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"You be careful too, don't take off the Demon Armor no matter what, wait for us to come back." Li Xiu reminded Qin Shi a few times, on the other side, Chu Jun had already embedded the Golden Green Tourmaline onto the Trial Gate.

"A white dog woof woof, two black dogs woof woof, three dogs woof woof, who is my little white dog, oh, it's hard to be at ease... woof woof... woof woof... little white dog, oh little white dog, where exactly are you..." The old security guard lay back on the rocking chair, fanning himself and humming a folk tune, looking quite content.

The door slowly opened, and Li Xiu and Chu Jun entered one after the other.

Before they came, they had already gathered a lot of information; the trials within the Golden Gate didn't involve fighting each other, it was just that the difficulty was relatively high for ordinary people.

"Welcome to the Golden Gate Trial Ground, C-level trial is about to begin, trial rules are as follows..." In a hall, there was a table that looked like gold, and a screen was floating above it, a strange voice simultaneously sounded.

The trials in the Golden Gate Trial Ground were not so much difficult as they required some luck.

On the golden table were three dice and a dice cup, in front of the table were three squares with the words big, small, and leopard respectively.

The rules are simple, Li Xiu and Chu Jun each have a golden chip in hand, they bet big or small with the chip, as long as they bet right, they pass this round of the trial.

Each die has six sides with points from one to six, the maximum is eighteen points with three dice, below nine is small, and above nine is big.

If after rolling, all three dice show the same number, it's a leopard.

A leopard doesn't differentiate between big and small, even if it's three ones, if you didn't bet on leopard but small, you still lose.

Because of the leopard rule, it makes the odds of winning much harder, not just a simple fifty percent.

Chu Jun wasn't worried at all because Li Xiu had already told him before coming, Chu Jun just needed to follow him in betting.

After the countdown ended, the trial officially started, the dice cup moved by itself to cover the dice and quickly started rolling, and stopped after a short while.

Li Xiu immediately placed his chip on the square that said small, and Chu Jun followed by betting on it too.

This type of trial was not difficult for Li Xiu, just by sound, he could judge the trajectory of the dice.

The dice cup opened, the points were one, two, and two, indeed small, the square with small lit up.

For several consecutive rounds, Chu Jun followed Li Xiu in betting, hitting the mark every time without any challenge at all.

Even if more dice were added in each round, it still didn't pose a challenge for Li Xiu.

"With this ability, why don't you go make money in a casino, hitting every time, how could you lack money?" Chu Jun laughed.

"Casinos aren't as fair as trial grounds," Li Xiu said flatly, gambling is mostly trickery, just because you can hear the dice points, doesn't mean you can win, if someone really thought that, they might lose everything.

After six consecutive rounds, it finally reached the final trial, the dice for the final trial directly doubled, becoming eighteen dice inside the cup, clattering noisily, and only stopped after a while.

"What do we bet on?" Chu Jun looked at Li Xiu.

"Leopard." Li Xiu directly placed his chip on it.

Chu Jun also bet on the leopard without hesitation, the cup opened, and all eighteen dice were 1.

"Final trial complete, rewards being selected randomly... Each trial taker who passes the final trial can choose one reward."

After a short moment, four reward icons appeared in front of Li Xiu and Chu Jun.

Seeing the reward icons in front of them clearly, both Li Xiu and Chu Jun were slightly stunned.

Among the four reward icons, as expected, there were no attributes or Demon Cores; they were talent, skill, S-level trial, and admission ticket, the rewards list for both of them was identical.

It was the first time for both Li Xiu and Chu Jun to see the S-level trial appear in the rewards list, Chu Jun pondered and said, "This S-level trial reward might mean that if you choose it, you'll directly enter an S-level trial?"

"Possibly, but since there's an admission ticket, there's no need for an S-level trial now. Let's first check out the Land of Trial." Li Xiu chose the admission ticket.

Chu Jun also chose the admission ticket, and because they used different admission tickets, when Li Xiu appeared in front of the stone table, he was alone.

Li Xiu scrutinized the stone table and found that besides the Longevity Lamp, there was also a very ancient-looking Golden Key.

