

Global CM 581

Chapter 581: Abnormal Gap! _1

Half an hour passed quickly.

"The event is about to start, so please be ready. Once the quota is full, no more registrations will be accepted. The event will start in 10 seconds... 9 seconds... 1 second!"

After the sound of the great path finished its countdown, everyone who was already prepared simultaneously clicked the sign-up button in the Heavenly Dao window.

Although the Entertainment Mode already had 1 trillion participants, it still wasn't enough for the entire Milky Way.

The professionals from the Solar System only managed to secure one spot.

Let alone the Solar System, even a star system like the Yongming Star System, which had several Life Planets, only managed to secure one spot for this Entertainment Mode event.

The competition was certainly fierce.

In contrast, the Competition Mode wasn't as frantic, as no one wanted to gamble with their lives. The stronger individuals were, the more cautious they tended to be.

When Chen Mo registered for the Fourth-Transition Competition Zone, The Heavenly Path's Hint popped up the instant he clicked.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Warning! It has been detected that you are a Second-Transition professional. Please choose your competition zone carefully. The Heavenly Dao suggests you compete in the Second-Transition Zone. Do you wish to sign up for the Second-Transition Zone?]

Chen Mo ignored the warning and continued to click the sign-up button for the Fourth-Transition Zone.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Warning! A Second-Transition professional signing up for this dungeon faces a high risk of death. Please confirm again!]

Once Chen Mo confirmed again, his number was displayed.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Congratulations! You have successfully signed up for the "Demon Tower Exploration" event's Competition Mode. Your competition zone is the Fourth-Transition Zone, and your number is 6,659. There are 50 seconds remaining before registration closes. Please wait...]

Only 6,659? It seems those at the Fourth-Transition are much more courageous than those at the Second-Transition. They're not afraid of death at all.

Chen Mo immediately glanced at the current number of registrants. Even after he signed up, the number was still increasing incrementally.

Perhaps those at the Second-Transition are just starting out, Chen Mo thought. Their period of invincibility hasn't been long enough, so they aren't as overconfident as those at the Fourth-Transition. The invincible geniuses at the Fourth-Transition have been invincible all the way to this point. Their path has been too smooth, so their mentality has naturally become exceptionally arrogant. They might even all feel they could challenge those at the Fifth-Transition, so they naturally wouldn't be afraid of others at the Fourth-Transition.

A moment later, 10,000 people had registered. However, the event wouldn't start until all competition zones were full.

Only when the Fifth-Transition Competition Zone was finally full did The Heavenly Path's Hint sound again.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: All participant slots for all competition zones have been allocated. In 10 seconds, all qualified professionals will be teleported into the event dungeon.]

Before the countdown began, Chen Mo had already recalled Zhui Yi to its outer incarnation state. Otherwise, Zhui Yi wouldn't be teleported into the event space with him.

Shortly after the countdown ended, Chen Mo felt a flash of light before his eyes. Just like his previous event participation, he was directly transported into a unique, white, luminous space.

This space was vast, with professionals from other Star Systems scattered all around. They're truly a bizarre collection.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You have entered the Fourth Competition Zone waiting hall. We look forward to your exceptional performance. If you achieve ultimate victory, your Star System will receive additional benefits. There are 10 minutes remaining until the event officially begins. During this period, you can choose to bet on targets in any major competition zone. This Demon Tower event will last 24 hours and has a total of ten floors.

If the target you bet on is still alive after 24 hours, you will receive a profit equal to your stake.

If your target is still alive after 24 hours and has climbed to the tenth floor, you will receive a profit equal to double your stake.

If your target is still alive after 24 hours, has climbed to the tenth floor, and has completed the ultimate exploration, you will receive a profit equal to ten times your stake.

Only the highest applicable reward from the above will take effect.

Additionally, if the target you bet on has the most points in this competition zone after 24 hours, you will receive an additional profit equal to five times your stake.

This month is the Chaos Moon, so betting limits will be increased. Each person can bet a maximum of 'Personal Level * Number of Transitions * 10' Eternal Gold Coins!]

Not bad! If the betting limit is increased, does that mean I can bet 1,200 Eternal Gold Coins? If I win the most points and complete the ultimate exploration, the profit is 15 times my stake. That's an instant, huge profit of tens of thousands of Eternal Gold Coins!

Seeing that The Heavenly Path's Hint had indeed increased the betting limit, Chen Mo couldn't help but smile. Such a lucrative opportunity to rake in Gold Coins has presented itself; it would be a shame to pass it up.

As soon as betting began, everyone's attention shifted towards Chen Mo, the anomaly.

As mentioned before, contestant rankings were listed in different orders depending on their Star Systems, generally from nearest to farthest. Those from the Solar System naturally saw their own Star System's contestants listed first.

[Competition Mode — Fourth-Transition Competition Zone Contestant List]

[No. 6659, Solar System Contestant — Level 60 (Second-Transition, Professional Star Level: 15th-Star)]

[No. 7596, Yongming Star System Contestant — Level 100 (Fourth-Transition, Professional Star Level: 25th-Star + Pet Star Level: 28th-Star)]

[No. 6965, Sanyang System Contestant — Level 100 (Fourth-Transition, Professional Star Level: 25th-Star + Pet Star Level: 28th-Star)]

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While everyone else had their Pet Star Levels displayed, Chen Mo was the only one whose was not, making him instantly recognizable.

"Look! One of ours, a Level 60 Second-Transition contestant, has ventured into a Level 100 Fourth-Transition zone! It must be that prodigy again."

"Truly audacious! First, it was Zeroth-Transition against Second-Transition, now it's Second-Transition against Fourth-Transition. But this time, the power leap between these transitions is fundamentally different."

"Indeed. From Zeroth-Transition to Second-Transition, the power gap isn't that huge, aside from the difference in Star Levels. But from Second-Transition to Fourth-Transition, there's the addition of Pet Star Levels at the Third-Transition, and domain abilities at the Fourth-Transition. This power gap isn't just two tiers; it's vastly more! Who knows if our exceptional talent from Earth can withstand it."

"Hearing you say that makes me a bit worried. But since he dared to enter the Fourth-Transition Zone, he must have considered the additional abilities gained at the Third and Fourth-Transitions."

"I hope he has. If he entered merely out of arrogance, then it's going to be tough for him."

"Since he didn't dare to enter the Fifth-Transition Zone, he must have some awareness of his own strength. He probably isn't being **too** reckless."

"But he's clearly being reckless now! Look at the attributes of those competitors, combined with their Pet Star Levels—it's monstrous! I can't even imagine how one could win against such opponents."

"Most of those participants have mature SS-level pets. After forming a soul contract, their combined Star Level can reach up to 53 stars! At Level 100, their base allocable attribute points alone can reach 291,500. Combined with other abilities, their attribute values can easily reach into the millions. And when equipped with top-grade gear, their offense and defense values can easily reach tens of millions. A Second-Transition contestant's attributes can't possibly be this monstrous. Furthermore, some even have mature SSS-level pets, whose attributes are even more outrageous! No matter how carefully he's planned, it will still be incredibly difficult to contend with them!"

Although Chen Mo's strength had been widely recognized, his decision to participate in the Fourth-Transition Zone sparked global discussions. No, not just global, but throughout the entire Milky Way.

After all, following the last event, everyone knew he was that monster from the Solar System in the previous survival competition. Generally speaking, everyone had acknowledged his strength to some extent.

However, even with this understanding, his sudden participation in a life-or-death event filled with top-tier Fourth-Transition competitors still ignited widespread debate.

After all, as someone mentioned earlier, the gap from Second-Transition to Fourth-Transition is not comparable to the one from Zeroth-Transition to Second-Transition. The disparity is massive, almost beyond comparison.

Even top-tier Second-Transition competitors wouldn't be able to breach the defenses of top-tier Fourth-Transition competitors if they were to enter the Fourth-Transition Zone. They are fundamentally on entirely different levels of strength.

And this only considers the attribute gap, not the unique domain suppression effect inherent to the Fourth-Transition. Under the domain suppression effect of top-tier Fourth-Transition competitors, even elite Second and Third-Transition professionals could be rendered powerless upon entering. Overcoming this chasm is virtually impossible.

It's often said that everyone below the Fifth-Transition is a mere ant, and this applies equally to top-tier Fourth-Transition competitors. Mediocre Fourth-Transition professionals with subpar pets might be comparable to top-grade Third-Transition professionals. However, top-tier Fourth-Transition competitors, with top-grade attributes, have already reached the pinnacle of power below the Fifth-Transition. To them, lower-transition professionals are also nothing more than ants!

Given such a monstrous disparity, even if the contestant was Chen Mo, not many people were optimistic about his chances.

Chapter 582: The prey of everyone! _1

Upon seeing Chen Mo directly heading to the fourth-transition competition zone, even Jiang Yun and the others couldn't help but feel worried.

They knew Chen Mo possessed immense prowess, allowing him to fight beyond his tier. However, they also understood the difficulty of facing top-tier fourth-transition opponents. Such opponents were nearly as challenging as fifth-transition ones. In some instances, top-tier fourth-transition experts could even be stronger than low-star fifth-transition opponents with lower Divine Power.

After all, Chen Mo was currently only at second-transition, and the difference in combat ability was too great.

