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The Administrator swiftly charged towards Afei, gaining speed, and by the time he reached Afei, he suddenly leaped up, his right knee aiming at Afei's face.

Using the momentum from the acceleration, this knee strike was swift and fierce. He wanted to quickly deal with Afei.

In his view, Li Xiu's physical capabilities were far inferior, posing little threat. Once he disposed of Afei, dealing with Li Xiu wouldn't take much time either.

Afei raised both arms to shield his face, forcibly blocking the Administrator's knee strike.

The fierce force caused Afei to stagger backward continuously, and his arms were knocked aside.

Upon landing, the Administrator immediately executed a sprint step, his right elbow thrusting upwards, aimed at Afei's jaw.

Afei had no choice but to evade, being pummeled by the Administrator's ferocious onslaught, forced to dodge left and right without any power to counterattack.

"Smart!" Li Xiu secretly praised.

Afei, after the first head-on encounter, had already discerned that the Administrator's physical capabilities and skills surpassed hers, and directly confronting him wouldn't work.

So from the start, Afei never intended to settle the score with him.

The countdown timer had only over five minutes left. As long as this period was endured, the Administrator would have to return to the starting line to participate in the trial.

No one would risk their life for a friend, at least that Administrator was unlikely to be such a person.

Li Xiu, however, did not share this thought, for even if they could endure to today, once that Administrator was out, he might use even nastier tricks against them.

If trouble could be solved here, why make it more troublesome?

Li Xiu glanced at the other administrators, who were merely watching, and seemed not inclined to intervene.

Determined, Li Xiu hesitated not, directly rushing towards the embroiled pair.

Though his speed and strength naturally couldn't match the Administrator's, this didn't mean he lacked the capital for an all-out effort.

Magic Armor Masters generally had weak physical conditions; most had not undergone physical enhancements.

But this didn't mean their combat skills were lacking; in fact, in terms of pure combat skills, Magic Armor Masters were definitely not weak.

Combat skills were also crucial for Magic Armor Masters, so they all received professional combat training.

Not to mention that the coaches training Li Xiu's combat techniques were all Fighting Masters, even his sparring partners were top-notch combat skill experts.

Li Xiu also possessed an absolute orderly intuition, allowing him to learn any skill upon seeing it once, combined with years of battling magic spirits, honing his intuition and combat skills in life-and-death scenarios. He too could be considered master level in pure combat skills.

As Li Xiu rushed forward from behind, the already irritated Administrator grew even more enraged.

His ferocious assault had failed to severely injure Afei, which had already displeased him, and Li Xiu dared to launch a surprise attack, further aggravating him.

At the moment Li Xiu closed in behind the Administrator, he shifted weight to his left leg, leaning forward while twisting his waist violently, swinging his right leg backward like a steel whip aimed at Li Xiu's rear.

This kick was swift and fierce, with an extremely tricky angle, instantly reaching the side of Li Xiu's neck.

This extremely fierce and swift kick unexpectedly missed.

Li Xiu dodged by crouching down as if he had anticipated the move.

But the Administrator's assault hadn't ended. As his right leg landed, he shifted his focus to his right leg, leveraging his momentum to swing his left leg out.

This kick was faster, fiercer, and trickier than the previous, a technique called "Crocodile Tail Swing" from Muay Thai. Though basic, it was highly practical, combining strength and skill. Under his execution, it possessed a ruthless authority that seemed unrivaled.

But just as his left leg was raised, he suddenly noticed Li Xiu already beside him, nearly plastered against him.

Li Xiu, after dodging his right leg by crouching, did not retreat as normal people would, but instead charged forward, exploding strength from his calves, with his lowered body's center driving forward like a striking cobra, instantly arriving before the Administrator.

Almost simultaneously, Li Xiu's fist, fueled by his momentum, struck fiercely at the Administrator's groin, while the Administrator's leg also whipped Li Xiu's body.

Due to the proximity, the Administrator's kick hadn't fully unleashed its strength, merely causing Li Xiu to stagger two steps aside.

Conversely, Li Xiu's direct groin strike had the Administrator screaming in agony, clutching at the groin, unable to straighten up, his legs collapsed inwards like an awkwardly staggered woman, and trembled violently.

Body fortification is segmented to areas. Even hard-to-fortify areas, despite multiple enhancements making them far sturdier than average, remain relatively fragile.

