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Bang! Bang!

While Li Xiu was instructing the Jedi Knights to pick up the Demon Cores, a sound echoed again from deep within the long street. This time, however, it wasn't the sound of chains dragging on the ground, but rather a heavy thud of footsteps.

Every time that sound echoed, Li Xiu felt as if the entire street trembled slightly.

Focusing his eyes, he saw a three-meter-tall demon spirit covered in black armor, streaked with lava-like patterns, charging towards the crossroads like a ferocious beast.

"A Flowing Color Demon Spirit?" Li Xiu could now roughly identify the ranks of demon spirits.

A Flowing Color Demon Spirit's body exhibits flowing colorful patterns, while an Illuminating Demon Spirit, besides the flowing light patterns, has a specific part of its body that shines exceptionally bright.

Li Xiu had never seen a Radiant Demon Spirit and didn't know its characteristics. A Radiant Demon Spirit, akin to Demigod Shana, emits light from its entire body, like a shadow of light, barely revealing its physical form.

But on Earth, Li Xiu rarely encountered these high-quality demon spirits. Even an S-Class Demon Spirit, like the giant demon spirit Qin Shi killed earlier, was just of ordinary quality.

"No wonder they say the demon spirits descending on Earth are just ordinary. The truly powerful ones haven't shown up yet?" Li Xiu pondered to himself.

Bang!

Just as Li Xiu was contemplating which demon spirit to send into battle, Demigod Shana fired at the Flowing Color Demon Spirit.

The Blue Light Bullet blasted the demon spirit's head off, and it collapsed instantly.

"That's it?" Li Xiu thought the fierce-looking Flowing Color Demon Spirit would be much stronger, but it only took a single shot from Demigod Shana.

The body of the Flowing Color Demon Spirit lay on the ground, its black armor dissipating into black smoke, while its flowing colorful light converged into a Black Crystal Ring.

"Is that... a Demon Spirit Ring..." Li Xiu had killed countless high-level demon spirits on Earth yet had never seen such an occurrence—where a slain demon spirit transforms into a Demon Spirit Ring.

"The demon spirits have been cleared. You can extinguish the Longevity Lamp and leave the Land of Trial." That mysterious voice echoed again, seemingly emanating from the oil lamp.

"So, I don't have to extinguish the Longevity Lamp?" Li Xiu thought for a moment and asked.

"You can continue exploring the Land of Trial," the mysterious voice confirmed Li Xiu's assumption.

"If I choose to continue exploring, can I extinguish the Longevity Lamp and leave at any time?" Li Xiu asked again.

"The Longevity Lamp cannot leave the city." The mysterious voice replied.

"Then I'll wander around the city." Li Xiu instructed the brilliant warriors to gather the Demon Cores, while he rode the Pink Nightmare, with Demigod Shana, for a tour around the city.

The doors of all the buildings in the city were closed, and Li Xiu dared not open them recklessly. He walked to the end of the long street, where a gate appeared in place of the city wall.

Approaching the gate, Li Xiu faintly heard the melancholic cries of a woman from outside; the sound was vague and unclear.

Yet, a desire to open the gate and see for himself arose in Li Xiu's heart, which immediately startled him, prompting him to distance himself from the gate quickly.

"Demigod Shana's level is still low; now isn't the time to go out." Li Xiu dispelled the thought of opening the gate and continued wandering in the city.

City gates had appeared in all four directions of the street, but Li Xiu still dared not open them now.

"I need to solve the Symbiotic Contract issue first; I'm not a true Trial Taker yet and can't have the aura protection like Sha Chu. Leaving the city is too dangerous." Li Xiu considered returning to the Sea Heaven Trial Ground to complete a symbiotic agreement with the Blood Pattern Revolver.

As he walked, suddenly, he heard a creak; the door of a nearby building opened by itself.

Startled, Li Xiu quickly made the Pink Nightmare retreat, and Demigod Shana assumed a guard stance by his side.

The building with the open door was a low stone house, with a doorway lower than Li Xiu, requiring one to bend to enter.

Inside the stone house was empty, lacking even a table or bench. However, against the wall stood a black Stone Coffin.

The Stone Coffin resembled the Blue Metal Coffin Li Xiu had seen at the Sea Heaven Trial Ground, but differed in material and shape, being somewhat smaller.

"What is that?" Li Xiu asked the Longevity Lamp beside him.

But the Longevity Lamp remained silent, offering no response.

"Shana." Li Xiu stood at the outer door and commanded Demigod Shana to shoot at the Stone Coffin.

Clang!

The Blue Light Bullet from Demigod Shana only left a small dent on the Stone Coffin.

"Nothing fell out? It seems this Stone Coffin isn't the same as the Blue Metal Coffin at the Sea Heaven Trial Ground." Li Xiu stared at the Stone Coffin, deep in thought.

Glancing at the Longevity Lamp beside him, he knew with this protective charm, and uncertain if he'd have another chance to return, leaving just didn't seem like his nature.

After waiting for a while, the Jedi Knights had gathered all the Demon Cores and the Demon Spirit Ring.

Several hundred E-Class Demon Cores amounted to quite a fortune, though paled in comparison to the Demon Spirit Ring and the black-glowing Demon Core.

Li Xiu gathered up everything and recalled all the demon spirits except for Demigod Shana.

"Open it." Li Xiu commanded Demigod Shana, while standing outside, ready to blow out the Longevity Lamp and leave the Land of Trial if anything went awry.

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After receiving the order, Demigod Shana fired several shots at the stone coffin, only leaving small dents on its surface. It's uncertain when the stone coffin could be broken this way.

The stone coffin seemed to be cast as one piece, with no gaps or openings; the only option was to smash it.

Without waiting for Li Xiu's command, Demigod Shana drew his great sword, flashed to the stone coffin's front, and struck it fiercely.

The blue-hued sword light hit the stone coffin, producing a piercing sound, and a long mark appeared on its surface.

Demigod Shana struck blow after blow on the stone coffin, leaving it covered in scars, with the sword marks deepening and widening.

The great sword flashed continuously with a blue glow, executing countless strikes, until a resounding crack, as a sword mark finally penetrated the stone coffin, causing previous marks to also split.

Crack! Crack!

The cracks on the stone coffin grew larger, pieces falling off.

"Return," Li Xiu called Demigod Shana back, his eyes fixed on the cracking stone coffin.

With the growing fissures, chunks of stone fell away, and Li Xiu saw something inside the stone coffin.

"What is that?" Li Xiu identified what was visible through the breach, his pupils narrowing.

The contents inside became clear; Li Xiu assumed it would be a devil spirit, but it was entirely unexpected.

Within the stone coffin stood distinctly a black wooden tablet.

Li Xiu had seen such tablets before, typically for the deceased.

People generally worship their ancestors' tablets for commemoration and worship, though modern homes increasingly replace tablets with photos or portraits.