Jiang Yun wanted to ask Chen Mo what he was relying on, but regrettably, Chen Mo had already entered the activity space, entirely cutting off any possible communication with the outside world.

「Meanwhile, inside the Yongming Star System.」

The upper echelons of the Yongming Star System also noticed Chen Mo's entry into the fourth-transition competition zone. They were both taken aback and excited.

"Only Chen Mo from the Solar System would dare to enter the fourth-transition competition zone at second-transition."

"Such audacity! It's one thing to leapfrog from zeroth-transition to second-transition, but daring to leapfrog to fourth-transition! He probably doesn't know how massive the gap is!"

"Logically, he shouldn't be so reckless. What a foolish move."

"Youngsters, after gaining absolute power, will surely feel elated and complacent, thinking themselves invincible—it's normal for their attitude to inflate. It's not surprising."

"His inflated ego—surely the higher-ups in the Solar System wouldn't just let him do this? They didn't even issue an advance warning. How strange."

"Never mind what the Solar System's higher-ups think. Perhaps it's just youthful impulsiveness on his part. This is great for us! We were initially planning to give him a hundred-person, five-star Demonization package. But now, he's chosen a graveyard of ten thousand top-tier fourth-transition fighters for himself. He truly doesn't understand the meaning of death."

"If he dies in there, it would truly relieve us of a major concern. So, who from our star system entered the instance this time?"

"It's Slok. He reported before going in."

"Slok, is it? His professional abilities seem to include strong tracking capabilities."

"Yes, it's bad luck for Chen Mo this time, running into the same instance as Slok. If Slok can incite others to unite and eliminate him first, that would be truly fantastic."

"Let's sit back and enjoy the show, then. Initially, we were worried about this guy, but now he's handed us a big gift. If he wants to survive amidst the pursuit activity of tens of thousands of top-tier fourth-transition fighters—unless he's a fifth-transition!"

As the higher-ups of the Yongming Star System excitedly watched Chen Mo venture into the fourth-transition competition zone, their counterparts in many other Star Systems also turned their attention to him. These Star Systems belonged to the same second area as the Tower of Eternity, the Solar System, and the Yongming Star System.

Previously, the Yongming Star System had greatly exaggerated the threat Chen Mo posed in their attempt to lure other Star Systems into deploying their manpower.

It was as if everyone else lacked nuclear weapons while the Solar System was on the verge of developing a planet-annihilating cannon.

If it were successful, all Star Systems in the same area would inevitably be hit.

This level of instigation was enough to capture the attention of many Star Systems.

After all, on paper, the Yongming Star System should have held an overwhelming advantage over the Solar System. Instead, they were forced into such desperate measures, even revealing one of their powerful methods, just to eliminate this Talented Youngster from the Solar System. This attested to the credibility of the threat.

If the Solar System had called everyone to act against the Yongming Star System, many might have been more skeptical, assuming the Solar System merely wanted to enlist help in eliminating a major threat.

But when a demonstrably stronger force was driven to such extremes—mobilizing everyone against a seemingly weaker force that could presumably be eliminated with time—it was bound to raise questions.

This contrast made it clear to what extent the larger power had been pushed. It also highlighted just how terrifying the growing strength of this smaller power promised to be.

Initially, everyone planned to investigate Chen Mo further to verify the claims. But now, seeing Chen Mo enter the fourth-transition competition zone put them all on high alert.

They could use this activity to determine if this Talented Youngster from the Solar System was really as terrifying as the rumors suggested.

While most people felt Chen Mo was arrogantly overestimating his abilities and walking into his grave, many wanted to see if he could replicate his miraculous zeroth-to-second-transition feat.

As the betting began, the amount wagered on Chen Mo miraculously skyrocketed.

In no time, it had already reached several trillion eternal gold coins.

Compared to his second-transition period, the difference in stakes was staggering.

It was clear that even if people thought a second-transition professional challenging the fourth-transition competition zone was utterly mad, plenty were still willing to invest in a miracle.

Chen Mo naturally placed a heavy bet on himself.

Not only him, but most of the wealthy on Earth also placed large bets on him.

With the gazes of professionals from half the Milky Way fixed on the fourth competition zone and on Chen Mo, the betting finally came to an end.

Currently, the amount of attention on Chen Mo was at an all-time high.

All the top-tier fourth-transition competitors who had entered the fourth competition zone felt deeply provoked. This is a feeling of being completely looked down upon! This second-transition brat, after skipping from zeroth to second-transition, now dares to outrageously challenge us, the top-tier fourth-transition experts? If we don't teach him life's final lesson, it would be an insult to his audacity! Many had already decided that their top priority upon entering would be to eliminate this second-transition professional.

Many hoped their assigned hunting target would be number 6659! Even before the event began, Chen Mo was already everyone's prey!

As the betting ended, all competitors were momentarily blinded by a glaring light and found themselves inside an incredibly large tower.

The size of just a single floor was indescribable.

Chen Mo found himself in a very spacious corridor. Opening his map, he could see many conspicuous light spots representing the locations of stairs leading to the next floor.

While Chen Mo was checking his map, The Heavenly Path's Hint also chimed in.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: The survival event will officially begin shortly! Before it officially begins, detailed rules will be explained. Participants, please pay close attention to the instructions!

To earn better rewards, try to collect as many points as possible in this instance!

Defeating the BOSS inside the Demon Tower, unlocking treasure chests, completing special adventure challenges, and so on, all offer opportunities to earn additional points.

Moreover, you'll earn 100 points for successfully killing a participant and obtaining half of their points.

If the participant you kill is your assigned target, you'll earn 10,000 points and all the points they had collected.

Your prey's number is 5588, and you'll have real-time access to their coordinates.

But be careful, you will also be a target. While you're looking for your hunting target, make sure you avoid your predator.

There are many special spaces inside the Demon Tower. To leave these spaces, you must meet special conditions, so be extra careful.

The Death Fight Space is especially dangerous; try to avoid entering it.

Once the event begins, poisonous fog will start spreading from the bottom of the tower. This is a rule-level poisonous fog that bypasses all professional abilities. Contact means instant death, with no possibility of resurrection!

You must not remain stationary on any single floor or in any one area. Otherwise, once enveloped by the poisonous fog, you will be instantly eliminated by the rules.

The poisonous fog spreads at a fixed rate, filling an entire floor every 150 minutes.

The map will display the spread of the poisonous fog; please evade it in a timely manner.

When someone dies from the poisonous fog, their accumulated points will be transferred directly to the participant currently holding the highest score in this instance.

The event now officially begins! Please proceed to the next floor as quickly as possible. The first three participants to reach each subsequent floor will receive additional point rewards. The amount of points will vary depending on the floor level.

The first three participants to reach the second floor will be rewarded with 10,000, 5,000, and 1,000 points, respectively!]

As The Heavenly Path's Hint concluded, a blood-red light spot, representing his prey's location, lit up on Chen Mo's map.

At the same time, somewhere in the instance, someone had already located Chen Mo's coordinates.

Chapter 583: Points Ranking! _1

Inside the instance, Slok, a competitor from the Yongming Star System, didn't even bother locating his prey upon entering. Instead, he immediately unleashed a bizarre insect.

The insect seemed to exist in a state between reality and illusion, and it vanished without a trace in an instant.

Hmph, what an idiot from the Solar System, daring to venture into the fourth-transition competition zone. Clearly, he doesn't understand the meaning of death.

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As for Chen Mo, he tried using his Eye of Origin and the Pioneers' perception abilities. However, the outcome was the same: he could only observe everything within a hundred-meter radius around him. This proved that the rule set by the organizer was absolute; no matter what perception abilities they possessed, participants could only see a hundred meters around them.

Moreover, when Chen Mo tried using his Divine Flicker ability, the result was the same: he could only teleport a maximum distance of one hundred meters.

Chen Mo didn't mind too much, since these constraints applied to everyone. It was beneficial to have some limitations.

This prevented some sly competitors from running too fast to be caught.

Although spatial abilities were limited to one hundred meters, there was no limit on pure speed.

After all, Chen Mo possessed the Godspeed Source Crystal.

Once activated, his speed could rival that of lightning.

Under these event restrictions, it was much more useful than teleportation.

However, the current complex surroundings made it difficult to build up speed quickly.

Upon entering the event area, Chen Mo immediately summoned his outer incarnation, Zhui Yi.

Together, they proceeded to the next floor, slaying Skeleton Monsters along the way.

As for his prey, firstly, it was currently quite far away. Secondly, the prey wasn't valuable at the moment; killing it wouldn't yield many points. There was no sense in sacrificing the reward for reaching the next floor first just to hunt it down.

The architectural style of the Demon Tower's first floor was unique and ancient, emanating strong magic elements and a fantastical atmosphere.

The interior walls of the tower were made of black stones and dark purple Crystal Stones, creating a mysterious and solemn tone.

The black stones were inscribed with intricate patterns and runes that emitted faint glimmers of Magic Power.

The Crystal Stones, embedded within the walls, radiated a soft and warm glow.

On the map of the entire first floor, only a highlight indicating the staircase to the next level was visible; a complete and clear map couldn't be seen. Only the route Chen Mo had traveled appeared on the map.

As Chen Mo continued onward, using his perception ability to assess the situation within a hundred meters, he discovered that the entire first floor of the Demon Tower was an extremely complex maze. Intricate corridors and doorways were interwoven, making it challenging to navigate.