"There's really no Parasitic Contract." Li Xiu reached out and picked up the Golden Key, its weight was no issue for him now.

Anyway, they are all Parasitic Contracts, and there's no need to worry about the quality; having one is better than none.

After the Golden Key was picked up, it immediately radiated a golden glow, and that strange voice sounded from the Longevity Lamp.

"Insignificant carbon-based creature..."

Li Xiu really had no mood to listen to that boast from the Longevity Lamp, he directly dripped his blood onto the Golden Key.

The Golden Key absorbed the blood and instantly formed a peculiar connection with Li Xiu, and information flooded into Li Xiu's mind.

Golden Key: Parasitic Contract.

Quality: Ever-changing.

Primordial Embryo Quality: 0.1.

Talent Skill: Universal Key.

Looking at the attributes of the Golden Key, Li Xiu found it incredibly low, probably hard to find a contract with a lower starting attribute than this.

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"This universal key skill is quite interesting. Could it really unlock all locks?" Li Xiu pondered secretly.

After thinking about it, he felt that if it could indeed unlock all locks, then this Golden Key was quite powerful.

As Li Xiu was contemplating, the Longevity Lamp had already floated up by itself, drifting off into the darkness.

Li Xiu followed the Longevity Lamp forward, and soon, the surroundings gradually brightened up.

When Li Xiu finally saw the surroundings clearly, he couldn't help but frown.

"Ah!" Chu Jun appeared beside Li Xiu and exclaimed in fright after seeing the situation.

Not far ahead of them lay a corpse. Judging by the white bodysuit on the corpse, it was definitely a Trial Taker, probably one who came here before them.

The Trial Taker's death was extremely gruesome, as if eaten by a wild beast. The body was covered in blood, and the face was a bloody mess, almost just scalp and bones remaining.

"This scared me to death, what's going on?" Chu Jun steadied himself and surveyed the surroundings.

The place they were in resembled the main hall of a shrine, with a divine statue over ten meters high still enshrined within.

Li Xiu was staring at the divine statue because it looked very familiar. Previously, after killing the last fanatic in the Black Death City, he saw a statue just like this one upon entering.

However, this divine statue was slightly larger, and there was no Copper Oil Lamp in front of it to enhance character quality.

The person had died right in front of the divine statue, fallen at its feet, and with the eerie and terrifying environment, it made Chu Jun's scalp crawl.

"I've seen this divine statue before. When White Lotus was enhancing its quality, such a statute was enshrined there," Chu Jun also noticed the divine statue's issue.

"In this case, these Lands of Trial are likely interconnected, only we lack the ability to travel from one Land of Trial to another," Li Xiu turned to the half-open hall door and walked toward it.

Peering through the gap in the door, Li Xiu's expression suddenly changed a little.

Chu Jun also walked over, and at the sight, almost vomited.

Outside the hall was a courtyard, with several corpses lying chaotically across it, or to be precise, a pile of dismembered bodies.

The bodies seemed bitten by something, all bloody and mangled, with broken limbs scattered everywhere, and the ground stained with blood.

Although the faces were unrecognizable, the torn white bodysuits suggested these people were probably Trial Takers.

"Why are there so many Trial Takers here?" Li Xiu frowned.

"What's strange about that? They probably used their Trial Badges to enter together," Chu Jun said.

Li Xiu shook his head and said, "Probably not. Look carefully at the state of decomposition of those corpses; there's quite a time difference. They didn't die here at the same time."

"Maybe some died first, and some lived longer and died later," Chu Jun suggested.

"If they really watched their companions die, wouldn't they extinguish their Longevity Lamps and leave? Why stay here to die?" Li Xiu said.

Speaking of the Longevity Lamp, Li Xiu glanced at the floating lamp beside Chu Jun and frowned slightly, saying, "The Longevity Lamp seems odd."

"What's odd about it?" Chu Jun turned to look at his own Longevity Lamp, comparing it to Li Xiu's, confused, "Nothing different, our Longevity Lamps are the same."

"It's because they're the same that's odd. Do you remember what the Longevity Lamp looked like when we first entered Black Death City?" Li Xiu looked at his own Longevity Lamp and continued, "Those lamp flames, although dim, were a distinctly clear golden color. Look at this Longevity Lamp's flame; it's clearly blood red."