Apart from such tablets, there are Longevity Plaques meant for the living.

In ancient times, Longevity Plaques were used to honor benefactors or certain saints.

For instance, if someone has greatly aided you, yet you cannot repay them or know their whereabouts, you may enshrine their Longevity Plaque at home, praying for their safety and long life daily.

Whatever Li Xiu thought, this object appeared as a tablet, yet he wasn't certain what tablet it was.

Why would a tablet be placed inside a stone coffin? Was it because the deceased's remains were gone and could only be replaced with a tablet?

Li Xiu scrutinized the characters on the wooden tablet, partially visible, only seeing two words.

"God of Slaughter..." Seeing these words, Li Xiu slightly frowned.

Historically, there was never a divine entity known as the God of Slaughter; if one insisted, the East has Yanluo, the West has the Death God, but these aren't truly God of Slaughter.

Those who could be named as the God of Slaughter in history remained one, Bai Qi from the Warring States period, undefeated in battle, having slain over a million foes.

Yet he was an ancient figure from Earth, seemingly unrelated to this Land of Trial.

The tablet bore the two words God of Slaughter, in dark blood-red, with strokes faintly exuding a fierce killing intent that made one's spine chill.

Li Xiu wanted to see what other words might be below God of Slaughter but didn't dare approach the stone house, so he let Demigod Shana fire two more shots at the stone coffin.

Both shots hit the cracks, causing the nearly shattered stone coffin to finally break apart.

Li Xiu finally saw all the words on the tablet, feeling somewhat disappointed.

Below God of Slaughter were just two more words, totaling four, "God of Slaughter's Position."

"This thing really is a tablet, yet it's too simplistic, just four words, no birth date or name, and it's unclear why such a tablet was placed inside a stone coffin." Li Xiu felt somewhat unlucky.

Encountering such a tablet was less favorable than encountering a devil spirit.

Slaying devil spirits could at least yield some gain, yet what use could this tablet have?

Li Xiu turned to extinguish the Longevity Lamp, unwilling to waste time here.

With a gentle breath toward the Longevity Lamp, its flame, which wouldn't extinguish no matter how hard he tried earlier, went out instantly.

The surroundings plunged into utter darkness, and when his sight returned, he stood before the Hero Trial Ground's gate.

"How did it get dark so quickly?" Li Xiu looked around; the darkness enveloped everything, starless and moonless, vision only reaching several meters.

Yet clearly, he entered in the morning at eight and spent only two or three hours inside, so why did it darken so suddenly?

"It's not dark; it's not even noon yet. Why are you wearing sunglasses?" Sha Chu chuckled.

Li Xiu paused briefly and remembered he was still wearing the Dark Mirror, though it caused this daytime scene to appear as night.

While he saw well in the dim Black Death City, oddly.

"Does wearing the Dark Mirror make darker areas clearer? If so, it's useful for traversing the Dark Maze without fear of blindness." Li Xiu pondered internally.

"That adjutant wanted to treat us to a meal, but I politely declined. Everyone else has left; we should head back, I'm exhausted today." Sha Chu stretched and remarked.

"Alright." Li Xiu turned toward the gate, but after a few steps, he noticed Sha Chu and A Fei trailing him, seemingly observing him, with unclear intentions.

"What are you doing?" Li Xiu stopped, turned to face them with a furrowed brow.

"When did you pick up this habit, carrying a tablet on your back as you exit? Is it to ask your ancestors for protection?" Sha Chu asked with a smile.

Upon hearing Sha Chu's comment, a chill ran through Li Xiu's heart, prompting him to quickly reach behind him.

His touch felt cold against a wooden tablet pressed against his back, sending shivers down his spine immediately.

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Li Xiu's face changed, and he grabbed something from behind. Upon closer inspection, it was indeed a wooden plaque engraved with "God of Slaughter's Position."

"I didn't expect you to have this hobby, carrying a plaque for peace of mind, it's quite something you've thought of," Sha Chu moved closer to take a look, then said puzzled, "Is your family's ancestor named God of Slaughter?"

"You guys go back first, I have some matters to attend to." Li Xiu ignored her, hurriedly left the City Lord's Mansion with the plaque in hand.

Li Xiu never believed in ghosts and gods, but this plaque was quite peculiar. How did it follow him out of the Land of Trial?

"This God of Slaughter, although I don't know what kind of divine spirit you are, our meeting is fate. I'll find a good place to offer you daily incense, so you can enjoy peace without having to worry about me..." Li Xiu found a temple and paid money to have the plaque offered there.

Fortunately, Buddhism was prevalent in the Southern Cross Federation; there were several temples just in Zhongshan City alone, so finding a place to offer the plaque wasn't difficult.

After leaving the temple, Li Xiu walked a few steps and checked behind him, relieved that the plaque hadn't followed him.

Even when back at the inn, the plaque still did not show up.

Li Xiu knew there must be something special about the plaque, but as a Magic Armor Master, Li Xiu disliked anything he couldn't control.

Just like his talents, he liked to keep everything within his control, so over time, he developed super control abilities.

Of course, it's impossible to develop without talent.

Back at the inn, Li Xiu began to inventory his gains.

Over four hundred Demon Cores, although all were E-Class, they were still quite a substantial income, Li Xiu planned to exchange these Demon Cores for gems to feed Demigod Shana.

The Demon Cores of Flowing Color Demon Spirit were somewhat special, Li Xiu held onto them first, and that Demon Spirit Ring should be able to summon Flowing Color Demon Spirit.

Li Xiu didn't lack Flowing Color Demon Spirit, especially since it was taken down in one shot by Demigod Shana, he wasn't too concerned.

However, selling the Demon Spirit Ring would require finding someone knowledgeable; ordinary people wouldn't know what it was, let alone offer a high price to buy it.

"Sha Chu definitely wants this, but doesn't she seem to have no money?" Li Xiu thought for a bit, among the people he knew, only Sha Chu was knowledgeable.

Li Xiu was hesitating whether to go looking for Sha Chu when Sha Chu came looking for him herself.

"Did you go to the Land of Trial today?" Sha Chu asked directly; she was naturally aware that if Li Xiu hadn't gone to the Land of Trial, he wouldn't have come out so late.

"Yes, these Demon Cores are all from the Land of Trial." Li Xiu made no attempt to hide it.

Looking at the hundreds of Demon Cores, Sha Chu said a bit enviously, "To encounter so many Demon Spirits, only you have so many high-quality Demon Spirit Rings. If it were a regular Trial Taker, they might not have made it back."

"I have something here, are you interested?" Li Xiu took out the Demon Spirit Ring and placed it in front of Sha Chu.

"This is... a Demon Spirit Ring... from which Demon Spirit did you obtain this Demon Spirit Ring?" Sha Chu asked.