The walls were adorned with exquisitely carved statues and bas-reliefs. These portrayed a variety of mysterious creatures and magical symbols, showcasing the history and legends of the Demon Tower.

Chen Mo tried attacking the wall to take a shortcut, but found that regardless of how powerful his attacks were, they had no effect on the Demon Tower's walls.

The walls emanated a powerful defensive force, making them indestructible and impervious.

Chen Mo's attacks only left faint traces on the wall but caused no significant damage.

Clearly, the Demon Tower was protected by a formidable power of rules.

It was utterly impossible to take a shortcut.

Apparently, one had to use the conventional passages and correct methods to reach the next floor.

Chen Mo gave up attacking the walls and continued along the corridor.

Meanwhile, his Moluo's Brain was also active. It was just as useful even on an event map.

Just as Chen Mo and Zhui Yi reached the end of a passage and discovered a three-way fork and some gigantic stone doors, Moluo's Brain instantly provided prompts.

[The left stone door leads to a treasure box room—you'll need to obtain the treasure box key before you can open the treasure box. Alternatively, you can choose to activate the treasure box, transforming it into a powerful Treasure Box Monster, and obtain rewards by defeating it.]

[The middle stone door leads to a wisdom space—you need to complete a wisdom trial before you can leave and collect the points reward.]

[The right stone door is an ordinary passage with no special features.]

"Quite handy, Moluo's Brain can even get insights like these in advance," Chen Mo said to Zhui Yi with a smile. "You take the middle one, I'll go left."

Zhui Yi nodded, pushed open the middle stone door, and went inside.

As soon as he entered, the stone door creaked shut behind him.

Chen Mo, on the other hand, walked towards the left stone door. He noticed that the beautifully carved patterns on all three doors were identical, each displaying several symbols representing power, wisdom, and mystery.

Chen Mo then pushed open the leftmost stone door and entered the treasure box space.

At this moment, everyone outside was watching his movements closely.

While the contestants couldn't view the complete map, the spectators outside had a "God's perspective." This allowed them to see each contestant's location and the entire map of the Demon Tower's first floor.

They noticed a top-tier fourth-transition contender operating near Chen Mo.

This top-tier fourth-transition contender was a 53-star competitor with a bound SS-level pet.

His strength was truly noteworthy.

Since the contestants' perception range was only a hundred meters, neither of them was aware of the other's presence yet.

However, many people were hoping for an immediate confrontation. They could hardly wait to see how a 15-star second-transition contestant dared to enter the fourth-transition competition zone and challenge opponents dozens of stars his senior.

It was truly perplexing.

For a 15-star second-transition contestant, how many attribute points could each level grant?

A level 60, 15-star second-transition contestant would have, at most, only 13,500 freely assignable attribute points.

Compared to a level 100, 53-star fourth-transition contender with 290,000 freely assignable attribute points, the former had over twenty times fewer such attributes.

Moreover, most equipment attributes were amplified based on Star System and the number of transitions.

Thus, an enormous gap in their attribute values had opened up.

Under no circumstances could they imagine a top second-transition contender being able to challenge a top fourth-transition contender.

The only way to convince the crowd was for them to actually battle and demonstrate true skill.

Ordinary spectators found this hard to believe. However, after the incident with the hundred-member, four-star Demonization Brigade in the previous event, those from the Yongming Star System had some

understanding of Chen Mo's power. They knew clearly that if an ordinary fourth-transition contender fell into Chen Mo's hands, they would not survive.

However, the difference between a top-tier fourth-transition competitor and an ordinary one was as wide as the gap between heaven and earth.

If they did collide, the outcome would certainly be something to look forward to.

While all eyes were on him, Chen Mo had already collected the rewards from the treasure box space and walked back out.

The top-tier fourth-transition contender navigated various twists and turns, seemingly on a path that would soon bring him into Chen Mo's hundred-meter perception range. However, he suddenly stopped.

It turned out he was looking at the leaderboard.

At this moment, on the points leaderboard visible to all participants, Chen Mo's rank had suddenly jumped to first place.

After all, he had just collected rewards from both the treasure box space and the testing space.

His points had rocketed to 20,000.

Even the fastest top-tier fourth-transition contenders had only managed to acquire 10,000 points by this point.

Chapter 584: The Only Unmoved Person!_1

It was strange. How had Chen Mo suddenly acquired 20,000 points? Could this Demon Tower event be different from previous ones because it coincided with the Chaos Moon?

Historical records detailed previous Demon Tower exploration events. According to these records, the points obtainable from each room on the first level of the Demon Tower typically ranged from 1,000 to

10,000. Chen Mo's sudden jump to 20,000 points had piqued the curiosity of those familiar with the event.

At this point, the three Alliance Hierarchs were also somewhat perplexed. However, considering the Chaos Moon was the most unique month of the year, they didn't dwell on their doubts for too long. The people in other Star Systems had similar reactions. Although many knew the maximum points per room on the Demon Tower's first level was usually 10,000, the Chaos Moon factor made them less concerned about this discrepancy.

This general reaction was mainly because information about outer incarnations was not visible to spectators. All they could see were the red dots representing the various competitors.

With Zhui Yi's assistance, Chen Mo effortlessly scored 20,000 points and promptly headed towards the third stone door. If that stone door were pushed open and he proceeded to the end, he would encounter the top-tier fourth-transition alien experts active in that area.

Just as everyone was waiting to enjoy the show, the location of the top fourth-transition powerhouse suddenly shifted, moving to an extremely distant place.

"What's going on? Are there invisible Teleportation Arrays in this tower?" those unfamiliar with the Demon Tower's layout couldn't help but wonder aloud.

At this moment, inside the tower, as Chen Mo pushed open the third stone door and moved forward, both his Eye of Origin and Moluo's Brain detected the Teleportation Array that the top fourth-transition expert had stepped on earlier.

[The Teleportation Array ahead leads to a trap space. Proceed with caution.]

As Moluo's Brain provided its analysis, Chen Mo carefully circumvented the trap's location. Although he possessed strong survival abilities, the first floor also featured a rule-level poisonous fog. He wasn't afraid of the tower's traps being lethal, but rather that they might immobilize him in a specific location. After all, spatial abilities were restricted upon entering the event. Once trapped, escaping wouldn't necessarily be easy.

Chen Mo cautiously avoided one trap, only to discover his prey had suddenly changed position, moving to an area relatively close to him.

In fact, at that moment, it wasn't just Chen Mo's prey; most people on the first level had stepped onto a Teleportation Array. The Teleportation Array's concealment level was so high that, among all the participants, only Chen Mo, with his Origin-grade eyes, could perceive it; others remained completely unaware.

Although Chen Mo's Moluo's Brain appeared to be only mythical-grade, this was primarily due to its side effects causing a downgrade. Under such strong side effects, an ordinary person couldn't possibly utilize Moluo's Brain to its full potential. However, under the effects of the Divine Physique, his Moluo's Brain, now free of side effects, had effectively reached Origin-grade. Naturally, he could analyze and detect this trap.

Across the entire first level, apart from Chen Mo, everyone else was randomly teleported by various Teleportation Arrays situated near their initial spawn points.

The spectators outside naturally observed this situation. After observing most participants being teleported randomly, they were surprised to see Chen Mo advance a significant distance, still firmly on his original path, completely unaffected.

This was truly puzzling.

Why have all the top fourth-transition experts fallen for it, while this second-transition participant remains unscathed?

Not only was Chen Mo unaffected, but he also discovered that his prey had practically been delivered to his doorstep. This is great! he thought, inwardly pleased.

He promptly instructed Zhui Yi to change direction and head towards his prey. He had already seen on the leaderboard that his prey, number 5588, had accumulated 10,000 points. Taking them out now would be quite profitable.

After all, the distance from his current position to the nearby staircase, versus his original route, wasn't significantly different on the map. The only unknown was the complexity of the paths for each option.

Chen Mo didn't commit fully himself; he continued along his original route while sending Zhui Yi to deal with his prey. After all, Zhui Yi's combat power is basically on par with mine. If I can defeat an enemy, Zhui Yi generally can too. If I can't, Zhui Yi definitely can't either. So, there's no need for me to engage personally. Combat is precisely what the outer incarnation is for.

Since everyone could see each participant's prey number, they grew very excited upon seeing that number 5588 had teleported relatively close to Chen Mo. Given Chen Mo's audacious behavior as a second-transition participant entering a fourth-transition competition zone, they expected him to hunt down his prey, especially since they were so close.

However, they were disappointed to see that Chen Mo, despite knowing his prey was nearby, deliberately avoided them and chose a different route.

Such behavior bewildered most of the spectators.

「Yongming Star System - Main Conference Hall」

Meanwhile, in the main conference hall of the Yongming Star System, several lower-ranking officials were gathered around the large screen displaying the event map, murmuring amongst themselves.

"Why would this fellow from the Solar System dare to enter the fourth-transition zone but then back off from hunting his prey? His actions are quite strange, aren't they?"

"Indeed. Based on his previous arrogance, finding his prey nearby should have made him rush over excitedly. Could it be that after entering the fourth-transition zone and seeing the powerful experts and their pets from high-level Star Systems, he got scared?"

"If that's the case, it's too late for regrets now."

