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Chapter 1081: The Loser Becomes the Prisoner (Part 3)

"If you're seeking death, then I..." Tang Tianzhen's words were interrupted as his expression slightly changed.

Li Boyang's fist, which he was holding, suddenly exploded with unimaginable force, forcibly blasting Tang Tianzhen's body away.

Tang Tianzhen's body flew backward like a meteor, crashing into the Light Cocoon with a fierce impact, causing it to sway, and countless Light Threads shook ceaselessly, breaking apart in patches.

"Even if you are the undefeated Evolver, what of it? I am about to return to the primary universe and naturally must challenge those undefeated throughout eternity. I don't even consider them worth acknowledging, let alone you." Li Boyang looked at Tang Tianzhen and said disdainfully.

"As expected, the Purple Dragon Emperor indeed lives up to his name; I underestimated you." Tang Tianzhen slowly stood up, left the Light Cocoon, and finally looked at Li Boyang with a serious gaze.

"The Purple Dragon Emperor died at the moment of his defeat; now there is only Li Boyang in this world. Leave your true name; beneath the name Li Boyang, I don't strike down the nameless." Li Boyang said lightly.

"Tang was my surname before entering the primary universe. In the primary universe, I go by the name Tianzhen, so the name Tang Tianzhen is true." Tang Tianzhen replied.

"Innocent..." Li Boyang murmured these two words, his gaze moved slightly, and he looked at Tang Tianzhen, saying, "Are you the founder of the Innocent and Guileless Stream?"

"The Innocent and Guileless Stream was indeed carried by me to the primary universe, but I dare not claim the title of founder. It is the foundation of cosmic fortune, civilization, and legacy, the crystallization of countless generations of wisdom. I merely became its spokesperson at the right time." Tang Tianzhen said.

Li Boyang looked at Tang Tianzhen, suddenly turned around without a word, and disappeared in an instant.

Tang Tianzhen immediately realized something, exerted his force and vanished similarly. When he reappeared, he was already at the entrance of the Jade Tunnel.

"The time hasn't come... better stay here..." Tang Tianzhen's words weren't finished when he saw Li Boyang appear under the Light Cocoon, lift it with one hand, and press it like a meteor towards Tang Tianzhen.

Tang Tianzhen's gaze turned cold: "Do you think you can enter the Time Tunnel this way?"

He showed no sign of retreat, reaching out with a hand towards the Light Cocoon, pressing against the meteor-like Light Cocoon.

Mysterious force coursed through the Light Cocoon, affecting Li Boyang's pressing palm. Li Boyang squinted, smiling even more broadly, his long hair flying wildly, with purple qi swirling around him like a deep abyss like a dragon.

To Tang Tianzhen's surprise, Li Boyang's other palm struck the bottom of the Light Cocoon, sending it skyward.

There was no longer any barrier between them, Li Boyang revealing an eerie smile as his whole body collided with Tang Tianzhen, directly striking him, and they together fell into the Time Tunnel, disappearing instantly.

Belona and the other fifteen Ancestral Spirits pierced through the void, returning before the Light Cocoon, confronting each other with puzzled looks.

They all saw the scene that had just unfolded and heard the conversation between Li Boyang and Tang Tianzhen, yet they still couldn't understand why the two had fought amongst themselves.

"Now isn't the time to ponder those things. While they have yet to determine a winner, we must immediately stop the Devouring Spirit Threads from consuming the world's creatures, or else our world will truly be damned." The old ancestral spirit, with a pipe, said as he looked at the Light Cocoon.

"Indeed." Belona nodded, looking at the Light Cocoon: "Originally, the power of the Devouring Spirit Threads wasn't difficult for us to break through together, but now it has merged with the Spirit Suppressing Stone and Li Xiu's power, and severing it may be very difficult. If it hadn't been for Li Boyang shattering the Light Shield and connected Devouring Spirit Threads earlier, we would likely be unable to escape even now."

"Difficult or not, we must try. Do you expect us to just watch the world be destroyed? Besides, once they emerge, whoever survives will be a huge trouble for us. We must resolve the Devouring Spirit Threads before they come out." The old man snorted coldly.

"Certainly not. I mean, how can we sever the Devouring Spirit Threads? Li Boyang could shatter them because he had a connection with it. How can we cut it off?" Belona rolled her eyes.

"It can only be resolved using the Light of Ancestral Spirits." The old man said.

"No... that would also kill Li Xiu..." Belona immediately rejected the old man's proposal.

"Do you have a better solution besides that?" The old man coldly retorted.

"Under no circumstance can Li Xiu die," Belona insisted, staring at the old man.

"He has no escape; even if we don't kill him, he's already been consumed by the Devouring Spirit Threads, leaving only his body without a soul. And we have no way to separate the Devouring Spirit Threads from his body." The old man spoke.

Belona fell silent, knowing the old man spoke truth; with the Devouring Spirit Threads directly invading his body, Li Xiu's soul was likely devoured entirely, even if she forcibly separated them, the best outcome for Li Xiu would only be a soulless shell akin to death.

Moreover, they had no way to separate the two, and killing them both seemed the only option now.

"Stop hesitating; once the Devouring Spirit Threads ascend, even united through the Light of Ancestral Spirits, we might not be able to kill it then, rendering Li Xiu's death even more worthless." The old man urged.

All Ancestral Spirits glanced at each other, their hearts made up, knowing this was their last chance.

"Then let's do it." Belona looked helplessly toward the Light Cocoon.

All Ancestral Spirits nodded in unison, the sixteen spirits took their positions, encircling the Light Cocoon within.

A point of Divine Light sparkled from the chest of each Ancestral Spirit, heating their chests like a furnace; the brightness intensified, illuminating their entire beings, the Light of Ancestral Spirits blazing like torches.

The sixteen brilliant rays rose continuously, gradually merging, transforming into a blazing sun that enveloped the Light Cocoon, scorching it endlessly.

The sun brightened ever more, soon illuminating the entire Demon Spirit Realm, even the darkest Bottomless Pit was lit up like daylight.

The boundless Demon Spirit Realm, the dwelling spirits all gazed at the sky's sun, eyes filled with both fear and panic, and also with delight and hope.

Under the continuous burn of the Light of Ancestral Spirits, connected soul-devouring Devouring Spirit Threads began breaking one by one.

As the sixteen Ancestral Spirits and many dwelling spirits rejoiced, a figure emerged from the Time Tunnel.

Chapter 1082: Just to Be Worthy

"How could it be him... what about Li Boyang?" Jiang Lanling saw the person emerging from the Time Tunnel was Tang Tianzhen, and his face changed dramatically, crying out in shock.

The Sixteen Ancestral Spirits saw Tang Tianzhen, and their faces turned extremely ugly, for they rather hope Li Boyang would win.

Li Boyang's goal was merely to leave this world; essentially, he didn't harbor any world-destroying intentions, but Tang Tianzhen was different. According to his conversation with Li Boyang, he truly wanted to annihilate this world.