A Trial Taker fortified to be entirely invulnerable wouldn't come to such places to be an Administrator.

Most Administrators here were mere guards, no different from regular soldiers.

Afei, hesitating not, swung a full-force whip-kick, her powerful long leg slicing towards the side of the Administrator's head like a blade.

With a bang, the Administrator's face twisted into malformation, teeth and blood spraying out, his body being hurled sideways.

Before he fell, Li Xiu landed another punch on his face, deforming it completely, dislocating his jaw, spraying blood, and throwing him towards Afei again.

Bang-bang! Bang-bang!

Under Li Xiu and Afei's collaborative assault, the Administrator was battered and beaten around, his face covered in blood, twisted and mangled beyond recognition.

"Stop," the surrounding Administrators rushed over, forcing Li Xiu and Afei back.

Unfortunately, everything happened too rapidly, as they rescued the Administrator, he had already lost consciousness.

"You dare kill an Administrator?" The leading Administrator glared at Li Xiu and Afei, speaking grimly.

"If not kill him, stand here and get killed?" Afei refused to yield, confronting the leading Administrator.

The Chief Administrator glanced at the countdown, coldly saying, "Finish the trial, settle this outside. Wake him up."

Uncertain whether the Administrator's body was robust or the rescuers skilled, injured this severely yet was truly revived.

Yet seeing him sway unsteadily, unable even to stand, completing the trial seemed impossible.

Nobody paid him further heed, as the countdown neared its end, with other Administrators returning to the starting line, ready to face the impending trial.

"Why help me?" Li Xiu asked Afei beside him, lowering his voice.

"Because I want to leave Abyss Base alive," Afei answered pointedly, also lowering his voice.

"Discuss later," Li Xiu saw the countdown nearing its end, focusing instead on completing the trial, as speaking here seemed inconvenient.

As the countdown ended, the intangible barrier outside the starting line vanished, and nearly simultaneously, everyone charged forward, racing ahead desperately.

Chapter 12: Chapter 12 Red Flower Lang

The distance of eight hundred meters is neither long nor short, originally belonging to the middle-distance running category in track and field competitions.

The physical strength of normal humans is difficult to sustain a speed burst for the entire eight hundred meters, requiring rhythm control and a certain level of tactics.

However, for many Trial Takers whose bodies have been enhanced among humans, rhythm and tactical arrangement are not as important.

Trial Takers with strong enough stamina can even sprint the entire distance like an ordinary person running a hundred meters.

Li Xiu certainly didn't reach that level; he could only control his rhythm and breathing, staying in the latter part of the group, waiting for the right opportunity to sprint.

The managers were basically in the lead group, while A Fei and some others with relatively strong physical abilities were in the second echelon.

Li Xiu was in the last echelon, which contained more than forty people with relatively weak physical abilities, not much stronger than ordinary people, and some were even inferior to ordinary people.

A thin and ordinary young man running at the end tripped and fell to the ground due to nervousness without running far.

He had no desire to get up and continue, lying there watching the people in front get further away, his eyes filled with despair.

Li Xiu wasn't a cold-blooded person, but in such trials, he didn't have the ability to help others; it was enough to keep himself alive.

The manager who wanted to break Li Xiu and A Fei's legs earlier had already tripped near the starting line, stumbling and trying to catch up, failing several times to get back up, and his bloodstained face showed no expression, but his eyes were filled with undisguised regret and despair.

"What is the true meaning of the trial? Where did the Trial Gate come from, and who is controlling all of this?" This question not only troubled Li Xiu but was a common problem for all humanity. No one has figured out yet what the Trial Gate is.

The lead echelon had entered the sprint stage, half a lap ahead of the last echelon, where more and more people began to give up out of despair, standing in place dejectedly, or even crying in breakdown.

Li Xiu maintained his rhythm, consistently staying near the front of the last echelon, waiting for the final sprint.

Finally, the distance was within reach for Li Xiu to sprint full force, and the finish line was visible. Li Xiu started to accelerate, increase speed, and began the final sprint.

Just as Li Xiu was speeding up, a leg suddenly extended out from the adjacent track, slanting in front of Li Xiu.

The leg stretched out at just the right moment when Li Xiu was accelerating, precisely the moment when Li Xiu's left leg was raised.

For an average person, fully focused on the race and so close in distance, this sudden situation would definitely trip them, making it impossible to catch up with those ahead in time after getting back up.

