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Chapter 431: Myriad-Opportunity Pearl! (Five in One)_5

Having successfully deciphered the Five Elements attributes of the three trigrams based on the knowledge acquired in today's class, Chen Mo immediately took a step onto the 'Qian' trigram.

As expected, he did not lose any life value this time.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: The pattern is correct. Current step count is 1/50.]

Upon hearing The Heavenly Path's Hint, Chen Mo smiled. It seems my guess was correct! This level is much simpler than I anticipated, hardly a challenge at all.

Receiving the hint, Chen Mo carefully examined the stone slabs surrounding the 'Qian' trigram.

The 'Qian' trigram pertains to Metal in the cycle of Five Elements, where Metal generates Water, and Earth generates Metal.

Any slab marked with Water or Earth should be safe to tread upon.

Chen Mo had just walked from the 'Kun' trigram. The 'Qian' trigram he now stood on was still at the edge of the map, adjacent to only three other slabs. After discounting the 'Kun' trigram he had just connected from, he naturally only had two options left.

He scrutinized the two possible choices. Directly in front of the 'Qian' trigram was a stone slab with the Kan trigram; he knew that Metal generates Water, so it was obvious he should move forward.

As Chen Mo confidently took a step forward, The Heavenly Path's Hint echoed again.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: The pattern is correct. Current step count is 2/50.]

"It seems I'm right! It is indeed the generation sequence of the Five Elements."

Thoroughly confident that the pattern was correct, Chen Mo started to move more efficiently. As he continued to step on the slabs following the generation sequence, his effective step count rose steadily.

In just a little while, Chen Mo successfully completed the 50 steps.

The moment he completed the 50th step, Cha Latu suddenly raised his hand, and the entire floor of the room began to tremble. In the blink of an eye, Chen Mo, Cha Latu, and the entire floor ascended to the nineteenth level.

Cha Latu turned to Chen Mo with a smile and said, "The rules for this level are different." The moment he finished speaking, the stone tiles in the room, except for the one under Chen Mo's feet, bizarrely floated into the air, rotated chaotically for a moment, then clattered back to the ground.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: The pattern for this level has changed. Please find the new pattern. Your life value will continue from the last level, currently at 60%. You still have one chance to retry.]

As The Heavenly Path's Hint rang in Chen Mo's ears, he immediately examined the surrounding stone slabs.

The patterns on the slabs had not changed; they still bore the familiar eight trigram patterns.

However, Chen Mo soon realized that according to the generating concept of the Five Elements, none of the four surrounding slabs matched the one he currently stood on. Clearly, the rule of generation is no longer applicable. This saves me the trouble of trial and error.

The rule has changed. If it's not the Five Elements, what else could it be? Chen Mo began to recall the in-depth knowledge of trigrams that his teacher had imparted to him during class.

After some reflection, it occurred to Chen Mo that apart from each trigram corresponding to one of the Five Elements, they also corresponded to cardinal directions.

"Perhaps the rule has changed to depend on the directions?" Mumbling to himself, Chen Mo quickly surveyed the surrounding slabs.

He was currently standing on the 'Li' trigram, which represented South.

Looking at the four slabs surrounding the 'Li' trigram, there were the Zhen trigram of the East, the Kan trigram of the North, the 'Qian' trigram of the Northwest, and the Xun trigram of the Southeast!

Among these four trigrams, only the Xun trigram, representing Southeast, is close to South; it could be considered immediately adjacent. The other trigrams are two, or even three or four, directions away—clearly not close enough.

Based on this guess, Chen Mo moved towards the Xun trigram with a touch of apprehension.

As he settled on the slab, everything remained calm.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: The pattern is correct. Current step count is 1/50.]

He sighed in relief, a joyful smile spreading across his face. My guess was correct after all!

He had made two mistakes at the beginning and was left with only 60% of his life value. Now, he could only afford two more mistakes. Being able to figure out the rule right away seemed to be a stroke of luck.

After all, the connections between the eight trigrams involved more than just the Five Elements and directions. Chen Mo had to figure this out from pure guessing.

Once the rule for this level was clear, Chen Mo's task became straightforward again.

As long as the knowledge he gained in class was correct, he would not go astray.

As Chen Mo advanced at a brisk pace, The Heavenly Path's Hints continued to prompt him.

Soon, Chen Mo completed another 50 steps.

Cha Latu raised his hand again, and this time Chen Mo, along with the slab beneath his feet, ascended directly and rapidly into the twentieth level.

Cha Latu smiled at Chen Mo and said, "Well done, kid. This is the final level. I believe you can pass it, especially since you still have one chance to retry."

The moment he finished speaking, another round of clattering resonated through the room. All the slabs in the area, except the one under Chen Mo's feet, once again WHOOSHED into the air and then clattered back onto the ground.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: The pattern for this level has changed. Your life value will continue from the last level, currently at 60%. You still have one chance to retry. The current hint is: the sum equals 'Seven'!]

They actually gave a hint this time, so I don't have to figure out the rule myself? Adding up to seven... that must be related to numbers!

In addition to the Five Elements and cardinal directions, each trigram also corresponds to a number.

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The trigram on the stone slab Chen Mo was currently standing on was Zhen, representing the number four. If this could be added to another stone slab to sum to seven, Chen Mo's next step would be "Li," as "Li" represented the number three.

Chen Mo glanced around. "Sure enough, there's a "Li" trigram," he mused.

As Chen Mo stepped forward, no punishment descended. The Heavenly Path's Hint sounded in his ears once more.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: The current sum required is 'eleven.' Current steps taken: 1/50.]

Three plus eight equals eleven. Eight corresponds to "Kun," Chen Mo deduced.

Chen Mo glanced at the surrounding stone slabs, stepped onto one with ease, and succeeded again.

Following the hints, Chen Mo continued to advance rapidly.

In a short while, his step count reached 49.

"Is the final challenge this simple?" Chen Mo asked Cha Latu, surprised.

"Simple? Heh, the last step won't be easy, you know." Cha Latu smiled, and as he lifted his right hand, the black stone slabs around Chen Mo suddenly flew up again. This time, they underwent a huge transformation, completely different from before.

The stone slab beneath Chen Mo's feet transformed into an octagon. The surrounding slabs that landed also became octagonal, fitting closely against it.

Chen Mo was now surrounded by eight stone slabs, corresponding to the eight trigrams of the Bagua: Qian, "Kun," Zhen, Gen, "Li," Kan, Dui, and Xun.

At this point, the Heavenly Path's Hint rang out again in Chen Mo's ears.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: The rule for the final square is: Five Elements mutual generation, direction within two positions, and one of the four arithmetic operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) must result in the number two.]

Hmph, so the final challenge uses three rules simultaneously. I'll need to analyze this carefully, Chen Mo thought.