Li Xiu recounted his experience, and after listening, Sha Chu said frustratedly, "You only killed one Flowing Color Demon Spirit and managed to get a Demon Spirit Ring? Your luck is truly extraordinary."

"Is the Demon Spirit Ring very rare?" Li Xiu was a bit surprised, thinking that as long as a Demon Spirit is high-quality, the chances of obtaining a Demon Spirit Ring should be large.

"After a Demon Spirit dies, the energy within its body may turn into a Demon Spirit Ring, Skill Ring, Talent Gemstone, etc. However, they must be high-quality Demon Spirits; even if ordinary Demon Spirits are S-Class, these items won't appear. The higher the quality of Demon Spirit, the greater the probability of these items appearing. The probability of a Flowing Color Demon Spirit dropping a Demon Spirit Ring

is estimated to be less than one in a thousand. I have killed hundreds of Flowing Color Demon Spirits in the Land of Trial and only gotten Skill Rings and Talent Gemstones, never seen a Demon Spirit Ring." Sha Chu said frustratedly.

"Why don't you go kill higher-quality Demon Spirits then?" asked Li Xiu.

Sha Chu became even more frustrated immediately, "I have to find them first even if I want to kill higher quality ones. In the areas of the Land of Trial that I can access, the most I can find are Flowing Color Demon Spirits. I dare not go to more distant places; I wouldn't be able to preserve my life there. The only time I encountered a Shining Level Demon Spirit, I almost lost my Good and Evil Punisher, couldn't defeat it at all."

"Only you have such high-quality Demon Spirits, do you know how difficult it is for regular Trial Takers to obtain a high-quality Demon Spirit?" The more Sha Chu spoke, the more frustrated she became.

"Isn't the president of Eternal Sky even possessing a Radiant Demon Spirit?" Li Xiu never found high-quality Demon Spirits to be scarce.

"Brother, they search for Demon Spirit Gemstones worldwide, have done so for thousands of years; can I compare with them?" Sha Chu said bitterly, "If I could have one high-quality Demon Spirit, even if it were just a Flowing Color Demon Spirit, do you think I would invest all my resources on the Good and Evil Punisher?"

"Here is an available Flowing Color Demon Spirit, interested?" Li Xiu pointed at the Demon Spirit Ring.

"Aren't you going to use it? This is..." Sha Chu started speaking but then remembered that Li Xiu not only had a Radiant Demon Spirit but also a Shining Level Demon Spirit and Flowing Color Demon Spirit on him, so she swallowed the rest of her words.

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"Do you really want to give me the Demon Spirit Ring?" Sha Chu stared at the Demon Spirit Ring with shining eyes.

"Not give, sell," Li Xiu corrected.

"Okay, name your price," Sha Chu said straightforwardly. Without even a Demon Spirit, she felt embarrassed to call herself a true Trial Taker, and she was a bit anxious.

"I want to exchange some blue diamonds," Li Xiu thought for a moment and said.

Sha Chu's initially excited expression suddenly stiffened. She replied gloomily, "Have you considered where we are? Diamonds aren't produced here at all. You want gemstones like rubies, spinel, and tourmaline, that's easy, but where am I supposed to get diamonds for you, let alone blue diamonds? I know you want to upgrade that Radiant Demon Spirit, but you have to face reality, right?"

"Then what can you offer me?" Li Xiu pondered, considering exchanging other gemstones as well. Not many people recognize the value of the Demon Spirit Ring; if he swapped it for other gemstones, it would be easier to trade for blue diamonds in the future.

"The Demon Core of that Flowing Color Demon Spirit, and these Demon Cores, are you planning to sell them together?" Sha Chu pointed to the Demon Cores on the table and asked.

"Are you interested?" Li Xiu squinted, scrutinizing Sha Chu. From her tone, she seemed to be quite wealthy.

"Of course I'm interested. These Demon Cores and the Demon Spirit Ring are of the same variety, with matching attributes. Using them to upgrade the Demon Spirit's level is ideal, especially the Demon Core of the Flowing Color Demon Spirit, which would be the most beneficial to it," Sha Chu said.

"I can give them all to you, but it depends on what price you're willing to offer," Li Xiu said.

"Wait a moment," Sha Chu said, walking towards the bathroom.

Soon Li Xiu heard the sound of clothes being removed, and he hastily said, "I only want gemstones, don't support payment by flesh."

He liked beauties, but he couldn't accept beauties involved in monetary transactions.

"In your dreams." Sha Chu's voice came from inside, annoyed and embarrassed.

Not long after, Sha Chu came out, fully dressed, with a few gemstones in her hand.

"These are all my remaining possessions. If you're not satisfied with this, then there's nothing else I can do," Sha Chu said bluntly, placing the gemstones in front of Li Xiu.

There were six gemstones in total, four red rubies and two blue gemstones. The smallest of the four rubies weighed eight or nine carats, while the largest exceeded ten carats.

One of the blue gemstones was relatively small, appearing to be only five or six carats, while the other, a heart-shaped blue gemstone, appeared particularly large, possibly weighing forty or fifty carats.

Li Xiu was stunned by the forty or fifty-carat blue gemstone; such a large and pure blue gemstone was practically national treasure level.

Meanwhile, Li Xiu was curious about where Sha Chu had hidden these gemstones.

"These are my treasured collections. All the rubies are genuine pigeon blood red, determined by the oldest standards, not like those cheap rubies whose color is casually identified as pigeon blood red in minor authentication agencies. This blue gemstone is Kashmir Chrysanthemum, although not a Demon Spirit Gemstone, compared to the gemstone I previously gave you, it's still very precious," Sha Chu pointed to the gemstones.

"You're willing to part with such a big blue gemstone?" Li Xiu pointed at the heart-shaped blue gemstone and asked.

"Can you not tell the difference between blue gemstones and tanzanites? If I had such a big blue gemstone, why would I exchange it with you?" Sha Chu sneered.

"Turns out it's tanzanite," Li Xiu stared at that tanzanite, surprisingly feeling a sense of hunger for it.

He felt nothing towards those top-grade rubies and blue gemstones, but surprisingly had feelings towards a tanzanite gemstone.

Of course, he knew about tanzanite; it's a gemstone found only in former Tanzania, which is why it's named tanzanite.

Once treated, tanzanite resembles blue gemstones, only with heavier purple hues. The top-grade tanzanites have less intense purple tones, and those unfamiliar with gemstones can easily mistake them for blue gemstones.

This tanzanite indeed looked like a blue gemstone; it was normal for someone like Li Xiu, who hadn't studied gemstones much, to make a mistake.

"Don't think that just because it's tanzanite, it's worthless. Tanzanites are now very expensive, and this particular tanzanite has a background, not an ordinary tanzanite; otherwise, I wouldn't have specially collected it."