"Li Boyang is unfortunate. I originally thought that a prisoner like him had already reached his limit, and even if given another chance, the height he could achieve was already fixed. I didn't expect that after becoming a prisoner, he could still advance further. If not for his inner bonds, in a place like this, I wouldn't have absolute confidence. Whoever emerges is still unknown." Tang Tianzhen spoke while walking toward the Sixteen Ancestral Spirits.

"If you truly want to destroy this world, it would have been easier back then. Why didn't you act at that time, and instead, use your blood to nurture the four Evil Spirits? Why do you want to destroy this world?" Belona attempted to delay time.

"I have no interest in pure destruction; I merely desire to observe the process of a universe from birth to death. Only in doing so can I gain a deeper understanding of life and death, potentially perfecting the Innocent and Guileless Stream." Tang Tianzhen explained with a smile, but his footsteps did not stop as he continued walking toward the Sixteen Ancestral Spirits.

"Just for this, you want to kill billions of living beings in a world?" Even an existence at the level of the Sixteen Ancestral Spirits found Tang Tianzhen's thoughts chilling.

"Life always reaches an end, and the universe also has its day of destruction. Instead of dying meaninglessly, achieving something makes existence more meaningful." Tang Tianzhen spoke sincerely, as if this was an undeniable truth.

But to others, his words seemed utterly unreasonable.

Belona and the other Ancestral Spirits suddenly turned toward Tang Tianzhen, simultaneously unleashing their strongest Light of Ancestral Spirits, directing it at Tang Tianzhen.

The sixteen rays of Light of Ancestral Spirits concentrated at a point, capable of burning even the terrifying Devouring Spirit Threads, yet when they reached Tang Tianzhen, they dispersed into nothingness like an illusion.

Belona and the others were all shocked and pale, as their combined power of the Sixteen Ancestral Spirits, initially thought sufficient to battle experts like Tang Tianzhen and Chen Boyang, turned out even in a full-force strike, couldn't even qualify to touch Tang Tianzhen. What a terrifying existence.

Yet, at this point, the Sixteen Ancestral Spirits could only go all out, each using their strongest form, relentlessly unleashing Light Energy at the approaching Tang Tianzhen.

Strangely, no matter how terrifying their Light Energy was, when reaching Tang Tianzhen, it dispersed like bubbles, failing to even touch Tang Tianzhen's garment hem.

Jiang Lanling looked on dumbstruck, finding it unimaginable how such a powerful existence could exist in the world.

"The innocent fear nothing, the guileless are the strongest. My heart is truly perfect, all worldly things are illusions." Tang Tianzhen spoke as he casually waved his hand.

Sixteen slaps sounded almost simultaneously, and the world's top powerhouses, the Sixteen Ancestral Spirits, were slapped away, flying far from sight, covering unknown distances.

Jiang Lanling watched with a shattered heart; against such a powerful existence, even if she wanted to do something, she was powerless.

Tang Tianzhen walked to the Light Cocoon, with a mere wave of his hand, the Light of Ancestral Spirits engulfing the Light Cocoon dispersed like bubbles.

"This universe was born for you, devour it as you wish..." Tang Tianzhen looked at the Light Cocoon, his eyes filled with anticipation.

Clinking sounds!

Tang Tianzhen was suddenly startled to discover that the Devouring Spirit Threads on the Light Cocoon, no longer being burned by the Light of Ancestral Spirits, still snapped one by one, and even more quickly, large patches of Devouring Spirit Threads breaking, and soon all were completely severed.

"How is this possible?" Tang Tianzhen stared at the Light Cocoon.

The next moment, the Light Cocoon shattered, and a porcelain-white figure emerged from the broken Light Cocoon.

The figure was naturally Li Xiu, enveloped entirely in armor, but as Li Xiu took steps forward, cracks appeared in his armor.

The cracks multiplied, growing larger, fragments of armor falling off, revealing Li Xiu's form.

At this moment, Li Xiu's entire being was crystal-like, as if carved from perfect jade, flawless as if not human.

Li Xiu halted in mid-air, slowly opening his eyes facing Tang Tianzhen. His eyes were pure white like snow, with white lightning flickering within glass-like orbs.

Gradually, the glow in Li Xiu's eyes faded, reverting to his original black pupils, and he looked at Tang Tianzhen, uttering softly: "Second Brother."

"Fourth Brother, you managed to counter the Devouring Spirit, which is a bit unexpected." Tang Tianzhen looked at Li Xiu with interest and continued, "The Devouring Spirit was born of my blood; its traits are entirely understood by me. There should be no being in this world capable of resisting its soul-devouring ability."

After a pause, Tang Tianzhen further stated, "It seems I need to reassess the microcosm where Han Ling'er is located. Perhaps it's a place where Spirit Cultivation is the focus. If so, it might be more suited for me than this world, maybe I should pay a visit there."

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"Is becoming stronger really that important to you?" Li Xiu looked at Tang Tianzhen and said.

"Very important, only by becoming stronger can one continue to live." Tang Tianzhen said calmly.

"You've lived at Good Luck Slope for so many years, have you become stronger?" Li Xiu asked.

"No." Tang Tianzhen shook his head and replied.

"Then aren't you living well all the same?"

"You've never been to that world, so you don't understand." Tang Tianzhen sighed, "I wish that spirit devour had consumed you just now, I'm really unwilling to personally send you on your way."

"The spirit devour has already been consumed and refined by me, now even if you kill me, you won't see this world heading for destruction. What's the point of attacking me?" Li Xiu spoke indifferently.

"There's certainly no point in killing you, and I didn't say I want to kill you." Tang Tianzhen said as he opened his palm, revealing something to Li Xiu: "I want to give this to you."

"This is... a Spirit Suppressing Stone fragment... it's Li Boyang's..." Li Xiu looked at the crystal shard like colored glass in Tang Tianzhen's palm, still stained with blood, and immediately guessed what it was.

"That's right, I dug the Spirit Suppressing Stone fragment out of his corpse." Tang Tianzhen said as if discussing something trivial, "Once you fuse this last fragment, the Spirit Suppressing Stone will be complete again and can resume its function. By then you will be like the Spirit Suppressing Stone, yet also different."

"The Spirit Suppressing Stone is the catalyst for this world. When it's present, it allows the world to continuously evolve. Now fully integrated into your body, it can't catalyze the world anymore. Instead, your body is constantly catalyzed by it, absorbing the world's energy, until the entire world becomes energy within your body..."

Li Xiu and the severely injured Sixteen Ancestral Spirits felt a chill; while the spirit devour merely consumed the beings of this world, Li Xiu fused with the complete Spirit Suppressing Stone would directly destroy the entire world.

"You said Li Boyang failed because of his ties, what does that mean?" In such a tense moment, Li Xiu suddenly asked an unrelated question.