Chen Mo first examined the trigram beneath his feet. The trigram I'm on is "Li."

"Li" corresponds to Fire. Trigrams that generate "Li" must belong to either Wood or Earth. Wood generates Fire, and Fire generates Earth—both relationships are valid.

Chen Mo scanned the surroundings based on his memory.

The trigrams for Wood are Xun and Zhen. The trigrams for Earth are "Kun" and Gen. This means the correct answer must be among these four.

Next, considering direction: "Li" is South. Positions within two units of South are East, Southeast, West, and Southwest—four positions.

Chen Mo scanned the surrounding trigrams again.

The trigrams corresponding to these four directions are Zhen, Xun, Dui, and "Kun." The trigrams that satisfy both the Five Elements and direction rules are now narrowed down to Zhen, Xun, and "Kun."

Chen Mo again looked at the last rule.

The final rule: any one of the four arithmetic operations—addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division—must result in the number two for it to be the correct answer.

"Li" is three. Zhen is four, Xun is five, and "Kun" is eight.

Neither four (Zhen) nor eight ("Kun") can produce a result of two when combined with three ("Li") using any of the four operations.

That leaves only Xun, which is five. Five (Xun) minus three ("Li") equals two. This works via subtraction.

So, the only position that satisfies all three conditions is Xun!

After an intense bout of analysis, Chen Mo felt like his brain was about to overheat. Having successfully deduced the answer, he was still a bit thrilled, but he knew he couldn't relax until he was absolutely certain it was correct.

As Chen Mo stepped firmly onto the Xun square, a brilliant light erupted from the ground around him. All the stone slabs vanished, and the entire space began to shimmer with Golden Light. Cha Latu walked up to him, a smile on his face.

"The Dao of the Bagua from your Earth is quite fascinating," Cha Latu remarked. "Just eight trigrams, yet they can be linked to so many things, combined in myriad ways to encompass everything. I've always been quite interested in studying it."

"Thank you for going easy on me throughout this entire trial, Senior," Chen Mo said.

"Haha, it's rare to encounter a promising young talent like you. I couldn't bear to see you fail to reach the end. Since you've successfully cleared twenty levels, allow me to perform a Divine Power Infusion for you."

As Cha Latu extended a finger, covered in golden patterns, and tapped Chen Mo's forehead, Chen Mo instantly felt a terrifying surge of Energy flood his body.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You have received a Divine Power Infusion, you have gained 10 points of Divine Power!]

After receiving the Divine Power, Chen Mo chuckled and said, "The senior on the tenth floor also gave an Eternal Divine Weapon as a gift. I wonder if you have any to spare, Senior?"

"You sly little rascal," Cha Latu chuckled. "No wonder Phyllas said you were sharp. Alright, since she gave you one, I'll give you one too. Something you can use at your current stage."

As he spoke, Cha Latu flipped his right hand, and a special orb appeared in his palm instantly.

"Thank you, Senior." Chen Mo respectfully reached out with both hands and took the orb to examine it.

[Myriad-Opportunity Pearl - Eternal Divine Weapon]: Upon activation, the Myriad-Opportunity Pearl integrates with your weapon. Your weapon can then transform into any weapon type. Furthermore, any abilities channeled through your weapon will receive an effect bonus equivalent to twice your Divine Power. (No duration or Cooldown).

There's actually an Eternal Divine Weapon like this? Chen Mo was amazed.

"Well? Do you like it?" Cha Latu asked with a laugh.

This artifact is very powerful, but for me right now, its effect isn't that significant. I don't have many abilities that need to be channeled through a weapon; at most, I rely on the Divine Replication Seal to copy others' skills for use. Of my current skills, only the Infinite Healing Wave can truly benefit from the Divine Power enhancement. After all, Divine Power primarily boosts effects when abilities are cast on others.

So, while the immediate applicability of this Eternal Divine Weapon is somewhat limited for me, every bit of enhancement counts. With the Myriad-Opportunity Pearl's fusion, the effect of my Infinite Healing Wave can be improved by at least 6%. My Divine Power has reached 30 points, but due to my Divine Physique, only 3% of that actually takes effect. Doubled, that's a 6% boost, which doesn't sound like much on its own.

However, the Infinite Healing Wave bounces infinitely. Each bounce gets that 6% increase. In one second, it can bounce 100 times. Against a single enemy, that means it can hit them 50 times. Fifty instances of a 6% increase are equivalent to the additional damage of three full hits. That's the damage boost per second! Over ten seconds, it's an extra thirty full hits' worth of damage!

So, while 6% might not seem like a lot on its own, a careful calculation shows it's quite significant. Of course, compared to a proper fifth-transition Divine Power enhancement, it's obviously far less.

Even so, I'm quite satisfied. This is a free reward; how could it not be awesome? It was a total score!

After gifting the Myriad-Opportunity Pearl, Cha Latu laughed and sent Chen Mo out of the Divine Training Tower.

The moment he emerged, The Heavenly Path's Hint notifications began to chime incessantly in Chen Mo's ears: DING DING DING.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You have completed the Legendary Trial, your Level cap has been unlocked!]

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Your Level has increased, current Level is 31!]

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Your Level has increased, current Level is 32!]

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[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Your Level has increased, current Level is 35!]

[Experience Points]: 6,205,938/2,954,200

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You have reached Level 35 and the seventh-tier bottleneck. You can now choose to undertake the breakthrough trial!]

Ordinary professionals, after breaking through one bottleneck, typically need a significant amount of time to accumulate enough experience points to level up and slowly approach the next bottleneck.

Chen Mo, however, was completely different; he always advanced at rocket speed.

He had just broken through the previous bottleneck and immediately reached the next one.

Before Chen Mo could carefully review The Heavenly Path's Hints, a friend message popped up. It was from Alina.

Chen Mo had entered the instance on Monday night. By the time he exited, it was already Tuesday night.

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[Alina]: Chen, we can get ready to head to the dungeon now.

[Alina]: Chen, have you entered a dungeon and haven't come out yet? I can't get in touch with you. Please respond when you receive this.

Looking at the time Alina sent the message, it was only about ten minutes before he had left the dungeon. Chen Mo immediately replied.

[Chen Mo]: I did indeed just enter a dungeon. Sorry, I only just got out.

Just as Chen Mo's message went out, Alina quickly replied.

[Alina]: No worries. Are you ready to set off now?

[Chen Mo]: Alright, I'm heading to the Sky Science Dungeon Office right away.

[Alina]: Hmm, I'll be there in about 5 minutes.

Ending the conversation with Alina, Chen Mo didn't immediately leave. Instead, he took out three gift packs from his bag.

These were the three "Special Item Divine-Level Gift Packs" that Chen Mo had accumulated in the Divine Training Tower.

He had stored one from the first ten floors, gotten two more from the tenth to twentieth floors, and now had three in total to try synthesizing.