Sha Chu paused and continued, "Speaking of which, this tanzanite has some connection with the Hope Diamond you acquired from Ximen Guan."

"How can tanzanite be connected to a diamond?" Li Xiu genuinely didn't understand this.

"In the old times, there was a movie called Titanic. In the movie, there was a gemstone called Heart of the Ocean, which was actually modeled after the Hope Diamond. Of course, they couldn't use the real Hope Diamond for the film. The crew also considered borrowing a blue gemstone for the shoot, but such a blue gemstone couldn't be borrowed so easily. Eventually, the crew used tanzanite to create the Heart of the Ocean; those who watched the movie thought it was a blue gemstone, but it was actually tanzanite," Sha Chu explained.

"Are you telling me this tanzanite is the Heart of the Ocean used in the movie?" Li Xiu asked surprisedly, examining the heart-shaped tanzanite.

"The person who sold me this tanzanite claimed it was, though I can't confirm if it's true or not. But it does look very similar, and even if it's not, such a large, high-quality tanzanite is extremely valuable these days," Sha Chu herself was unsure if this was indeed the Heart of the Ocean used in the movie.

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"Deal." Li Xiu had no hesitation; selling a Demon Spirit Ring and exchanging it for a Demon Spirit Gemstone was not a loss.

The key was that the Demon Spirit Ring was not easy to sell, and besides Sha Chu, he couldn't find other buyers around him.

Li Xiu felt he wasn't losing out, Sha Chu felt she got a bargain, and she even uncharacteristically thanked Li Xiu.

"I know these gemstones don't match the value of your Demon Spirit Ring and these Demon Cores, but this is all I have right now. If I have the chance to enter the Land of Trial again, I'll get more Demon Cores for you," Sha Chu said.

"No need, the transaction is clear; no one owes anyone," Li Xiu replied.

"I understand." Sha Chu put away the Demon Spirit Ring and Demon Core and hurried back.

After Sha Chu left, Li Xiu picked up the Heart of the Ocean and looked at it closely. The deep blue was interspersed with dazzling purple, and although it was not as regal as Royal Sapphire, it exuded a sense of mystery.

Li Xiu pricked his finger and dripped a drop of blood onto the Heart of the Ocean.

After absorbing Li Xiu's blood, the Heart of the Ocean immediately softened into a liquid and surged toward Li Xiu's finger.

Soon, a blue-violet Demon Spirit Ring formed on Li Xiu's finger, and strange information flooded into Li Xiu's mind.

Love God Shooter (Evolvable): E-level Demon Spirit (Radiant), able to summon E-level Demon Spirit Love God Archer.

"..." Li Xiu looked at the Love God Archer Demon Spirit Ring on his hand and was momentarily speechless.

Sha Chu desired a high-quality Demon Spirit, yet a high-quality Demon Spirit Gemstone was right with her, unbeknownst to her, and she used it to exchange for a Flowing Color Demon Spirit Ring. If Sha Chu knew, she would probably be frustrated.

"Fate is indeed unpredictable sometimes," Li Xiu thought as he summoned the Love God Archer.

A female archer wearing a purple cape appeared in front of Li Xiu, her body wrapped in blue glowing armor, holding a bow entwined with blue-violet light.

Although the Love God Shooter wasn't as luminous as the Demigod Shana, the glow it emitted was just as intense, rivaling that of the Pink Nightmare.

The Love God Shooter only had a bow, no arrows; once the bow was drawn, a brilliant blue-violet light arrow appeared between her fingers, much like the Condensing Light weaponry of the Demigod Shana's Blue Diamond Pistol.

"The gems on Earth really have no pattern in summoning Demon Spirits. Who would have thought the Heart of the Ocean would produce a Radiant Demon Spirit?" Li Xiu marveled.

The price of Tanzanite is much cheaper than ruby, sapphire, and diamond, and the cost of upgrading the Love God Shooter is also much lower.

Li Xiu also discovered that many Demon Spirits derived from Earth's gemstones are humanoid in shape, whereas most actual Demon Spirits are not human-shaped.

"Should these gemstones be exchanged for Blue Diamond or Tanzanite?" Li Xiu couldn't make up his mind for a moment.

However, the Southern Cross Federation doesn't produce Blue Diamonds or Tanzanite, and exchanging rubies for diamonds and Tanzanite here isn't very favorable, so Li Xiu decided to stash the gemstones away for now.

Over the next few days, Li Xiu and A Fei participated in two Hero's Trials, and Li Xiu found that the Dark Mirror indeed allowed him to see in the dark, clearer the darker it was, thus slightly lowering the difficulty.

This gave Li Xiu some thoughts about the final S-level Hero's Trial; without the Dark Mirror, he really wouldn't want to risk attempting the S-level Dark Maze.

During the last A-level Hero's Trial, A Fei randomly got an entry ticket but was persuaded by Li Xiu to give it up.

The contract of the Hero Trial Ground, although of good quality, didn't seem suitable as the sole Symbiotic Contract in Li Xiu's opinion.

Because for some reason, only one reward could be chosen in these two trials, and since Li Xiu himself did not randomly get the entry ticket, he chose attributes each time, further enhancing his physical quality.

Sha Chu didn't randomly get the entry ticket either; otherwise, with her strength, she could have entered Black Death City to slay Demon Spirits and earn Demon Cores.

Ximen Guan tinkered with his things in his room every day, sometimes even skipping meals, and it was unclear what he achieved.

"Li Xiu, come out, I want to show you something good." Chu Jun sent a message with an excited cat emoji.

"What is it?" Li Xiu asked.

"You'll know when you come; it's definitely something good and beyond your imagination," Chu Jun mysteriously withheld specifics.

Li Xiu figured he had nothing better to do, and going out for a while might do some good, so he went to the address Chu Jun provided.

"Why do you always wander into the wilderness? Aren't you afraid of encountering Demon Spirits?" Li Xiu finally reached the place, looking at the surrounding forest as he spoke.

"There are too many prying eyes and cameras everywhere in the city; some things are inconvenient," Chu Jun impatiently told Li Xiu, "I want to show you something good, but don't spread it around."

"What's the big secret?" Li Xiu's curiosity was piqued by Chu Jun's antics.

Chu Jun stood across from Li Xiu, creating a bit of distance, raised one arm, and with the other hand, supported the elbow of that arm, bragging to Li Xiu, "Watch closely, don't blink; this will refresh your worldview, change your understanding of this world, and provide you a new goal to strive for."

"It can't be..." Li Xiu, observing Chu Jun's over-the-top demeanor, seemed to have guessed his intention.

"Come forth, my Knight." As Chu Jun proclaimed, the ring on his finger flew off and transformed into a Blue Armored Knight before him.

The deep blue armor glimmered with blue light patterns, the steed was similarly clad in blue armor, and in the Knight's hand, there was a Knight's Sword.