Hearing their discussion, a high-ranking member of the Yongming Star System commented, "I don't necessarily think he's scared. Perhaps this kid has a big appetite and simply finds the current 'meat' not fatty enough. He couldn't be bothered to harvest a mere 20,000 points."

Another official chimed in, "But can't you inherit your prey's target designation after killing them? Forget 20,000 points; even if it's only the prey's initial 10,000 points, if the target appears nearby, one should go for the kill."

"After all, this kid is very young; it's natural he wouldn't be familiar with all the intricacies of Milky Way events. Hidden rules, like inheriting your prey's target designation after a kill, or inheriting a hunter's target if you successfully counter-hunt them—he probably isn't aware of these yet. Perhaps he simply thinks that after killing his current prey, he won't receive such good rewards for eliminating others, so he chose not to act immediately."

A junior officer then asked, "Sir, aren't we overestimating him with that line of thinking? He's a second-transition participant in a zone filled with peak fourth-transition experts. It's far more likely he'll be killed than be the one doing the killing."

The high-ranking member replied, "I'm uncertain of his actual strength; I'm merely analyzing his behavior. His avoidance of his prey likely stems from this kind of strategic thinking, not cowardice. If he were the type to flee, he wouldn't have entered this competition zone to begin with."

"That explanation does seem quite reasonable, sir."

The higher-ups in the Yongming Star System had thus formed a plausible theory for Chen Mo's avoidance of his prey.

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At this time, most people on Earth were speculating along similar lines. Essentially, few believed Chen Mo was scared. Most people suspected he simply felt the 'prey' wasn't valuable enough yet. Even the three Alliance Hierarchs of the Academy Alliance shared this view.

Seeing Chen Mo abandon his prey left many people very disappointed. After all, Chen Mo's true strength remained an enigma to them. They were eager to see a concrete demonstration of his abilities in battle.

Just as the crowd was feeling disappointed and the event seemed to be losing its excitement, they suddenly witnessed a change in the information display that left them utterly astonished.

Chapter 585: Terrifying Second-Transition!_1

No. 5588, an Alien named Wipha, hailed from the 'Zuoma Star System,' a star system in a region more remote than the Solar System.

His appearance was quite different from that of humans. He stood approximately 2 meters tall, with well-defined and robust muscles. His skin had a slight silver-gray hue, and his eyes were deep purple, sparkling with an enigmatic glow.

His facial contours were sharp, with a pair of curved horns on his forehead. His short, black hair gleamed like dark feathers.

Clad in sleek silver armor, his movements were nimble and elegant, radiating a force and speed beyond mere mortals.

His Profession was 'Supreme Beserker'.

According to the Profession introduction from the Heavenly Dao:

[Profession Introduction]: The Supreme Beserker is an extremely powerful 25th-star Profession, renowned for its unparalleled frenzied strength and endless battle zeal. They are terrifying entities on the battlefield, conquering opponents with potent power and a bloodcurdling battle style. Moreover, they possess formidable Immortal Ability, able to survive even when caught amidst thousands of troops.

Wipha's Profession was already extremely strong, and combined with his pet's formidable power, their combat strength was terrifying.

However, this only applied to normal situations, and he was about to encounter an abnormal one.

Wipha was speeding down a hallway. While he was still moving, his sixth sense suddenly blared a warning, as if something was about to take his life.

Even though he reacted promptly, he was attacked before he could fully comprehend what was happening, instantly triggering his passive Immortality Effect.

What just happened!?

He immediately pulled up the Heavenly Path System to check the notifications.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You have been affected by Contestant 'No. 6659's' Sealing Ability. Your Passive Skill 'Indomitable Will' has been sealed, your Passive Skill 'Spirit of War God' has been sealed, and your Passive Skill 'Fate's Guard' has been sealed.]

[Battle Hint: You have been attacked by Contestant 'No. 6659'. Please prepare for battle!]

No. 6659?

This number sounded extremely familiar to Wipha. While frantically fleeing during the period his Immortality Effect was active, Wipha called up the contestant list and searched.

The number clearly indicated a second-transition contestant from the Solar System.

How is that possible? That second-transitioner from the Solar System? How did he attack me? How did he empty my Health in an instant? And where is he?

At this moment, Wipha felt not so much fear as a shattering of his worldview; his thoughts plunged into complete chaos.

A second-transition professional had silently, without a trace, insta-killed him, directly triggering his passive Immortality Skill.

This was too terrifying!

He originally had a total of four Immortality Skills. They were:

['Spirit of War God': Effect: When the Supreme Berserker suffers critical damage, his Spirit of War God awakens. Under its protection, he will not die instantly but will enter an Invincible State for 10 seconds. In this Invincible State, the Supreme Berserker's Life will remain at 1 point, and he cannot take any damage. This effect has a 180-second Cooldown after each activation (unaffected by any Cooldown reduction effects).]

['Indomitable Will': Effect: The Supreme Berserker possesses a tenacious, unyielding will. When he suffers lethal damage, he will immediately recover 50% of his Life and gain an Invincible State for 5 seconds. In this Invincible State, all his attributes are significantly enhanced: attack power, defensive power, and critical hit rate increase by 50%. This effect has a 120-second Cooldown after each activation (unaffected by any Cooldown reduction effects).]

['Revival Fury': Effect: When the Supreme Berserker suffers fatal damage, his rage ignites the Flame of Revival. For the next 3 seconds, he will be immune to all damage and recover 10% of his maximum Life each second. He will also immediately gain a buff lasting until this Skill's Cooldown ends, increasing his attack power and movement speed by 100%. This effect has a 240-second Cooldown after each activation (unaffected by any Cooldown reduction effects).]

['Fate's Guard': Effect: The Supreme Berserker is protected by destiny. When he suffers fatal damage, the power of fate shields him from death. He will immediately recover to 50% of his maximum Life and gain an Invincible State for 10 seconds. In this Invincible State, his attack power and defensive power are significantly increased, and he is immune to all negative effects. This effect has a 300-second Cooldown after each activation (unaffected by any Cooldown reduction effects).]

In that mere instant, three of his four powerful passive Immortality Skills were sealed, specifically the ones with the longest invincibility durations.

Clearly, his opponent had seen through all his attributes, down to his underwear, yet he knew nothing about them.

At this moment, Zhui Yi was relentlessly pursuing him. Possessing an origin-grade acceleration treasure like the Godspeed Source Crystal, Wipha couldn't possibly shake off Zhui Yi.

Three seconds. It seemed very brief, but for a fourth-transition powerhouse, it was already a considerable amount of time.

The moment he quickly assessed the situation, Wipha immediately had his pet, a bat-like creature, emit a unique sound capable of penetrating various spaces, trying to detect the hidden Solar System contestant.

It was useless. The bat emitted sound waves, but it detected nothing at all.

Seeing that the invincibility from Revival Fury was about to end, Wipha immediately used the unyielding effect of an Active Skill, forcibly extending his life by another 10 seconds.

It had to be said that top-tier fourth-transition professionals all possessed exceptional survival skills.

Since Zhui Yi could only use his Sealing Treasure Ring to seal three of the opponent's abilities, he couldn't seal Active Skills.

Of course, Zhui Yi could also choose to use the Ultimate Seal of the Sealing Treasure Ring, resulting in a mutually detrimental outcome. But that was clearly not worthwhile.

The Ultimate Seal effect of the Sealing Treasure Ring would seal all abilities. Clearly, second-transition Professions would suffer more.

Chen Mo relied on one heaven-defying ability after another to fight against higher-transition opponents. Zhui Yi, sharing the same mindset, would never cripple his own strengths.

Even if Wipha could still use his Active Skills, he couldn't escape death.

Unable to see his opponent, his own durability insufficient to withstand the attacks, constantly being insta-killed, and incapable of outrunning his pursuer, Wipha had no chance of survival.

Chen Mo hadn't found the Divine Stealth Box particularly useful during his usual tasks. His primary opponents were Gods or divine-grade powerhouses, each possessing formidable Divine Power or potent hidden divine power. Consequently, the Divine Stealth Box's effect was barely effective for Chen Mo.

But against existences with Divine Power weaker than his, the divine stealth ability of the Divine Stealth Box was a dimensional-tier suppression! As long as their Divine Power didn't exceed Chen Mo's, they couldn't see Chen Mo, couldn't break his stealth, and couldn't harm him.

It could be said that invisibility truly meant invincibility!

With this Skill in hand, one could roam unhindered below the fifth-transition!

Wipha, struggling desperately to survive and flee, was utterly bewildered.

Why?

Why could a second-transitioner possess the power to insta-kill me so easily?

Why couldn't my pet, with its SSS-level, top-tier Stealth-Breaking ability, penetrate the stealth of a second-transitioner!?

Chapter 586: Astonishing Changes!_1

While Wipha was perplexed by the current situation, his Undying State finally came to an end.

Enduring another massive wave of inexplicable, high true damage, he could no longer hang on and died right there on the spot.

However, as soon as he died, he was immediately resurrected.

It was clear this guy had the ability to resurrect himself.

Zhui Yi, with the Eye of Origin, had already known this. This guy possessed three Resurrection Effect Rings.

However, compared to his being Immortal, this was not a threat. If he resurrected, Zhui Yi would just kill him again. Continuous Immortality, being unkillable, was the most annoying aspect.

