the situation."

As Chen Mo arrived before the village chief, he greeted him politely.

"Greetings, brave Adventurer. You can move freely in this dark environment, yet I sense no Power of Light from you. It seems you command profound Dark Power."

Chen Mo gave a wry smile. He was the Dominator of the Undead, a purely dark-elemental class, but he did not possess the ability to see in the darkness.

It could be that the related ability hadn't been unlocked yet, or perhaps it required the vision of a summoned Ghost for me to see in the darkness. He wasn't quite as formidable as the village chief made him out to be.

The village chief continued, "Unfortunately, the demon wreaking havoc upon this world commands exceedingly strong Dark Power. He can never be eradicated until the darkness is dispelled."

"Then, is there any way to dispel the darkness? I just perceived that everyone in the village seems to be able to move freely in the darkness. Has everyone mastered some form of the Power of Light?"

"That's right. Everyone in our village can see in the dark because a Mage in white robes who visited our village previously taught us the Consideration Technique."

"Is it easy to learn?"

"Very simple. If you want to learn it, I can teach you now."

Hearing this, Chen Mo understood. Even if he didn't have perception ability, he could still be taught the Consideration Technique by any villager he encountered, allowing him to see the surrounding environment clearly. The Heavenly Dao setting up such a minor task would, at most, just waste a little of his clearance time.

However, this white-robed Mage seemed to be a key figure in the task. Chen Mo promptly asked, "Is that white-robed Mage still in the village?"

"I'm very sorry, but the white-robed Mage left the village after teaching us the Consideration Technique."

At these words, Chen Mo was rendered speechless. Where was he supposed to find clues to dispel the darkness now?

"But before he left, he mentioned that..."

Seeing the village chief pause dramatically for breath, Chen Mo was momentarily taken aback. So, there was more to it.

"What did he mention?"

"Before he left, he said that the mountain behind the town is an excellent place for cultivation. He mentioned he might cultivate there for some time and asked us not to disturb him unnecessarily, lest it affect his training."

I see.

Although he said not to disturb him if there was nothing important, eradicating the demon creating darkness surely counted as a major matter, right? Finding him should reveal the way to dispel the darkness.

Having bid farewell to the village chief, Chen Mo pulled out his map, glanced at it, and then, with a Divine Flicker, arrived at the back mountain. The back mountain of the town was quite vast.

Even with his perception ability fully active, he could only scan less than one percent of the entire back mountain at a time. Chen Mo immediately took to the air, his perception sweeping over the surrounding valleys and forests.

After scanning several areas, Chen Mo finally located an elderly man in white robes within a cave.

This must be the white-robed Mage the village chief mentioned.

Considering the Mage had previously instructed the village chief not to be disturbed without good reason, Chen Mo refrained from abruptly using Divine Flicker to appear directly beside him. Instead, he used Divine Flicker to reach the cave entrance and waited quietly for a moment.

He didn't even call out to announce his presence to the white-robed Mage inside.

Chen Mo considered that statements made by individuals within this trial instance, however casually uttered, could very well be crucial clues for the task. If he inadvertently provoked the Mage and was refused instruction, wouldn't that be a terrible setback? Especially since the previous clearance rate for this trial was only 50%; he could infer a few things from this. The BOSS of this trial instance was invincible in darkness. If he couldn't find a way to dispel it, then even if he couldn't be killed, it was a problem. The opponent being unable to kill him was one thing, but him being unable to kill the opponent was another entirely. As long as the opponent survived, they would effectively win. He only had 24 hours to complete the trial.

Chen Mo naturally didn't want to make a mistake that would render the task impossible to complete.

Although Chen Mo didn't really believe that an accidental disturbance would genuinely cause the task to become incompletable. After all, such a condition seemed overly strict.

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Directly disturbing the other party probably wouldn't lead to a dead-end mission, but it would certainly increase its difficulty and complexity. The other party might have been willing to teach me generously. But if I disturbed them, I could potentially interfere with their cultivation, even pushing them into qi deviation or some other dangerous state. That would be a disaster! At that point, curing them could result in an endlessly long mission. Given the mission's likely difficulty, I doubt simply killing and resurrecting them would be an option.

Actually, Chen Mo's guess wasn't far from the truth. Upon arriving here, the best course of action was indeed not to disturb the other party; he just needed to wait a little while for them to respond.

Chen Mo waited for a full half-hour, and just when he was beginning to doubt his judgment, a voice suddenly came from inside the cave.