... You have placed [Special Item Divine-Level Gift Pack] x3!

[Detecting recipe...]

[Three identical materials detected. Your talent has been activated; no recipe is required for this synthesis!]

[Commencing quality check for this synthesis...]

[The quality of this synthesis is divine-grade. Special material required: Divine Fusion Agent.]

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Well, there goes this month.

He had used up his three discounted opportunities for the month.

If he were to buy it directly now, the price of a Divine Fusion Agent was a hefty 1,000 eternal gold coins.

Chen Mo only had a little over three hundred eternal gold coins on him; there was no way he could afford that.

Looks like I need to find a way to exchange my merits for money. The demand for Divine Fusion Agent is too high. I already have four SSS-level sweep scrolls; I have no idea what I'll get from synthesizing them. I'll need two bottles of Divine Fusion Agent just for these two items.

For now, since he couldn't synthesize, Chen Mo could only let it go. With a thought, he instantly teleported to the Sky Science Dungeon Office.

After waiting briefly at the entrance, Alina hurried over, jogging lightly.

Today, she was dressed in a white robe, which made her look even more pure and noble.

A ray of moonlight shone through the leaves of a large roadside tree, illuminating Alina's golden curls, as if sprinkling a layer of silver on brilliant gold. Her blue eyes sparkled with a crystalline light, like sapphires in the sky.

Her snow-white skin was like delicate white jade, exuding a faint glow under the moonlight.

The white robe clung to Alina's body, accentuating her slender waist, long legs, and elegant curves. As she jogged, the robe fluttered lightly, like feathers in the wind.

Through the slit in her robe, her long, fair legs played peek-a-boo. She wore a pair of white cloth shoes with gold thread, their details exquisite—clearly high-grade gear.

She ran towards him as light as a feather, each step as if treading on clouds, reminiscent of a fairy from legends.

As Alina approached, she flashed a sweet smile at Chen Mo, lightly caressing her golden curls, and said in a melodious voice, "I hope I didn't keep you waiting too long."

Alina's demeanor, as light and soft as white feathers, was truly captivating. Despite being simply dressed in a white robe, her appearance was stunning enough to dazzle, and many around them were constantly sneaking glances at her.

Chen Mo, however, didn't pay too much attention, merely smiling as he said, "Your ensemble really changes your aura."

If Alina's previous style was more enchanting, now she exuded purity and elegance.

"Do you like it? I specially illusioned this to meet you. It has quite an Eastern characteristic, don't you think?"

Chen Mo smiled and said, "Not bad. Let's go, let's start the dungeon."

"You're in such a hurry, not even willing to chat with me for a bit," Alina pouted.

"We've been delayed quite a bit, and I'm worried your dungeon entry right might get revoked," Chen Mo replied with a resigned smile.

"Don't worry. Our SSS-level dungeon access is valid for six hours. We still have plenty of time."

Despite saying this, Alina didn't joke around with Chen Mo any longer but directly entered the Sky Science Dungeon Office with him.

Sky Science University, although a top global institution, only had five SSS-level dungeons under its control, of which only two types were split-level dungeons.

This time, Alina brought Chen Mo into a role-playing task-type dungeon.

They would need to embody the roles assigned by the Heavenly Dao and complete the corresponding tasks.

This kind of dungeon was generally harder compared to ordinary ones. However, the potential rewards and the number of discoverable side quests were also greater. A single run might yield rewards comparable to several runs in other dungeons of the same tier.

The SSS-level dungeon teleportation array was located on the third floor.

In the elevator, Chen Mo felt a faint, very refreshing fragrance emanating from Alina.

"Your perfume seems to have some special effect."

"You noticed? What I'm wearing isn't ordinary perfume, you know. This is Calming Fragrance, and smelling it boosts life value and energy value recovery."

"That seems quite pricey, right? Are you already using it before the battle has even started?"

"I simply like this fragrance and use it as perfume. I don't really care about its effects."

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Alina smiled delightfully, with an air of nonchalance.

"Rich lady," teased Chen Mo.

"Interested in being kept by a wealthy lady?" Alina joked back, leaning in towards Chen Mo with a cute expression.

"I'll consider it later," Chen Mo responded, taking it lightly.

Soon, they reached the third floor. Stepping out of the elevator, they saw far fewer people than on the first floor. Only a few scattered individuals could be seen moving around. After all, this floor housed only SSS-level instances, and once someone was scheduled for an SSS-level instance, they could potentially use it for an entire day. So naturally, there were very few people waiting outside.

The duo arrived at a counter where Alina deftly handed over her student card. The receptionist took the card and, after a moment, smiled and said, "Alina, your instance access has been approved. You can now recruit a team and enter the instance room to teleport into the instance whenever you're ready."

"Let's go, Chen," Alina said, turning to smile at Chen Mo.

Seeing Alina preparing to enter the SSS-level instance with just Chen Mo, the receptionist hurriedly said, "You two, this instance has a high mortality rate. It would be wise to recruit more teammates."

"Thanks for the concern, but we're fine. We've taken safety precautions; we'll be fine," Alina said, smiling at the receptionist who had tried to warn her.

It seems they have Instant Departure Stones, so I don't need to worry about them. Seeing they were prepared, the receptionist didn't press the issue.

They arrived at the entrance of the SSS-level instance. Chen Mo noticed some words written above the door of the instance room:

[Role-Playing Instance – Alteration Instance]

[Difficulty: SSS-Level. This instance has an extremely high mortality rate. Please assess your capabilities carefully.]

[Recommended Number of Participants: Five. Recommended Class Composition: Balanced Output, Support, Tank.]

"They are quite thoughtful," Chen Mo said with a smile.

With a click, the room door slid open as Alina swiped her student card on the card reader. Chen Mo glanced inside; the room was empty except for the Teleportation Array drawn on the ground.

"Do you think they'll make us role-play as a couple?" Alina joked with Chen Mo as she prepared to activate the Formation.

"Don't they usually make us role-play functional characters?" Chen Mo had done similar instances before. The most similar one was during his rebirth mission, where he role-played the Dominator of the Undead.

This type of role-playing instance required ensuring the safety of other friendly units of the same faction, unlike other instances where one only needed to take care of oneself. Thus, achieving a high score was very difficult. But as mentioned before, the greater the difficulty, the greater the rewards.

Chen Mo looked at Alina with a bit of anticipation and said, "Let's start."

Alina smiled, nodded, and activated the instance with a thought!

Just as a flash of light teleported them into the instance, a change occurred over at the Yongming Star System. Several people there had been repeatedly using Designated Invasion Scrolls to check if Chen Mo had entered an instance they could invade. Suddenly, their expressions lit up.

"Sir, we got it! He's entered an instance!"