"Maybe the lamps have different colored flames in different places?" Chu Jun pondered.

"No, this flame gives off a foreboding aura. The previous Longevity Lamps didn't have this vibe," Li Xiu thought and said, "There's something really wrong here. These Trial Takers could have extinguished their lamps to leave, so why did they die here? We shouldn't stay here any longer; let's go."

Li Xiu was unwilling to risk his life; there were so many Lands of Trial, it wasn't worth gambling his life for.

"Alright," Chu Jun agreed with Li Xiu's decision after looking at those corpses, which were indeed terrifying, and opened his mouth to blow out his Longevity Lamp.

However, after blowing several times, the flame of his Longevity Lamp only flickered slightly but did not extinguish.

The same happened with Li Xiu, and both of their faces changed immediately.

They both realized why those Trial Takers died here; like Li Xiu and Chu Jun, they couldn't extinguish their Longevity Lamps, and naturally couldn't leave.

"What's going on? Can we not get out?" Chu Jun's face was extremely grim; he didn't want to be trapped in such a ghostly place forever.

Li Xiu said nothing, suddenly drew the Fire Lotus Sword, and slashed at his Longevity Lamp.

Clang!

The blood-colored flame on the Longevity Lamp suddenly swelled, blocking the Fire Lotus Sword and making a sound like metal clashing.

The flame wasn't extinguished, and Li Xiu's palm was shocked until the tiger's mouth cracked, blood seeping out, and the Fire Lotus Sword almost flew out of his hand.

"That's it. We're really stuck here," Chu Jun's face turned deathly pale at this situation.

"Not necessarily," Li Xiu assessed the surroundings, saying, "Just like in Black Death City, where you couldn't extinguish the Longevity Lamp without killing all the Black Death Demons, maybe it's the same here."

Hearing this, Chu Jun felt somewhat relieved inside, frowning and saying, "Then, what mystical creature do we have to kill?"

"Do you sense any mystical creature presence?" Li Xiu asked Chu Jun.

"I was so scared just now, I forgot I still had the Inspiration Skill," Chu Jun sheepishly scratched his head.

Chu Jun quickly used the Inspiration Skill, and the next second, his face immediately changed dramatically.

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"What's going on?" Li Xiu noticed that Chu Jun's expression was off and quickly asked.

Chu Jun stammered, "I sense... I sense... there are many S-Class Demon Spirits here..."

"Here? Outside the courtyard?" Li Xiu looked around but didn't find anything.

"No... just... right here..." Chu Jun pointed to the hall they were in, then pointed to the courtyard outside, and said incoherently, "Here... and outside... they are all demon spirits... many... many... can't discern the level... nor the names..."

Hearing Chu Jun say this, Li Xiu felt a chill in his heart. His first reaction was that there were many demon spirits they couldn't see, right now in the hall and courtyard. For all he knew, an invisible demon spirit might already have its mouth wide open, exposing bloody fangs, ready to swallow his head at any moment.

Thinking of this, a shiver ran down Li Xiu's spine, and he unhesitatingly summoned all the demon spirits he could.

Various demon spirits circled them, encasing him and Chu Jun in the center.

The two of them kept scanning the eerie hall with their eyes but saw nothing and heard no sounds.

"How many demon spirits are there? Can you sense their positions?" Li Xiu's eyes scanned constantly, and his ears perked up, but there was still no discovery, not a trace.

This made Li Xiu even more uneasy. He trusted Chu Jun; Chu Jun had never let him down. If Chu Jun said there were many demon spirits, then there surely were. But where were those demon spirits?

"I don't know, so many, too many to count, they seem to be everywhere..." Chu Jun sensed again and again, but the result was the same each time.

"So many... too many to count... everywhere..." Li Xiu seemed to think of something, and his face turned grim: "I fear we really are in trouble this time. Use your Light Energy Protection, whatever you do, don't stop."

Although Chu Jun didn't understand why Li Xiu said this, he immediately followed Li Xiu's instructions.

With a blood-red glow, the Light Energy of White Lotus appeared on Chu Jun, making his body emit a faint glow.

