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Chapter 411: Clear Stupidity! (Three in One)_4

After the Demon Princess finished speaking, her eyes flashed with murderous intent once again. Her fingers began to tremble slightly, as if preparing for a terrifying attack. Her black robe fluttered in the wind, resembling a will-o'-the-wisp in the darkness and sending chills down one's spine.

Seeing her growing increasingly agitated, Chen Mo offered a reassuring smile. "Beautiful lady," he said, "why don't we take a break first? Sit down, let's chat. There's plenty of time to fight later."

However, the infuriated Demon Princess paid no heed to Chen Mo's words. "Don't think flattering me will work," she said coldly. "Prepare to die!"

"Well, suit yourself." Seeing that she wouldn't listen to reason, Chen Mo couldn't be bothered with her any longer and let her continue her frenzy.

He, on the other hand, quickened his pace of tossing Skeleton Monsters into the Underworld's Fountain.

At that moment, the Demon Princess began to concentrate a dense Dark Energy in her hands, a cold light glinting in her eyes.

In the next instant, the Demon Princess vanished. However, Chen Mo, with his perception ability, could track her movements at any time.

This was the Demon Princess using her third Skill, 'Dark Night Strike'—a Skill that allowed her to instantly appear beside a target and launch a powerful assault.

She suddenly materialized behind Chen Mo, her hand wielding terrifying Dark Magic aimed at the back of his head.

She planned to shatter the annoying human's head with one strike, letting him pay the price for his arrogance!

The Dark Energy in the Demon Princess's hand resembled a ball of black clay, constantly shifting and reforming. With a mere thought, it instantly transformed into a black dagger.

The Demon Princess's eyes flashed with a dangerous light. She struck without mercy, thrusting the Dark Energy dagger forcefully towards the back of Chen Mo's head.

BOOM! A terrifying burst of Dark Energy detonated at the back of Chen Mo's head, momentarily plunging everything into pitch blackness.

However, the instant the Dark Energy struck Chen Mo, a mysterious power surged from within him. The Demon Princess's Dark Energy was immediately repelled by this force, dissipating into a faint, dark glow before vanishing into the air.

The Demon Princess's attack had completely failed!

An expression of utter astonishment spread across the Demon Princess's face. She had been confident that her attack would kill Chen Mo instantly, or at the very least, render him incapable of fighting back. She never imagined he could effortlessly nullify her attack without even moving, remaining completely unharmed.

The Demon Princess was completely dumbfounded. She had never encountered such a situation. What kind of being is this strange opponent? How can he be so powerful?!

Sensing the Demon Princess's stupefaction behind him, Chen Mo chuckled. "Had enough fun? If your attacks don't work, then stop trying. Once I've sealed this Underworld's Fountain, you'll have plenty of opportunities to strike."

"Why? What did you do? Why were my attacks completely ineffective? Impossible! I am the future King of Darkness! I am the Succubus destined to inherit the title of King of Darkness! How can someone as powerful as I fail to even harm an ordinary human like you!" Her voice was filled with disbelief and rage; the Demon Princess felt her dignity had been profoundly challenged.

She, who was so confident in being the future King of Darkness, now found her power utterly useless against an ordinary human.

Chen Mo smiled faintly and replied casually, "Because there's a mysterious power within my body that makes me immune to your attacks."

It didn't matter whether he said it or not; the other party couldn't break it anyway.

The Holy Heart Spell would remain active for six hours, which was plenty of time.

"What mysterious power? One that can completely negate my own! With the Underworld's Fountain erupting, my Dark Energy is countless times stronger than before! You're lying!" The Demon Princess refused to believe Chen Mo. She was convinced of the omnipotence of the Dark Power she wielded, certain that nothing could be immune to it.

Chen Mo merely smiled without offering an explanation, only giving the Demon Princess a casual glance.

Although this BOSS looked fierce, she strangely exuded a sort of naive ferocity. There was an air of pure, unadulterated foolishness about her.

This actually made Chen Mo find her somewhat interesting. Besides, the Skills she displayed were impressive; she'd be a good asset if he could recruit her.

In her eyes, Chen Mo's satisfied smile now seemed to hold a deep, enigmatic quality.

The Demon Princess's anger and disbelief surged to their peak. She felt her dignity and power had suffered an unprecedented blow. She had initially believed she could easily eliminate this human, but now she found herself utterly helpless, completely on the defensive.

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Seeing the Demon Princess's disgruntled yet helpless expression, Chen Mo chuckled, "Why waste energy being angry when we could chat instead?"

"What do you want to talk about?" the Demon Princess sneered, folding her legs to sit on the Blood-Colored Lotus beneath her.

"I've always been curious about the difference between demons and gods. Interested in discussing that? We've got the time anyway."

"Hmph, what's in it for me if I tell you?"

"If you tell me, I can tell you what kind of power I have inside me."

When she heard Chen Mo's proposal, the Demon Princess felt the deal might be worthwhile. After all, what this human wanted to know wasn't a secret she needed to protect. Conversely, what he might reveal could be the key to defeating him.

The Demon Princess replied, "To say there's a difference between demons and gods isn't entirely accurate."

"How so?"

"You're probably asking about the difference between Demon Gods and True Gods, right? Before ordinary demons ascend to godhood, they are merely equivalent to your high-transition human elites."

"I see. So you're saying that demons ultimately become Demon Gods through cultivation, and humans become True Gods?"

"Not necessarily. Humans can choose to walk the demonic path and become demons at any time," the Demon Princess said, her voice alluring. "So, if you wished, you too could become a demon, cultivate that path, and eventually transform into a Demon God."

It seemed she was trying to lure Chen Mo onto the demonic path.

However, protected by the Holy Heart Spell, the Demon Princess's little tricks had no effect on him.

"What are the benefits of becoming a Demon God compared to a True God?" Chen Mo feigned interest and asked.

"Oh, the advantages are numerous. To enhance their Divine Power, True Gods rely on fortuitous encounters, diligent cultivation, or the power of belief. Demon Gods, however, are different. Besides those two paths, they have a third: harnessing the Dark Energy of all living beings. As long as these beings fall under your influence and continually tend towards darkness, your Divine Power will increase dramatically—far faster than that of True Gods.