The previously somber room instantly erupted with excitement, buzzing like an overturned beehive.

"Oh? Let me see..." He even entered an SSS-level instance! He shunned the path to heaven and barged into hell when there was no door. He's courting death, and this time, escape is impossible! The instance itself is already extremely difficult with a high mortality rate. With the added invasion factor, it becomes even harder. This time, we can definitely kill this brat in one go!

The higher-ups in the Yongming Star System were immediately excited that Chen Mo had initiated an SSS-level instance. Instances usually had a high mortality rate, and with the added invasion factor, it became even more challenging. They were certain they could use this opportunity to kill the young man in one fell swoop!

"Quick, have all assassination personnel prepare for curse demonization. We must eliminate this brat this time, without fail."

Soon, one hundred level 40, four-star professionals had entered the room.

"Warriors, our Star System faces an unprecedented crisis!"

"The individual we plan to assassinate has unimaginable growth potential. If we allow him to progress, the consequences will be unthinkable!"

"Even now, he possesses the terrifying ability to kill higher-tier enemies as easily as slaughtering chickens and could plunge our entire Star System into darkness and despair.

"Our Star System, ourselves, our friends, and our families could all be annihilated because of his existence.

"However, I believe we can defeat this enemy. Each of us possesses strength and Skills. In this battle, we will unite, combining our powers to form an unstoppable force, and we will eliminate this foe!

"If you achieve victory in this battle, you will become the saviors of our Star System. Your families and loved ones will feel immeasurable pride for you.

"Your friends and relatives will also be well taken care of by the higher-ups, allowing them to live comfortable, worry-free lives.

"The success or failure of your mission is of monumental importance to yourselves and to the entire Yongming Star System!

"Although this battle will be arduous, fraught with danger and sacrifice...

"We all might face the threat of death, but we must hold firm to our convictions. For the sake of our Star System, we must courageously confront this enemy. Even if we unfortunately sacrifice ourselves, we must make a contribution to our home.

"Today, we could choose to live ignobly. But in the future, if he becomes an unbeatable existence and decides to deal with our entire Yongming Star System, then the ones who suffer will include yourselves and all your dearest loved ones!

"Loudly tell me, are you willing to see them sacrificed!?"

"We are not willing!"

"Then what are you going to do?"

"Kill! Kill the threat! Eliminate the greatest threat to our Yongming Star System!"

"Excellent! The Yongming Star System is fortunate to have such a young generation as yourselves—fearless in the face of death, with noble aspirations and pure conduct!

"Combat between Star Systems is cruel, but we must rise to the challenge, even if we face countless hardships and agonies. We must use our courage and conviction to withstand every trial and seize every victory.

"When we fight to the very last moment, we will feel immense pride and glory, for we will have defended our homes, our future, and the entire Yongming Star System!

"Even if sacrifices are made, they will not be in vain. Our courage and conviction will be forever etched into the annals of our Star System. This will be the Yongming Star System's most glorious victory, for we will annihilate an unprecedented, colossal threat!

"So, let us fight to the end together! Let us use our power and wisdom to defeat this enemy!

"Let us display our mightiest stance and advance towards victory!

"Our Yongming Star System will become an even better place because of your struggles!

"Charge forward without hesitation, my warriors! Victory will be ours!"

"Victory!! Victory!! Victory!!!"

The thunderous shouts seemed about to lift the roof of the room.

These hundred people, as if energized by adrenaline, were all incomparably excited! They had all come with noble convictions, with the resolve to die! Before they met their end, their sole mission was to eliminate the greatest threat in the history of the Yongming Star System, to kill him by any means necessary!

"Good! Now, all personnel, begin the curse demonization! Prepare to activate the Group Designated Invasion Scroll!"

Following the words of the Yongming Star System's higher-ups, these hundred people had already entered an Array as black as ink, which looked exceedingly eerie. This dark-element Array looked profoundly mysterious and terrifying, its inky light emanating an aura that sent shivers down one's spine. Within this pitch-black space, countless streams of dark Energy seemed to flow, emitting a constant, low hum. A tall pillar stood at the center of the Array, shrouded in a dense black fog that obscured whatever lay within. To one side, in the shadows, indistinct black mists shifted ceaselessly, creating an unnerving, hair-raising sensation. The entire Array exuded an atmosphere of extreme unease...

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The hundred four-star professionals from the Yongming Star System were all in a frenzied state. They displayed no concern for the Formation's strange aura and collectively stepped into it.

Seeing everyone enter the Formation, the upper echelon of the Yongming Star System began to activate the Array with incantations.

This Cursed Demonization Array had cost a considerable price to obtain. Merely maintaining this Array each month incurred immense consumption.

Yet, the Array's effect was overwhelmingly powerful. Although it was not very useful against professionals above the fifth-transition, it could instantly transform those below the fifth-transition into a plethora of overpowering combatants.

With this Array, they could significantly enhance their strength, at least when facing a Disaster or in situations requiring low-star professionals.

However, the price was too high.

Once influenced by the Array and entering the curse demonization status, death was inevitable when the status's duration ended.

It was a type of absolute death that left not even ashes behind—a complete obliteration where even the possibility of resurrection was extinguished.

Therefore, this Array was generally not employed unless absolutely necessary.

Despite its high maintenance cost, it existed only as a trump card.

And now, it was time to use this trump card.

The monstrous rookie who had appeared in the Solar System was simply too heaven-defying.

Without the curse demonization effect, even with a hundredfold numerical superiority, we wouldn't stand a chance of winning, the Yongming Star System's upper echelon thought.

"Once you enter the curse demonization status, you will no longer be affected by any abnormal statuses, nor will you die. You can use all those cursed Tools we gave you without worrying about the backlash!

When you encounter that prodigy from the Solar System, use your full strength to annihilate them immediately!"

"Yes!"

The Array was quickly activated. Terrifying black fog continuously billowed from the towering black pillar at the Array's center, madly surging into the bodies of the four-star professionals within the Formation.

In less than three seconds, the outward appearances of all four-star professionals within the Formation had completely changed.

Their eyes turned a terrifying crimson, emitting a chilling red light, and their bodies became covered from head to toe with peculiar patterns.

Every one of them had entered the curse demonization status.

At this moment, they all received The Heavenly Path's Hint.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Warning! You have entered the curse demonization status. This status will last one official day or for the duration of one instance dungeon. After one official day or upon the instance dungeon's completion, your existence will be entirely extinguished!]

This was why, when recruiting these individuals, the Yongming Star System's upper echelon had to clearly explain the fatal consequences of the curse demonization.

If they had merely tricked them, and these individuals only discovered their inevitable death after entering the state, it would have easily provoked rebellious sentiments. Any resulting backlash would have been disastrous.

Now, fired up by the pre-battle mobilization, they had all entered the curse demonization status with a do-or-die resolve and a sense of noble conviction. Naturally, everyone calmly accepted this fate.