Tang Tianzhen sighed, "Li Boyang was indeed unfortunate. With his talent and ability, he should have gone much further, but his heart was tainted, so he could only stop here."

"What do you mean?" Li Xiu was still puzzled by Tang Tianzhen's words.

"Our path is solitary, with advancement but no retreat, with death but no life. His heart was no longer pure, so failure was inevitable." Tang Tianzhen said slowly, "Originally, he could've explored the life and death of heaven and earth with me, felt the rebirth of the universe, and pushed his realm even further. Sadly, for insignificant blood ties and for giving his descendants a way out, he merely wanted to open the gates of the universe. Just that intention doomed him to failure. Unable to abandon everything, he would ultimately become a failure."

Li Xiu finally understood Tang Tianzhen's meaning. Although Li Boyang wasn't a good person, he still cared for his blood ties and couldn't bear to see his children perish in this world. So he never intended to have Li Xiu devour all beings, only that Li Xiu could meet the standards as the key.

"Even a tiger won't eat its cubs; the ancients were wise." Li Xiu sighed.

Li Boyang treated those children as his test subjects, yet he couldn't help but see them as more than just experiment subjects.

If he truly could disregard everything, he wouldn't need to battle Tang Tianzhen.

In contrast, Tang Tianzhen was truly merciless, willing to abandon everything for his goal, such a person is truly frightening.

"Fourth brother, complete this final ritual." Tang Tianzhen held the blood-stained Spirit Suppressing Stone fragment, walking step by step toward Li Xiu, his eyes pure and sincere, devoid of any impurities, clear as an untainted mirror lake.

Yet such purity only deepened the profound fear felt from within.

Like people yearning for a clean and tidy city, yet if a city were so clean that no humans were left, how terrifying it would be to be in it.

Li Xiu used his hand as a gun, continuously firing bullets at Tang Tianzhen, each Light Bullet turning into foam and vanishing without a trace as they reached Tang Tianzhen.

Li Xiu frowned slightly, he had seen Tang Tianzhen's fights several times from within the Light Cocoon, realizing Tang Tianzhen's power was strange. The Ancestral Spirit Force unleashed by the Sixteen Ancestral Spirits together was nearly Cosmic Level, yet it was directly rendered illusory before Tang Tianzhen, his power indeed odd.

Now that he tried it himself, it was exactly as he thought; it seemed all power posed no threat to Tang Tianzhen.

"It's useless, the myriad of things in this world are illusory to me, my heart is without evil, naturally not infiltrated by malice." Tang Tianzhen was almost upon Li Xiu.

"Li Xiu, let's join forces and we won't believe we can't kill him." Belona and the ancestral spirits roared.

"This is a fight between him and me, don't get involved." Li Xiu gestured to stop them, swiftly retreating.

His speed was so great, with just a slight move, he had traversed countless spaces within the void.

Yet Tang Tianzhen merely walked step by step, regardless of how fast Li Xiu moved, the distance between them seemed unchanged, just a few steps away.

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"I have said before, all things in this world are illusions, only my heart is true. As long as I desire, the world's end is as close as before my eyes." Tang Tianzhen stretched out his hand holding the fragment of the Spirit Suppressing Stone, pressing it towards Li Xiu's chest.

No matter how Li Xiu's Body Technique transformed, that hand still pressed towards his chest, as if it was destined for that hand to fall upon his chest, like an unchangeable Celestial Mandate.

Li Xiu finally understood why even the formidable president lost to Tang Tianzhen. This guy's power is simply a BUG-like existence, more bizarrely, he's not even rejected by this world.

In order to solve the problem of world rejection, Li Boyang tried every method, and in the end, he relied on Li Xiu to merge the Purgatory Force and the fragment of the Spirit Suppressing Stone before he could escape the world's rejection.

Tang Tianzhen and Li Boyang are from the same world, yet he hasn't merged the Spirit Suppressing Stone and Purgatory Force, and his power clearly doesn't belong to this world. How is he not rejected by the world?

"This won't do; your thoughts are too many, unable to achieve the state of my heart's oneness..." Tang Tianzhen, already close at hand, slowly spoke.

"Saying these things, aren't you afraid I'll comprehend your ability?" Li Xiu had already used Angel's Wings, yet he still couldn't widen his distance from Tang Tianzhen, watching as the fragment from his heart drew closer and closer to him.

"If you could comprehend my Innocent and Guileless Stream, even surpassing me, I'd be happy beyond measure, why would I be afraid?" Tang Tianzhen replied sincerely, "Life always has an end, only the Technique is immortal. If you could learn the Innocent and Guileless Stream and defeat me with it, that would be more meaningful than me living on. Even if I enter reincarnation, I would applaud for you even in Hell."

"But your thoughts are too mixed; if you want to comprehend Innocent and Guileless Stream, you must focus single-mindedly on your true self." The fragment of the Spirit Suppressing Stone in Tang Tianzhen's hand was already less than three inches from Li Xiu's chest.

"Second brother, I am not you, nor do I want to become you; I cannot learn that Innocent and Guileless Stream." Li Xiu suddenly halted his shadow-like flashing figure, staring at Tang Tianzhen.

Tang Tianzhen's figure paused too, his gaze unintentionally meeting Li Xiu's, whose eyes had turned luminous white.

"Your Spiritual Sense is indeed strong, even stronger after devouring Fen Ling, but you probably forgot, that Fen Ling was formed from my drop of blood, its devouring ability originates from me. To contend with me using Spiritual Sense, you are mistaken." Tang Tianzhen's palm paused slightly, then moved again, pressing towards Li Xiu's chest, while continuing, "The Innocent and Guileless Stream is a method of refining spirit through will. My spirit is truly pure, innocent, and unblemished, even if your Spiritual Sense is strong enough to change heaven, it can't affect me."

Li Xiu was nonchalant, his brow revealing a white light, slowly opening like a vertical eye.

The fragment of the Spirit Suppressing Stone was about to adhere to Li Xiu but stopped; Tang Tianzhen's body trembled, his hand pressing the fragment unable to breach the final distance.

The white light in Li Xiu's vertical eye became more intense, causing Tang Tianzhen's gaze to shift somewhat.

"Your mind is ever-changing... how can your Spiritual Sense be so..." Tang Tianzhen's gaze grew more astounded.

"You train in the Innocent and Guileless Stream to strengthen your Spiritual Sense, but I am different." Li Xiu gazed sharply at Tang Tianzhen, "I constantly train just to make my body worthy of my Spiritual Sense... now my body can finally match my Spiritual Sense..."

"Training to make the body match the Spiritual Sense... does such a thing exist..." There was no fear in Tang Tianzhen's gaze, instead, it grew fervent, "Then let me see, what kind of Spiritual Sense barely matches a Cosmic Body..."

Tang Tianzhen's gaze became increasingly pure, like losing focus.

Li Xiu's three eyes shone brightly, as if his whole body was ignited, the Spiritual Sense materializing, locking eyes with Tang Tianzhen's ethereal gaze.