"Friend outside the cave, are you looking for me? You've been waiting at the entrance for quite some time."

Upon hearing the response, Chen Mo immediately turned towards the cave and replied, "Junior indeed has some matters to consult with Senior. I learned from the village chief that Senior is cultivating in these mountains, so I came uninvited. Fearing I might disturb Senior's cultivation, I decided to wait here."

"So that's how it is. Patient young men like you are rare these days. You may come in."

Looks like I guessed correctly.

Chen Mo smiled faintly and stepped into the cave.

The moment he passed through the cave entrance, he distinctly felt a wave of Sacred power sweep over his entire body.

It seems there's some kind of Sacred restriction at the cave entrance.

Entering the cave, Chen Mo saw an elderly man in white robes, levitating cross-legged above a large boulder. He approached and explained the purpose of his visit.

"I am an Adventurer from afar. I heard that a demon has appeared here, causing harm with its Dark Power, so I've come to exterminate it."

"Ah, you've come to exterminate evil. I admire your dedication. When you first arrived, I had already sensed the demon you speak of. Although its inherent strength isn't very high, its power is greatly amplified in darkness. Given the current concentration of Dark Energy, it possesses an Undying Body in the dark."

"That is precisely why this Junior wishes to ask Senior if there's a way to dispel the darkness in this area."

"Dispelling the darkness in this area will not be easy, I'm afraid."

Hearing this, Chen Mo frowned slightly and asked, "Why is that?"

"In this region, there is a place called the 'Underworld's Fountain.' It has recently entered an eruption phase. The Underworld's Fountain concentrates the world's purest Dark Energy. If the erupting Underworld's Fountain cannot be sealed, it will be impossible to completely dispel the Dark Power from this area."

"The Underworld's Fountain? Is there any way to stop it from erupting further?"

"Alas!"

"Senior, why do you suddenly sigh?"

Seeing the elder sigh instead of directly stating a method, Chen Mo instantly sensed that this mission would likely be very difficult.

"There are two methods to stop the Underworld's Fountain from continuing its eruption."

"Two methods? Then why did you sigh, Senior? Are both methods exceedingly difficult?"

The white-robed Mage nodded. "Correct. Neither of these methods is easy to accomplish."

"Please enlighten me, Senior."

"I will tell you the first method."

Chen Mo nodded.

"The first method requires obtaining the Heart Blood of three individuals who possess the Heart of Light. Combined with my magical artifact, this can be done."

"Three Hearts of Light? How do I find them?"

"That part is simple. I have already identified three such individuals in Chaoyang Village at the foot of this mountain."

"Since you've already found them, Senior, why do you still sigh?"

"Do you know what Heart Blood truly is?"

Chen Mo shook his head.

"Heart Blood is the Blood of Core, also known as the Source Of Primordial Essence Blood. Losing the Source Of Primordial Essence Blood inflicts tremendous damage on a person. Not only would a previously strong and healthy person instantly become frail and prone to illness, but their lifespan would also be drastically reduced. After losing their Heart Blood, a young person might live for five more years at most, while an older person would not even survive a single year. Do you believe these three individuals with the Heart of Light would willingly accept such a fate?"

Hearing this, Chen Mo now understood just how difficult this was.

"Surely there's always a sliver of hope for everything under the heavens? Is there truly no way to remedy the situation after the Heart Blood is taken?"

"There is, but it is exceedingly difficult. Besides, even if you were to make such a promise before you could actually achieve it, do you think those three would believe you?"

"Perhaps the three of them also harbor the will to save the world. Senior, have you ever spoken to them about this?"

The white-robed Mage shook his head. "I have not. And there is no need to."

"Why is that?"

"There are no secrets in the darkness. Only within this small cave, by exhausting my abilities, have I managed to create this tiny sanctuary, isolated from the darkness.

"Let's not even discuss the consequences if, after I speak with these three, that Dark Demon Leader learns of it and deliberately leaks the secret. Simply speaking to these three about this matter is risky. If even one of them is unwilling to make the sacrifice, he will develop negative emotions upon learning this information and be corrupted by the darkness.

"He might become fearful, afraid that other villagers will find out and demand his sacrifice. He might waver between selfishness and selflessness, becoming indecisive and agitated. He might feel remorse and grief for his self-preserving actions that prevent the world from being saved.