Furthermore, True Gods require genuine faith, making the propagation of their belief a lengthy process. Demon Gods, on the other hand, simply require faith driven by desire."

Listening to the Demon Princess, Chen Mo was genuinely tempted. But it was clear that nothing in this world came without a price.

"You haven't told me the whole story, have you? If Demon Gods have so many advantages over True Gods, wouldn't everyone choose to become a Demon God? Who would still want to be a True God?" Chen Mo said with a faint smile, looking at the Demon Princess.

"Hehe, I'm only responsible for telling you their differences. Other questions are outside the scope of what I agreed to answer. Now, it's your turn, human. Tell me, what power within you can block all my attacks?"

Chen Mo didn't attempt any deception and laughed, "The power inside me is called the 'Holy Heart Spell'!"

After that, Chen Mo said no more. This left the Demon Princess, who had been waiting for Chen Mo to elaborate, quite stunned.

"That's it?" she asked, her beautiful face full of confusion as she looked at Chen Mo.

"Or what else?"

"What do you mean by this? You just gave me a name! You could have said any random name. How does that count as an answer?" The Demon Princess was angry, her baleful aura flaring.

Chen Mo retorted, echoing her earlier logic, "Just as you said, you're only responsible for answering about the differences. Well, I only said I'd tell you what this ability is. It *is* the 'Holy Heart Spell'. Nothing wrong with that, is there?"

"You! Cunning human, you're asking for death!"

Seeing the Demon Princess's Demonic Qi flaring again as she prepared to attack him, Chen Mo waved his hand, "Take a break. Since you know you can't hurt me, what's the point of getting worked up? Why don't we continue our previous discussion? Tell me more about these supposed extra benefits Demon Gods have, and surely, there must be some limitations too."

"Hmph! Don't even think you'll get another shred of information out of me." The Demon Princess turned her head away with a pout, ignoring Chen Mo.

"This time, I promise I'll clearly explain how my power is formed and what effects it has. How about that?"

"Do you think I would believe you again? Usually, it is we demons who deceive others; no one has ever dared to trick us! You hateful and cunning human! I don't need you to tell me. I know that any powerful energy obtained from an external source can't last forever. I'll just wait right here and see when your energy runs out! When that happens, I'll tear you limb from limb and scatter your ashes to the wind! Then you'll learn how foolish it is to trifle with me!"

Upon hearing her say this, Chen Mo laughed, "You actually got something right this time. Indeed, my ability won't last long."

The Demon Princess had only said that in a fit of pique, not actually believing it, so she was rather surprised that this human straightforwardly admitted it.

Chen Mo was still trying to coax more information out of her regarding the differences between Demon Gods and True Gods, as this was vital for his development path beyond the fifth-transition.

Unfortunately, while this Succubus looked a bit slow-witted, she was incredibly stubborn. Once she decided not to trust him, she refused to believe anything he said, no matter what.

Chen Mo could only waste his breath.

Still, he had learned from her that it was indeed possible to gather significant information by carefully probing the characters encountered within these instances. Perhaps, in the future, he could uncover more secrets of the higher realms from powerful individuals within various instances.

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With the Demon Princess no longer responding to Chen Mo's questions, they fell into a silent standoff.

The Demon Princess was waiting for Chen Mo's Holy Heart Spell to expire, while he was waiting for the Underworld's Fountain to close.

Time ticked by, second by painstaking second.

During this time, Chen Mo repeatedly tried to get her to speak, but to no avail.

However, Chen Mo naturally wouldn't reveal his own abilities either.

The Holy Heart Spell was the only thing the Demon Princess seemed interested in. If he spoke of it willingly, she would undoubtedly go back on her word and refuse to reveal anything else.

He wasn't about to let himself be shortchanged.

Since she refused to speak further, he resorted to incessant mumbling.

Annoyed, the Demon Princess pressed her small ears flat, blocking out the sound and looking rather adorable in her frustration.

Chen Mo chuckled but didn't press further.

A little over four hours after Chen Mo began throwing Skeleton Monsters into the Underworld's Fountain, its eruption had weakened considerably.

Although the Demon Princess could sense these changes, she couldn't stop Chen Mo's actions and could only watch as he sealed the Underworld's Fountain.

But the Demon Princess didn't care about this.

Once she dealt with the human before her, she had plenty of ways to make the Underworld's Fountain erupt again.

This human, whose body was protected by a strange energy, was the most troublesome enemy at present.

Unfortunately for her, she didn't get to see Chen Mo's Holy Heart Spell dissipate; instead, she witnessed the Underworld's Fountain being completely sealed first.

The Demon Princess sneered at Chen Mo, "Human, don't think that closing the Underworld's Fountain will solve the current situation. Since this Dark Energy has already erupted, it won't disperse easily. You're just wasting your effort.

"Even the ten billion units you fed it have only increased the total amount of Dark Energy within the Underworld's Fountain. If the Underworld's Fountain erupts again in the future, it will undoubtedly bring forth even more powerful Dark Energy!"

To this, Chen Mo replied with a faint smile, "I'm afraid you won't be around to see what happens in the future."

As soon as he finished speaking, Chen Mo suddenly flashed with light and vanished from before the Demon Princess.

In that instant, the Demon Princess was greatly surprised and immediately tried to sense him.

In the darkness, she could sense everything.

This area was essentially filled with Dark Energy. No matter where that human had fled, she should have been able to sense him.

But when she carefully tried to sense him, she found she couldn't detect where the human had gone at all.

It was as if he had vanished from this area into thin air.

"Impossible! Where did he go?"

While the Demon Princess was still trying to sense him again in disbelief, Chen Mo had already returned to the cave, appearing before the old white-clad Mage.

"Senior, I have completely sealed the Underworld's Fountain. Now, I'll have to trouble you to proceed," Chen Mo said.

Seeing Chen Mo seal the Underworld's Fountain so quickly, the old white-clad Mage was also very surprised.

He immediately tried to sense it. Sure enough, he found that the Underworld's Fountain had stopped erupting.

He chuckled and exclaimed, "Truly, heroes emerge from the young! To successfully seal the Underworld's Fountain in just a few hours is an incredible feat. Excellent! I shall immediately begin dispersing the Dark Energy in this area."

"Thank you for your trouble, Senior."