But Li Xiu reacted instantly, lifting his already raised left foot higher with effort, while his right leg exerted force, using a hurdle-like move to step over the obliquely stretched leg, regaining rhythm in a few strides after landing, continuing to push forward with all his strength towards the finish line.

Originally, Li Xiu should have finished within the top forty-five from the bottom, but his rhythm was slightly affected, and he crossed the finish line in thirty-ninth from the bottom.

"Who was that guy?" Li Xiu fixed his gaze on the young man not far away and asked A Fei, who was walking over.

"No idea, never seen him before, wasn't among the people from the last trial, and hasn't been seen among the managers either." A Fei also noticed the moment when Li Xiu was tripped and had kept an eye on that young man but couldn't recognize who he was.

"Oh!" Li Xiu observed the man.

In his twenties, tall and well-built, with narrow eyes and slightly curly hair, unsure if it's naturally curly or permed.

The man was also watching Li Xiu, and when he saw Li Xiu looking at him, he smiled at Li Xiu, extending his right hand to form a gun gesture, closing one eye, and making a shooting motion towards Li Xiu.

"The trial is over, rewards are being distributed, clearing begins..."

As the thirty-first person crossed the finish line, the cold voice sounded again.

There was a loud bang, and the thirty people who didn't cross the finish line in time had their bracelets explode at the same time, blowing them to pieces.

Thirty lives were snuffed out in an instant, lives cherished by civilized society were here like weeds to be reaped at will.

The 62 individuals who completed the test each received a Demon Core as a reward, and a stabbing pain came from the bracelet, their bodies once again strengthened.

Li Xiu felt a warm flow washing over him, revitalizing muscles that were sore from the 800-meter run in an instant, the pain paradoxically feeling indescribably pleasant.

When given the option to enter the second-round trial, Li Xiu decisively took off his bracelet and chose to forgo it.

After all, he was just the strongest Magic Armor Master, not the strongest Trial Taker; there was no need to persist in trials he was unsure of.

After exiting, the people outside collected the Demon Core from Li Xiu and recorded it, stating they would pay him double the price when he left.

Li Xiu initially wanted to wait for A Fei and that man outside, but he was escorted back to his room by the soldiers.

Li Xiu recalled the man's appearance, not remembering when he had seen such a person before.

"He probably isn't a manager, otherwise A Fei wouldn't fail to recognize him. If he was a Trial Taker sent here, I haven't offended him; why would he target me and provoke like that? Could it be someone I offended outside?" Li Xiu quickly dismissed this idea.

He had been undergoing Magic Armor Master trials since childhood, not interacting with the outside world, and only a few people knew him.

At least as a Magic Armor Master, not many knew he was the one titled "God."

Because Magic Armor Masters are relatively fragile, too easy to assassinate, hence generally wouldn't reveal their true identity openly.

Even when controlling a Magic Armor in battle, they use code names.

Li Xiu originally used the code name "Red Flower Youth," but later his exceptional performance earned him the title "God," making the true code name "Red Flower Youth" almost unknown to anyone.

So even if someone wanted to kill the world's top Magic Armor Master "God," very few people knew "God" was Li Xiu.

Moreover, Li Xiu hadn't told anyone he would come to the Abyss Base, making it even less likely outside enemies wanted to kill him.

"Since it's not someone from outside who wants me dead, who else in this base wants to kill me?" Li Xiu pondered silently.

Chapter 13: Chapter 13 The Secret of the Bandit

After nearly half an hour, A Fei was finally brought back.

Including A Fei, there were only four people left in the room.

"The person who tripped you up made it to the end." A Fei answered directly with this sentence.

"Do you know his identity?" Li Xiu asked again.

"Not an administrator, but probably related to Old Gu. I saw Old Gu beaming as he took him away," A Fei said after thinking about it.

"Does Old Gu want to kill me? Probably not." Li Xiu shook his head, dismissing the idea.

Old Gu now held the power over life and death at the Abyss Base. If Old Gu wanted to kill him, there was no need to make it so complicated. There were much simpler and more direct ways.

Without more information, Li Xiu couldn't make an effective judgment; he could only keep the question in mind for now.

"Why did you help me today?" Li Xiu brought up old matters, speaking softly with A Fei.

"Since the administrator targeted you, it indicates you're not aligned with Old Gu. If you and I join forces, maybe we'll have a better chance of survival," A Fei said.

"Do you suspect Old Gu?"