"Be it fear, indecision, or remorse, the moment his emotions stray from the light, the darkness will immediately begin to corrupt him, for he is a possessor of the Heart of Light. If even one person with a Heart of Light is corrupted, the Dark Demon Leader's strength will instantly double. Once that Dark Demon Leader becomes too strong, even if we seal the Underworld's Fountain, we will be no match for him.

"Moreover, once a possessor of the Heart of Light is corrupted by darkness, their heart will immediately transform into a Dark Heart. Thus, what were originally three Hearts of Light would become two Hearts of Light and one Dark Heart. Not only would we be unable to seal the Underworld's Fountain, but its eruption might even intensify, making the current situation far more perilous and difficult to handle."

After hearing the difficulties of the first method, Chen Mo couldn't help but feel a headache coming on.

This method is indeed very difficult to implement. If I were ruthless enough, I could just forcibly tie the three of them up and throw them into the Underworld's Fountain, regardless of their consent. Would that even work?

A rather devilish thought suddenly flashed through Chen Mo's mind.

As if seeing through Chen Mo's thoughts, the white-robed Mage shook his head and said, "Do not entertain such dark thoughts, or you too will be corrupted by the darkness. No matter what you are thinking, you must understand this: you cannot do anything that would cause them to feel fear and be subjected to a Dark Invasion. Otherwise, all efforts will be futile."

Upon hearing this, Chen Mo understood.

He's right. What's the use of abduction? If they aren't willing, they'll definitely be terrified. They might even harbor resentment, allowing the Dark Energy to surge to its maximum. Wouldn't that directly transform them into three Dark Hearts? Throwing them into the Underworld's Fountain then would be like tossing three atomic bombs into it, causing an eruption as terrifying as a volcano! This method is definitely out.

Wait, I have another idea. Since the white-robed Mage is afraid the Dark Demon Leader might overhear him, perhaps bringing the three individuals into this cave to hear the plan is feasible. However, bringing them here would trigger the other problem the Mage mentioned... their mental state. If all three possess the will to save the world, that would be fine. But if even one of them hesitates, unwilling to make the sacrifice, and becomes mentally unstable upon hearing the news, leading to corruption by darkness, then this whole endeavor would backfire spectacularly. Thankfully, there's still a second method.

Chen Mo decided to hear about the second method first.

If the second method turns out to be even more difficult than the first, then I'll just have to try the first one. After all, the white-robed Mage only dismissed the first method because he considered its success rate too low. It doesn't mean it has zero chance of success.

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Chen Mo looked towards the Mage in white and said, "Since the first method is so difficult, could you kindly advise me on the second method?"

"Alas! This second method is so stringent and difficult that it's practically impossible to complete. It's as if it doesn't exist at all!"

The Mage in White shook his head before even elaborating.

In his view, this second method was simply beyond the realm of possibility.

Although the success rate of the first method might not be high, there was still a chance to attempt it.

But the second method... there was not even the slightest chance of attempting it, let alone succeeding.

"If we're talking about success rates, the second method would have a 100% success rate if it could be implemented. The real issue, however, lies in whether one possesses the ability to implement it from the start."

"Please, Senior, tell me more."

"This second method is to find ten billion sacrifices and offer them into the Underworld's Fountain. Only then can its eruption be quelled."

"Ten billion sacrifices? What do these so-called sacrifices refer to?"

"It means ten billion units."

"Ten billion units?" Chen Mo immediately pressed, "Would summoned creatures also work?"

"They would," the old Mage in White nodded, then sighed. "But it's useless. Ten billion units... even if summoned creatures are acceptable, it's impossible to gather that many."

Hearing this, Chen Mo chuckled and said, "Actually, I do have a way."

"Oh?" The old Mage in White looked at Chen Mo in surprise. "That's ten billion units, not a mere million. Where could you possibly find them?"

"Senior, you don't need to worry about that. I have my ways. However, I must ask for your detailed guidance, Senior: if offering ten billion units stops the Underworld's Fountain's eruption, will that be enough to dispel the Dark Energy here?"

"Not entirely. Stopping the Underworld's Fountain from erupting is the first step, and indeed the most critical one."

"Are there more difficult challenges to come?" Chen Mo asked in surprise.

"Not exactly. If you can truly stop the Underworld's Fountain from continuing its eruption, I can then expend some of my Spirit and use my abilities to dispel the Dark Energy in this area."

"So, it still requires your help in the end," Chen Mo said, momentarily speechless. These people in this instance really like to speak with dramatic pauses, always leaving their sentences half-finished.