Li Xiu's body also emitted a white glow, which was the Light Energy of the Forbidden Spear.

"What's going on? Did you discover something?" Chu Jun asked.

"Many demon spirits, everywhere, but invisible, there's only one possibility; those demon spirits are tiny like bacteria, so small our naked eyes can't see them. I suspect those people weren't bitten to death by demon spirits; rather, they might have been slowly consumed by those invisible tiny demon spirits." Li Xiu shared his speculation.

The thought gave Chu Jun goosebumps. If it's true as Li Xiu said, then before they used Light Energy Protection, those invisible demon spirits might have entered their bodies, possibly gnawing at their internal organs right now.

"No, I didn't sense any demon spirits inside our bodies." Chu Jun realized a flaw in Li Xiu's hypothesis.

If demon spirits had indeed entered their bodies, he should have sensed them, but he didn't feel any presence of demon spirits within his body.

"If there are none in our bodies, it means those tiny demon spirits cannot directly invade us, or invading us might pose a threat to them. But they must have had an opportunity to invade, otherwise, those Trial Takers who entered before us wouldn't be dead." Li Xiu mused.

"What is that opportunity?" Chu Jun couldn't figure it out.

"I don't know either." Although Li Xiu speculated that those tiny demon spirits couldn't temporarily harm their bodies, he still maintained his Light Energy cautiously; it wouldn't hurt to be careful.

He withdrew his demon spirits. Those spirits were no longer of any use; no matter how strong they were, they couldn't battle demon spirits as small as bacteria.

Li Xiu's gaze fell on the corpses in the hall again, re-examining the bite wounds on the bodies.

After watching for a while, Li Xiu suddenly moved closer, examining more carefully, his expression growing increasingly peculiar.

"What did you find?" Chu Jun came over and looked for a while but didn't notice anything amiss.

"It seems there was an error in my previous speculation. These Trial Takers weren't consumed by those tiny demon spirits." Li Xiu said solemnly.

Upon hearing this, Chu Jun let out a long breath of relief. If he had to choose, he would rather face large and undefeatable demon spirits than confront enemies so small he couldn't even see them.

The unknown is most terrifying, and invisible things are more likely to invoke fear.

"It's good that they're not. Then how did they die?" Chu Jun asked.

"They were bitten to death. I initially thought they were bitten by demon spirits, but after a closer look, it seems the bites were not from demon spirits. The wounds look more like they were bitten by human teeth..."

Chu Jun's skin tingled instantaneously, his teeth chattering as he forced a smile and said, "Impossible, right? How could people bite people? And bite them like this, have they gone crazy?"

"They might have gone mad. Just now my point was not that those tiny demon spirits don't exist, but rather they might have acted like a virus, infecting humans and turning them into monstrous creatures, cannibalizing one another, leading to the current situation..." Li Xiu slowly explained.

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Chu Jun felt a chill down his spine: "Then will we..."

"Yes." Before Chu Jun could finish speaking, Li Xiu answered with certainty.

"How can you be sure we'll turn out like that... We're perfectly fine now with nothing wrong... Maybe we're much stronger than those Trial Takers... Our constitution and Light Energy might be enough to resist those virus-like demon spirits you mentioned..." Chu Jun wasn't really trying to argue with Li Xiu, he was just comforting himself.

"As long as we can't get out, that's the inevitable result. Actually, if we really can't get out, even if those virus-like demon spirits don't turn us into flesh-eating monsters, we'll starve to death here." Li Xiu said casually.

"That's true, but I'd rather starve to death than turn into that kind of monster." Chu Jun said with a bitter smile.

"If you don't want to die, then you can only find a way to go back." Li Xiu spoke as he summoned the Pink Nightmare and rode to the courtyard, observing the corpses inside.

Chu Jun wanted to follow him out but was stopped by Li Xiu.

"Don't come out. There's blood everywhere outside, and those virus-like demon spirits might invade through the blood." Li Xiu said.

Chu Jun immediately stopped, looking at Li Xiu from inside the hall.

Li Xiu didn't want to go out either, but he had no better options; he must find a way to go back, otherwise, ultimately both of them were doomed.