"However, forcibly dispersing such dense Dark Energy will take a great toll on me. After this, I'm afraid I'll need a long time to recuperate. I won't have the strength to deal with that demon then. Everything will depend on you."

"No problem. I just clashed with that demon. Although its strength is considerable, with the Holy Heart Spell protecting me, I'll be fine. The Holy Heart Spell still has over an hour of effectiveness left."

"Foolish child, your Holy Heart Spell originates from my power. Once I exhaust all my strength to disperse the Dark Energy, the energy of the Holy Heart Spell within you will surely be unsustainable. When that time comes, you'll have to rely on your own abilities to defeat the demon."

So the Heavenly Dao wasn't so benevolent after all. This Holy Heart Spell was given to me merely for temporary protection. If I couldn't complete the task of sealing the Underworld's Fountain within six hours, I would have been relentlessly harassed by the Demon Princess.

And even if I finished ahead of schedule, I wouldn't receive any extra benefits. The Holy Heart Spell will still dissipate quickly; there's no way to gain an edge.

Once the old Mage disperses the Dark Energy, the BOSS battle will begin. The Heavenly Dao clearly won't grant me over an hour of invincibility during the BOSS fight.

Chen Mo wasn't particularly concerned about this.

"Understood. Please begin, Senior. I am prepared to deal with the demon. I will certainly not disappoint your expectations and am determined to eradicate this fiend."

"Good!"

The white-clad Mage nodded in satisfaction, then began to rapidly form a sequence of spells, muttering incantations under his breath.

As his incantations grew faster, his body began to emit a faint light.

At first, the light wasn't very strong, just a faint white glow. As the white-clad Mage's chanting speed continued to increase, the light's intensity also grew, gradually enveloping the entire cave.

Chen Mo saw the cave walls, floor, and ceiling begin to glow as if inlaid with countless gemstones.

He wanted to open his eyes to see clearly, but the light's intensity became increasingly extreme, making it impossible for him to keep his eyes open. He could only rely on his perception ability to sense the changes brought by the light.

As the white-clad Mage's incantations continued to accelerate, the light's intensity also continued to increase, spreading from within the cave to the outside.

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The Dark Energy outside the cave began to gradually disappear, dispelled by the light.

Chen Mo felt the air around him begin to grow fresher, full of a Sacred atmosphere.

The white-garbed Mage continued his chant, the light continuing to spread as if it intended to illuminate the entire world.

His body also began to change: his skin became smoother, and his eyes grew brighter.

Chen Mo could feel the divine energy emanating from the old Mage becoming stronger and stronger, as if he had become an invincible being.

Finally, the light reached its peak.

It shone as brilliantly as the sun, illuminating the entire instance area.

With the rampant diffusion of light, the Dark Energy outside was also continually pushed back and dissipated. Chen Mo felt the whole world grow brighter, as if darkness had never existed.

Just then, the Demon Princess BOSS flew out from the Underworld's Fountain. She had been in the central area of the mountain range when she saw the dazzling light continuously spreading out from the cave. She couldn't help but exclaim, "What's happening? Who could produce such terrifying divine energy?"

Upon emerging, she could only see a world now illuminated by light and was astonished to find that in just a few breaths, the Dark Energy in this area had been completely dispersed.

The speed of light's spread was one of the fastest in the Universe!

Once it began to spread, it was unstoppable!

She had always dominated this area, shrouding everything in darkness, but now, this mysterious light made her feel a deadly threat.

A being capable of unleashing such terrifying Sacred power would have to be an incredibly powerful cultivator.

"This kind of power... It's impossible!" she muttered, clearly feeling uneasy.

Suddenly, she seemed to realize something: "Since he has released such terrifying Sacred power, his own strength must have been greatly diminished! I should kill him while he's weak!"

She began to mobilize her Dark Energy, condensing it into countless magic runes.

With a flicker of her form, the Demon Princess disappeared.

Moments later, she arrived inside the cave. The instant she saw the weakened old Mage, joy flashed across her face. She flashed behind the white-garbed old Mage, her hands gathering a terrifying Dark Energy, and fiercely struck his back.

She was already filled with the joy of victory. However, in the next second, a young figure used his body as a shield, instantly flickering to block her!

"Damn human, it's you again!" The Demon Princess's palm struck Chen Mo hard. This time, although her energy didn't dissipate immediately as before, it still had no effect on him.

Chen Mo had flown over, well prepared, as this was crucial to the matter of achieving a perfect clear for the instance.

He had considered this beforehand: now that the old Mage's energy was exhausted, the barrier at the cave mouth would surely disappear immediately.

He had anticipated what might happen next, as every SSS-level Realm Breakthrough Assessment had elements required for a perfect clear.

Whether it involved not sacrificing the three individuals with Sacred Hearts, or ensuring the old Mage's complete safety, this was one such possibility.

Chen Mo didn't want just a regular clearance achievement, so he had prepared in advance for the possibility of the old Mage being ambushed.

As it turned out, such a thing did indeed occur, so naturally, he was there to directly protect the old Mage!

"Your opponent is me," Chen Mo said with a faint smile. Suddenly, a large number of Skeleton Monsters appeared around him, launching a deadly assault on the Demon Princess!

Sensing that the mysterious power within Chen Mo had vanished, the Demon Princess grew quite excited. She felt she finally had the chance to personally execute this detestable human.

But before she could make her move, millions of surrounding Skeleton Monsters uniformly launched their attack on her. Confined as she was in the cave's narrow space, and facing such a massive volume of attacks, the Demon Princess found herself cornered with nowhere to hide.

Still, she had some abilities. Both active and passive teleportation maneuvers were at her disposal.

The Demon Princess whirled around to see a barrage of attacks rushing towards her, whistling through the air like a swarm of countless venomous bees. She instantly teleported, evading the attacks and simultaneously appearing behind Chen Mo to launch her own assault. She had turned a defensive situation into an offensive one!

But as she moved, Chen Mo's Skeleton Monsters also immediately changed their direction of attack. Chen Mo's Skeleton Monsters weren't limited to a single volley. After the first volley, Chen Mo had already commanded them to aim their attacks at the position behind him. He had experienced this tactic from the Demon Princess at the Underworld's Fountain before, so he knew exactly how it worked. He was completely prepared.