Just the gaze alone caused the surrounding space to distort oddly, various phenomena emerging out of thin air.

Sun and moon glittering, heavens and earth inverting, rivers reversing, mountains hanging upside down, a myriad of chaotic phenomena continually appeared in the surrounding space.

The Sixteen Ancestral Spirits pursuing Li Xiu and Tang Tianzhen, merely touching the edge of those phenomena, were swept into them, lost within.

Belona stood dazedly in place, like entranced, motionless, her face covered in tear stains.

"My child!" The bald female ancestral spirit emitting holy radiance frantically chased forward, seemingly wanting to grasp something.

"Ah!" The old ancestral spirit let out a cry, as if seeing something incredibly terrifying, body trembling, curling up in horror, like someone awaiting Death God's harvest.

The ancestral spirits were like maddened and bewitched, some crying tears of blood, some desperately erupting Light Energy, as if battling something fearsome.

At this moment, the Sixteen Ancestral Spirits had all completely lost themselves, as if trapped in an endless cycle of reincarnation.

Li Xiu's Spiritual Sense kept exploding, his gaze increasingly cold and unfeeling, as if in his eyes, there was no trace of human emotion left, viewing the world no longer as a living scene but as streams of data.

Everything in the world, in Li Xiu's view, was just streams of data, sun and moon, mountains and rivers, every grass and tree, insects, fish, beasts, and birds likewise.

Even the millions of demonic spirits and humans, in Li Xiu's eyes, were merely various data.

"In this world... there really exists the Innate Spirit Embryo..." Tang Tianzhen bled from seven holes, his whole body trembling violently, yet his gaze was crazed like a demon, staring fiercely at Li Xiu, his face bearing an almost ferocious smile.

Chapter 1085 One Glance at the Universe

Li Xiu watched Tang Tianzhen, whose seven orifices were bleeding incessantly and madly, his gaze still devoid of any emotion, cold like a machine.

In his eyes, Tang Tianzhen was no longer human, not even a living being, just a heap of data.

Due to his physical condition, Li Xiu couldn't fully expand his Spiritual Sense; usually, as soon as it crossed the line, his body couldn't handle it.

This was the first time he felt that his Spiritual Sense seemed to have reached a certain limit, unable to increase freely as usual.

Tang Tianzhen's eyes gradually took on a layer of white, which even seeped into his eyes, where white light patterns appeared in his black pupils, a sign of Li Xiu's Spiritual Sense invasion.

Those who cultivate the Innocent and Guileless Stream possess extremely strong wills; even if one's Spiritual Sense is slightly stronger, it cannot affect their will.

This is the characteristic of the Innocent and Guileless Stream; their souls are utterly pure, able to strike with weakness against strength without being tainted.

Moreover, Tang Tianzhen had cultivated the Innocent and Guileless Stream to such a degree that the steadfastness of his soul was unimaginable.

The fact that Li Xiu's Spiritual Sense was gradually penetrating his soul shows how terrifying it was when fully unleashed.

Suddenly, the anomalies around them quickly disappeared; this didn't mean the confrontation between the two weakened, but because Li Xiu had gained an overwhelming advantage, his Spiritual Sense kept invading Tang Tianzhen's soul, leaving Tang Tianzhen unable to contend with Li Xiu externally.

With the anomalies gone, Belona and the other Sixteen Ancestral Spirits finally awakened from their slumber; this was because they themselves were unparalleled, and being the first beings nurtured by the Spirit Suppressing Stone, their souls were closest to the world's origin.

For other souls of the unparalleled class, they might not escape the soul illusion so quickly, possibly even remaining trapped in the soul illusion indefinitely.

Each of the ancestral spirits who woke up saw Tang Tianzhen bleeding in front of Li Xiu, obviously suppressed, and they were overjoyed.

"Isn't Li Xiu's Soul Power excessively strong? The creatures of our universe, how can a soul be this powerful? It's truly perplexing." The Gentleman Ancestral Spirit said in astonishment and delight.

"Naturally, it's thanks to his sister," Belona said.

"Not necessarily." The Gentleman Ancestral Spirit shook his head with an odd expression: "I thought so too, but now it seems that's not entirely the case, at least not solely because of his sister."

"Her power is indeed soul-related, but it's somewhat different from Li Xiu's Soul Power." The Gentleman mused: "Isn't it possible that Li Xiu's own Spiritual Sense was extraordinary and then influenced by his sister's power, leading to this terrifying outcome?"

"Extraordinary by itself, you mean..." Belona seemed to realize something and couldn't help but look at Li Xiu, who was engaged in a soul battle with Tang Tianzhen.

The Gentleman Ancestral Spirit slightly nodded: "Yes, just what you're thinking."

"What are you talking about?" a tower-like male ancestral spirit frowned.

The Gentleman Ancestral Spirit beside Belona explained: "They mean that Li Xiu might very well be the embodiment of the world's fortune, in simpler terms, the Destiny's Child."

"That's impossible... Not to mention that Destiny's Child is purely hypothetical... How could the world's fortune be bestowed upon a single being... Even if there is a Destiny's Child... It should be among us, the beings nurtured by the Spirit Suppressing Stone... Humans are not nurtured by the Spirit Suppressing Stone... How could they be the Destiny's Child..." the Strapping Ancestral Spirit shook his head.

"It's just speculation; theoretically, the Destiny's Child should be a being nurtured by the Spirit Suppressing Stone, but if not the Destiny's Child, his soul strength is ridiculously exaggerated." The Gentleman Ancestral Spirit commented.

While the ancestral spirits pondered this issue, changes occurred between the two engaged in the soul battle.

Tang Tianzhen had been invaded by Li Xiu's Spiritual Sense; his body was no longer under his control. As the invasion continued, not just control over his body, but even his will began to waver.

But at this moment, Tang Tianzhen suddenly smiled, and his white-stained eyes turned void and hollow.

The once difficult-to-invade Spiritual Sense suddenly met no resistance, flooding into Tang Tianzhen's soul like a breached dam.

"Your Spiritual Sense is indeed unparalleled, much like the legendary Innate Spirit Embryo. But even if it's an Innate Spirit Embryo, it can't defeat me, Tang Tianzhen." Tang Tianzhen's eyes appeared void, like a bottomless abyss.

No matter how the ocean-like Spiritual Sense poured in, it couldn't stir even a ripple in that abyss.

"Innocent fearlessness, supreme no-evil; do you know why no-evil is supreme?" Tang Tianzhen's blood-dripping seven orifices had returned to normal, and he appeared as serene as an abyss.

Li Xiu just coldly watched him, not saying a word, as his Spiritual Sense continued to explode.

Seeing Li Xiu remain silent, Tang Tianzhen continued calmly: "No matter how strong a mountain, it must stand upon the earth; the ocean's vastness, too, relies on the trenches to exist; the sun, moon, and stars, the cosmic sky may seem all-encompassing, but ultimately, they're just dust in the void. Everything with form has an end; the void alone is eternal. My heart is void; no matter how many evils invade, they are merely dust in my heart. Even if everything is destroyed, the void remains void; no matter how strong your Spiritual Sense, it can't harm me."