Sure enough, as Li Xiu predicted, Chu Jun was summoning a Demon Spirit, a Flowing Color Demon Spirit.

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Li Xiu stared blankly at Chu Jun, unable to figure out what was going on in this guy's head.

You summon demon spirits, fine, but what was with those embarrassing gestures? And just summoning a demon spirit, is there really a need to be so secretive about it?

"So, don't be afraid, this isn't the kind of demon spirit you find in the wild, it's my summoned demon spirit. This is a power that only a true Trial Taker can possess..." Chu Jun saw Li Xiu zoning out and thought he was scared, hurriedly explaining.

"Hmm, got it." Li Xiu nodded.

"Since you also want to become a Trial Taker, there are some secrets I need to tell you. Right now, you're not a true Trial Taker yet. To truly become one, you must obtain a ticket during the trial, then enter a mysterious place where you will see a stone table and a copper lamp. On that table, there will be something special, which is the tool contract for becoming a true Trial Taker..." Chu Jun explained in detail.

Li Xiu wasn't impatient at all, listening attentively without interrupting Chu Jun.

Although these things weren't secrets to Li Xiu, for most people, they could be considered top-secret.

Among truly top-tier forces, there definitely are quite a few true Trial Takers, but they all discreetly keep this secret.

Firstly because the current Trial Takers cannot yet compete with Magic Armor Masters, and secondly because they want to take advantage of the secrecy of Trial Takers to occupy more Trial Gates, plunder resources, and control more Trial Takers.

True Trial Takers have the chance to stand on equal footing with Magic Armor Masters, and in places where magic armor technology isn't developed, that's the only hope.

On the other hand, forces like Space City with advanced magic armor technology don't rely so much on Trial Takers.

"Seems like I've really overlooked a lot before. Guan Jinghao's subordinates should also have quite a few true Trial Takers, right?" Li Xiu mused.

"Li Xiu, remember, when choosing rewards in the Trial Ground, try to opt for attributes. They'll greatly help you become a Trial Taker in the future." Chu Jun thought Li Xiu was still shocked by everything he said, and continued to advise him.

"Chu Jun, I'm really glad to know you." Li Xiu suddenly said to Chu Jun.

"Do you even need to say that? I'm just as happy to know you." Chu Jun, caught off guard by Li Xiu's sudden words, felt a bit uncomfortable and responded bashfully.

"Since we're all so happy, why don't I share a secret with you too." Li Xiu said with a smile.

"Sure." Chu Jun excitedly nodded, clearly looking forward to Li Xiu's secret.

It wasn't that he was eager to know the secret itself, but the feeling of sharing secrets with a friend excited him.

"Move back a bit." Li Xiu said to Chu Jun.

"Is this okay?" Chu Jun stepped back two steps.

"A bit further." Li Xiu said again.

"Is this enough?" Chu Jun took a few more steps back.

"Almost." Li Xiu's mind stirred, and the Jedi Knight and Ice Soul Sea Demon on his fingers flew out, transforming directly.

"Demon spirits...two..." Chu Jun's eyes widened instantly at the sight of Jedi Knight and Ice Soul Sea Demon.

"You...you...you're also a true Trial Taker...and have two demon spirits, one of which is Flowing Color Demon Spirit?" Chu Jun pointed at Li Xiu in shock.

Li Xiu didn't answer, and summoned the Pink Nightmare.

"Shining demon spirit...where did you get all these demon spirits?" Chu Jun was dumbfounded.

Seeing Chu Jun's incoherent expression, Li Xiu decided not to summon Demigod Shana and the Love God Shooter, fearing Chu Jun couldn't handle such a blow.

"Since we're friends, I should be sincere. I'm also a Trial Taker; having demon spirits shouldn't be surprising." Li Xiu said with a smile.

"No, no, no, you're a true Trial Taker, although I didn't expect it, it's not surprising. But where did you get these demon spirits? I went through so much struggle in the Land of Trial just to get a Flowing Color Demon Spirit, and you already have a Shining Demon Spirit..." Chu Jun shook his head.

"I have even higher quality demon spirits, do you want to see them?" Li Xiu asked.

"Higher quality demon spirits?" Chu Jun looked at Li Xiu with a complex expression, but wasn't as surprised as before and instead asked with an odd tone: "These demon spirits of yours, they wouldn't be Death Contract Demon Spirits, would they?"

"What are Death Contract Demon Spirits?" Li Xiu asked, puzzled.

Seeing that Li Xiu didn't know what Death Contract Demon Spirits were, Chu Jun breathed a sigh of relief as if a heavy stone had dropped from his heart: "As long as it's not Death Contract Demon Spirits, it's fine. I shouldn't have doubted you; you can't be that kind of person."

"So what exactly are Death Contract Demon Spirits?" Li Xiu asked.

Chu Jun explained: "After the Demon Spirit Ring and Trial Taker Contract, they cannot be used by other Trial Takers unless that Trial Taker dies, then the Demon Spirit Ring can complete a contract with another Trial Taker. Besides Symbiotic Contract, other Parasitic Contracts are like this too."

"I've heard of some Trial Takers who specialize in hunting other Trial Takers to seize Demon Spirit Rings and Parasitic Contracts; there's no way you'd be that kind of Trial Taker. I'm sorry, I shouldn't have doubted you earlier." Chu Jun said apologetically.

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"It's okay, at least so far, I haven't seized other Trial Takers' magical spirits and contracts." Only then did Li Xiu understand why Trial Takers are reluctant to reveal their identities. It's not just to keep the Trial Ground's secrets but also for their own safety.

The greatest danger may come from Changsheng Heaven. Those guys have accumulated power for thousands of years and their hands hold countless high-level magical spirits. Killing these new Trial Takers who have only started for a few years or decades and seizing their magical spirits and contracts is really too easy.

"You must never casually show off these contracts in front of outsiders, or it could be very dangerous," Chu Jun solemnly warned Li Xiu.

"I've remembered." Li Xiu nodded seriously.

"Speaking of which, it's so great that you are a real Trial Taker. We can go to the Land of Trial together. The Land of Trial I went to has several places that I haven't been able to break through. If we cooperate, we should be able to succeed..." Chu Jun suddenly became excited.

"Alright, if there's a chance." Having a companion in a place like the Land of Trial is quite nice, but the chance for two people to enter the Land of Trial together is not high.

Returning to the inn at night, Li Xiu lay down tiredly on the bed and fell asleep. Although his physical fitness had increased significantly recently, carrying the Dark Mirror and the Fire Lotus Sword at the same time was still exhausting.

Upon waking up, Li Xiu felt comfortably soft all over. Turning over, he suddenly sensed something was wrong, as if he had touched something awkwardly pressing against his chest.

Li Xiu touched around and found a cold, hard board in his arms, which startled him. He jumped off the bed, tossing the thing onto the bed as well.