"Senior, may I ask the exact location of this Underworld's Fountain?"

"The Underworld's Fountain lies in the central area of this mountain range."

Chen Mo immediately opened his map to check. Nodding, he said, "In that case, Senior, please wait here. I'll go and try to stop the Underworld's Fountain's eruption first. If I succeed, I will come back for you."

"Wait."

Just as Chen Mo finished speaking and was about to leave, the old Mage in White called out to stop him.

"Is there anything else, Senior?"

"If you go rashly to seal the Underworld's Fountain, you will inevitably be attacked and harassed by that demon. Let me cast the Holy Heart Spell on you; it can protect you completely for six hours."

"Thank you, Senior."

I wouldn't really mind being attacked, but when the Heavenly Dao offers a free benefit, it would be a waste not to take it. Besides, this saves me the trouble of having to be on guard.

As the Mage in White began forming hand seals and chanting, Chen Mo suddenly felt a warmth in his chest. A sacred, warm energy erupted from his heart, spreading throughout his body and enveloping him in a protective shield.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You have received the protection of the Holy Heart Spell. While the Holy Heart Spell is active, you can ignore all Dark-attribute attacks. Remaining time: 5:59:15.]

This Holy Heart Spell's effect is quite overpowered. I wonder if I can copy it?

Chen Mo glanced at the Divine Replication Seal's records but found no entry for the Holy Heart Spell. It seems such an overwhelmingly powerful ability isn't a skill that can be copied.

Having received the Holy Heart Spell's protection, Chen Mo bid farewell and departed immediately.

He executed a Divine Flicker, arriving directly at the center of the mountain range.

The moment he arrived, he sensed an incredibly potent Dark Energy constantly erupting.

The concentration of Dark Energy here was countless times greater than in the previous area.

Fortunately, he himself was of a Dark-attribute profession, and he also had the protection of the Holy Heart Spell.

Even when impacted by the intensely strong Dark Energy, he remained completely unaffected.

Upon arriving, his perception ability as a Pioneer allowed him to sense a place resembling a volcanic crater. However, instead of molten lava, it contained terrifying Dark Energy, as black as ink.

Ten billion sacrifices... under normal circumstances, that would truly be an impossible task. If he hadn't changed his class to Dominator of the Undead, he would have had no choice but to attempt the first method. But now, with the powerful passives from being a Dominator of the Undead, combined with the extremely high Cooldown reduction from Extreme Calmness... achieving ten billion offerings would just take some time.

With a thought, Chen Mo activated the Divine Stealth Box while simultaneously casting Skeleton Summon. Instantly, a million stacked Skeleton Monsters appeared around him.

At Chen Mo's command, they all leaped into the Underworld's Fountain.

At the same time, The Heavenly Path's Hint sounded.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You have offered one million sacrifices to the Underworld's Fountain. Current progress toward stopping the Underworld's Fountain's eruption: 0.01%.]

Ten billion sacrifices truly isn't a small number. No wonder the Mage in White said this method was practically impossible. He had summoned a million in one go, and that only accounted for 0.01% of the total. Fortunately, he had an extremely fast Cooldown. His skills would be ready again in just half a second.

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Taking into account the speed at which the Skeleton Monsters jumped in, it took 1.5 seconds to complete one cycle. If each time it involved a million Skeleton Monsters, it would only take 15,000 seconds, just over 4 hours.

However, the number of Skeleton Monsters Chen Mo summoned varied randomly, with the maximum being 3 million at once. Even with this random variation, the average time was still roughly the same, perhaps even shorter.

The only downside was that the process itself was rather tedious.

Chen Mo needed to sit to the side and keep summoning Skeleton Monsters for several consecutive hours.

It started off fine, but after one hour of continuous summoning, Chen Mo was already feeling the strain.

What kind of blasted task is this from Heavenly Dao? It's pure torture.

Although he grumbled, the action of summoning Skeleton Monsters to sacrifice them continued at full speed without a moment's pause.

Two hours later, the progress had reached 55%. This was much faster than expected, mainly because, during these two hours, Chen Mo had encountered high-multiple summons more frequently than low-multiple ones.

Two hours of sacrifice had indeed produced some effects. Although it hadn't completely stopped the Underworld's Fountain from continuously spewing, it was clearly observable that the concentration of Dark Energy erupting from the Underworld's Fountain was now much thinner than when he had first arrived.