Under Zhui Yi's merciless command, over a hundred million Skeleton Monsters in the invisible state launched another attack. Wipha, after resurrecting for the third time, was helplessly slain on the ground.

Until his death, he could not understand why a second-transition professional was so outrageously strong. He felt as if he was facing an opponent of the fifth-transition tier!

If he thought as such, he wouldn't be wrong. Chen Mo's Divine Power was now as high as 230 points, a figure that ordinary, newly advanced fifth-transition professionals would need considerable training to achieve.

In terms of actual strength, Chen Mo had already outpaced professionals at the early stage of the fifth-transition.

As a peak fourth-transition professional himself, losing to someone beyond the early stage of the fifth-transition wasn't too unjust.

Following Wipha's death, Chen Mo, who had been treading his own path, immediately received The Heavenly Path's Hint.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Congratulations, you have successfully killed your prey. You have obtained a hunting reward of 10,000 points and all 10,000 points your prey had accumulated!]

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: As you have killed your prey, you will inherit your prey's target. Your new prey target is No. 3745.]

Oh? So I get to inherit prey targets? That's great. I thought the rewards would dwindle after killing my prey and others reaped the leftovers. I didn't realize it was a cycle of inheritance; this is a way to obtain even more points.

Having read The Heavenly Path's Hint, Chen Mo was quite pleased.

After all, the point difference between killing your own prey and killing someone who wasn't your designated prey was enormous.

The points for the kill itself differed by a factor of 100, and the amount of the opponent's points obtainable after a kill also differed by a factor of two.

The Heavenly Path's Hint continued.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: All data related to participants who have died during the Demon Tower exploration activity will be completely erased and recovered from the replicate.

The recovery of dropped items is complete. Based on the total value of the opponent's dropped items, you have received 2,000,000 victory points!

These can be used to exchange for rewards at the end of the event. Please note that if you are killed, these points will also be transferred to someone else!]

How come it's only two million? When I was in the second-transition competition zone, I got one or two million victory points from killing a top second-transition professional. For a fourth-transition, even a hundred times that amount wouldn't be excessive! So why is this so little?

Chen Mo immediately summoned the Heavenly Path Elf and raised his query.

"Hello, dear professional. The conversion of victory points will vary according to the competition zone. The value conversion requirements for the fourth-transition competition zone are much higher than those for the second-transition zone. It's like challenging an SSS-level replicate in the second-transition versus the fourth-transition. The monster difficulty can differ by more than a hundred times, but the best possible reward remains an SSS-level reward; that aspect is the same."

Hearing the Heavenly Path Elf's explanation, Chen Mo felt some relief.

The logic did make sense. However, it still felt like a rip-off, considering a fourth-transition professional carried far more valuable items than a second-transition professional could ever possess.

"So, will the rewards available in the War Spoils Shop be better than those during the second-transition?"

"Yes, the shop will feature more items than the second-transition War Spoils Shop, such as treasures that enhance domain abilities or pets' abilities, for example."

While Chen Mo was clarifying matters about victory point rewards with the Heavenly Dao, the outside world was already in an uproar.

"What's going on? Why did No. 5588 suddenly disappear? We didn't see his marker flash to another location either. Did he die?"

If teleportation occurred, the corresponding marker would flash a few times. However, everyone on the map had just finished teleporting, and there was no second wave, so no markers were flashing. So, when someone noticed No. 5588's marker disappear, they questioned it. The people nearby immediately glanced at the densely packed numbers on the contestant list.

Finally, amidst the dense crowd of numbers, they found No. 5588. At that moment, No. 5588 had turned black; it was obvious he had died.

But actually, they didn't need to search any longer, as The Heavenly Path's Hint had popped up in the center of the main map.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Contestant "Wipha (No. 5588)" from the Zuoma Star System—Level 100 (fourth-transition professional, 25th-star profession "Supreme Beserker")—has died! Current participants remaining in this replicate: 9,999!]

"Dead? What happened? Our Earth contestant is far from him. How did he die? Did he step on a trap and die?"

"I don't think so. I've heard about this event. Whether you challenge a BOSS or fall into a trap, you only lose consciousness on the spot for a while. Unless attacked by a death-inducing poisonous fog, you don't die."

"So, was he dragged into the Death Fight Space and killed?"

"That can't be possible. The Death Fight Space sucks a group of people into the same area and changes their coordinates. Look at the map coordinates [6666, 6666]; it clearly indicates the Death Fight Space is there. If a Death Fight Space event had truly occurred, a red dot should have appeared at that location. Instead, his red dot disappeared from his path. It's like he was just walking along and then suddenly died."

"A peak fourth-transition expert just walking along and then suddenly dying? How could this happen?"

Someone shouted, "Hey, look at the points of our Earth's second-transition contestant!" Instantly, everyone turned to look at the points leaderboard.

The points of this second-transition professional from the Solar System had, at this moment, incredibly changed from 20,000 to 40,000.

But this second-transition professional from the Solar System was currently in a corridor with nothing in it. It's impossible for him to gain so many points out of thin air!

"Killing your prey earns 10,000 points, and contestant No. 5588 also had 10,000 points. After killing your target, you inherit all their points. In other words, if our contestant from the Solar System killed No. 5588, he would gain 20,000 points!"

"My God, no way! Our contestant from the Solar System's points have gone up from exactly 20,000 to 40,000. There aren't any other areas on the road where he could get points; his points couldn't have increased out of nowhere. Does that mean he killed the fourth-transition professional?"

"It shouldn't be. He just chose a route away from No. 5588, and later, No. 5588 also accelerated away from our Earth contestant for some distance. The distance between them is now vast. The Heavenly Dao stated at the start that all spatial abilities in this replicate would be limited to a maximum of 100 meters. Even if he has the means to kill from afar, it's impossible to kill from such a great distance!"

"If it wasn't our Earth contestant who killed him, then why did our Earth contestant suddenly gain 20,000 points? That's exactly the point reward for killing one's prey. His points couldn't have just increased by themselves."

Upon hearing this, the crowd was utterly puzzled.

Logically, the Heavenly Path's rules are absolute. Even the most powerful fifth-transition experts on Earth, upon entering a Heavenly Dao event replicate, must abide by the Heavenly Path's rules. Rule Power is an extremely strong force, not something that they, who haven't explored much of even the first level of the Tower of Eternity, can transcend.

Therefore, killing from a distance should be absolutely impossible.

Yet now, the man had indeed been certified dead by The Heavenly Path's pop-up window, and the Hunter from Earth had indeed inherited the points.

At this time, someone looking at the contestant list promptly shouted, "No need to guess! Look at the target number behind our Earth contestant's name on the contestant list; it has changed to No. 5588's previous target number. I specifically noted No. 5588's target number earlier. One only inherits the target number by killing their own prey, right?"

"That's not necessarily true. I've done a fair amount of research on Heavenly Dao activities. This particular event has occurred before. According to previous records, you don't have to kill your prey yourself; as long as your prey dies, you will also inherit your prey's target number. So, this cannot be used as evidence that our Earth contestant killed that fourth-transition professional."

"Then this is just too weird. Don't tell me that fourth-transition professional suddenly reached the end of his lifespan and just died?"

Once this was said, many people thought it sounded like a joke. A peak fourth-transition expert, unless they were an old monster who had lived for thousands of years, would only die of old age if the difficulty of their lifespan-extending replicates became so extreme they couldn't pass them, leaving them no choice but to die naturally. But how could someone who had lived for thousands of years still only be a fourth-transition professional?

Obviously, this statement was a joke, yet it seemed strangely reasonable. Otherwise, how could this person just suddenly die for no reason while walking?

However, some people still insisted that Chen Mo had completed the kill; after all, the change in points couldn't lie.

"Even if we assume he died of natural causes, his death wouldn't cause our Earth contestant to instantly gain 20,000 points. Only those who die from the poisonous fog have all their points transferred to the player with the most points. Our Earth contestant has the most points, so he'd have inheritance rights. If this fourth-transition contestant, No. 5588, died of natural causes, he would only have had 10,000 points on him. Our Earth contestant should only be able to inherit those 10,000 points. He wouldn't be able to get the hunting reward, so he couldn't possibly have gained 20,000 points. So, no matter what, if he didn't kill this fourth-transition professional, the 20,000-point increase is quite strange."

"This is ridiculous! It's getting harder and harder to understand. Looking at the points, it seems like our Earth contestant killed this fourth-transition professional. But considering the distance, with the Heavenly Path's rules in place, it shouldn't be possible. Can anyone explain what's happening?"

Once this was said, people stared blankly at each other; no one could explain it.

Never mind them; even the three Alliance Hierarchs from the Academy Alliance found this situation astonishing. Or rather, the more familiar people were with the rules of Demon Tower exploration, the more puzzled they would be by the current situation!

"What do you two think?" Jiang Yun looked at the two people beside him.

"Strange, truly strange. Judging from the available information, it seems Chen Mo killed the man. But the distance doesn't make sense. What method could Chen Mo have possibly used?" Markus expressed his bewilderment.

"Indeed, according to the current rules of the Heavenly Dao, killing someone from such a long distance should be impossible. The area where this person was located wasn't one Chen Mo previously traversed, so he couldn't have laid any traps. Honestly, this death is quite odd."