Laying there on the bed, Li Xiu stared intently at the object. Once he saw it clearly, his spine chilled instantly—it was indeed the Godslayer Shrine.

"How has this thing returned?" Staring at the shrine, Li Xiu couldn't determine his emotions for the moment.

The Godslayer Shrine hadn't harmed him, so Li Xiu wasn't particularly afraid.

But being entangled with such a thing does leave him feeling uneasy.

"Alright then, let's have a good chat. What exactly do you want?" Li Xiu placed the Godslayer Shrine on the table, sat opposite, and spoke to it.

He was merely testing, but surprisingly, after speaking, the Godslayer Shrine actually started to move.

The wooden shrine shook on the table as if something inside was trying to break free, making Li Xiu rise and watch it warily.

After a bout of shaking, the shrine suddenly turned, with its back facing Li Xiu.

On the previously flat back, two words appeared: "Hug me."

"Hug me? A shrine acting cute here? As a living human, hugging a shrine, it's uncomfortable for me, even if you aren't bothered," Li Xiu looked at the Godslayer Shrine in front of him, feeling mixed emotions of amusement and bewilderment.

This shrine seemed quite improper, asking for hugs right off the bat. Even if there truly is a God of Slaughter, it wouldn't be a proper god.

"If you don't hug me, I'll kill you." The shrine shook again, the previous words disappeared, replaced by a new line.

"You want to kill me? Believe me, I'll chop you up for firewood right now," Li Xiu sneered.

Though he wasn't sure what the Godslayer Shrine was, if it truly had the ability to kill him, it wouldn't need to wait around—it would have acted long ago.

"Fine, you wait and see." The shrine seemed to flare with rage, shaking violently after displaying those words.

Li Xiu summoned Demigod Shana, deciding to strike first and chop it up.

No matter what it is, since it harbors killing intent, whether or not it has the ability, it cannot be allowed to continue existing.

Just as Demigod Shana's large sword was about to strike the Godslayer Shrine, two new words appeared on the shrine's back.

"Li Xiu!" Li Xiu saw it was precisely his name.

Before he could comprehend why the shrine would write his name, a sudden dizzy spell struck, his vision went black, and he fell heavily to the ground.

"Ouch!" His head hit the ground, causing him to break out in a cold sweat from the pain. Holding his head, he stood up intending to quickly chop up the shrine for firewood. But after glancing up at the scene before him, he was abruptly stunned.

A black stone cabin, empty inside, with only a shattered Stone Coffin leaning against the wall.

"Black Death City!" Li Xiu immediately recognized this place, quickly rushing to the stone house's door, pushing it open and dashing out.

Black sky, ancient black stone city, burning forge, dim and eerie streets; this was unmistakably Black Death City.

"What's going on? How did I end up here? Is the Godslayer Shrine the culprit?" Li Xiu already came to a conclusion in his mind, yet found it hard to believe.

Just moments ago, he was still in a hotel in Zhongshan City, and the Godslayer Shrine had managed to directly bring him to Black Death City. This ability was rather frightening.

Clang! Clang!

Li Xiu heard the familiar sound of iron chains hitting the stone path, undoubtedly those magical spirits reappeared.

Li Xiu hurriedly returned inside the stone cabin, checking the broken Stone Coffin, yet the Godslayer Shrine wasn't there; it hadn't come along.

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"How do I get back?" Li Xiu was a bit dazed.

When he entered before, there was a Longevity Lamp; just blowing out the Longevity Lamp allowed him to leave. But now, he didn't have a Longevity Lamp by his side. How could he go back?

In this eerie place, even if Li Xiu wasn't afraid of those Demon Spirits and slaughtered them all, what would he eat and drink? Wouldn't he just die of thirst and hunger?

Without giving Li Xiu much time to think, the Demon Spirits outside were already approaching the small stone house.

Li Xiu had no choice but to step out of the stone house, summon the Demon Spirit, and deal with the Demon Spirits on the long street.

Just like last time, Demon Spirits kept rushing out from the four directions of the long street, and their numbers grew increasingly larger.

But to Li Xiu, these Demon Spirits weren't a threat at all. He conveniently summoned the Love God Shooter to test the combat power of the Radiant Demon Spirit.

The Love God Shooter appeared at the intersection, drew the bow, and shot an arrow at the leading Demon Spirit.

The blue-purple Light Arrow pierced the night sky and hit the chest of the Demon Spirit, directly penetrating through it.

However, after the Light Arrow dissipated, there was no hole seen in the chest armor of the Demon Spirit, only a small blue-purple heart-shaped light imprint.

Next, a surprising scene unfolded in front of Li Xiu's eyes: the Demon Spirit hit by the Love God Shooter suddenly turned and charged at the Demon Spirit behind, beginning to tear into its kind.

"Good heavens, does the Love God Shooter's arrow have such an effect?" Li Xiu was both surprised and pleased; this thing seemed even more useful than the Demigod Shana.

If the arrow of the Love God Shooter works on all Demon Spirits, even against advanced Demon Spirits, one shot would make the Demon Spirits not frightening at all.

The Love God Shooter continued to shoot Light Arrows, leaving heart-shaped light imprints on the chests of those Demon Spirits, causing them to rebel and tear into their kind.

With the Love God Shooter, the threat of the Demon Spirits group to Li Xiu was even smaller, and without much effort, he wiped out wave after wave of Demon Spirits.

After the Demon Spirits group died out, soon thereafter, he saw the over three-meter-tall Demon Spirit appear at the end of the long street.

Li Xiu thought it would be as simple as last time. But upon seeing it, he realized the Demon Spirit was emitting a black aura all over, not only having black light patterns but also shackles on its hands and feet, which were like blazing black crystals shining brightly.

"Shining Level Demon Spirit!" Li Xiu was slightly surprised, but even a Shining Level Demon Spirit posed no danger to him.

After all, it's just an E-level Demon Spirit, and no matter how high its quality, it couldn't surpass the Demigod Shana.

Bang!

Demigod Shana directly blew the head of the Shining Level Demon Spirit with a shot, still clean and crisp, no fuss.

The flowing light on the Shining Level Demon Spirit gathered and finally exploded away, leaving nothing behind.

As Sha Chu said, not every Demon Spirit leaves behind a Demon Spirit Ring after death.

Li Xiu looked at the Demon Core that rolled out from the Demon Spirit's body, but he had no desire to pick it up.

Now it wasn't about whether he wanted the Demon Core; it was about how he would get out.

"Sure enough, the living shouldn't compete with the dead." Li Xiu calmed down and wandered around the city, searching for a Longevity Lamp.

Even if he couldn't find the Longevity Lamp, Li Xiu had other plans.

Since there was a Godslayer Shrine inside the small stone house, there were many other stone houses here; there may be other shrines inside.