Chapter 1086 A Glimpse of the Universe (Part 2)

The eyes of Tang Tianzhen were as deep as an abyss and void, as if he had transformed into a void capable of containing all things, causing the Sixteen Ancestral Spirits to be greatly alarmed.

Tang Tianzhen, who had always been suppressed by Li Xiu's Spiritual Sense and unable to move, suddenly moved again, pushing the Spirit Suppressing Stone in his hand once more towards Li Xiu, who was close at hand.

The ancestral spirits were all terrified, knowing that if Tang Tianzhen forced the last piece of the Spirit Suppressing Stone into Li Xiu's body, Li Xiu would merge with the complete Spirit Suppressing Stone and become a machine of world destruction.

"Li Xiu!" Belona couldn't help but scream hoarsely, although she knew that no amount of shouting would help.

The other ancestor spirits burst forth with Light Energy in a frenzy, prepared to fight to the death. They knew full well they were no match for Tang Tianzhen, but knowing it was a death sentence, they could only sacrifice their lives to buy Li Xiu a little time.

But before they could move, they found themselves unable to budge.

It wasn't just them; even Tang Tianzhen's body became still again, as from the vertical eye at the center of Li Xiu's brows, countless stars seemed to revolve along different trajectories, as if an infinite universe was evolving within that small eye.

Though it was just a fingernail-sized space, it seemed endless at a glance, containing all the great worlds within.

"In his eyes... there is a universe..." The immobilized and speechless ancestral spirits conjured such a thought in their minds.

Li Xiu looked at Tang Tianzhen before him, still without a word, merely gazing at him coldly. Within the vertical eye resembling a microcosm, countless stars continuously evolved.

Tang Tianzhen's hollow eyes widened continuously, now filled solely with Li Xiu, as spots of starlight began to appear within his eyes that were once like a void.

More and more starlight appeared in Tang Tianzhen's hollow eyes, transforming them from hollow to as dazzling as a starry sky, with more and more starlight appearing within his eye sockets.

"Impossible... Impossible... Even the Innate Spirit Embryo... could never turn a Spiritual Sense into a microcosm..." Tang Tianzhen howled madly as if in lunacy.

But there was no response, only the starlight in his eyes grew more and more intense until it completely occupied his pupils, his roar growing weaker until silenced.

His arm fell powerlessly, the Spirit Suppressing Stone shard in his hand dropping, and Tang Tianzhen's body fell unconsciously toward the void.

"Spiritualizing into a microcosm... Someone actually accomplished that... That's fine... That's good... Maybe you'll reach places I've never been... See vistas I've never seen... I'll be the ladder... aiding you to the heavens... to see spectacles never before seen by mankind..." Tang Tianzhen closed his eyes, his body ascending in beams of spiritual glow, disintegrating in an instant, transforming into countless stars rising.

For a time, the entire sky of the Demon Spirit Realm was filled with stars that Tang Tianzhen had transformed into, a noonday sky with stars, bizarre and magnificent, rare in the world.

The vertical eye at the center of Li Xiu's forehead retracted and disappeared, and the light of Spiritual Sense in his eyes gradually dimmed, returning to its original appearance, as he exhaustedly gazed at the peculiar daylight starry sky.

He had filled Tang Tianzhen's Void Spirit Abyss with a microcosm forged from his own Spiritual Sense, nearly depleting his Spiritual Sense.

Tang Tianzhen, unable to wield such terrifying Soul Power, chose Spiritualization.

The spiritually radiant stars scattered across the sky suddenly seemed to fall like a descending universe, flying toward Li Xiu, causing him to pause slightly.

The sky full of stars was a merger of Tang Tianzhen's and Li Xiu's Spiritual Force. Initially, Li Xiu thought Tang Tianzhen intended to spiritually return to the universe, spreading his boundless Spiritual Energy across it.

However, observing the current scenario, Tang Tianzhen hadn't chosen that path. Instead, he intended to grant that Spiritual Energy to Li Xiu.

"My second elder brother, truly inscrutable!" Li Xiu remarked, observing the spectacular scene of the falling celestial bodies, grasping it conceptually while simultaneously having some inexplicable understanding.

Just as the celestial Spiritual Energy was about to descend into Li Xiu's body, a sudden light burst forth in front of him.

The piece of Spirit Suppressing Stone unexpectedly radiated brilliance, rising to meet those descending stars.

Everything happened too fast, and Li Xiu dared not touch the Spirit Suppressing Stone, watching as the shard and the myriad stars collided.

Li Xiu distinctly saw a drop of blood within the Spirit Suppressing Stone, emanating a kaleidoscopic radiance.

Bang!

The world was awash in pure white, so dazzling that even someone as powerful as Li Xiu couldn't see it directly, forcing him to turn his head away.

Once the radiance subsided, Belona and the others looked towards the collision, their eyes widening.

A man garbed in purple and with hair as white as snow stood amidst the void, his whole being exuding spiritual light, appearing as though a deity emerging from holy brilliance, with each move seemingly capable of shaking the soul.

"Li... Bo... Yang... I should have realized... someone like him... wouldn't perish so easily..." Belona murmured bitterly to herself.

"Is it unavoidable after all?" Li Xiu muttered under his breath, staring at the deity-like white-haired, purple-garbed Li Boyang.

"You've done well." Li Boyang murmured with a subtle smile.

"Was this also part of your plan?" Li Xiu sighed softly.

Currently, his Spiritual Power was extremely weakened, while Li Boyang had absorbed all the Spiritual Force resulting from Tang Tianzhen's Spiritualization, creating a vast disparity that left Li Xiu in a perilous situation.

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Although he had anticipated that Li Boyang wouldn't die so easily, he hadn't foreseen that it would ultimately be this kind of situation.

Li Boyang shook his head and said, "Tang Tianzhen turned out to be the founder of the Innocent and Guileless Stream, which was beyond my expectations, forcing me to adjust my plans. If I were to engage in a life-and-death battle with him, the outcome would be uncertain, and even if I won, it would likely come at a great cost, making it difficult to continue my previous plans. Moreover, I have no guarantee of defeating him, so I could only take a risky gamble, abandoning my physical body, leading him to believe I had died. Even he couldn't have imagined I would abandon my own body, as it is my foundation in the main universe. Anyone else wouldn't take such a risk. Fortunately, I won the gamble, and the victory was even greater than I had imagined."

"Spiritual Sense was originally my weakness, but now, using the Spirit Suppressing Stone as a foundation, I have merged with the Spiritual Universe to reshape my body. Even if Tang Tianzhen is resurrected, his Spiritual Sense cannot compare to mine. This body is even more perfect than my previous one, and I have you to thank for that," Li Boyang said.