[Curse Demonization]: During this status's duration: all damage you inflict becomes true damage; all your Skills undergo Demonization; your All Attributes increase by 'star level * 5' times. Furthermore, you are immune to all abnormal statuses. Upon death, you will be immune to death and enter 'Magic Cocoon Self-Healing Mode'. This effect cannot be dispelled, resisted, or removed!

[Magic Cocoon Self-Healing Mode] : Upon entering the Demon Cocoon State, you need to accumulate 100 Energy points to resurrect. You recover 1 Energy point per second. However, if you sustain damage in this state, you will stop gaining Energy and instead accumulate 1 Ruin Value point per second. When you stop taking damage, all accumulated Ruin Value points will be converted into Energy.

If your Ruin Value accumulates to 100 points during this period, the Demon Cocoon will directly shatter and be annihilated.

Initially, these four-star professionals had only heard from the Yongming Star System's upper echelon about how perverse this curse demonization status was.

Only after seeing the effects of curse demonization did they understand why entering this state meant an inevitable death sentence!

This status was too ferocious!

The increase in combat power was by no means small.

Not only were attributes massively boosted, but Skills also underwent Demonization and became stronger. Simultaneously, all damage was converted to true damage, and they gained immunity to all abnormal statuses. The most perverse part was that it was even hard to die!

Even if killed, they would enter the Demon Cocoon State and could resurrect after 100 seconds.

Unless the enemy could continuously attack them for 100 seconds without pause, even a one-second lapse in the assault would allow them to resurrect immediately.

Actually, five-star professionals were the ideal candidates for curse demonization.

Not only would their attribute increase be higher, but the key was their Skill intensity.

The Skills of four-star professionals, even when Demonized, didn't have much of a highlight.

But once the Skills of five-star professionals were Demonized, every single one became extremely outstanding.

A hundred Demonized five-star professionals would be even more incredible.

It was just that five-star professionals were too hard to find; this was merely a second-best choice.

The curse demonization process didn't take much time; it only took a few seconds for everyone to complete it.

"Very well! Form an army array and enter the instance dungeon! Great warriors! We await news of your meritorious deeds!"

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Over on Earth.

Chen Mo and Alina, who had already entered the instance, received The Heavenly Path's Hint as soon as they arrived.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You have entered the SSS-level instance "Power and Survival". In this instance, you can choose a camp to role-play.

Choice one: Imperial Camp! (Strong)

Choice two: Rebel Army! (Weak)

When choosing the Imperial Camp, upon winning, the maximum reward multiplier will be 10 times according to your rating, and a total of three hidden missions can be triggered.

When choosing the Rebel Army, upon winning, the maximum reward multiplier will be 20 times according to your rating, and a total of five hidden missions can be triggered.]

"Chen, what do you think? Which should we choose? It seems like the Imperial Camp might be simpler."

"Since we're already here, we might as well go for the greater rewards. Let's choose the Rebel Army."

"Alright, we'll go with your choice."

With the Instant Departure Stone at hand, Alina wasn't worried about any potential dangers, so she readily chose the Rebel Army.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You have finalized your choices. You will each play one of the top ten leaders of the Rebel Army. Be warned: Rebel Army leaders have a high chance of being assassinated. Always be vigilant for any suspicious individuals appearing nearby and any environments that might lend themselves to an assassination attempt!]

"Getting a hint like this right at the start... it sounds quite terrifying. You'd better protect me well," Alina said, clutching Chen Mo's arm.

Chen Mo had already clearly perceived her attributes. Alina was a five-star profession, equipped with a formidable set of gear, making her very strong. She hardly needed his help.

However, Chen Mo didn't call her out on it, simply chuckling and saying, "I'll do my best."

In fact, when he saw Alina's attributes, some ideas began to form in Chen Mo's mind. Of course, they weren't romantic. It was her skills that truly sparked his interest. Her skills were exceptional! If I could use my Divine Replication Seal to copy her skills, then when I summon my Ghosts, I could use that copied skill to duplicate them! That would be incredible!

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: There are 60 seconds left before the instance starts. You may now gain advance knowledge about the current story background and your own identity.]

Once The Heavenly Path's Hint concluded, information about the world's background and their own roles was instilled into Chen Mo's and Alina's minds.

This world was home to a powerful Empire. However, the previous Emperor had passed away leaving only an infant daughter, the Princess. The Empress and her brother deceived everyone by passing the

infant Princess off as a prince, thus allowing 'him' to inherit the throne. Subsequently, the siblings seized control of the imperial court. Lacking any real governing ability, they prioritized their personal interests above all else, resorting to any means necessary for their own enjoyment.

The Empress practiced dark arts, defiled the imperial palace, and secretly conscripted able-bodied men. Her brother, the Imperial Uncle, was licentious and tyrannical. He used his immense power to forcibly abduct common women, flagrantly disregarded the law, and brazenly oppressed the populace. Sometimes, merely to satisfy his perverse desires by watching someone suffer, he would have people dragged to his mansion and tortured to death. His actions incurred the wrath of both Heaven and humans.

The actions of these two siblings plunged the common folk, particularly those in and around the Imperial City, into a state of constant trepidation, where each day felt like it could be their last.

They cared only for their own selfish desires. Whenever civil unrest arose, they dispatched armies to brutally suppress it, completely disregarding the underlying causes.

Now, they were naturally facing the backlash.

People of integrity from all corners of the land had united to overthrow their tyrannical rule.

Even the Puppet Emperor secretly supported them.

The Princess deeply despised the actions of her mother and uncle.

Although she was considered merely a woman by those privy to the truth, she still harbored the ambition to govern the nation well and ensure its peace, wanting to safeguard the legacy her father had left.

However, her compromised identity and lack of true authority meant that even with grand ideals, she had no way to realize them.

After obtaining the background information, Chen Mo and Alina also learned about the Empire's military hierarchy: one Grand Marshal, four Marshals, and ten Generals.

All of them were extraordinarily powerful.

It was, after all, an SSS-level instance; none of these figures were to be underestimated.

The Heavenly Dao specifically warned that this Grand Marshal was extremely dangerous, and it was best to avoid any confrontation with her!

"This is my first time in a 'nation war' type instance. The story background seems quite thrilling," Chen Mo chuckled after processing The Heavenly Path's Hint.

"According to The Heavenly Path's Hint, this Grand Marshal's strength must be off the charts. We need to find a way to avoid her, but I wonder what conditions are required to do so." Alina, on the other hand, was more focused on the Grand Marshal, who had been heavily emphasized by The Heavenly Path's Hint.

"I suspect it might be related to the Puppet Emperor," Chen Mo guessed.

"Possible," Alina nodded in agreement.

Having understood the general background, the two also became clear on their own identities.