"This kid is getting stranger by the minute. It seems we'll have to wait for him to come out and ask him directly," Jiang Yun said with a resigned smile.

Currently on Earth, while most of the population discussed this enigmatic event, many questioned whether Chen Mo, as a second-transitioner, truly had the capacity to kill a peak fourth-transitioner. The death of such a high-tier individual was truly perplexing for everyone.

Meanwhile, in the Yongming Star System, Wipha's death had also caused a tremendous stir. The public discourse there was similar to that on Earth. However, the inhabitants of the Yongming Star System possessed more information about Chen Mo's abilities than their Earthly counterparts and, therefore, speculated more.

In the meeting hall, someone from the crowd spoke up, "Everyone, based on the information relayed by the four-star Demonization Brigade through their death codes, we know Chen Mo possesses extremely powerful summoned entities. Could it be that one of his summons acted independently and killed that fourth-transitioner?"

Some found this line of reasoning plausible.

But others shook their heads. "That was a peak fourth-transitioner. How could he be casually killed by a separately-acting summoned entity? No doubt Chen Mo is powerful, but isn't this overestimating him?"

"When the fourth-transition Demonization Brigade initially dealt with him, what level was he? And now? From Level 35 to 60, how much has he grown? It's entirely plausible for his combat abilities to have skyrocketed."

Someone from the Yongming Star System's higher-ups then said, "In terms of raw power, since he dared to enter this competition zone, we can temporarily acknowledge his capacity to fight peak fourth-transitioners. We also tentatively agree he might use a summoned entity to kill one. However, following this conjecture, there's still an issue: the heavenly path's rule! A close look at the heavenly path's rule clearly states that all perception abilities can, at most, gather information within a 100-meter range. This means, whether he shares vision with his summoned entity or communicates telepathically, once the entity moves beyond one hundred meters, he loses awareness of its situation. A group of leaderless, unthinking summoned creatures, no matter how strong, couldn't kill a lucid peak fourth-transitioner, could they?"

"This indeed was a key issue."

Those unaware of Chen Mo's abilities thought he couldn't perform a long-range kill due to spatial ability limitations. Those aware of his abilities thought he couldn't do it due to perception ability limitations. No matter how one deduced it, this remote kill simply left everyone scratching their heads.

Nevertheless, most people tended to believe Chen Mo made the kill. They just didn't know how. Otherwise, the situation was simply unexplainable.

A perfectly fine fourth-transitioner, just walking along, suddenly drops dead? Chen Mo randomly receives the kill points and all their accumulated points? Except for attributing the death to Chen Mo, no other explanation made sense!

Of course, even attributing the death to Chen Mo, no one could definitively explain how he did it.

The inhabitants of the Solar System and Yongming Star System were rife with speculation. People from other star systems were equally dumbfounded by this sudden turn of events. Since the two star systems most familiar with Chen Mo were clueless, those from other star systems were even more bewildered.

Simultaneously, several star systems closer to the Solar System and the Yongming Star System felt an inexplicable unease regarding this second-transitioner from the Solar System. Perhaps the Yongming Star System wasn't exaggerating this time. This kid's abilities really were something else!

They intensified their observation.

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Outside the event instance, the crowd was full of confusion and astonishment.

All the peak fourth-transition contestants inside the event instance, however, lacked this "God's perspective." Naturally, they didn't know where that fourth-transitioner had died. After all, only Chen Mo, the Hunter, had the fourth-transitioner's location data. Everyone else, apart from their own prey, had no idea where others were.

So, regarding Chen Mo killing Wipha, they didn't share the same kind of perplexed astonishment. What concerned them more was a sudden fear of Chen Mo's power.

Initially, they had thought of Chen Mo as that abnormal zeroth-transitioner capable of slaying peak second-transitioners. But they had originally thought this extraordinary ability to compete across tiers, while effective in the second-transition competition zone, would be mere overconfidence in the fourth-transition competition zone. Unexpectedly, he remained just as sharp, successfully killing a peak fourth-transitioner. This was sufficient proof of his genuine strength!

A keen sense of crisis intensified in everyone's hearts. After all, a second-transitioner defeating a peak fourth-transitioner was unheard of. Naturally, they had no way of assessing the opponent's true strength, right?

The more unknown, the more terrifying!

Everyone had originally planned to target Chen Mo as their priority kill, but Wipha's death struck their hearts like a heavy hammer! This second-transitioner's strength far exceeded expectations; it was best to avoid clashing with him if possible!

The vast majority didn't want to fight such an unpredictable opponent!

However, a small number of the very best peak fourth-transitioners, who didn't believe in superstition and had bound SSS-level pets, were keen to test Chen Mo's strength. They hoped to encounter Chen Mo sooner to get a closer look at his terrifying Divine Skills, which allowed a second-transitioner to defeat a fourth-transitioner.

Among them were Chen Mo's hunters, their faces now clearly filled with excitement! They had initially thought him an easy prey, but now, this prey seemed quite interesting, naturally piquing their interest.

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Inside the tower, Chen Mo paid little attention to this. After all, for him, who frequently fought god-grade and divine-grade opponents, fourth-transitioners were no threat—mere ants, unless they too could possess Divine Power in advance. Killing a fourth-transitioner without Divine Power wasn't worth his attention.

He continued his journey, checking his map for the next target's location. Seeing it was quite far, and that he was close to finding the stairs to the next floor, he decided against pursuing the target.

As for Zhui Yi, he did not turn back to regroup with Chen Mo but headed towards the nearest staircase to the lower level. This way, they could still meet on the next floor in time.

Although Chen Mo had lost track of Zhui Yi due to the heavenly path's rule, Zhui Yi could still easily find him by checking Chen Mo's and Chen Mo's prey's positions on the map.

As Chen Mo moved, a Cursing Insect flickering between reality and illusion appeared near him, looking somewhat confused. Chen Mo, in his invisible state, received information about this Cursing Insect.

[Divine-Possessor Insect]: Only needs to be provided some information about the target, and it can accurately find where the target is. Whether the target is in the Void Realm or the mortal world, it can attach itself to the target and locate the target's coordinates in real time!

This Cursing Insect was indeed useful. It could accurately locate someone with just a little information. The moment it was provided Chen Mo's contestant ID, it flew directly to his coordinates. Unfortunately, despite its god-grade quality, it couldn't see Chen Mo in his invisible state. Even if it had tracked the correct location, without seeing the target, it naturally couldn't possess it. So it wandered around, lost.

"The effect of this Cursing Insect is quite impressive."

Chen Mo tried to catch the Cursing Insect and put it in his backpack.

At this point, The Heavenly Path's Hint sounded.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Please note, this Cursing Insect is owned by someone else. You cannot put it directly into your backpack. You must sever the Cursing Insect's connection with its original owner before you can claim it. You only need to consume 10 Divine Power points to sever the connection. Do you wish to proceed? However, please note, if the other party chooses to expend Divine Power to obstruct your Divine Power's influence, you may need to consume more Divine Power to complete the severance.]

So it's possible to seize other people's Cursing Insects by consuming Divine Power, interesting.

This was the first time Chen Mo heard about this. However, the cost wasn't clear, so he asked the Heavenly Path Elf.

"Is the Divine Power consumption permanent?"

"No. Every time you gain Divine Power, your Divine Power limit increases. Regardless of how you consume your Divine Power, it will eventually restore to your maximum limit. For example, if your current Divine Power is 230 points, no matter how you use it, it will recover at a rate of 1 point per second until it is fully restored to 230 points."

So Divine Power is like a consumable Energy. It seems many abilities will require Divine Power in the future.

Speaking of this, Chen Mo suddenly realized another issue and immediately asked, "Divine Power affects the overall attribute value. If consumed, will it cause a reduction in attribute value?"

"No, your attribute value increases according to your Divine Power limit. No matter how Divine Power is consumed, your Divine Power limit remains fixed."

"That's good. Can the efficiency of Divine Power recovery be improved?"

"Yes. One point per second is the standard recovery speed for those with Divine Power after consumption. This rate can be increased based on the different abilities you possess."

This was the first time Chen Mo had gained a deeper understanding of Divine Power. Previously, his understanding of Divine Power was limited to its ability to increase attribute values and enhance the effects of Skills used on others.

He hadn't expected Divine Power to also be a consumable. Since it recovers one point per second, consuming 10 points means it will be fully restored in 10 seconds. Isn't that almost the same as no cost at all?

As for potential interference from an opponent's Divine Power, there was no need to worry either. Fourth-transitioners didn't have Divine Power; where would they get Divine Power to compete with him? Even if some were extraordinary like him, his over two hundred Divine Power points were more than even newly advanced fifth-transitioners possessed. Even if a fourth-transitioner had Divine Power, they likely couldn't contend with him.

None of his current abilities required Divine Power to activate. Even if he exhausted it, there would be no impact.

Without hesitation, Chen Mo chose to sever the connection, seizing control of the opponent's Cursing Insect!

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With a thought, Chen Mo used his Divine Power to seize control of the Cursing Insect.

Slok also instantly learned of the corresponding information prompt.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Please be aware! Please be aware! Your 'Possession Divine Curse' is being taken by someone expending Divine Power. If you cannot expend Divine Power to block them, you will lose control of your 'Possession Divine Curse' in 3 seconds!]

Divine Power? Seizing?

Spike was utterly bewildered at that moment.