WHOOSH! WHOOSH! WHOOSH! Countless arrows and Energy Bullets almost instantly filled the space around the Demon Princess.

The cave's environment caused the sounds to reverberate. The millions of simultaneous attacks triggered a deafening cacophony of screeches and roars, as if thunder was crashing right beside her ears.

The Demon Princess hurriedly activated her Magic Domain Skill, trying to boost her defensive power and recovery rate to enhance her survivability. But against such a dense barrage, whatever she did, she seemed as fragile as a mud clod on a stone wall, unable to withstand a single blow.

The arrows and Energy Bullets surged forward, tearing through the air with terrifying shrieks. Instinctively, the Demon Princess wanted to dodge, but the assault was too fast; she simply couldn't react in time.

The dense volley of arrows and Energy Bullets struck the Demon Princess relentlessly, like a merciless rainstorm, producing muffled thuds and explosions. She was attacked with no avenue of escape.

Chen Mo's Skeleton Monsters possessed an astonishing attack speed. Under the dual effects of their rally characteristic and Undying Worship, they could launch two volleys in a single second, leaving the Demon Princess struggling to cope. Energy Bullets and arrows exploded against her, emitting a faint glow that illuminated the Demon Princess's horrified face.

In just one second, she was beaten so badly she couldn't fight back. Her body began to sway, and fresh blood continuously spurted from her mouth.

Instantly, the effect of her death-immunity ability, the Dark Shield, was triggered. Although the Dark Shield could prevent death and enhance dual defense, it was useless. Once the Skeleton Monsters' attack began, it was like a raging tempest, showing no signs of stopping!

The Demon Princess struggled painfully, a look of utter disbelief in her eyes. The Dark Shield's Passive Effect had once made her feel invincible, but now, it failed to save her Life.

Her body trembled violently as the Skeleton Monsters' subsequent attacks ruthlessly slammed into her. Already unable to support herself, she was instantly blasted to the ground. Her black dress was shredded, revealing countless gashes and bloodstains, her long, raven hair splayed messily on the floor.

"Impossible! A mere first-transition human cannot possess such power!" Utter astonishment and disbelief were written all over the Demon Princess's beautiful face.

Suddenly, a dense cloud of dark smoke erupted from the Demon Princess's body, billowing out and then dissipating into the surroundings. This dark smoke, saturated with potent Magic Power, seemed like the fading embers of the Demon Princess's Life, gradually dispersing and vanishing.

As the smoke gradually cleared, the Demon Princess lay motionless on the ground. The light in her eyes slowly faded, her body grew colder, and finally, she slowly closed her eyes, the breath of Life extinguished in an instant.

Everything fell deathly silent; only dust and smoke still drifted in the air.

The once imperious Demon Princess now lay lifelessly on the ground like a dim, silent specter, making no sound.

Soon, another cloud of smoke billowed from the Demon Princess's body.

A Demon Princess in an Undead state reappeared before Chen Mo. This Demon Princess lacked her former killing intent; her gaze towards Chen Mo held only obedience and reverence.

Upon checking the Undead Demon Princess's status, her Demonization Talent was still present. He wasn't sure if it would remain once they left this place.

As Chen Mo's Skeleton Monsters' frenzied assault instantly killed the Demon Princess, The Heavenly Path's Hint sounded immediately.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You have successfully defeated the BOSS 'Demon Princess' and ensured the old Mage was not harmed in the process. The assessment grade for this trial is Perfect! You will receive 100% of the assessment reward!]

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Congratulations on passing the SSS-level assessment! You have obtained the mythical-grade item, the 'Pearl of Extreme Cold'!]

['Pearl of Extreme Cold' - Mythical-grade]

[Passive Effect of the item]: When carried, all hostile units within a 'Level x 100 meters' range of the owner will be affected by extreme cold, reducing their movement speed and attack speed by 100%. (Effective even when in the backpack)

[Active Effect of the item]: When activated, it releases a terrifying blast of extreme cold, instantly freezing everything in the vicinity. All hostile units within a 'Level x 100 meters' range will enter a frozen state for 3 seconds. After the frozen state ends, they will continue to suffer the frostbite effect for 30 seconds. (Can be activated from the backpack)

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"Frozen State": A unit in this state cannot perform any action.

"Frostbite State": Attack speed and movement speed are reduced to 50% of the original.

[Item Introduction]: Two beads commonly toyed with by the aloof Frost Goddess. Because they were often played with by the Frost Goddess, they naturally absorbed a large amount of frost Divine Power, possessing strong crowd control capabilities. Please use them carefully; do not freeze yourself.

"A treasure that reduces enemy actions! Not bad, this will make it much easier to land a hit!"

At first glance, it was clear that the Pearl of Extreme Cold was a powerful interference tool, capable of effectively limiting enemy actions.

However, it was important to note the difference in its reduction effects.

The Pearl of Extreme Cold's passive effect, a 100-percentage-point reduction, seemed more potent than the Frostbite State's reduction to 50% of original values, as if an opponent affected by the former could not act at all.

Actually, that was not the case. The Pearl of Extreme Cold's passive reduction effect was simple subtraction, while the Frostbite State applied division.

A normal person's base attack speed and movement speed were both 100%, with subsequent level increases adding a certain percentage.

Generally, each level corresponded to a 1% increase.

At Level 30, this meant 130% attack speed and movement speed. Under the influence of the Pearl of Extreme Cold, 30% would still remain.

Unless one possessed a special ability providing an additional increase, everyone was the same.

Attack speed and movement speed were mostly related to Level and had no connection to the agility attribute or the star level of the profession.

However, if one had abilities that provided additional improvements in these areas, it was a different story.

For example, Chen Mo's Illusory Spirit Feather Boots could increase his movement speed to a certain extent.

At Level 1, everyone's attack speed and movement speed were 100%, and this percentage increased as they leveled up.

Moreover, many professions had abilities that enhanced these stats.

So, while a 100-percentage-point reduction in attack speed and movement speed was effective, it was not as overwhelmingly powerful as it seemed.

Of course, against low-level targets, this effect might be superior to Frostbite.

But against high-level characters, Frostbite was more effective.

Frostbite applied division; regardless of your current percentage, it was directly halved.