They were two generals who had defected from the Empire.

Consequently, the Imperial Army's hatred for them was countless times greater than for other rebels.

This identity was a real handicap.

Because of this status, the Rebel Army might not fully trust them, while the Imperial Army harbored an intense hatred for them.

It would be extremely difficult to navigate.

Chen Mo inwardly grumbled that the Heavenly Dao truly knew how to assign troublesome identities.

As the countdown ended, the scene before them shifted, and they found themselves inside a tent.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: The instance's main mission has been issued. You can freely choose to complete any one of them.]

Please note: completing different main missions may lead you to face different enemies, and the difficulty will also vary.]

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Main Quest One: "Slay the Demonic Queen and her older brother, aid the Emperor in regaining control over the court."

Main Quest Two: "Overthrow the rule of the empire, and establish a brand new rule."

"So, there are two main quests. It seems if we choose the second one, we'd definitely have to deal with the Grand Marshal. The first one should be the way you mentioned to avoid battling the Grand Marshal, right?" Alina commented, glancing at the main quests.

"I'd like to see just how powerful this Grand Marshal really is. Maybe defeating her could earn us even higher rewards," Chen Mo said.

"I love a man with ambition," Alina said, her eyes glittering with adoration.

Knowing Alina was joking, Chen Mo laughed. "Since we're already here, we naturally want the best rewards."

As they were talking, The Heavenly Path's Hint sounded three consecutive times, shocking them both.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Warning! Warning! This instance has been intruded! The intruders come from the Yongming Star System!

Until all intruders are cleared or the instance quest is completed, no one will be able to leave this instance!

The number of intruders this time is 100!

As you are the party being intruded upon, you will unconditionally obtain the complete information of all intruders!

As you are the party being intruded upon and the number of intruders exceeds your party's by 98, you have gained a 98-fold increase in damage dealt to intruders.

As this instance has now become an intrusion instance, both parties can select an instance intrusion rule! If you do not wish to choose, you may forgo the selection.]

"Intrusion? And 100 at once! What's going on?" Alina looked at Chen Mo in disbelief.

She was aware of instance intrusions, but she had never experienced one hundred people intruding simultaneously during a non-group instance.

This was because intrusions had specific rules.

If the number of intruders exceeded that of the current players in the instance, each additional intruder would grant the original players a one-fold damage increase.

Now that a hundred of them had barged in, it directly increased Chen Mo and Alina's damage 98-fold!

This kind of increase was often fatal!

After all, regardless of an intruder's original power, once they intruded, their level would be suppressed to be the same as the instance initiator's.

Everyone would be at the same level. One side could deal 98 times more damage, while the other side had their initial attributes. How could they even fight? Wouldn't the side with the 98-fold damage increase instantly obliterate them?

She'd seen people throw their lives away before, but never quite like this. That's why Alina found it utterly baffling rather than frightening when she heard about the hundred intruders. For a moment, she even wondered, Have the people from the Yongming Star System gone mad?

Chen Mo felt much the same; he couldn't figure out what the people from the Yongming Star System were thinking.

Logically, if the Yongming Star System dispatched a hundred people, it was clearly a targeted intrusion, and they would have come prepared.

If this is indeed a targeted intrusion, then there's a 99% chance they're targeting me, not Alina. But if that's the case, shouldn't they have a high estimation of my actual power? Given the Yongming Star System's intelligence-gathering capabilities, if they've already taken action, they must have some assessment of my power level. If I were in their shoes, I would plan based on the highest possible estimate of the opponent's strength, given the available intelligence. They know I can defeat enemies of a higher tier. Yet they're allowing my damage to be multiplied several dozen times? Anyone with half a brain would realize that with such a boost, even an army array of a hundred people couldn't withstand it. Isn't that just sending them to their deaths?

Feeling that something was off, Chen Mo immediately began to check the intruders' details.

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As Chen Mo and Alina checked the information of the intruders, Alina was completely shocked.

"Impossible! How can there be such a terrifying buff effect?"

For people from the Yongming Star System, this intrusion was a pleasant surprise. They initially thought they would be suppressed to Chen Mo's level. But since Alina initiated the dungeon, they were suppressed to her attribute level when they intruded. They were chosen for this intrusion because they were only Level 40 and had undergone their first-transition. If they were at the same level as Alina, it meant they would not be suppressed at all. It merely meant that Chen Mo and Alina's damage output was boosted. But this mattered little to them, as they had already undergone demonization, had significantly enhanced attributes, and weren't afraid of dying, so the increased damage didn't concern them.

A fully equipped Level 40, four-star professional upon first-transition usually has Health ranging from 600,000 to 700,000, attack power that can reach close to 30,000, and defensive power around 50,000 to 60,000. Of course, these values can vary based on different professions, titles, and other factors.

Under the effect of curse demonization, their current attributes were roughly between 12 million to 14 million Health, close to 600,000 attack power, and defensive power at around one million. Even with these attributes, a damage increase of over ninety times isn't typically useful. This is because the damage increase only matters if you can inflict damage in the first place. Normally, with such overpowered attributes, they wouldn't even be able to break the defense of an opponent at the same level, let alone inflict any damage. So, a ninety-fold damage increase really wasn't a big deal.

Alina, of course, understood this, which is why she felt panicked and fearful. Seeing the intruders so well-prepared, all entering with the curse demonization status active, she was sure this was a deliberate intrusion. She immediately turned her gaze to Chen Mo. There were only the two of them in this dungeon. Who else could this large group be targeting, if not Chen Mo?

Not only was Alina shocked, but Chen Mo was also surprised. The effect of curse demonization was just too overpowered; it was unreasonably strong. Why wouldn't they use something like this to attack Earth directly? An ability affecting everyone like this clearly wasn't obtained by chance.

Chen Mo and Alina were taken aback by the strength of this buff, primarily because they knew nothing of the limitations or harmful effects of curse demonization. They could only see the effects of curse demonization, which naturally made it seem incredibly unbelievable.

Seeing the enemy's overpowered state, Alina, despite receiving a warning from The Heavenly Path's Hint that it was impossible to leave the dungeon, still clung to a glimmer of hope and tried to use the Detachment Stone to escape.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Due to the current dungeon being in a state of intrusion, space-time chaos prevents the use of Detachment Stone!]

"It's over! The Heavenly Path's Hint was right. We can't teleport out! Chen, what are we going to do now?"

Although Alina had considerable strength, the enemy they were facing was not ordinary. They were up against a group of a hundred powerful pursuers, all twenty times stronger and with all their Skills demonized! Even as a five-star professional, and despite her impressive equipment, she saw no chance of victory.

"It's fine. When the time comes, find a safe place to hide. They're here for me; I can handle them myself."

"Alone!?"