The Pink Nightmare trotted over the blood stains in the courtyard, heading towards the gate.

"Do you sense any demon spirits on the Pink Nightmare?" Li Xiu asked as he walked.

"No, no sign of demon spirits inside the Pink Nightmare." Chu Jun quickly replied.

Li Xiu was grateful he brought Chu Jun with him; otherwise, he might have died without knowing why.

At the courtyard gate, he saw it was open. Outside was a plaza, with more corpses lining up, which puzzled Li Xiu.

Judging by the states of the corpses, they haven't been dead for long, at most half a year to a year, and some looked like they died only one or two months ago.

Judging from the timeline, these Trial Takers were very likely brought in by Boss Qiu, but how did so many people end up in the Land of Trial?

Could it be they all had the skills to complete the final trial, and even if they did, how did they all manage to get the entry ticket by chance?

Li Xiu didn't believe so many people could have such luck unless the reward from the Golden Gate Trial Ground was easy to come by or would undoubtedly result in receiving an entry ticket.

Li Xiu previously wondered why rewards didn't include attributes and Demon Cores like regular rewards, now it seemed like it was likely to increase the chances of an entry ticket appearing.

Li Xiu wasn't sure why this Trial Ground was so unusual, but he didn't have the mental energy to ponder anymore; he had to figure out how to go back.

Riding the Pink Nightmare out of the courtyard, Li Xiu discovered it was indeed like a temple.

The courtyard they were in was the Left Courtyard of this temple-like building, with a corresponding Right Courtyard across the plaza.

Facing the plaza was an even more majestic Divine Hall, presumably the main hall here.

Unfortunately, the gates of the Right Courtyard and the main hall were tightly shut, and there was no telling what might be inside.

Opposite the main hall was a sealed gate, which should be the exit leading outside the temple, and naturally, Li Xiu wouldn't open that gate.

The temple must be akin to the Black Death City, and while inside, the Longevity Lamp would still follow him; if he left the temple, it might no longer follow, making it even harder to get out.

Although Li Xiu speculated that all Lands of Trial are interconnected, and perhaps reaching another Trial Ground might offer a chance to return, who knows how long one might walk to get there? Who knows how many terrifying unknown demon spirits lurk along the way?

Rather than betting on that elusive hope, it's better to find a way to survive and return here. At least they know there's a pervasive presence of small, invisible demon spirits throughout.

After a careful search of the plaza, Li Xiu found the temple very peculiar.

Usually, temples are adorned with many mysterious symbols or patterns, or perhaps statues and paintings.

But here, there's nothing, neither in the Left Courtyard nor the Right, and even on the main hall, not even a plaque.

Not to mention text, apart from the previously seen Divine Statue, there's not even a mural.

Only outside the main hall, there's a left and right pair of Gate Guardian Beasts, resembling the stone lions ancient mansions liked to place in pairs before their gates.

Unlike stone lions, these Gate Guardian Beasts curled their bodies, head to tail, lying on the ground, appearing asleep.

"No other demon spirits, so the ones to be eliminated must be those virus-like demon spirits. Once they're eliminated, could we use the Longevity Lamp to return?" Li Xiu pondered: "How can those virus-like demon spirits be killed?"

"If it's just ordinary viruses, high temperatures or alcohol or disinfectants might solve the problem; these, however, are demon spirits. If we had Demon Armor, we might use high-powered Demonic Light exposure to kill them. But as a Trial Taker, my light energy level isn't high, and the range is limited, even if some virus-like demon spirits could be killed, it's hard to eliminate them all..." Li Xiu thought and thought, without a good solution, he could only first attempt to see.

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He returned to the Left Courtyard, where the magical spirits were most concentrated, and Li Xiu summoned the Jedi Knight.

The B-class Jedi Knight was considered the strongest combat force in Li Xiu's hands, and its Light Energy was also the strongest.

"Chu Jun, let's conduct an experiment. I'll let the Jedi Knight release the Blood Light Slash, and you try to sense if the magical spirits have decreased where the Blood Light Slash passes." After instructing Chu Jun, Li Xiu had the Jedi Knight unleash the Blood Light Slash.