When facing 200% attack speed and movement speed, the Frostbite effect and the Pearl of Extreme Cold's passive effect were on par. Beyond that, Frostbite was superior.

Of course, the impact of reduced attack speed varied among different professions.

For example, Chen Mo's magic system profession had a basic attack frequency of once every 2 seconds. A warrior profession attacked once per second, and stealth-type professions attacked twice per second.

Even when affected by Frostbite, a stealth-type profession would still have a faster attack frequency than Chen Mo's magic system profession.

This would only change if the magic system profession acquired a special ability to alter this frequency.

However, these restrictions would cease to exist after the fifth-transition.

After the fifth-transition, some rigid, data-based limitations would gradually disappear. One's attributes would transform into truly mastered power. If your Divine Power was high enough, even as a magic system professional, you could throw hundreds of punches in a second.

But compared to genuine physical combat professions, which had other physical abilities to buff their attacks, a Mage engaging in close combat without relevant buffing abilities would be at a disadvantage, unless they could acquire abilities to compensate.

Still, handling an opponent's attacks with one's own abilities was achievable.

Satisfied, Chen Mo pocketed the Pearl of Extreme Cold and continued to check The Heavenly Path's Hints.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: After Level 20, Realm Breakthrough Assessments no longer offer experience point discounts. However, by achieving a perfect score in an assessment, you will earn eternal gold coins equivalent to the challenge level of this Realm Breakthrough Assessment. You have gained 30 eternal gold coins!]

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: As you have achieved a perfect score in this assessment, you have earned an extra SSS-level Realm Breakthrough Assessment Clearing Scroll!]

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: This assessment is over. In three seconds, you will be teleported back to your original world!]

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: The Ghost BOSS you are carrying received special enhancements from this dungeon. When you leave this dungeon, its special enhancements will revert to normal. Please take note.]

"Congratulations to the Solar System for the first professional to achieve a perfect completion of a Level 30 SSS-level Realm Breakthrough Assessment."

"For this, all professionals in the Solar System will receive a special reward."

"From now on, all native professionals in the Solar System at Level 30 who do not wish to undertake the Realm Breakthrough Assessment may skip it directly. They are no longer required to undergo an independent Realm Breakthrough!"

"Congratulations to the first professional in the Solar System who has perfectly completed the Level 30 SSS-level Realm Breakthrough Assessment. An extra SSS-level reward will be specially granted to this professional!"

As Chen Mo returned to his room, while the sound of the great path still echoed, new Hints from the Heavenly Dao arrived.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You have received an SSS-level Gift Pack.]

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: It has been detected that you have broken through the sixth-tier bottleneck. You have gained an opportunity to participate in the Legendary Trial. As you possess the Divine Physique, if you do not participate in the Legendary Trial, your level cap will still not be completely broken. Would you like to go to the Trial Tower to participate in the trial?]

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: The Legendary Trial takes one day to complete. Please arrange your time reasonably.]

「Meanwhile, in the Yongming Star System.」

On the very day the Disaster ended, the higher-ups had already approved the plan: to use a hundred-member Cursed Demonization Brigade to invade Chen Mo's dungeon and kill him.

However, after many days of trying to implement this, finding one hundred five-stars willing to sacrifice themselves proved extremely difficult.

Even if brainwashing tactics could temporarily persuade some inexperienced five-star professionals to undergo curse demonization, their numbers were clearly insufficient.

Ultimately, they had no choice but to compromise, deciding to first deploy a Cursed Demonization Brigade of one hundred four-star professionals to invade Chen Mo's dungeon.

Although using five-stars would be the most reliable, a Cursed Demonization Brigade composed of one hundred four-star professionals was still a force not to be underestimated. Their strength was still assured.

The key was that members for a four-star suicide squad were easier to find. After all, the number of four-star professionals was ten times that of five-stars, and brainwashing a hundred of them was not a major issue.

Furthermore, four-star professionals were highly replaceable, unlike five-stars, who were all unique. The loss of four-star professionals would not cause much heartache.

Conducting an experiment with them first seemed acceptable. It would merely mean the loss of some resources for curse demonization and one hundred Chaos Scrolls.

It was a significant loss, but if successful, the rewards would be immense.

Nearly ten days had passed since the end of the Disaster, and they had almost assembled the required personnel.

Since they had previously only heard the sound of the great path for Level 25, they had estimated Chen Mo's approximate level with a considerable buffer.

Naturally, they did not look for Level 25 professionals. Instead, they found one hundred Level 40 four-star professionals.

This took into account that, given Chen Mo's efficiency, he might clear the Level 35 Realm Breakthrough Assessment and reach Level 40 while they were still gathering their forces.

So, it was better to prepare one hundred Level 40 four-star professionals in advance.

They had now prepared one hundred Level 40 professionals, while Chen Mo had just cleared the Level 30 Realm Breakthrough Assessment. This meant his current highest possible level was only 35.

Even if he immediately undertook another Realm Breakthrough Assessment, the fastest he could reach Level 40.

This level of preparation was more than sufficient.

Since invaders would be capped by the target's level and transition strength, preparing even stronger individuals in advance was pointless.

The professionals they prepared were one hundred ordinary Level 40, first-transition, four-star professionals; they were even reluctant to use second-transition ones.

After all, if the target was first-transition, whether first-transition or second-transition professionals entered an invaded dungeon, the outcome would be the same.

If Chen Mo was at the first-transition, then no matter how many transitions the intruders had undergone, they would still be suppressed to the first-transition upon invasion. All abilities beyond the first-transition would be unusable, all buffs restricted; their presence would be futile.

In the Yongming Star System, the suicide squad was ready, and the curse demonization ceremony was also fully prepared.

They only needed to track Chen Mo to a dungeon that allowed invasions, and then they would launch their operation.

Dungeons that could be invaded also had certain restrictions. It was not possible to invade just any dungeon the target was in.

For example, Realm Breakthrough Assessment dungeons, Stars Dungeons, or some solo dungeons all restricted invasions.

Most other types of dungeons generally had no such restrictions.

When the remaining Aliens on Earth relayed the news that Chen Mo had just triggered the sound of the great path, the higher-ups in the Yongming Star System immediately began dispatching personnel to activate Chaos Scrolls and test for invasion eligibility.