"Now that you have such a perfect body, can you stop here?" Li Xiu asked, looking at Li Boyang.

Li Boyang sighed softly, "I wish I could stop, but even with such a perfect body, without the key, I cannot return."

"So, does that mean our battle is inevitable?" Li Xiu truly didn't want to fight to the death with Li Boyang if it could be avoided.

"There is no other path to take," Li Boyang shook his head.

"Tang Tianzhen mentioned you have emotional ties; is that true?" Li Xiu looked at Li Boyang and asked.

"Everything I do is for the purpose of returning to the main universe," Li Boyang said indifferently.

Li Xiu took a deep breath, looked calmly at Li Boyang, and continued, "Since that's the case, I'm relieved."

"What do you mean by that?" Li Boyang asked.

"If you had emotional ties, I wouldn't be able to firm up my resolve. Since you do not have any, I can be at ease," Li Xiu slowly explained.

"Even at this stage, you still have the heart to think about so many things. Tang Tianzhen was right; you think too much. Even if you go there, it will be your fatal weakness, and you probably won't get far," Li Boyang said lightly.

"I don't consider thinking a lot to be a bad thing," Li Xiu said calmly, "After all, I am just an ordinary mortal who never intended to live my life for one sole purpose. A colorful Mortal World is my true pursuit."

"I'm sorry, but I can't fulfill that wish of yours," Li Boyang sighed, "Is there any other wish you have? Anything except that, I can help you achieve."

"I don't have a wish, but I do have something I want to clarify," Li Xiu said, looking at Li Boyang.

"Speak."

"What's the origin of Zizai?" Li Xiu stared at Li Boyang and asked.

Li Boyang frowned slightly, "The child from the Jade Gate? You should ask Consort Lan about that; I don't know her origin."

"I asked her already, and she doesn't know Zizai's origin. I thought you knew, but it turns out you don't either," Li Xiu felt a stir inside, but showed no expression.

If Li Boyang truly doesn't know Zizai's origin, that means Jiang Lanling's vision of the future hasn't occurred yet.

Currently, Li Boyang doesn't know that Zizai can help him open the Gate of the World. Right now, Li Boyang still only sees Li Xiu as a key.

"The so-called future of the Time Tunnel is ultimately just a deduction of what could be, not the actual future. As long as I can stop Li Boyang here, I can change the course of the future, and those futures I saw might not occur," Li Xiu had many thoughts running through his mind.

"I really don't know the child's origin, but it's not hard to speculate. The child should be brought out by Consort Lan from the Time Tunnel, though I'm not sure how she managed to bring that child out of the Time Tunnel. Theoretically, the people in the Time Tunnel are illusions, and it's impossible to bring them out without the aid of a Spirit Suppressing Stone. If you want to know the detailed process, I can have Consort Lan explain it to you," Li Boyang said calmly.

"No need, whether I know or not isn't important now," Li Xiu naturally wouldn't let Consort Lan come here, as that would only let Li Boyang discover Zizai's origin, which would be of no benefit to Li Xiu.

While Li Xiu spoke, the Light Energy within him began to gather. His Spiritual Sense was heavily exhausted, but Light Energy wasn't depleted much, as his battle with Tang Tianzhen was purely a battle of souls.

Even without Spiritual Power, Li Xiu was still a Cosmic Level powerhouse.

"You managed to defeat Tang Tianzhen because your Spiritual Sense is extraordinary, able to defeat Tang Tianzhen, who practices the Innocent and Guileless Stream. Even I didn't expect that," Li Boyang looked at Li Xiu and said calmly, "Now I possess the Spiritual Force formed by your Spiritual Sense, while your Spiritual Sense has been overly exhausted. You have no chance left. Those powers of yours were useless against Tang Tianzhen, and they are equally useless against me now."

"I don't believe that," Li Xiu said, then directly punched toward Li Boyang.

This punch was imbued with the peak power of the Ultimate Light. At the moment the fist was thrown, the space began to collapse, layers of space shattering like glass, forming a heavenly scar that shot toward Li Boyang.

The strike that seemed to penetrate the heavens and earth suddenly turned into an illusion in front of Li Boyang.

"When the Innocent and Guileless Stream reaches its peak, all things under heaven are but illusions, and only I am true. To me, everything in the world is just a mirage, unable to harm me in the slightest," Li Boyang said as he reached out a hand to catch Li Xiu's fist.

"All things are illusory... that might just be your fantasy..." Li Xiu's eyes were cold and sharp, a Light Pattern suddenly shone on his wrist, and the white bracelet instantly became thousands of Light Threads, enveloping Li Xiu's body.

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Seeing a strange outfit enveloping Li Xiu's body, Belona and the others had no idea what it was.

Since Demon Armor cannot enter the Trial Ground, it naturally cannot appear in the Demon Spirit Realm, so the Sixteen Ancestral Spirits had no idea what it was either.

In their eyes, Li Xiu's Demon Armor was just a set of peculiar clothes, not even a contract, and they couldn't understand what purpose Li Xiu had for suddenly changing his outfit at this time.

Not to mention that the outfit wasn't a contract, even the most advanced contract wouldn't be of much use in this situation, right?

Li Boyang absorbed Tang Tianzhen's spiritual force to reshape his flesh, allowing him to obtain Tang Tianzhen's abilities, or rather, a stronger version of Tang Tianzhen's Innocent and Guileless Stream.

After all, the Spiritual Power Starry Sky that Tang Tianzhen ultimately transformed into fused with Li Xiu's Spiritual Consciousness Little Universe, making Li Boyang now essentially an enhanced version of Tang Tianzhen.

Facing such a Li Boyang, the Sixteen Ancestral Spirits didn't believe any contract could help Li Xiu overcome his Innocent and Guileless Stream.

Among those who could clearly see the battlefield situation, the only one who recognized it as Demon Armor was Jiang Lanling.

Jiang Lanling was even more puzzled than Belona and the others; she knew Earth humans had created Demon Armor, and understood that its capabilities were very limited—useful against lower-level demon spirits emerging from the Trial Gate—but in this level of battle, she couldn't figure out what use Demon Armor could have.

Li Boyang looked at Li Xiu wearing Demon Armor and smiled slightly, saying, "Jinghao told you before that my Time Perception is different from yours. As long as you can break through the speed of light, it will prevent me from seeing your actions, right? You should be very clear, that was before. With my spiritual force now, it's no longer a problem. Does wearing Demon Armor now still hold any meaning for you?"

"Of course it does." The Hua Mei Demon Armor on Li Xiu's body instantly exploded with Light Energy, causing the entire armor to nearly become light-like, resembling a humanoid pure white glow.

In the next second, Li Boyang felt the spiritual force and Light Energy on his body surge like a flood toward Li Xiu's fist.

This was an enhanced version of the Hand of God, not only capable of absorbing Light Energy like Super Bottle Suction but also able to absorb spiritual force. Only under the blessing of Hua Mei Demon Armor could Li Xiu's Hand of God achieve dual absorption of spirit and light.