A crescent-shaped blood-red blade light burst forth, slicing across a distance of dozens of meters, striking the courtyard wall, and leaving a deep mark before completely dissipating.

The Jedi Knight's current Blood Light Slash was clearly much stronger than when it was C-class.

"No, those magical spirits have not decreased." Seeing Li Xiu look over, Chu Jun said with a bitter smile.

"No effect at all?" Li Xiu asked with a frown.

"Even if there is an effect, it is negligible. At least I didn't sense a significant disappearance of magical spirits." Chu Jun replied.

"That is a bit troublesome. The fact that Light Energy cannot eliminate these magical spirits indicates that the Light Energy on us might also be useless, unable to fend off their invasion." While Li Xiu was pondering, he suddenly heard a howl from outside.

Awooo!

A wolf-like howl came from outside, and Li Xiu hurriedly rushed to the courtyard gate to look outside, slightly stunned by what he saw.

At some unknown time, the statues of the two Gate Guardian Beasts in front of the main hall had stood up, assuming a posture of looking up at the sky and howling like hungry wolves.

Their eyes glowed with red blood light, seemingly staring at the sky.

"Blood Moon!" Following their gaze, Li Xiu looked up and saw that the moon hanging in the sky had somehow turned blood red.

The blood-like moonlight poured down, casting a layer of blood light over the already eerie and terrifying temple, making it even more monstrous.

Li Xiu was horrified to discover that under the illumination of the blood-red moonlight, countless red light spots seemed to be surging in the air inside the temple.

These extremely tiny blood-red light spots were almost invisible, and if not for the Blood Moon making them glow, they would be completely invisible to the naked eye.

They were like specks of dust illuminated in a beam of light in the dark; dense and innumerable.

Even with Light Energy Protection, people need to breathe, and with every inhalation and exhalation, a large number of red light spots are drawn into the body.

Li Xiu was shocked, his body erupted with Light Energy, driving away the dense light spots while he held his breath, quickly rushing into the Divine Hall of the Left Courtyard.

The red light spots were slightly fewer inside the Divine Hall, but still everywhere, the reduction almost negligible.

Chu Jun was watching the light spots in horror, and when Li Xiu looked at Chu Jun, he noticed a peculiar phenomenon.

The blood-red light spots weren't approaching Chu Jun.

"Chu Jun, your White Lotus seems to restrain these virus-like magical spirits." Li Xiu immediately realized.

Upon hearing this, Chu Jun quickly summoned the White Lotus. Although it was a White Lotus, it now glowed red on the outside, emitting a blood-like red light, quite similar to the color of the virus spirits.

Chu Jun let the White Lotus shine, and as its light touched the red spots, large patches of them extinguished, as if burned into ash by flames.

Both were overjoyed; Chu Jun had never imagined that his White Lotus Symbiotic Contract, which only had healing abilities, could actually kill magical spirits.

He waved the White Lotus, charging towards the areas with the most blood-red light spots, extinguishing patches of them.

However, the blood-red light spots were just too numerous. Whenever the White Lotus's light energy wiped them out, large amounts of red light spots quickly surged back, filling the previously vacated space, and the White Lotus couldn't burn them all away.

"Chu Jun, catch the hat." Li Xiu tossed the gentleman's hat to Chu Jun.

Chu Jun, without further hesitation, grabbed the gentleman's hat and put it on, immediately feeling an odd energy filling his entire body, as if he had taken a stimulant, with boundless strength, and the light on the White Lotus also grew much more intense.

If it was just a torch earlier, now the Light Flame on the White Lotus was like a bonfire.

With the light of the White Lotus, Chu Jun scorched the surrounding red spots to flicker and extinguish, causing large patches of light spots to be reduced to ash.

"Mount up; we are breaking out." Li Xiu saw the light spots could not be exterminated entirely and knew that it wasn't a solution, realizing they had to address the root of the problem.

Chu Jun swiftly mounted up, and Li Xiu clenched his legs as the Pink Nightmare let out a long neigh, charging through the dense red light spots, directly out of the courtyard, heading towards the two howling Gate Guardian Beast statues at the main hall entrance.

Li Xiu suspected that they were the source of these virus spirits and only by killing them could the virus spirits truly be eradicated.