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"He just passed the Level 30 Realm Breakthrough Assessment and is short on Experience. I believe he'll be entering a dungeon again soon, so you all should continue testing in shifts until you confirm he has entered one."

Since the Designated Invasion Scroll can specify a particular target, all you need to do is repeatedly select that target. If the opponent is not currently in a dungeon, The Heavenly Path's Hint will inform you that they are not inside a dungeon and cannot be invaded. In this way, the Designated Invasion Scroll will not be consumed, and you can repeatedly activate it until you confirm the opponent has entered a dungeon. If it's a dungeon that allows invasion, The Heavenly Path's Hint will warn you of the danger, at which point you can still cancel. Therefore, if you hold onto a Designated Invasion Scroll without consuming it, you can indefinitely check whether someone is in a dungeon.

Chen Mo was still unaware that he was being watched from afar by the Yongming Star System. Back in his room, he began to ponder the Legendary Trial.

Classes officially start tomorrow, and the Legendary Trial could take an entire day. It wouldn't be appropriate to miss the first day.

The curriculum for the second day is focused on developing teamwork and rapport. I could probably take a day off for that class. I usually operate solo anyway and rarely need to collaborate with a team.

Thinking this, Chen Mo decided to undertake the Legendary Trial after completing his specialization classes the next day.

Senior students from the same specialization would teach the specialization class, which he considered quite important. Chen Mo was particularly eager to learn about the military formations from ancient times in China that seniors used to enhance their summons' combat power, something he had read about in the library.

After summoning the Demon Princess to review her attributes, Chen Mo washed up and went to bed.

The Demon Princess's attributes were largely unchanged, only lacking the Demonization Talent.

[Summoned Creature Name]: Demon Princess

[Summoned Creature Rank]: Special

[Level]: Level 30

[Attribute]:

[[Life]] : 2,000,000,000 / 2,000,000,000

[[Energy]] : 2,000,000,000 / 2,000,000,000

[[Physical Attack]] : 25,000

[[Magic Attack]] : 25,000

[[Physical Defense]] : 60,000

[[Magic Defense]] : 60,000

[Active Skills]: Dark Invasion, Dark Frenzy, Dark Curse, Dark Night Strike, Magic Domain

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

At first glance, the Demon Princess's attributes seemed quite average compared to Chen Mo's Skeleton Monster, but the strength of Special Undead lay in their potential for growth. For now, Chen Mo was also merely interested in benefiting from the Demon Princess's skill effects. The Demon Princess's Magic Domain skill, which could boost the overall offensive and defensive capabilities of allies, was quite useful.

However, not all ability-enhancing effects could stack. Boosts of the same type, in fact, did not stack; only the one with the highest value would take effect. Otherwise, if every different skill's buff could stack, even an ordinary person's attributes could be boosted to an absurdly high level. After all, in this world, skills that increased attributes were as abundant as stars in the sky.

Generally, attribute-enhancing abilities were classified into several categories. The first type was 'Trait Buffs,' the second 'Active Skill Buffs,' the third 'Passive Skill Buffs,' the fourth 'Equipment Buffs,' the fifth 'Item Buffs,' the sixth 'Domain Buffs,' and the seventh 'Talent Buffs'... These different types of buffs did not overwrite each other.

Chen Mo's Skeleton Monster had already gained the Trait Buff 'Rallying Cry,' the Active Skill Buff 'Undying Worship,' and the Equipment Buff 'Amplification Divine Ring.' The number of other non-conflicting buffs that could still take effect was dwindling. The Demon Princess's Domain Buff was one such example. Before his fourth-transition, Chen Mo had never had a chance to obtain a domain-type ability. This effect was quite beneficial.

「The next morning」

After a night's rest, Chen Mo woke up, washed up, and did some physical training. This was a habit he had developed before his college entrance exam; daily exercise helped improve his body control. This was also why he had been able to make rapid progress in the training room over the past three days. His foundation was already sound to begin with. He just lacked some training in reaction speed. Chen Mo's training wasn't just for close combat; his primary aim was to enhance his body's reflexive sensitivity to incoming attacks.

At 8:00 a.m., Chen Mo arrived at the academic building.

Since there were pitifully few new students each year, once freshmen became familiar with the university, they were typically assigned senior students according to their different specializations. This was done to form ideal team compositions. Such synergistic arrangements enhanced their collective strength, allowing everyone to confidently face dungeons of S-Level difficulty or higher.

When Chen Mo arrived at the first-year classroom on the first floor of the academic building, he immediately saw over a dozen people inside, including two acquaintances: Yan Yingyue and Shen Bingbing. The two had cooperated to clear dungeons before and had met the prerequisites to enter a top-tier university. Among the current cohort of new students from China, besides them, Chen Mo, and Fang Datong, no one else had met these conditions. Chen Mo had anticipated he might see them here.

Seeing two acquaintances was certainly more comforting than seeing only strangers.

Smiling, Chen Mo walked into the classroom. Under the direct gazes of Yan Yingyue and Shen Bingbing, he sat down right next to them.

Besides them, among the remaining students, three were scions from aristocratic families aligned with the Pro-Academy faction, while the others were international students. The awakening period varied from country to country, so the admission schedules for such international universities weren't entirely uniform. The university would continuously admit new students based on the assessment timelines of different countries.

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However, the difference in enrollment period usually doesn't exceed three months, so progress wouldn't lag too far behind. During the first three months at university, most students were generally just settling in.

As Chen Mo had just taken his seat, Yan Yingyue and Shen Bingbing were about to start catching up with him when a foreign girl with golden, wavy hair tapped his shoulder from behind. "Hello, are you Student Chen Mo?" she asked.

The three of them immediately turned to look. A blonde, blue-eyed beauty stood behind Yan Yingyue and Shen Bingbing, her figure slender and her bearing graceful. Her golden, wavy hair cascaded over her shoulders, the slightly curled strands glistening warmly in the morning light. Her facial features were refined and striking: a prominent nose, red lips, and white teeth. The corners of her mouth turned up slightly with a lively charm. She gently raised her eyebrows, revealing an enticing smile that made one feel refreshed and happy.