"Don't you? The passage being destroyed by Demon Spirits might just be an excuse. The administrator entering the trial could mean he wants to eliminate all the Trial Takers forced to come here," A Fei said coldly.

"What's the reason?" Li Xiu looked at A Fei's scarred face that appeared somewhat fierce. The ugly scars couldn't hide her intelligence and strengths.

"I'm not quite sure, but there's a possibility," A Fei seemed hesitant, not directly voicing her suspicions.

Li Xiu quietly watched A Fei without speaking, waiting for her to make her decision.

"Maybe Old Gu has already discovered the secret of the Sea Heaven Trial Ground," A Fei stared at Li Xiu for a long time before finally revealing a secret.

The Blue Stone Gate was discovered three years ago, and A Fei was among the first batch of Trial Takers to arrive here.

In these nearly three years, A Fei has participated in over a hundred trials. If her survival now depended on her own strength, then three years ago, as an ordinary weak girl, how could she possibly have survived such brutal trials time and time again?

Li Xiu had previously questioned this issue. After three years and over a hundred enhancements, A Fei's physical condition shouldn't be in its current state. It should be at least stronger than ordinary administrators.

The answer A Fei provided surprised Li Xiu a bit.

"The Trial Project within the Trial Grounds changes randomly, with S-grade being the highest and E-grade the lowest. The Sea Heaven Trial Ground usually only has E-grade and D-grade trials, at most a C-grade. Occasionally, B-grade and A-grade trials appear, but in very special times, an S-grade trial emerges. If one can reach the end of that S-grade trial, there's a chance to obtain a special S-grade skill reward... Abstention..." A Fei's voice lowered further: "Once a trial begins, normally the Trial Taker must complete it. Abandoning it means accepting the penalty for failing the trial. But those who possess the Abstention Skill can choose to abstain after the trial has started. Though they won't receive any rewards, they can leave the Trial Ground alive without facing any punishment."

"When I first entered the Trial Ground, I was fortunate enough to make it to the end and got the Abstention Skill. Now, you know why I can survive until now. Every time I encounter a trial I can't complete, I use the Abstention Skill, allowing me to survive up to now," A Fei sighed.

Li Xiu immediately understood A Fei's implication. Abstention, this skill could essentially be described as a Divine Skill.

Inside the Trial Gate, there are countless dangers, and even top Trial Takers can't guarantee they'll make it through each test alive.

Owning the Abstention Skill is equivalent to having an Immunity Token; such a skill would tempt any powerful person as it's a capability that could influence global dynamics.

If Old Gu and the forces behind him really learned that the Sea Heaven Trial Ground could yield such a skill, they would undoubtedly block all information at the first opportunity, never allowing any outsider to obtain this news.

Therefore, they couldn't let anyone leave Abyss Base. Everyone would be silenced, forced to continually enter the Trial Gate, merely to squeeze out their last remaining value.

"Based on my three years of experience, that S-grade trial appears roughly once every six months. If my calculations are correct, according to Old Gu, during our sixth entry

into the Sea Heaven Trial Ground, we'll just happen to encounter that S-grade trial," A Fei continued.

"How did you previously hide this from Old Gu and the others?" Li Xiu asked.

"I didn't hide, couldn't hide. The more Abstentions I used, the more likely others participating in the trial together would notice. Old Gu and his team have long known I could abstain and survive the trials. They kept me around just to figure out in which trial I gained this ability," A Fei declared resolutely: "Now it seems they have figured it out. If they succeed in completing the sixth trial and attain the Abstention Skill, I have no further use, only a dead end. So I must seek a way to survive. My power alone is limited, but there are few I can choose from, and even fewer who can help me—choosing you was out of necessity."

"Can you tell me exactly what kind of trouble you caused outside, or perhaps what debt you owe that hasn't been settled in three years?" Li Xiu asked an unrelated question.

"That has nothing to do with our cooperation," A Fei replied coldly.

"Alright, then tell me how exactly we should cooperate? You're not a naive woman; naturally, you should understand that with just our strength, we're no match for Old Gu and his team. Even with ten or twenty of us, we couldn't win, not to mention that Old Gu has two Magic Armor Masters on his side."