A massive amount of spiritual force and Light Energy was drawn into the Hua Mei Demon Armor, making the already nearly light-like Hua Mei Demon Armor even more dazzling and radiant.

"This must be Ximen Guan's masterpiece, right? It is indeed interesting, but the flaw in Demon Armor itself is too severe; ultimately, it is still useless." Li Boyang spoke as thousands of stars appeared in his eyes and his spiritual force surged.

Li Xiu knew what he wanted to do; Demon Armor is driven by spiritual sense, and now Li Boyang's spiritual sense was incredibly strong, while Li Xiu's spiritual sense was severely depleted. With such a difference, Li Boyang's spiritual sense was enough to forcibly wrest control of Demon Armor from Li Xiu.

Indeed, Li Boyang did not fight off the awareness of the Hand of God but instead let an even more terrifying spiritual sense invade the Hua Mei Demon Armor to directly seize control of it.

In less than two seconds, Li Boyang realized something was wrong; his spiritual sense, which was so strong, failed to seize control of the Demon Armor, causing him to frown slightly.

Li Xiu frantically absorbed Li Boyang's spiritual force and Light Energy, not to draw it into his body but instead to also inject his own Light Energy into the Hua Mei Demon Armor, making the energy inside it increasingly powerful.

"This Demon Armor... has developed its own will..." Li Boyang suddenly realized what had happened.

"That's right... With your current spiritual force strength... you could easily wrest control of any set of Demon Armor... except for this one... it only belongs to itself..." Li Xiu spoke somewhat crazily, the Demon Armor on his body bursting into a terrifying brilliance.

Jiang Lanling witnessed a bizarre scene; the Demon Armor on Li Xiu's body seemed like a demon spirit or even a human—it was evolving!

This was Ximen Guan's life's work, initially designed so the Demon Armor could enter the Land of Trial, but because Li Xiu's spiritual sense was too strong, ordinary Demon Armor couldn't withstand Li Xiu's spiritual sense explosion.

Therefore, Ximen Guan, along with researchers in his institute, conducted numerous improvements. Apart from granting the Hua Mei Demon Spirit independent will, the most crucial research enabled it to evolve.

That's why Ximen Guan was so confident, declaring that this set of Demon Armor would never again be destroyed by Li Xiu, because this Demon Armor could continuously evolve to adapt to high-intensity energy explosions.

The stronger the energy it absorbed, the faster it evolved, unless it could be shattered immediately, otherwise, it would continue to evolve incessantly.

This is also the reason why Li Xiu hadn't used Hua Mei Demon Armor all along. If Li Boyang discovered this trait of Hua Mei Demon Armor, he would inevitably destroy it immediately, not allowing it to endure the initial difficult period.

And precisely because Li Boyang did not realize that Demon Armor could be so strong, he missed the best opportunity to destroy Hua Mei Demon Armor.

Had Li Boyang immediately destroyed Hua Mei Demon Armor with full force the moment it appeared, even with such an abnormal growth ability, it would still be useless.

But Li Boyang was too confident; inherently, he never regarded humans of this world as equal beings, believing he controlled everything, which is why he didn't destroy Hua Mei Demon Armor immediately.

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This cannot be blamed on Li Boyang, because he originated from a more advanced civilization. To him, the humans of this world were no different from primitive natives.

In fact, that was indeed the case. In the world he came from, both cultivation and technology far surpassed this world.

Compared to the technology of Li Boyang's world, the technology here was still in its infancy.

If anyone were to come from a world with interstellar spaceships and other high-tech products to a world that had just invented gunpowder, they would inevitably look down on the technology here, thinking they could see through everything.

But this time, he underestimated the creative abilities of the humans in this world.

The brilliance on Hua Mei's Demon Armor grew stronger and stronger. Strands of light extended from the armor, solidifying from illusion to form new parts of the armor.

At that moment, Hua Mei's Demon Armor wrapped around Li Xiu's body in layers, like an Immortal Demon Robe. Light ribbons drifted and danced, each containing the energy to destroy the starry sky. As

they absorbed more energy, they continued to evolve. Now, Li Boyang found it difficult to destroy it easily.

"Boom!" Li Boyang forcibly severed the connection between Spiritual Sense and Light Energy, pushing Li Xiu away.

Looking at Li Xiu, who seemed like an immortal descending upon the starry sky with floating garments, Belona and the others were overjoyed.

Originally, they thought Li Xiu would find it hard to contend with Li Boyang, who had absorbed the Spiritual Power Starry Sky, but the reversal came so unexpectedly quick.

"I underestimated them, didn't expect Ximen Guan to be able to produce such a Demon Armor under such adverse conditions... This Demon Armor has already taken the form of the battle suits from my world... and in some ways has advantages even the battle suits don't have... In a world where technology is so backward, being able to create something like this... is truly remarkable..." Faced with this setback, Li Boyang showed no sign of panic and praised while looking at the armor on Li Xiu.

"Using others' power is not your strong suit." Li Xiu did not let his guard down just because Li Boyang suffered a significant loss; he knew Li Boyang had not truly exhibited his abilities.

Tang Tianzhen's Spiritual Sense was so strong that it was not much inferior to Li Xiu's full-blown state of Spiritual Sense. To deceive Tang Tianzhen, Li Boyang was definitely not someone who could be defeated easily.

Moreover, up until now, Li Boyang had only used Tang Tianzhen's Innocent and Guileless Stream and had not utilized his own abilities.

"You're right, but there's no need to continue." Li Boyang said with a smile.

"Why?" Li Xiu frowned slightly; he knew Li Boyang wasn't saying their battle was over.

"Because you've already lost." Li Boyang said.

"Where did I lose?" Li Xiu did not refute Li Boyang.

"In this battle, whether you win or lose, the outcome is already destined; you've already lost." Li Boyang looked at Li Xiu with eyes full of admiration: "You are indeed excellent. If you could enter the main universe, you'd surely achieve great things. Unfortunately, this incomplete universe can no longer produce a second Cosmic Level. To go to the main universe, one of us must become the key."

"Perhaps the one who becomes the key will be you." Li Xiu said.

"Of course, that's indeed a possibility." Li Boyang surprisingly didn't refute Li Xiu, which left him slightly surprised.

Li Boyang continued, "But even if I become the key, you still won't win; you will still lose."

"Why?" Li Xiu thought of what he had seen in the Time Tunnel and what the person who claimed to be his future wife had said.

"This is an incomplete world, unable to withstand the full-force battle of two Cosmic Levels. If you fight me, even if you win, this world will be shattered. By then, even if you win, the world will already be destroyed. Can you let go of your friends and family and fight me at all costs?" Li Boyang looked at Li Xiu and asked.

Li Xiu's expression changed slightly as he thought of the future scene he saw in the Theater of Life.