The blonde, blue-eyed beauty was undeniably a stunning sight, drawing many gazes. Even when compared to the beauty of Yan Yingyue and Shen Bingbing, she was by no means inferior.

"I am..." Chen Mo appraised her for a moment before asking, "Can I help you with something?"

The blonde beauty extended a delicate hand. "My name is Alina. Can we be friends?"

Alina's outstretched palm was exquisite; her long, slender fingers conveyed a unique softness. Her perfectly manicured nails, shaped into flawless semicircles, radiated elegance. A delicate silver bracelet adorned her wrist, sparkling brightly and further accentuating her grace.

Alina smiled warmly at Chen Mo, exuding a friendly aura. Her radiant smile was charming, and her fair skin and golden curls complemented each other perfectly, making people instinctively want to draw closer. Her clear, azure eyes were as captivating as a tranquil pool of water. Her slightly upturned lips conveyed a self-confidence and determination that made one see her in a new light. Alina's voice was gentle and melodious, like a soft breeze drifting by, very pleasing to the ear. She seemed to possess a unique charm that made people instinctively want to be near her.

Looking at Alina's delicate, fair hand extended towards him, Chen Mo politely took it.

The moment their hands touched, Chen Mo was surprised by how soft, delicate, and fragile her hand felt in his, as if the slightest pressure might injure it. It was the first time he had ever felt a girl's hand that was so incredibly soft. The legendary 'boneless softness' was probably to this extent. Her skin was

fine, tender, and smooth, seemingly flawless—so beautiful it inspired a sense of awe. The back of her hand possessed a soft luster, as light and delicate as a feather. Chen Mo couldn't help but marvel inwardly. Such a hand, paired with such a beauty, was truly a remarkable sight.

"Of course, I don't mind," Chen Mo replied politely. His gaze swept over Alina's attire. She wore a long black dress that accentuated her slender waist and graceful figure. Her golden curls danced lightly beside her ears, and her bright blue eyes were deep and vibrant.

With a radiant smile, Alina sat down beside Chen Mo, a faint, pleasant fragrance wafting from her. Her beauty made those around them couldn't help but stare, while her aura and self-confidence were particularly captivating.

"I heard that during the global Disasters, you resurrected many people. Is that true?" Alina leaned close to Chen Mo's ear and asked softly. Her voice was soft and captivating, like a kitten tickling one's heart.

As soon as Alina finished her question, before Chen Mo could answer, she sensed two distinct waves of hostility. Glancing sideways, she noticed the two women she had initially overlooked. One had a cold temperament, the other gentle, but both were now regarding her with hostility.

She instantly understood.

I didn't expect Chen to be so popular with girls. If I want him as my future husband, it seems the competition won't be weak.

Alina glanced at Shen Bingbing and Yan Yingyue but ignored their hostile stares, focusing her attention back on Chen Mo. Having finally found such an outstanding young man of her generation, whose looks also appealed to her, Alina wasn't concerned about rivals. She had heard that Eastern girls were reserved, but she wouldn't be.

By the time you're done being reserved, Chen will be mine, Alina thought, a faint smile playing on her lips as she looked at Chen Mo.

At this point, Chen Mo seemed oblivious to the palpable tension in the air. He smiled at Alina and said, "I simply did what I could. It's not worth mentioning."

"Chen, you truly are humble," Alina said. "You've saved a massive number of powerful individuals across the globe; countless people owe you their lives."

"That's not even mentioning those who could have been revived by others with resurrection abilities. I'm talking especially about those whose resurrection was restricted. Without you, they absolutely could not have been revived."

"Our predecessors sacrificed themselves to protect our homeland," Chen Mo stated. "It was only right for me, having the ability, to help them. There's no debt of gratitude to speak of."

Chen Mo felt his actions were merely on par with what the predecessors had done, not some act of bestowing grace. He sincerely believed this, and Alina could see it.

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Seeing that Chen Mo was not only talented but also incredibly humble, Alina found herself liking him even more.

"May I ask a presumptuous question?"

"What is it?" Chen Mo asked, looking at Alina curiously.

"Do you have a girlfriend right now?"

Hearing this, Chen Mo looked at her in surprise. "We've only just met, and you're already asking something so personal?"

"I apologize if I offended you. Please forgive my forwardness," Alina said quickly.

"Not at all, I was just a little surprised. Why do you ask?"

"Because I want to pursue you," Alina said, smiling at Chen Mo.

Chen Mo was stunned, not expecting Alina's confession to be so direct and sudden.

Not only was he taken aback, but Yan Yingyue and Shen Bingbing, standing behind him, were equally stunned. They were here first, and they hadn't even confessed yet! What was with this foreign woman? How could she say such bold things after meeting him just once?

Although this blonde, blue-eyed beauty was very attractive, Chen Mo had seen many beautiful women. He wouldn't immediately accept just because a beautiful woman confessed to him. He wasn't ready for a relationship yet.

Even so, being confessed to, especially by such an excellent member of the opposite sex, was still a rather pleasant experience. Particularly for Chen Mo, who hadn't dated much in his previous life, being so directly confessed to by an outstanding girl left him somewhat stunned.

Chen Mo looked at Alina, unsure how to respond to her confession. He hadn't expected to receive a confession from a foreign girl here. He felt a bit awkward and didn't know what to say; he had zero experience in this area. After all, no girl had ever confessed to him in his past life either.

For a moment, his mind raced. Chen Mo felt he had never faced such a bewildering situation, not even when up against a formidable enemy. Instead, it was the confession of an ordinary, seemingly harmless girl that left him momentarily at a loss.

At this moment, Shen Bingbing and Yan Yingyue, who were beside him, watched Chen Mo intently, curious to see how he would respond, with no intention of offering him any pointers.

It took Chen Mo quite some time, his mind in a whirl, before he finally figured out a suitable response.

"Alina, thank you for your interest in me. Firstly, I must admit that you're very beautiful and an excellent girl. I imagine most guys would find it hard to refuse your confession."

"However, I haven't really considered dating yet, and we've only just met. This is all too sudden for me. Perhaps we can start as friends? I hope you can understand," Chen Mo said softly.