Before he could sort out his thoughts, the three-second countdown had already ended.

Along with this, The Heavenly Path's Hint rang out again.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Please be careful. As you failed to prevent the seizure, you have lost control of your 'Possession Divine Curse'.]

Only at this moment did Spike look alertly at the previous Heavenly Path's Hint.

Divine Power... Divine Power... How is this possible? How can something like Divine Power appear in a fourth-transition competition zone?

He looked bewildered, his mind in utter confusion.

He didn't even know who had seized his Cursing Insect or by what means.

If it was a participant in the event instance, that should be impossible. He had never heard of Divine Power existing in anyone below the fifth-transition.

He repeatedly checked the history of the Heavenly Dao again and again.

But no matter how many times he checked, the words in The Heavenly Path's Hint never changed. The term 'Divine Power' was clearly displayed.

Could it have been seized by some BOSS within the instance?

In the end, after mulling it over repeatedly, this was the only implausible reason he could come up with.

After all, his Possession Divine Curse should be on its way to find Chen Mo's coordinates at this time; how could it be seized by an instance BOSS for no reason?

But aside from an instance BOSS potentially possessing Divine Power, he truly couldn't imagine any other participant having it.

Seeing that their initial gambit had failed and a Cursing Insect had already been lost, Slok was quite upset.

Furthermore, having witnessed Wipha's death and knowing that Chen Mo indeed possessed the ability to kill top-tier fourth-transition professionals, he proceeded with much greater caution.

Originally, if he could have used the Possession Divine Curse to gather information on Chen Mo, he would have had tactical flexibility. Now, that was no longer possible.

While he was frustrated, Chen Mo was in high spirits.

Having acquired an extremely potent tracking Cursing Insect for free, he naturally felt pleased.

The moment he got it, he used it right away.

"Just a single piece of clear, relevant information is needed to find the target—these conditions are quite excellent! Go and possess competitor number 7596 to pinpoint his location!"

As Chen Mo gave the order, the Possession Divine Curse nodded its little head and then flew away from Chen Mo, fading between the virtual and the real.

After dispatching the Possession Divine Curse, Chen Mo continued towards the staircase leading to the next floor.

To be the first, he moved at an extremely high speed.

After all, with the powerful combination of the Eye of Origin and Moluo's Brain, he wasn't afraid of encountering traps or pitfalls along the way!

The staircase to the next floor, which initially appeared to be close by, actually required navigating a long, winding path through the maze-like corridors.

Not only Chen Mo, but Zhui Yi also encountered the same situation.

The staircase to the next floor, marked by blinking highlights on the map, seemed tantalizingly close. Even though Zhui Yi could sense it was just on the other side of the wall, he simply couldn't get to it. Even with the Flash Appearance ability, one could only flash for a hundred meters in corridors without wall blockages; it was simply inconceivable to flash from one side of a wall to the other.

Evidently, trying to take shortcuts to quickly reach the next staircase within the Demon Tower was impossible.

Chen Mo understood this, however, and didn't dwell on it.

After all, if one could easily use Flash Appearance through walls in this kind of competition, reaching the top would be far too simple. The Heavenly Dao certainly wouldn't create something so unchallenging.

At this time, the other participants faced similar difficulties. The Teleportation Arrays and spawn points designed by the Heavenly Dao were all located very far from the staircases to the next floor.

Chen Mo was currently the closest to a staircase among all the participants.

Firstly, his movement speed was fast enough; secondly, he hadn't used any teleportation points.

If, for example, the initial spawn point was 100 units of distance from the nearest staircase, then the distance to a teleportation point might be 20 units. However, after using the teleportation point, the new location would be 200 units away from the nearest staircase.

In other words, most other people were now significantly farther from a staircase than they were at the start.

Only Chen Mo was getting progressively closer to the next staircase.

Meanwhile, Zhui Yi, having wasted time searching for Wipha, was now about as far from the next staircase as the other competitors.

However, having inherited Chen Mo's Godspeed Source Crystal, he possessed extremely fast movement speed, so he would still find the staircase to the next floor faster than other competitors.

Since the first floor was sufficiently large, participants rarely encountered each other. Consequently, after Zhui Yi killed Wipha at the beginning, there were no death announcements for quite some time.

Instead, everyone's points were increasing from time to time.

An hour after the event started, Chen Mo had accumulated 100,000 points. The dozen or so contestants immediately behind him had around 50,000 points each. Following them, hundreds of contestants had 40,000 points, thousands had 30,000 points, thousands more had 20,000 points, and hundreds had 10,000 points.

This showed that most people had found some point rewards in the various Demon Tower spaces.

Chen Mo quite liked this development; it meant there were more points for him to potentially seize.

He hoped these people would earn as many points as possible.

After navigating many twists and turns for a considerable distance, Chen Mo finally found the staircase to the next floor.

The moment Chen Mo stepped onto the staircase and entered the next floor, The Heavenly Path's Hint immediately rang out.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Congratulations to Solar System competitor number 6659 for being the first to enter the second floor of the Demon Tower! They will be rewarded with 10,000 points. Other participants, please hurry and strive for good rankings. Achieving consecutive high ranks will increase reward multipliers for subsequent rankings.]

Currently, if Solar System competitor number 6659 is among the first three to enter the third floor, he will receive double the corresponding reward for that rank.

The first participant to enter the third floor will receive a 20,000 point reward, the second will receive a 10,000 point reward, and the third will receive a 5,000 point reward.]

As The Heavenly Path's Hint sounded, the various top-tier fourth-transition professionals felt a wave of displeasure.

Nearly ten thousand top-tier fourth-transition professionals had entered the event instance. Yet, a second-transition professional had not only claimed first place in points but had also outpaced them in climbing the tower. This was utterly humiliating for them!

If any other top-tier fourth-transition professional had achieved this rank, they would have felt somewhat better.

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"Almost ten thousand fourth-transition participants, and one died inexplicably, not to mention the rankings being completely dominated by a second-transition participant who even entered the second layer before anyone else! This is truly an unprecedented marvel!"

The performance in the fourth competition zone of the current competition format left the other Star Systems utterly astounded.

"There's definitely something strange about this guy from the Solar System. The Yongming Star System's warning this time certainly wasn't just fearmongering."

"Sir, we haven't seen him officially engage anyone yet. Isn't it a bit early to draw conclusions?"

"There's no smoke without fire. Regardless of whether he killed that fourth-transition participant who died so mysteriously, the sheer number of points he's accumulated proves that even the most difficult assessment spaces for top-tier fourth-transition participants are no challenge for him. Do you really think he entered the special spaces of the Demon Tower so many times and received rewards without ever encountering a single battle?"

"That's true. His actual combat prowess does seem extraordinary. However, being able to pass the Demon Tower's special space trials usually only requires the level of a mid to upper-tier fourth-transition participant. It's still uncertain if he truly surpasses the absolute top-tier fourth-transition participants."

"Indeed. But at least this gives us some clues about him. An ordinary second-transition, no matter how skilled, couldn't accomplish these things. Since he has, he clearly possesses something unique."

"If so, the initial hidden five-star profession mentioned by the Yongming Star System might actually be real!"

"As for their claim that the Solar System has initiated an Above SSS-level Realm Breakthrough Assessment, although we haven't been able to confirm it by reaching the Solar System, it's likely true. Otherwise, a second-transition participant merely possessing SSS-level rewards wouldn't be able to rank so highly in a fourth-transition competition zone."

"This... If both claims are true, this individual's potential is truly unprecedented. Allowing him to develop unchecked could lead to a disaster lasting for millennia!"

"We don't need both to be true. If, as a second-transition participant, he can slaughter top-tier fourth-transition participants as easily as he slaughtered top-tier second-transition participants when he was zeroth-transition, that alone is enough to prove what a colossal threat he is! Once he reaches fifth-transition, who could possibly be his opponent?"

"If that's truly the case, it's a massive problem. If even top-tier fourth-transition participants can't deal with him, will the five-star Demonization plan proposed by the Yongming Star System actually be effective?"

"According to the intelligence shared by the Yongming Star System, it's still viable. After Demonization, all Skills of a five-star professional are enhanced through Demonization, becoming significantly more powerful. Skills already at an SSS-level could potentially reach Above SSS-level.

"This is beyond what top-tier fourth-transition participants can contend with. Not even a hundred five-star professionals... no Star System could afford to expend that many! Even if they could, it's impossible to find so many five-stars willing to sacrifice themselves."

"Where did the Yongming Star System acquire such a monstrous ability? If we help them eliminate this immense threat, aren't we just trading a tiger for a wolf? Could this ability become our own scourge in the future?"

"The Yongming Star System is also aware that if we don't cooperate, this threat from the Solar System will become unstoppable once it fully develops. Their very existence might be in jeopardy. That's why they've shown such sincerity this time, sharing complete and detailed information about the "God Blood Soul Eater Demonize Formation."

"Activating this formation incurs an enormous cost—it consumes one hundred portions of Divine Blood alone! Moreover, the higher the star level and the more transitions an individual has undergone, the greater the cost of Demonization. This Array is difficult to employ as a strategic weapon; it's more of a deterrent, a trump card to ensure their own survival as a last resort.

"Otherwise, all the five-stars in the Solar System would have been eliminated long ago. Do you think the Solar System could have developed to its current state otherwise?"