It seemed Li Boyang was not just issuing empty threats; the future scene in the Theater of Life was likely the result of him choosing to fight Li Boyang with all his might.

Just like what the person claiming to be his future wife said, he won, but the world was destroyed in the battle. The world shattered, and humanity struggled to survive in the apocalypse, even requiring the older generation to sacrifice themselves for the continuation of the next generation.

"You speak as if Tang Tianzhen is not a Cosmic Level." Li Xiu said calmly.

"Tang Tianzhen is indeed a Cosmic Level, but he cultivates the Innocent and Guileless Stream, focusing on Cultivating Spiritual Sense. Coincidentally, your Spiritual Sense is uniquely gifted. Luckily, you both had a battle of wits, otherwise this universe would have been destroyed long ago." Li Boyang said with a smile, "If you don't believe me, you'll find out if you fight. If you can let go of everything, our victory or defeat would indeed be unpredictable, but I can let go of everything. Can you?"

Li Xiu remained silent. He could let go of everything, provided he didn't know how disastrous the consequences would be. Knowing the grim future now, it was indeed very difficult for him to let go of everything and fight Li Boyang.

"You can't let go, so no matter the outcome of this battle, you will lose." Li Boyang said with a smile.

Suddenly, Li Xiu's figure flashed, arriving at the entrance of the Time Tunnel.

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"Even the Time Tunnel cannot withstand the cosmic powers of two individuals. If the Time Tunnel is destroyed, the world will collapse even more severely. Are you sure you want to fight there?" Li Boyang walked leisurely and soon arrived at the entrance of the Time Tunnel.

Li Xiu entered the Time Tunnel without saying a word, ignoring Li Boyang.

Li Boyang wasn't in a rush, following him into the Time Tunnel.

"Is what Li Boyang said true?" Jiang Lanling approached Belona and asked while looking at her.

Belona said bitterly, "Perhaps it's even worse than he says."

"Why?" Jiang Lanling asked, puzzled.

"We are not cosmic level beings, unable to understand how strong such powers truly are. Whether they could directly shatter the world or to what extent we cannot predict. But both of them have fused the Spirit Suppressing Stone within their bodies. A full-force battle will inevitably lead to the destruction of the world." The Gentleman Ancestral Spirit explained.

Jiang Lanling understood what he meant. The Spirit Suppressing Stone acts as a catalyst for this world; theoretically speaking, once the stone is completely consumed, the world should evolve into a complete state.

Now that both of them have divided the Spirit Suppressing Stone, if they have fully absorbed its power, their combined strength will undoubtedly exceed the total power that the world can bear.

So theoretically, their battle will certainly lead to world collapse.

"Even more tragic is that because they absorbed the Spirit Suppressing Stone, this world hasn't evolved completely and lacks the ability to self-repair. Once destroyed, the world order will be utterly destroyed, the power system will collapse, and cultivation will be impossible. Even if by chance, some beings survive, it would be hard to continue living in such a destroyed world; extinction is merely a matter of time." Belona said.

What she described closely resembled the scenes Li Xiu saw in the theater of life.

"So, what Li Boyang said is true, once Li Xiu fights him, regardless of victory or defeat, it's akin to losing." Jiang Lanling exclaimed.

She wasn't afraid of death herself, but she didn't want her child to perish with this world.

"This battle will be difficult for Li Xiu, unless..." Belona didn't finish her sentence.

But Jiang Lanling already understood her meaning, unless Li Xiu is willing to sacrifice himself and forego battle, this world will surely be destroyed.

"To give up one's life to save the world, easy to say, incredibly hard to actually do..." Jiang Lanling sighed.

For Li Xiu to reach this stage of cultivation, he must be a person with a steel-like resolve. To ask him to give up his life for others, not only is it something Li Xiu cannot do, Jiang Lanling herself cannot do it either.

The old male ancestral spirit fiercely took a drag of his cigarette, slowly exhaling smoke and said, "I wish Li Xiu wouldn't hold back and just kill Li Boyang. Without the Spirit Suppressing Stone, this world already has no future. Why linger miserably when he might as well pave a future, venture into the so-called main universe, if only to carve a path for this world, leaving behind a legacy."

"Easy to say, but I fear he might not win." The tower-like ancestral spirit replied.

"Impossible, impossible, this path cannot be taken. The world shatters, billions of demon spirits extinct, and other humans will surely perish too. Simply preserving one person isn't worth it...not worth it..." another female ancestral spirit shook her head and said.

"Not worth it? If you had to choose, would you choose to sacrifice yourself for billions?" The old male ancestral spirit sneered.

"Of course not, but Li Xiu might." The female ancestral spirit replied.

"Sure, if you yourself wouldn't make that choice, why assume Li Xiu would sacrifice himself?" the old man said with disdain.

"Perhaps he will, perhaps he won't. Since he hasn't chosen yet, we can do something to give him the chance to choose." the female ancestral spirit said.

"God of Love... What do you plan to do... don't forget... without Li Xiu... we'd still be trapped in the Time Tunnel, worse than dead..." Belona coldly stared at the female ancestral spirit.

"I said, just giving him a chance to choose." The God of Love ancestral spirit said blandly, her expression unchanged.

"What chance to choose?" Belona frowned.

All the ancestral spirits and Jiang Lanling looked at the God of Love, wanting to know what she intended to do.

They knew well that although the God of Love is an ancestral spirit, she is only of unparalleled level, which plays no role in such battles.

The God of Love spoke calmly, "If the world is truly to be destroyed, all beings should have the right to know, humans are no exception."

Her words were extremely cryptic, but all the ancestral spirits and Jiang Lanling heard her implicit meaning.

She intended to use Li Xiu's relatives and friends to pressure him, possibly inducing him to sacrifice himself to preserve the world.

"If you dare do this, I dare not." Belona looked at the God of Love with disdain and said, "Whatever Li Xiu chooses, I will accept."

"You can accept; can you represent all demons and humans to accept?" The God of Love said blandly.

Belona fell silent; she wasn't afraid of dying, but this wasn't about her life alone.

"Regardless, I won't do such a thing." Belona snorted coldly.

"And you all?" The God of Love looked at the other ancestral spirits.

The ancestral spirits were silent. If they had to put their own lives in Li Xiu's hands, many might not hesitate.

But now it's about the survival of the entire world and all demon spirits. Even those ancestral spirits most grateful to Li Xiu were now hesitant.

"Let's decide by voting." The God of Love remained expressionless, then raised her hand.

The ancestral spirits looked at one another, some continued in silence, while others slowly raised their hands.

Sixteen ancestral spirits, resulting in an eight-to-eight tie.

"How do you resolve a tie?" Belona sneered.

"Li Xiu is human, so the final decision should be left to humans themselves." The God of Love said without emotion, looking at Jiang Lanling.

Her implication was clear, putting the final vote in Jiang Lanling's hands.

The ancestral spirits all looked at Jiang Lanling, whose expression fluctuated, seemingly unable to decide.