"So we have only one chance, to take care of Old Gu and his team during the trial. Old Gu and some of his trusted aides will definitely participate personally in that trial; that's when we'll have our chance. Such a secret, even on Old Gu's side, not many people will know. I suspect perhaps only Old Gu himself knows. Once he's dead, no one in the base will know they're all to be silenced. If we escape the Abyss Base before the forces behind Old Gu arrive, we have a chance to survive. This is also our only chance to live," A Fei emphasized repeatedly that it was their only opportunity.

"What if there's someone else on Old Gu's side who knows this secret?" Li Xiu asked.

"How will we know if we don't try?" A Fei's gaze was firm; she wasn't someone who would easily waver.

"Alright, then tell me, what kind of trial is it exactly?" Li Xiu was also somewhat curious about that S-grade trial.

Chapter 14: Chapter 14: The Ends of the Earth

"I've given that S-level trial a name, called The Ends of the Earth, it's an S-level difficulty trial," Afei said slowly.

"How did you pass the S-level trial?" Li Xiu was a bit surprised. From the information he had gathered before, even B-level and A-level trials were rare at the Sea Heaven Trial Ground. Most people found it difficult to pass C-level trials, let alone S-level ones.

What perplexed Li Xiu even more was how Afei, entering the Trial Gate for the first time as a naive young girl with no abilities, managed to pass an S-level trial and obtain skill rewards.

Even now, neither the current Afei nor Li Xiu himself had any confidence in facing an S-level trial.

"You don't need to know how I passed; you just need to know how we will pass the S-level trial. The S-level trial only opens the Sea Heaven Trial Ground's gate at a specific time point, offering a chance to start that special trial project. That's why it took Old Gu three years to figure it out. Even so, he's not a hundred percent sure, which is why he doesn't dare to kill me now." Afei explained the rules of The Ends of the Earth trial.

The Ends of the Earth trial also requires a team of two, which is why Afei looked for Li Xiu to collaborate.

She had to find someone she could trust and who had the ability to help her, to have a chance to kill Old Gu and the other administrators participating in the trial.

After hearing Afei's explanation of the trial rules, Li Xiu finally understood why Afei, with no abilities, was able to reach the end and obtain skills.

The so-called Ends of the Earth trial does not test physical strength. It's completely different from the two trial projects Li Xiu had previously participated in. Even frail elders could make it to the end.

But this doesn't mean there's no difficulty in The Ends of the Earth. Quite the opposite, The Ends of the Earth lives up to its S-level reputation, with extremely high difficulty where top trial takers could die instantly.

The rules consist of only two simple words: make choices.

The two team members will face the same questions. They won't be able to communicate but must choose the same answers.

If they choose different answers, they will immediately be deemed to have failed the trial and be cleared out.

Each round of the trial consists of ten questions. Only by answering all correctly can they move onto the next round.

The team that is the slowest in speed will be deemed to fail the trial. What's more terrifying is that the trial will go on infinitely unless you have the Abstention Skill; otherwise, you have to keep participating until there's only one team left.

In other words, only two people can come out alive after entering the S-level trial Ends of the Earth.

Afei has participated in The Ends of the Earth trial five times. Although the trial questions weren't the same each time, she has summarized a pattern. As long as they choose according to the pattern she summarized, the two of them could choose the same answers and complete the trial at the fastest speed.

"If my luck is good enough and Old Gu's luck is bad enough, maybe we can kill everyone in just one round," Afei said.

Li Xiu knew it was very likely. If the two people in a team aren't familiar with each other or don't have chemistry, the chance of dying in the first round is high; a total wipe-out wouldn't be unusual.

Even long-term married couples might give different answers when faced with the same problem.

"This is our only chance to kill Old Gu and them, but before that, you have to get through the first four trials. Compared to The Ends of the Earth, these four trials are the hardest," Afei's face was unusually serious, continuing, "According to my summary and analysis, there's over an 80% chance that the first and third trials will be E-level and D-level trials. Such trials have relatively simple passing grades, and with your abilities, it's not hard to pass."

"But the second and fourth trials will be troublesome. The second one is likely to have the C-level difficulty Life-and-Death Ball Speed, and the fourth trial, the one before the S-level trial, has a 90% chance of appearing as a B-level trial and a 10% chance of an A-level trial."

"C-level shouldn't be a big problem," Li Xiu said.

"It is a big problem. Don't think because I've named it Life-and-Death Ball Speed, it's the soccer test you're good at. It's completely different. It's a baseball duel where two people in a group duel to the death. I can't be in a group with you, making this round very dangerous for you," Afei said seriously. "Luckily, Life-and-Death Ball Speed is the second trial, where you might still choose a relatively weak opponent. If it were in the fourth trial, surviving would be harder than a B-level difficulty trial."