It's been two hours, and that demon still hasn't appeared?

Chen Mo had initially thought the demon would appear early to interfere, but surprisingly, even after he had been tossing Skeleton Monsters in for two hours, his opponent had yet to show themselves.

Another half an hour passed. As the eruption of Dark Energy from the Underworld's Fountain grew increasingly slow and weak, the demon finally noticed the problem.

Chen Mo suddenly felt Dark Energy gathering around him. As a black fog rose, a strikingly beautiful woman in black, her face etched with a fierce expression, appeared beside him, glaring at him.

Even though Chen Mo was using the Divine Concealment Technique, his opponent could perceive everything in the darkness. Furthermore, because her hidden divine power was greater than Chen Mo's, she could easily see what he and his Skeleton Monsters were doing.

Seeing the opponent looking at him fiercely, Chen Mo also sized her up.

The BOSS before him was petite and exquisite. Although she was no taller than 1.6 meters, her overall appearance was still captivatingly alluring.

Her eyes were deep, like stars in the night sky, glinting with a cold light. Her long black hair, draped over her shoulders, fluttered slightly in the wind, exuding an enchanting aura.

She wore a black magic Robe that emanated a profound aura of darkness, making her appear very mysterious and eerie.

The Robe was adorned with black patterns, each seemingly imbued with a certain Magic Power, emitting an aura that caused one's heart to palpitate.

She wore a pair of black gloves, inlaid with gemstones that shimmered with black Magic Power, involuntarily inspiring a sense of dread.

Beneath her feet, a blood-red lotus flower floated, adding to her demonic allure.

Her entire being exuded a contradictory temperament: petite and alluring, yet simultaneously profound, mysterious, and sinister, making one feel an urge to draw near while also instilling a chilling fear.

"Damn human! I knew something was amiss when the rate at which the Dark Energy concentration was increasing slowed so much. So, it was you causing trouble!"

The black-robed woman's voice was low and melodious, yet it carried a sinister undercurrent. Every word she uttered was like a whisper from the darkness, deeply affecting one's soul.

Fortunately for Chen Mo, he was protected by the Holy Heart Spell and remained unaffected.

Seeing that the human before her remained indifferent even after her arrival—continuing to frantically summon hordes of Skeleton Monsters and hurl them into the Underworld’s Fountain—the BOSS immediately felt a surge of killing intent towards Chen Mo.

After observing his opponent, Chen Mo immediately inspected her Attributes.

[Monster Name]: Demon Princess

[Monster Rank]: BOSS (first-transition Demonization)

[Demonization Talent]: In an environment with extremely dense Dark Energy, she can perceive everything, all her Attributes increase by 10 times, and she can never be killed!

[Level]: 30

[Attributes]:

Life: 20,000,000,000/20,000,000,000

Energy: 20,000,000,000/20,000,000,000

Physical Attack: 250,000 (Demonized)

Magic Attack: 250,000 (Demonized)

Physical Defense: 600,000 (Demonized)

Magic Defense: 600,000 (Demonized)

[Active Skills]:

『Dark Invasion』 : The Demon Princess releases a wave of Dark Energy from her center, dealing massive damage to enemy units within range and slowing their movement speed for a duration.

『Dark Frenzy』 : Summons a Dark Giant Hand to deal massive damage to enemy units within range, knocking them into the air and rendering them unable to move or use skills for a duration.

『Dark Curse』 : Unleashes Dark Magic, dealing damage to surrounding units and applying a malicious curse effect that reduces their attack power for a duration.

『Dark Night Strike』 : Instantly uses Flash Appearance to move next to an enemy target, inflicting high Physical Damage and stunning them for a duration.

『Magic Domain』 : Summons a Dark Magic domain that increases the attack power, defense, and recovery abilities of the Demon Princess and her nearby allies for a duration.

[Passive Skills]: Power of Darkness, Dark Regeneration, Dark Shield, Dark Possession, Dark Teleportation

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"Power of Darkness": After each attack, it releases the Power of Darkness to counter-attack the attacker, causing substantial damage.

"Dark Regeneration": Whenever its Life Value drops to a certain level, it will automatically recover a portion of its Life Value and increase its physical and Magic Defense.

"Dark Shield": When a lethal attack is suffered, there is a certain chance to trigger the Dark Shield, nullifying that attack and increasing its physical and Magic Defense.

"Dark Possession": Each time an enemy is attacked, there is a certain chance to trigger Dark Possession, plunging the enemy into a state of darkness, rendering them unable to use Skills or items for a period of time.