Alina looked at Chen Mo in disbelief. She had previously heard about Chen Mo's deeds and knew that his strength likely exceeded that of regular five-star professionals. But she never imagined he could so nonchalantly claim he could take on such an outrageously strong hundred-man squad all by himself.

"Yes, don't worry," Chen Mo said to Alina with a smile. "The effect of curse demonization is indeed powerful, but I should be able to handle it. The Skills of a hundred four-star professionals, even if demonized, are just so-so."

"But their attributes have become extremely high! Combined with powerful Demonization Skills, their power is on a completely different level than before. What's even more difficult is that there are a hundred of them, and they can form an army array, making them even stronger! We, on the other hand, only have our damage boosted. How can we possibly fight them?"

Alina felt quite pessimistic about the situation.

"I have a clever plan, but I'll need to borrow one of your Skills."

"Borrow my Skill?" Alina looked at Chen Mo, wondering what he was thinking. Even if Chen Mo commanded a Ghost with the strength of a Level 40, first-transition, five-star professional, how could it be of any use against such an outrageously strong hundred-man squad?

"Let's choose the restriction rules first, then I'll tell you."

After speaking, Chen Mo started selecting from the ten restriction rules. The hundred intruders, on the other hand, had already chosen theirs. The zeroth-transition powerhouse from the Solar System had been teleporting everywhere during the previous survival game, and they had seen it all. Since they had guessed that Chen Mo might be that person, they naturally wouldn't forget to restrict this ability.

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Therefore, when they entered the instance, they directly chose the rule to restrict Teleportation.

At this point, Chen Mo could also choose an intrusion rule, or decline to choose.

Alina looked at Chen Mo and said, "They've restricted the Teleport ability, what should we do? It seems like none of the rules are in our favor."

Looking at the ten selectable rules, Chen Mo's gaze fell upon the "real-time coordinate sharing" option.

Alina was certain this rule wouldn't benefit them in any way.

After all, we're at a disadvantage. Revealing our location would be asking for death, wouldn't it?

But in Chen Mo's view, this was a good rule.

This way, I can see their position in real time, Chen Mo thought. We're bound to meet sooner or later, so it's better to seize the initiative.

If I have Alina stay put while I go on the offensive, it would better ensure her safety.

Otherwise, if we encounter them unexpectedly, Alina might be killed.

Being killed and resurrected is one thing, but if they obliterate her, leaving no corpse, then resurrection would be impossible.

With this in mind, Chen Mo decided to choose coordinate sharing.

"Let's go with the seventh rule."

Hearing Chen Mo's words, Alina glanced at the seventh rule and was immediately dumbfounded. "Chen, you can't be serious! The seventh rule is coordinate sharing. Isn't picking this rule playing right into their hands? We could have tried to avoid them and complete the instance mission. If we choose coordinate sharing, they'll definitely come straight for us!"

"I want to choose this because I intend to take the offensive," Chen Mo explained. "It'll be hard to avoid them if we want to complete this instance's mission anyway. We're the Rebel Army. According to the intrusion rules for this type of instance, the opposing side usually appears as a faction hostile to us, right? That means they're the Imperial Army! If they make moves as part of the Imperial Army and we don't act, I'm afraid we won't even be able to complete our primary mission."

Hearing Chen Mo's words, Alina stared at him, dumbfounded, wondering if she had misheard. "Chen, they have a hundred-man legion, each member reinforced to their very core! And you're saying you've decided to attack them proactively?"

Alina found Chen Mo's words utterly unbelievable.

"Don't worry," Chen Mo said, waving his hand casually. "I have more."

In an instant, millions of Skeleton Monsters materialized around him.

Since they were in a party, Alina could immediately see these Skeleton Monsters. She also saw the displayed count. The number displayed had seven digits.

Seeing this number, she couldn't help but gasp, covering her cherry-red lips.

"O-Over a million Skeleton Monsters?"

Before she could recover from her shock, Chen Mo continued summoning. Alina then watched as the number of Skeleton Monsters fluctuated, sometimes increasing, sometimes decreasing. At its lowest, the count dropped to tens of thousands, or at most a few hundred thousand. At its peak, more than two million appeared.

Chen Mo was now Level 35, so the number of Skeleton Monsters he could summon had also increased. He could now summon a maximum of 3,500,000 Skeleton Monsters. However, reaching this cap was difficult. Chen Mo wasn't aiming for the absolute maximum, so he stopped after summoning three million Skeleton Monsters.

Alina's jaw nearly dropped as she looked at the party list, which displayed the number of Chen Mo's summons.

"Three million!?"

She stared in disbelief at the Skeleton Monsters around Chen Mo, layered invisibly, one atop another.

But the sheer number of Skeleton Monsters wasn't the most shocking part. After seeing the number of Skeleton Monsters, she checked their attributes. It was only then that she froze, as if struck by lightning.

After a moment, she rubbed her eyes in disbelief and rechecked the attributes of Chen Mo's Skeleton Monsters.

"Chen, what in the world are these Skeleton Monsters of yours? F-Four... over four million HP! Over five million attack power! Tell me I'm not dreaming."

She had thought the curse demonization effect on those intruders from the Yongming Star System was already outrageously powerful.

But Chen Mo's Skeleton Monsters were countless times more terrifying!

Alina felt her worldview shattering.

She had always considered herself strong, far stronger than the average person. She had always taken great pride in her abilities. Until she set foot in this instance. Her worldview had been completely overturned.

It felt as though, aside from her, everyone else in this instance was a monster! And each one more monstrous than the last.

That hundred-man legion had true damage, hundreds of thousands in attack power, powerful Demonization Skills, and an Immortal Ability!

And then there was Chen Mo, with millions of Skeleton Monsters, millions in attack power, plus self-destruction and Revival—their level of monstrosity was simply off the charts, even more so!

If she knew that Chen Mo's Skeleton Monsters had currently only benefited from the Rallying trait's bonus, and not yet from Undying Worship or the Amplification Divine Ring, she would likely be even more thunderstruck.

"So, you see?" Chen Mo said. "With my Skeleton Monsters and your replication Skill, even with their outrageous curse demonization enhancement, we have nothing to fear, do we?"

"But the units created by my replication Skill only last for a short time," Alina countered. "You want me to hide while you face them alone? The copies summoned by my Skill would never reach them with you."

"Don't worry. Just use your Skill now. I have my ways for the rest."

Although Alina didn't fully grasp Chen Mo's plan, seeing his power firsthand—a power that far exceeded the limits of her imagination—she naturally complied with his instructions without question.

She had known Chen Mo was strong, and crucially, that he was the only person in the world capable of lifting a resurrection prohibition. That was why she had initially been drawn to him.

But now she realized that her previous assessment of his strength had been a gross understatement.

This man wasn't just 'strong'; he was heaven-defying!