Since the Godslayer Shrine could bring him inside, perhaps other shrines could send him out?

Of course, this was the last resort; Li Xiu didn't want to take that route unless necessary.

One Godslayer Shrine already put Li Xiu through this; if there was something fiercer, who knows what would happen?

Li Xiu rode the Pink Nightmare around the city, but he didn't find any trace of the Longevity Lamp.

"It seems I have to take this final step." Li Xiu hesitated for a while and did not immediately open the doors of those buildings.

He still had a glimmer of hope; perhaps the Godslayer Shrine only brought him temporarily and wouldn't keep him here forever.

Theoretically, this was possible; maybe the Godslayer Shrine's power had a time limit.

Li Xiu decided to first study the buildings inside Black Death City; there were a total of three hundred and sixty-five black stone structures on both sides of the cross street.

These buildings looked somewhat like temples and somewhat like churches; it was hard to say what style they really were.

The Godslayer Shrine was in the stone house, the lowest building within Black Death City.

The tallest building in the city was in the southeast corner of the crossroads; it was a mysterious and eerie building standing twenty meters tall, resembling a Demon God's abode.

"A shrine in a small house is so fierce; who knows what evils lie in this big house? Or perhaps there are no stone coffins and shrines, just some terrifying Demon Spirit..." Li Xiu examined it for a while before finally deciding against the idea of going inside.

He had already selected another stone house, besides the one with the Godslayer Shrine; this stone house was the smallest one, on the far edge of the right side of the cross street.

"Let's wait a bit longer; if it doesn't work, I'll have to open a stone house." Li Xiu rested in the small square, trying to minimize his energy consumption.

As time passed minute by minute, when Li Xiu began to feel hungry, a sound of dragging chains suddenly appeared from the end of the long street.

"Here they come again!" Li Xiu looked over, and sure enough, he saw the shackled Demon Spirit again.

Li Xiu continued to rest while summoning his Demon Spirit to kill the Demon Spirit. It wasn't long before he wiped out the Demon Spirits group.

The final Demon Spirit Boss appeared; this time, it was just a Flowing Color Demon Spirit. After being killed, only the Demon Core remained.

Li Xiu roughly estimated that this appearance of the Demon Spirits group was approximately two hours apart from the previous group.

The Demon Spirits group posed no threat to Li Xiu, so he didn't concern himself with it and continued to wait.

If forty-eight hours passed and he still hadn't left Black Death City to return to the inn, he would have no choice but to open a stone house.

The Jedi Knight was cleaning up the battlefield, and when he picked up the Flowing Color Demon Core, he seemed to stare at it for quite a while.

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Li Xiu saw the expression of the Jedi Knight, only then did he remember that Demon Spirits can use Demon Cores to level up.

However, using Demon Cores with vastly different properties for leveling up makes it difficult for Demon Spirits to awaken their Talent Skills.

For a Demon Spirit of Demigod Shana's quality, Li Xiu was reluctant to casually let him absorb an Ordinary Demon Core to level up, but the Jedi Knight's quality was poor from the start, so even if he used all the same types of Gemstones or Demon Cores for leveling, the probability of awakening a Talent Skill was very low.

Just like Sha Chu's Good and Evil Punisher, it never managed to comprehend a Talent Skill even at S-level.

"Eat if you want." Li Xiu gave the order to the Jedi Knight.

The Jedi Knight received the command, put the Flowing Color Demon Core in his hand into his mouth, and swallowed it.

Li Xiu watched for a while, seeing that the Jedi Knight had no reaction and did not manage to level up, it was probably because the energy from the Demon Core was insufficient.

The Jedi Knight seemed unwilling to consume the other Ordinary Demon Cores, so Li Xiu also gave him the Shining Demon Core he had previously obtained.

The Jedi Knight took the Shining Demon Core, swallowed it without thinking, and his body still showed no significant change, nor did he level up.

As time ticked by, two hours later, the first batch of Demon Spirits appeared again, and the Flowing Color Demon Spirit was still among the last to appear this time.

After killing it, Li Xiu again gave the Flowing Color Demon Core to the Jedi Knight.

Every two hours a batch of Demon Spirits would appear, and by the sixth batch, a Radiant Demon Spirit finally appeared.

The Radiant Demon Spirit's entire body was engulfed in black flames, shackles like black light chains. With a mighty pull of its arms, it broke the black light chains, waving the broken shackles, when thrown, the light extended far like a laser whip.

Bang!

Demigod Shana still killed in one shot, the bullet pierced the protective black flames of the Demon Spirit and exploded its head.

"Demigod Shana's attack power is really too fierce, the Radiant Demon Spirit's quality is almost close to his, yet it still gets killed in one shot." Li Xiu was slightly surprised.

Originally, he thought with that quality nearing Shana's, it wouldn't be easy for Demigod Shana to kill the Radiant Demon Spirit; he would need to shoot several times at least. Who knew it would still be a headshot in one shot.

The Radiant Demon Spirit's body fell, the black flames converged, and its armor-like body disassembled.

Finally, the black flames gathered in the air to become a black Talent Gemstone, falling to the ground.

"Wasn't it supposed to be a Demon Spirit Ring?" Li Xiu was slightly disappointed.

Li Xiu instructed the Jedi Knight to retrieve the Talent Gemstone and the Radiant Demon Core, keeping the Talent Gemstone for himself and rewarding the Demon Core to the Jedi Knight.

The Jedi Knight swallowed the Radiant Demon Core, and his body suddenly changed; red flames burst from his body, quickly enveloping his entire figure, like a phoenix reborn in flames.

"Strange, the Pink Nightmare didn't have such an exaggerated transformation when it leveled up." As Li Xiu was puzzling over this, the red flames on the Jedi Knight's body gradually extinguished.

His size did not change much, but his shell became more crimson, and the lines more elegant, mysterious light pattern appeared on the Fluorescent Stick-like Samurai Sword, resembling runes or some odd symbols.

Jedi Knight (Evolvable): Capable of summoning D-level Demon Spirit Jedi Knight.

Level: D.

Talent Skill: Blood Light Slash.

Li Xiu was startled by the new information about the Jedi Knight that appeared in his mind, the Jedi Knight had actually awakened a Talent Skill.

"Is this even possible... the Pink Nightmare reached B-level without awakening a Talent Skill, yet this guy awakened a Talent Skill just by advancing to D-level; could this be related to the evil?" Li Xiu ordered the Jedi Knight to use his Talent Skill, Blood Light Slash.

The Jedi Knight drew the blade and slashed, the light pattern on the sword glowed red, and as it cut down, the red light from the blade transformed into a blood-red crescent-shaped light blade, soaring through the air for over ten meters before dissipating.