"Dark Teleportation": Periodically, the Demon Princess can instantly teleport to another location, avoiding enemy attacks and releasing a wave of Dark Energy to damage surrounding enemies.

The Skills are quite good. Bringing back a Special Undead should be quite effective; the Magic Domain alone is a good group enhancement.

After reviewing the Demon Princess's attributes, Chen Mo was quite satisfied.

This isn't like he's facing a BOSS; it's more like he's sizing up a pet to be captured.

Seeing that even after her personal arrival, this human before her showed not the slightest fear, and even looked at her with an expression of satisfaction, the Demon Princess's beautiful face immediately twisted in annoyance!

"Damn human, how dare you be so arrogant in my presence! If I don't teach you a lesson, you clearly don't understand my power!"

As soon as her words fell, the Demon Princess cast a Skill on Chen Mo.

The Demon Princess raised both hands high. The Power of Darkness around her suddenly gathered into a strong wave of Dark Energy, which she released in all directions in less than a breath.

As the dark waves continued to expand, no unit within range could escape their attack.

Once the dark waves touched a target, it would suffer intense damage. Its body would be enveloped by darkness, and its speed significantly slowed, making it unable to escape the Demon Princess's pursuit.

This was the Demon Princess's first Skill, Dark Invasion. Its effective range was quite large, and Chen Mo was, of course, the first to be affected.

However, protected by the Holy Heart Spell, he didn't care at all about the Demon Princess's attacks.

As for the Skeleton Monsters, they all possessed Revival abilities. Even if instantly killed, they could revive. Furthermore, after being summoned, they fell directly into the Underworld's Fountain, so this Skill couldn't affect them at all.

The Skill the Demon Princess had just released looked very powerful, but it was actually useless.

Chen Mo smiled at her and said, "Take a break. It's not time for us to fight yet."

Seeing Chen Mo's disdainful smile, the Demon Princess's small face flushed, and she seethed with anger.

"Audacious human, you dare to disregard me! Don't think that just because you can withstand one Skill from me, I can't defeat you! Face more of my attacks!"

Seeing her about to attack again, Chen Mo looked helpless.

You can't kill me now, and I won't kill you. Why waste the effort?

Chen Mo didn't bother with her. He continued summoning Skeleton Monsters to jump into the Underworld's Fountain.

By now, the Demon Princess had started casting her second Skill.

As the Demon Princess voiced her incantations, she quickly chanted a bizarre spell.

The moment she finished chanting the spell, a Dark Giant Hand suddenly materialized beside her, its palm pulsing with a vast amount of Dark Energy.

The instant the Dark Giant Hand appeared, it rushed towards Chen Mo!

According to the Skill's description, if Chen Mo were hit, he would be thrown into the air by the immense force, his body cloaked in darkness, completely losing his ability to act.

And reality seemed to reflect this.

Chen Mo was indeed knocked into the air.

But Chen Mo remained unharmed, nor did he lose his ability to act.

He simply floated in the air, still disregarding the Demon Princess, and continued summoning Skeleton Monsters on his own.

At this time, the Dark Giant Hand continued to pound fiercely beneath Chen Mo, moving ceaselessly as if attempting to inflict more damage.

With the Dark Giant Hand's rapid attacks, it seemed to transform into thousands of palms in an instant, blooming into a Giant Hand Lily in the air. This scene was like a wild dance in the darkness, possessing a truly shocking power.

But while the scene looked spectacular, it had no effect whatsoever.

It seemed merely to be patting the dust off Chen Mo from where he had just sat on the ground.

No other effect took hold.

"How could this be!"

Seeing that Chen Mo remained unharmed even after she used two Skills, the Demon Princess's voice was filled with surprise and disbelief.

She had always considered herself the most powerful existence in this world. She never expected this young human could so effortlessly fend off two of her most prized Skills in succession.

Moreover, it looked as though he hadn't exerted any effort to resist at all, simply taking all her attacks casually.

An unsightly pallor spread across the Demon Princess's beautiful and charming face. Her black Robe fluttered with her movements, and a dangerous glint flickered in her eyes again.

Her face bore no expression, but her eyes revealed an increasingly intense killing intent.

The Demon Princess's voice turned cold. "No one in this world can withstand my Dark Power, and no one can survive my attacks! Damn human! Even though I don't know what little trick you used, you won't escape my grasp!"