"HISS! One hundred portions of Divine Blood! If fully absorbed, that could increase one's Divine Power by a full 10 points! They're actually willing to pay such a steep price! The main issue is that Divine Blood is incredibly difficult to find. This cost alone makes it something that cannot be activated lightly."

"To survive, they'd have to bear any cost. If they genuinely want our help, we'll have to bleed them for more, hmph."

"Speaking of which, the Yongming Star System is truly unlucky. Their opponent is merely a minor Star System with a single Life Planet, yet they've ended up in such a dire predicament."

"The Universe is vast and boundless; no part of it should be underestimated! We mustn't become complacent just because we hold a dominant position. Continue to intensify our attacks on the Celestial System. We must crush them so thoroughly they have no chance of recovery!"

"Yes, Sir!"

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At this point, numerous Star Systems had already fixed their gazes intently on Chen Mo.

Even though he hadn't yet explicitly engaged in combat with any fourth-transition participants, his current points total alone was enough to command everyone's serious attention.

Upon entering the second layer, Chen Mo discovered that its environment was completely different from that of the first layer.

If the first layer could be considered to have a normal tower structure, then the second layer was utterly bizarre.

Before Chen Mo lay a dense forest.

Chen Mo immediately opened his map to take a look.

The Heavenly Path's Hint: You have entered the Fantasy Forest. The Fantasy Forest is divided into one-square-meter grid cells, totaling one hundred thousand cells. You can see the number of each plot on the map.

Area Restriction: All spatial abilities are disabled on this layer. You can move a maximum of one grid cell per second. Simultaneously, everyone's maximum attack range is reduced to 100 meters, and the maximum damage area of effect is reduced to 1 meter.

Every 10 seconds, all one hundred thousand grid cells will shift their overall positions according to a specific pattern. Either rely on your luck to reach the next layer's entrance, or try to discover the movement pattern.

What a dangerous map!

After reading The Heavenly Path's Hint, Chen Mo realized this second layer was far more dangerous than the first.

After all, if the poison fog were to spread to this layer, and if one unfortunately landed on a grid cell that shifted to an edge area during a regional displacement, wouldn't that be instantly fatal?

Fortunately, the poison fog was still slowly advancing on the first layer.

However, while this second layer might be difficult for others, it wasn't difficult for Chen Mo at all.

Moluo's Brain operated at high speed, directly analyzing and deciphering the Teleportation rules of this forest area.

[Grid cell #2345 of the Up-Up-Left-Up Area will, in the next Teleportation, move towards an area closer to the staircase to the next layer.]

With such a powerful cheat tool, Chen Mo easily followed Moluo's Brain's analysis and headed to the designated position.

When the Teleportation time arrived, the surroundings shook and shifted. Chen Mo then opened his map and saw that, indeed, he was now much closer to the next layer's staircase entrance indicated on the map than he had been previously.

[Grid cell #4678 of the Up-Up-Up-Up-Left Area will, in the next Teleportation, move towards an area closer to the staircase to the next layer.]

Following Moluo's Brain's analyses, Chen Mo steadily advanced towards the next layer's staircase.

Meanwhile, most of the other participants were also approaching the staircase to the next layer.

The first to reach the next layer's staircase was Zhui Yi.

Possessing the Godspeed Source Crystal, his speed was indeed very high.

Upon entering the second layer, he immediately checked Chen Mo's location.

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Although Zhui Yi could directly locate Chen Mo's position, the rules of this map area prevented him from meeting up with Chen Mo directly. Fortunately, he also possessed Moluo's Brain, which could easily deduce the pattern to approach the staircase to the next level.

Over ten minutes later, after experiencing 60 shifts, Chen Mo found himself ten times farther from the staircase to the next level than before.

However, he did not doubt the capabilities of Moluo's Brain. If such a situation occurred, it meant this was the inherent pattern, and he had to follow it. Otherwise, going elsewhere would certainly result in being teleported farther away. Alternatively, he might be teleported closer, but the surrounding walkable areas would all be locations that led progressively farther with each subsequent teleport.

As Chen Mo spent over ten minutes here, many others gradually entered the second level.

The Heavenly Path's Hint also promptly announced the second and third entrants.

The second level was now bustling with activity. Originally, it had only one hundred thousand squares in total. Now, with ten thousand people on the second level, including Zhui Yi, it was difficult to avoid encounters.

However, with many people clustered around several individuals, it was difficult for anyone to take immediate action.

There were five people around Slok at this time. He looked at them and said, "Gentlemen, there's an uncanny second-transition competitor in our competition zone. Why don't we agree to a temporary truce? We can deal with this uncanny individual first, before fighting amongst ourselves. All of us made it to the second level safely, yet his quarry, Wipha, died on the first. Doesn't that alone demonstrate how strange he is?"

Bringing up Wipha was indeed effective. Moreover, these fourth-transition competitors were already quite annoyed that a second-transition individual was outperforming them in their own competition zone.

Therefore, most agreed with the proposal to target the second-transition competitor. However, since they all hailed from different Star Systems, trusting anyone completely was difficult. Even if they formed an alliance, the possibility of betrayal always loomed, so genuine cooperation could not be assumed.

Sensing their hesitation, Slok continued, "We can make an agreement: if anyone launches a sneak attack during our alliance, everyone else will unite to eliminate that person! This should provide some deterrence."

"That might work. Considering how easily we bump into each other on this level, it would be problematic if we started fighting outright."

"Good. Please convey this message to others you encounter. The ten seconds are almost up."

Just as Slok finished speaking, the zone shift began, and he was teleported to a new area, surrounded by new faces.

Every time he encountered someone, he repeated his proposal. With people all around, no one was eager to initiate a fight.

While they hesitated to act, Chen Mo and Zhui Yi were quite willing to. They only refrained because their current potential targets weren't 'fat' enough; they preferred to focus on their designated quarry.

Others, they decided, could be left to 'fatten up' for later. After all, killing targets not designated as their quarry yielded minimal rewards.

At this time, Chen Mo's quarry, Number 3745, had entered the second level and experienced one zone shift.

According to the map, the distance between this quarry and Zhui Yi was very short—only about a kilometer. However, on this level, participants could only move one meter per second, and the attack range was limited to 100 meters. Therefore, even though they were only a kilometer apart, an attack was impossible.

Zhui Yi tried to force the Skeleton Monster to attack, but its arrows vanished into thin air upon reaching the 100-meter mark.

This clearly demonstrated that the Heavenly Dao's rules were no joke. One hundred meters meant exactly one hundred meters, not even half a meter more.

Witnessing this, Zhui Yi temporarily gave up on this quarry. After all, he could only move one meter per second, making it impossible to get right next to the opponent.

After another ten seconds, another teleportation occurred. Chen Mo still found himself in a location relatively far from the staircase to the next level.

As Chen Mo once again moved to the square indicated by Moluo's Brain, this time, surprisingly, someone else stepped onto his square, standing with him.

However, Chen Mo was in divine stealth mode and had no collision volume, so the other person naturally felt nothing.

Chen Mo observed the strange Alien before him. Its skin was as smooth and white as jade, utterly devoid of hair. He pulled up the points leaderboard to check its points.

Only twenty thousand points—so poor.

Seeing this, Chen Mo decided not to act against it yet. However, if this Alien's luck held and it kept landing on squares progressively closer to the next level's staircase, Chen Mo would have to eliminate it. He couldn't allow anyone else to snatch away the distinction of being the first to reach the next floor.

Another Teleportation occurred. Sure enough, this time the Alien clearly moved to the wrong square.

This was inevitable. Without understanding the pattern, although one could move at most ten squares within ten seconds, there were as many as 120 surrounding squares to choose from.

The odds of guessing the correct location were less than one percent, making it extremely difficult to choose correctly every time.

Over a minute later, after several more Teleportations, Slok's proposal to first eliminate the uncanny second-transition competitor had spread widely, gaining considerable approval.

Unfortunately for them, they would never be able to locate the so-called uncanny second-transition individual on this level.

Not even Chen Mo's Hunter could find him. At this point, Chen Mo's Hunter was less than a few hundred meters away from Chen Mo, yet the Hunter looked utterly dumbfounded.

This level did not restrict perception ability; participants could sense over any distance. The Hunter saw on his map that his quarry, Chen Mo, was supposedly five hundred meters to his front left. Yet, when he used his perception ability to scan that area, he found nothing. It was utterly perplexing.

Initially, the Hunter had wanted to see for himself what was so formidable about his second-transition quarry, but he couldn't see anything at all.

He almost began to doubt if the red dot on his map was malfunctioning. However, after ten seconds, the red dot representing his quarry moved again, indicating that the map display was likely accurate.

Could he be invisible? But my perception ability can detect invisible mode. Is this guy using an SSS-level invisibility technique? It seems I'll have to get closer and use an anti-invisibility measure to see him.

After several more rounds of zone shifts, Chen Mo was now leading the pack, extremely close to the staircase leading to the next level.

Meanwhile, Zhui Yi once again encountered Chen Mo's quarry.

This time, the quarry was just over ninety meters away—well within attack range!

Besides Zhui Yi's quarry, there were five or six other people within a hundred meters. Everyone could sense each other, so naturally, no one was eager to make the first move.

But Zhui Yi ignored the others nearby and directly launched a fierce assault on his quarry!