Li Xiu knew what Afei meant. The remaining four trials were essentially Old Gu's way of getting rid of the trial takers forced to be here.

As time goes on, fewer ordinary trial takers will remain. By the fourth trial, other ordinary trial takers might not be found.

By then, he would have to choose administrators as teammates, which would be a huge disadvantage for Li Xiu's physical fitness.

"It's a pity Life-and-Death Ball Speed isn't your forte, soccer; otherwise, it wouldn't be so troublesome. You must choose a relatively weak opponent during Life-and-Death Ball Speed and withdraw from the trial immediately after surviving one round," Afei sighed.

"I played baseball twice before, Life-and-Death Ball Speed should be okay," Li Xiu said.

"You've played baseball before? How long did you practice?" Afei's eyes lit up, asking quickly.

"I played twice, the first time for about half an hour, the second time for about five minutes," Li Xiu thought and answered.

"You really meant just twice; how is that any different from never having played before?" Afei was a bit speechless.

"Yes, I understand the rules," Li Xiu thought for a moment and said.

"Understanding the rules doesn't help. Forget it; just stick with our plan." Pausing, Afei continued, "As for the fourth trial being either B-level or A-level, I'm not sure which project it will be. We'll have to decide then. In the first and third trials, you must try to get as much reward as possible—not a Demon Core but physical enhancement to prepare for the fourth trial. I will help you then."

The two discussed some details before resting to conserve energy for the upcoming trials.

Li Xiu hadn't felt this kind of excitement in a long time. In the field of Magic Armor Master, he was invincible.

Controlling the most powerful Demon Armor, killing the strongest demon spirits—the sense of pressure had been missing for a long time.

"Maybe becoming a trial taker isn't such a bad choice after all." This sense of pressure instead made Li Xiu feel somewhat excited.

Li Xiu was truly looking forward to the upcoming trials, especially the S-level The Ends of the Earth.

Chapter 15: Chapter 15 World Training Camp

In Old Gu's office, there were three people seated: Old Gu, the leader of today's trial administrators, Li Changqing, and the man with the narrow eyes whom Old Gu called Jin Zhenhuan.

"Old Gu, should we take care of Li Xiu first?" Li Changqing looked at Old Gu and said.

"Don't rush. Right now, A Fei wants to collaborate with that kid. If we kill Li Xiu now, it'll cut off A Fei's escape route. Don't push her too hard; she might still be of use," Old Gu said with a sly smile.

"A Fei knows the trial project better than we do. What if..." Li Changqing frowned, somewhat disagreeing with Old Gu's idea.

"There's no 'what if.' We must give her hope, but we cannot allow her to truly have hope," Old Gu said meaningfully.

"You mean... to kill Li Xiu before the final trial begins?" Li Changqing suddenly understood Old Gu's implication.

"Keep him for now, give A Fei some hope, so she doesn't fight desperately to the death. We might need her in the future," Old Gu said.

"Understood." Li Changqing nodded with a smile.

"Old Gu, let me deal with Li Xiu when the time comes," Jin Zhenhuan suddenly spoke, using a tone that brooked no argument.

"Director Jin, why do you care about such a person? Though Li Xiu has some cleverness and tricks, compared to the esteemed you, he is nothing. Is it worth dirtying your hands?" Old Gu cautiously probed.

"He owes me a debt, and I want to collect it personally." When mentioning Li Xiu, a strange gleam flickered in Jin Zhenhuan's narrow eyes.

"As long as you're happy," Old Gu readily agreed, smiling as he acceded to Jin Zhenhuan's request.

When Li Xiu woke up, A Fei was already packing.

Soon, the jarring sound of an alarm went off again.

Once again at the Blue Stone Gate, the administrators didn't trouble Li Xiu and A Fei, directly opening the Trial Gate.

Li Xiu entered the Trial Gate with the group, as A Fei predicted, it was an E-level difficulty trial, the lowest difficulty trial.

A basketball hoop appeared in the center of the field. Throwing from the free throw line ten times, as long as one succeeds, the trial is passed.

Even for someone who doesn't play basketball, a few of the ten balls should randomly go in; the trial was indeed very simple.

Li Xiu glanced around and noticed Jin Zhenhuan watching him from not far away, smiling, but his gaze was decidedly unfriendly.