A first-transition being? Even a fourth-transition cultivator would likely feel inadequate before him!

Perhaps only a fifth-transition expert could contend with him!

A first-transition comparable to a fifth-transition? Surpassing the fourth-transition? What kind of heaven-defying existence was this!

Alina's entire worldview had been shattered and rebuilt. Now, she was even more inclined to follow Chen Mo's every command.

Chen Mo had long been interested in one of Alina's key Skills—[Illusion Creation].

[Illusion Creation]: Cast on all friendly targets within a (User's Level * User's Class Star Level * 100 meters) range. Replicates mirror units with attack attributes identical to the targets' current stats. Lasts 60 seconds. Cooldown: 30 seconds.

[Note]: Mirror units possess the same appearance and attack methods as the original. They only replicate the original unit's attack attribute value, attack frequency, attack type, and elemental

attributes. They cannot be affected by any buffs or debuffs. They dissipate immediately upon taking any damage.

Although the mirror units created by this Skill were incredibly fragile, likely to be wiped out by a single area-of-effect attack, Chen Mo still found it exceptionally appealing, as the Skill was a perfect match for his Undead Sea.

He originally had three million Skeleton Monsters; this Skill could effectively double that to six million.

The damage output could instantly double! How exhilarating!

As Alina raised her Magic Wand and activated the [Illusion Creation] Skill, the surrounding area instantly grew dim. Dark Energy began to coalesce around her.

Suddenly, Runes and strange geometric patterns emerged from the ground, emitting a soft glow. After tracing a specific path, they formed an Array of Darkness.

Once formed, the Array immediately began to radiate a mysterious power. All friendly targets within its range started to emit a similar soft glow, and a translucent, blurry image appeared behind each of them.

Now, Alina only needed to confirm for the mirror units to be summoned.

With a mental command from Alina, the blurry images behind Chen Mo and his Skeleton Monsters instantly solidified into identical mirror units.

After these mirror units appeared, they all stood motionless, awaiting their master's command.

Just then, Chen Mo received a notification from The Heavenly Path: the Divine Replication Seal had recorded this Skill.

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"The Heavenly Path's Hint: A unit has been detected using a skill. Your 'Divine Replication Seal' has recorded the skill used. Please choose whether to retain it. Current retention capacity: 3/3."

"The Heavenly Path's Hint: Your skill retention slots are full. If you wish to retain a newly recorded skill, please first choose a recorded skill to forget. Forgetting a skill for the first time each day costs one eternal gold coin."

This is ridiculously expensive; forgetting a skill costs a hundred million, Chen Mo mused.

Despite the hefty price, Alina's skills were indeed too tempting. After some consideration, Chen Mo decided to remove Million Arrows Heart Piercer from his three replicated skills. Compared to the functionality of his other skills, this one was relatively replaceable.

After Chen Mo spent one eternal gold coin to remove Million Arrows Heart Piercer, Illusion Creation was retained.

However, Chen Mo also craved some of Alina's other skills. But most of Alina's skills were Passive skills linked to mirror units, which were outside the range his Divine Replication Seal could copy. So, even though Chen Mo coveted many of Alina's skills, he couldn't replicate many of them.

For now, obtaining Illusion Creation, the skill he desired most, was satisfactory enough. He could replicate subsequent skills later, when she used them at an opportune moment.

"That's enough," Chen Mo said. "Let's finalize the rules."

"Are you sure you want to choose coordinate sharing?" Alina asked.

Although Chen Mo's Skeleton Monsters were also freakishly powerful, none of their opponents were pushovers. They faced hundreds of entities with true damage attack power in the hundreds of thousands, along with a host of Demonization Skills. Given their combat strength, Alina doubted Chen Mo would necessarily have the upper hand, even with three million Skeleton Monsters. Especially since he was a Skeleton Mage—a profession whose summons were typically powerful, but the Mages themselves were usually quite fragile.

"It's fine, just trust me," Chen Mo replied. "After all, even if we don't choose this, we'll inevitably meet them in the end, won't we?"

「Over at the Yongming Star System.」

Seeing that one hundred four-star professionals in curse demonization status had entered the instance, the higher-ups of the Yongming Star System immediately used an associated screen to check the situation. Although the specific details within the instance couldn't be viewed from outside, they could monitor the general status of their associated units through special means. For example, they could see the current life and safety status of these associated characters, whether they had encountered enemies, and if those enemies were elites or a BOSS. This was similar to the entrance exam and college entrance exam instances Chen Mo and his team had participated in before. As long as the association was made, there was a way to view this information.

There were generally two ways to make this association.

One method was to associate with the instance itself. This was the most thorough method. Once an instance association was established, anyone who subsequently entered that instance would have their general situation relayed via the associated screen.

The second method was to associate with an individual. This method was somewhat more troublesome and was generally used when an instance association was impossible. This was the method they were currently using. After all, when intruding into an instance, it was naturally impossible to have made a prior association with it. They could only use individual association to check the situation.

The few Yongming Star System executives who hadn't entered the Tower of Eternity were currently watching this associated screen. Because they had been informed in advance of Chen Mo's ability to instantly kill opponents two tiers above him—and that this might not even be his limit—they harbored some doubts about this surprise attack by four-star professionals. After all, their original plan for five-stars was considered the most stable; four-stars always felt a bit insufficient, even if their current strength wasn't something ordinary units of the same or even higher tiers could resist.

Inside the instance, the hundred individuals from the Yongming Star System had already gathered in the Imperial City. Indeed, just as Chen Mo had guessed, they were assigned to the Imperial Army. The identity the Heavenly Dao bestowed upon these hundred individuals was that of the "Ruthless Organization," the most special unit in the entire Imperial Army. They answered only to the Queen Mother and her brother, the country's Prime Minister. According to the identity bestowed by the Heavenly Dao, these hundred individuals were the primary accomplices in most of the misdeeds committed by the Queen Mother and the Prime Minister in this world.

The purpose was actually similar to the roles Chen Mo and Alina had been assigned: to draw as much animosity as possible from the experts of the opposing factions. They could be assassinated at any moment.

The captain of the hundred-man squad sneered, "Interesting. These two from the Solar System are truly arrogant. Even with an SSS-level instance difficulty, they deliberately chose the weaker Rebel Army,

leaving the powerful Imperial Army to us. This instance intrusion—it's like we were handed good news right from the start!"

The captain of this squad was tall, dressed in a black, tight-fitting outfit that made his physique appear even more solid and powerful. His face was expressionless, giving him a very cold and strict demeanor. His black hair was neatly combed, which, combined with his lean face, made him look incredibly imposing. His eyebrows were thick and long. His eyes, a deep brown, held a hint of indifference and disdain. He clearly had the bearing of a leader.

"Captain," a squad member asked, "we can choose a rule. What should we pick? Should we choose coordinate sharing?"