Watching Chen Mo's clumsy efforts—after much head-scratching—to finally deliver a very proper, albeit awkward, reply, Alina propped her chin on her hands. She gazed at him with an affectionate, smiling expression and giggled, "Chen, you're such a cute guy. Even though you rejected me, I like you even more now. It's alright if you want to start as friends; I'm happy to accept."

To Alina, Chen Mo's awkward response seemed incredibly innocent and endearing. She was now even more determined to win him over.

At this moment, Yan Yingyue and Shen Bingbing, beside Chen Mo, felt an immense sense of crisis. They weren't afraid of talented girls appearing by Chen Mo's side; what they feared was a girl who was talented, bold, *and* proactive. Considering Alina's captivating charm combined with her direct offensive, if they put themselves in a boy's shoes, they'd definitely be unable to resist her. They really wondered how long Chen Mo could hold out. But to be as bold as Alina... after a moment's thought, their faces flushed slightly; they felt it was truly too difficult for them to do that.

With Alina's sudden intervention, the trio's intended catch-up was interrupted. For a moment, the four of them sat together, the atmosphere becoming extremely awkward.

Alina, however, didn't seem to mind at all; she was quite adept at enlivening the atmosphere. Noticing the atmosphere had grown a little stiff, she proactively started chatting extensively with Chen Mo.

Through their conversation, Chen Mo finally learned about Alina's Profession. Alina had a five-star Profession called 'Duplication Sage'. She wielded tremendously powerful duplication abilities, far stronger than Chen Mo's Divine Replication Seal. From the capabilities Alina casually revealed, she possessed abilities such as replicating Skills and even entire units.

"You're saying you have a Skill called 'Duplication Gate'? And any unit passing through it can be replicated as an Illusion with identical attributes, but it can only perform a Normal Attack and is destroyed in a single hit?"

"Yep, I even experimented before; it can duplicate even a fifth-transition expert," Alina said, a proud little smile on her face.

Chen Mo couldn't help but think: if Alina's ability were combined with my own summoning ability, wouldn't my number of summons instantly double? Indeed, even someone already extremely strong could become even stronger with a perfect team.

Chen Mo briefly considered it: with Yan Yingyue's possession enhancing him, plus Alina's duplication ability... my current combat power could increase by at least 1.5 times! That's the power of a team!

"So, what do you think? I'm pretty strong, right? If you're going to run a dungeon in the future, contact me. No matter how difficult it is, I can tackle it with you. I can even replicate a BOSS."

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After hearing about Alina's abilities, Chen Mo couldn't help but feel that this woman's Profession was indeed overpowered. Although the Illusions she copied were mostly fragile, disappearing with a single touch, as a five-stars Profession, Chen Mo believed she definitely had stronger abilities she hadn't revealed. Although Alina seemed very outgoing from the start, as if willing to tell him anything, Chen Mo didn't believe she would actually be like that. He felt that at least seventy percent of her current enthusiastic and approachable demeanor was an act. However, the abilities she had revealed so far were already enough to prove her value. Indeed, there was no need for her to reveal more.

Regarding her invitation to join her in a dungeon, Chen Mo simply smiled and said, "If there's an opportunity, I'll invite you to help."

At this stage, there were no dungeons Chen Mo felt he needed to team up for.

While they were chatting, their homeroom teacher had already arrived in the classroom.

The homeroom teacher for this batch of freshmen was a small, thin boy.

That's right, a complete little boy.

He wore a black Robe that looked somewhat cute and floated directly into the classroom.

"Hello, everyone. Today, I'm here to introduce the three new first-year students who have enrolled this year."

Saying this, the teacher looked at Chen Mo's group of three with a smile and said, "You three, please come up to the stage and introduce yourselves."

Chen Mo had some social anxiety; this kind of public self-introduction was what he dreaded most. However, under everyone's gaze, staying seated would be even more awkward, so he immediately stood up and walked to the podium.

Yan Yingyue and Shen Bingbing also followed closely behind.

"Ladies first. The two young ladies can introduce yourselves first," the little boy homeroom teacher said with a smile.

Yan Yingyue and Shen Bingbing glanced at each other, and Shen Bingbing stepped forward first to introduce herself.

Throughout her introduction, she maintained an icy demeanor. Although everyone found her very beautiful, her unapproachability made them harbor fewer intentions towards her.

However, some people enjoy a challenge, and this type of personality actually made them view Shen Bingbing in a more favorable light.

After she finished, Yan Yingyue followed, taking the stage to introduce herself.

Her demeanor was the complete opposite of Shen Bingbing's, giving off a very approachable and refreshing feeling, like a spring breeze. Naturally, many male students in the class quickly developed ideas about Yan Yingyue.

After all, the strong pair with the strong. As students of a top university, they naturally wanted to find partners within the same elite environment if possible.

Even though these top university students were exceptionally skilled, the dungeons they challenged were often much harder than those ordinary people faced, so they still risked dying in them.

This world was so dangerous; often, entering a dungeon meant living today with no guarantee of tomorrow. Finding a partner, marrying, and having children to continue their bloodline was quite important to them.

Watching the two girls finish their introductions to extremely enthusiastic applause from below the stage, the little boy teacher smiled and said, "Next, allow me to introduce this male student."

Chen Mo had just stepped onto the stage and was about to speak when the little boy teacher flew to his side, placed a hand on his left shoulder, and began recounting his deeds.

Chen Mo didn't particularly want to show off these deeds, but they held significant weight and were very suitable as a good example to teach these arrogant young people that there's always someone better out there.

Naturally, teachers liked to use such real-life examples to admonish other students to study hard and not be complacent or arrogant.

Indeed, after hearing the details of Chen Mo's deeds rushing to support various battlefields, many students felt ashamed of their inadequacy. Many of them genuinely didn't know that besides his resurrection ability, Chen Mo had done such things.

Not to mention Chen Mo's monumental feat of resurrecting numerous sacrificed individuals. This was something ordinary people couldn't even dream of doing.

Based on this resurrection skill alone, Chen Mo's position was forever that of someone who could only be befriended and never antagonized.

No matter how much everyone envied, was jealous of, or hated him, no one would dare to show him a bad attitude.

After all, no one could guarantee they wouldn't need to ask for Chen Mo's help in their lifetime.

The ability to lift resurrection prohibitions was exclusive to him! Even a fifth-transition expert would have to request his help politely.