"Who exactly is this guy?" Li Xiu really couldn't recall when he had any interaction with this person.

Yet the look in his eyes seemed to indicate a deep vendetta against Li Xiu.

"Have we met before?" Li Xiu walked directly to Jin Zhenhuan and asked; he had to figure out who this person was.

If this person knew about his Magic Armor Master identity, then Li Xiu was sure he was already in a huge crisis.

"You really don't remember me?" An instant of anger flashed in Jin Zhenhuan's eyes.

"So we do know each other?" Li Xiu searched his memory as he stared at Jin Zhenhuan's face, but still couldn't remember ever meeting this man before.

"World Training Camp," Jin Zhenhuan said, staring at Li Xiu, mentioning the name of a place.

Li Xiu was slightly taken aback, but then immediately recalled.

Back when he was a child, he had gone to the World Training Camp for a trial. It was an institution dedicated to discovering and cultivating Magic Armor Masters.

At that time, Li Xiu passed the World Training Camp's test, showing the potential to become a Magic Armor Master. He also received an invitation to train, but later, Li Xiu did not join the World Training Camp.

This matter was something Li Xiu didn't really care about. If Jin Zhenhuan hadn't brought it up, he would've almost forgotten about it.

Li Xiu frowned slightly; he didn't recall having any conflicts with anyone at the World Training Camp, nor did he remember meeting Jin Zhenhuan.

Of course, even if they did meet, it would be normal for Li Xiu not to recognize him. After all, they were both just kids back then, barely ten years old.

Jin Zhenhuan was likely of similar age; who could recognize what someone looked like after they grew up?

"So you finally remember, right? Yes, I was the one who competed head-to-head with you during the trial, vying for first place," Jin Zhenhuan said, seeing Li Xiu's silence, assuming he finally recalled.

"Was there really such a person back then? I don't remember." Li Xiu suddenly came to a realization but still couldn't remember who Jin Zhenhuan was.

Jin Zhenhuan's eyelid twitched, a murderous intent flashed in his eyes, and after a moment, he suddenly sneered, "It's normal you don't want to remember. Back then, you were the talented youth coveted by the training camp, yet now you've fallen to this state. If it were me, I wouldn't want to recall the past either."

"We don't seem to have any animosity between us, right?" Li Xiu said, looking at Jin Zhenhuan.

The World Training Camp wasn't only recruiting one student. Li Xiu being top in training wouldn't have affected Jin Zhenhuan's admission, and besides, Li Xiu didn't even join the World Training Camp.

"I, Jin Zhenhuan, aim to be the best. Since I couldn't become the best Magic Armor Master, I resolved to become the strongest Trial Taker. It was because of you that I gave up the chance to be a Magic Armor Master and trained myself relentlessly to become the strongest Trial Taker," Jin Zhenhuan stared at Li Xiu with a mocking expression, continuing, "I originally thought there would be a chance to have a rematch with you in the future, but never expected you've fallen to this level. Not only have you failed as a Magic Armor Master, but you also do so poorly as a Trial Taker. I was truly blind back then. If I'd known you'd turn out this disappointing, I wouldn't have given up the chance to be a Magic Armor Master for you."

"It seems that the trial back then had a big impact on you."

"You better not try to provoke me. You should be well aware that your life is in my hands now. If I choose for you to live, you live. If I choose for you to die, you can't survive." Jin Zhenhuan's smile froze on his face as he stared intently at Li Xiu.

"So you're one of Old Gu's men," Li Xiu said.

"You're wrong. It should be said that Old Gu is one of my men," Jin Zhenhuan retorted sarcastically, "Now you should understand who holds the power over your life and death."

"It's you," Li Xiu said calmly.

"You can beg me; maybe I'll give you a way out," Jin Zhenhuan said, his lips curving slightly upward, like one peering down from above.

Li Xiu laughed, "You won't kill me."

"You think I don't dare to kill you?" Jin Zhenhuan's expression turned gloomy.

"It's not about daring. Someone as stubborn as you wouldn't kill me unless you've beaten me first," Li Xiu said.

"You're right, I won't kill you. If I am to kill, it will only be after I've defeated you. Since you're now also a Trial Taker, I'll show you what a real Trial Taker is. I'll ensure you fail so thoroughly in the trial that even in death, you'll have no regrets," Jin Zhenhuan said coldly.

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