"This skill has a distinct leap in quality with long-range attack capabilities, indeed possessing a Talent Skill is a qualitative leap, but this ability is just basic operation on Demigod Shana and the Love God Shooter's side." Li Xiu regretted giving the evil to the Jedi Knight, such a good thing should have been given to a higher quality Demon Spirit.

"Back in that mine tunnel, there were two evils that crawled onto my body. If there's a chance to go out, I might be able to catch another evil." Li Xiu secretly calculated in his heart.

Li Xiu also used the Talent Gemstone, obtaining an E-level Talent "Night Pupil," which provided certain enhancements to his eyesight, making his vision better than an average person in the dark.

Li Xiu already possessed the Dark Mirror, so the Night Pupil talent had little impact on him.

One wave of Demon Spirits after another appeared, and after continuously slaying eleven waves, he acquired many Demon Cores, but didn't see a single Demon Spirit Ring, nor a Skill Ring, only that one Talent Gemstone.

A Radiant Demon Spirit did not appear again, not even a Shining Demon Spirit was seen afterwards, only Flowing Color Demon Spirits, whose Demon Cores were all eaten by the Jedi Knight.

The twelfth wave of Demon Spirits ended with another Flowing Color Demon Spirit. After slaying it, and before Li Xiu could clean up the battlefield, he suddenly felt his vision go dark, and after a dizzy spell, collapsed to the ground.

"I haven't taken the Demon Cores yet!" Li Xiu immediately realized what had happened, but the Demon Cores piled on the ground were yet to be collected.

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By the time Li Xiu got up from the ground, it was too late to think about anything. He found himself back in his hotel room.

The Godslayer Shrine was still on the table, with its back facing him, displaying three words on the back.

"Are you convinced?"

"I thought you had great abilities, but you only managed to send me into Black Death City for twenty-four hours. If you have the guts, lock me in there for a lifetime." Li Xiu thought to himself, "Anyway, you can only send me in for twenty-four hours. It's just right for me to go in and kill the demon spirits. If I can get the Demon Spirit Ring, it'll be a big gain. Even if I don't, getting some skills or talents is also profitable. Even if nothing comes out, I can still collect some Demon Cores to feed the Jedi Knights."

Thinking of that small pile of E-Class Demon Cores, Li Xiu felt a bit of heartache. Although they were the lowest class of Demon Cores, they numbered in the thousands and could fetch a considerable amount of money if sold.

"Just you wait." After this line of text appeared, the Godslayer Shrine remained still.

It was unclear whether its ability was still on cooldown or for some other reason, but it did not send Li Xiu into Black Qi City again.

Li Xiu waited for a while, and seeing no reaction from the Godslayer Shrine, he picked it up and walked out.

"Hey, you were in your room? I called for you to eat earlier, why didn't you open the door? I thought you went out." Just as he was leaving, he bumped into Sha Chu, who asked in confusion.

"I went out just now and just got back, but I have some matters to attend to and need to go out again." Li Xiu said and quickly left.

After leaving the city, Li Xiu found a deserted spot and tossed the Godslayer Shrine onto the ground. He drew the Fire Lotus Sword and pointed it at the shrine, saying, "From now on, listen to me, and I'll spare you. Otherwise, I'll chop you up and use you for firewood now."

"Bring it on!" The Godslayer Shrine suddenly stood up on its own, shaking as two words appeared.

"Fine." Li Xiu slashed right away, the Fire Lotus Sword glowing red as it struck the wooden shrine. It produced a sound like clashing metals, yet left no marks on the wooden surface.

Li Xiu then summoned the Demigod Shana and the B-Class Pink Nightmare, using a gun to shoot, a sword to slash, hooves to stomp, and a horn to ram.

Li Xiu tried every method, but the Godslayer Shrine remained unscathed.

"Is that all..." Text appeared on the Godslayer Shrine, mocking.

For a moment, Li Xiu really had no way to deal with it. After some thought, he retrieved his demon spirits, picked up the shrine, and left.

Li Xiu had seen a forge in the city, equipped with a furnace and large hydraulic press used for crafting, and decided to see if those could make the Godslayer Shrine submit.

Using the power of money, Li Xiu persuaded the forge owner. First, he threw the shrine into the furnace. Despite the intense heat capable of melting steel, after over an hour, the shrine remained unchanged.

The ten-ton hydraulic press, groaning under exertion, failed to crush the shrine.

"Keep going." The Godslayer Shrine taunted mercilessly.

This time, Li Xiu was truly out of options. He could only throw the shrine onto the ground and went back on his own.

When he returned to the hotel, he found that the shrine had somehow stuck to his back.

Helplessly, Li Xiu tossed the shrine away casually, lay down on the bed, and fell asleep.

When he woke up, the shrine was lying in his arms. Li Xiu decided to ignore it and continued as if he hadn't noticed, carrying on with his tasks without paying it any mind.

"Don't go to tomorrow's trial. It might be an S-Class trial." During dinner, Ximen Guan advised Li Xiu not to participate.

"Got it." Li Xiu hesitated for a moment but ultimately decided against joining the S-Class trial.

With the Dark Mirror, Li Xiu was confident about getting through the S-Class Dark Maze. However, the two weights on him were too burdensome, preventing him from moving quickly. He feared that his speed wouldn't be enough, and even if he knew how to get out, his pace might not beat the time.

"When will the Demon Armor be modified?" Li Xiu asked Ximen Guan.

"We don't have professional equipment here, so we can only modify it manually with makeshift tools. It won't be quick—to wait another ten days or half a month should be about right." Ximen Guan quickly finished his meal and went back to his room to continue tinkering.

At noon, Li Xiu received an invitation from the City Lord's Mansion, asking him, along with Afai and Sha Chu, to join the trial tomorrow. Li Xiu found an excuse to decline.

"Li Xiu, whatever you do, don't go to tomorrow's trial. I just found out it might be S-Class and very dangerous. I'll be back at the latest in two days, so please don't go." Chu Qun messaged him that evening.

"Understood." Not long after Li Xiu replied to the message, the deputy from the City Lord's Mansion personally visited the hotel.

"Can we talk?" Deputy Lin knocked on Li Xiu's door, smiling as he spoke.

"Talk about what?" Li Xiu glanced outside, seeing two rows of soldiers in the hotel lobby, including Magic Armor Masters.

"The City Lord wants to invite you and the other two ladies to the City Lord's Mansion." Deputy Lin stated.

"Is it possible not to go?" Li Xiu clearly understood what Zhongshan City Lord wanted him for.

"This is Zhongshan City." Deputy Lin uttered softly.

"So you mean I have no choice but to go?" Li Xiu slightly frowned but then stood up and said, "Okay, wait a moment while I tell my friends something, and then I'll go with you to the City Lord's Mansion."

"You can." Deputy Lin stepped back, giving way.

Within Zhongshan City, he didn't believe Li Xiu could cause any trouble.