The closer to the Gate Guardian Beasts, the more numerous the red light spots in the air. Li Xiu could no longer hold his breath, had to bolster the Light Energy in his body, and stopped holding his breath, inhaling large quantities of red light spots with each breath.

Li Xiu couldn't see it himself, but his eyes were already filled with red blood threads, each of which glowed blood-red, making his eyes look extraordinarily eerie.

"Li Xiu, your eyes!" Chu Jun saw Li Xiu's eyes and was startled.

Even wearing the Dark Mirror, he could still see under the black lens, Li Xiu's eyes glowed with blood light, like a fierce ghost.

Li Xiu had already seen his own eye problem from Chu Jun's pupils and gritted his teeth, saying, "Let's deal with those two first."

He drew the Fire Lotus Sword, summoning both Demigod Shana and the Jedi Knight as he charged towards the two Guardian Beasts statues.

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Demigod Shana's bullets fired in rapid succession, aiming for the Gate Guardian Beast's blood red eyes.

However, the Gate Guardian Beast leaped suddenly, dodging the bullets, and landed on the plaza, glaring menacingly at Li Xiu and the others.

Just as Li Xiu was about to charge forward on the Pink Nightmare, the red light in the Gate Guardian Beast's eyes flared intensely. The blood red points of light throughout the temple suddenly became several times denser, like a dense rain of red dots hovering in the air, blocking Li Xiu and the others' vision, preventing them from seeing their surroundings clearly. The figure of the Gate Guardian Beast mysteriously vanished among the dense red points, as if it had turned invisible.

Chu Jun swung the White Lotus behind Li Xiu, incinerating the nearby red points into ashes, allowing them to temporarily regain some visible space.

But they still couldn't find the silhouette of the Gate Guardian Beast, which seemed to have disappeared into thin air.

Demigod Shana and the Jedi Knight guarded the Pink Nightmare from left and right, yet neither of them could find any trace of the Gate Guardian Beast.

Suddenly, Li Xiu sensed something amiss; his light energy surged, and the Fire Lotus Sword swung out horizontally.

With a clang, the Fire Lotus Sword struck something, emitting a piercing sound like metal being sliced.

Then Li Xiu saw a Gate Guardian Beast, glowing entirely with red light, lunging at him, but after being hit by the Fire Lotus Sword, a wound was opened on its body, causing it to leap aside. It vanished into the red points of light immediately upon diving in.

The blood that spilled from its wound transformed into a large number of red light points, which, upon encountering the air, expanded rapidly and scattered densely, akin to a swarm of bees pouring out of a hive.

Before Li Xiu could see clearly, another swishing gust of wind came from the side. Without time to control Demigod Shana and the Jedi Knight, Li Xiu had to swing the Fire Lotus Sword again, slashing toward the direction of the wind.

Another Gate Guardian Beast, engulfed in red light, charged at him from the side, its claws pinning down the Fire Lotus Sword, knocking both of them off the back of the Pink Nightmare.

The blood red claws pressed against the Fire Lotus Sword, pinning Li Xiu to the ground. Its mouth, constantly gushing blood-red points, bristled with gleaming red fangs, poised to bite at Li Xiu's throat.

Bang!

Demigod Shana fired a precise shot, hitting the Gate Guardian Beast. Under the pain, the beast turned and leaped back into the red light points, vanishing from sight.

The two Gate Guardian Beasts were like phantoms hidden in the sea of red light points, continually lunging out to attack Li Xiu and the others.

Chu Jun swung the White Lotus to disperse the nearby red light points as much as possible, preventing Li Xiu and others from being completely engulfed by the sea of bloody points.

Yet, with every breath, many bloody points were still inhaled into their bodies, making Li Xiu's eyes feel hot and severely swollen.

Not only Li Xiu, but the Pink Nightmare's eyes also glowed an unusual blood red, making it appear extremely agitated, leaping and shouting erratically, with its unicorn horn emitting a strong light.

The Jedi Knight and Demigod Shana seemed unaffected, and as Li Xiu glanced at Chu Jun, he saw no abnormalities in his eyes either.

Li Xiu knew they could no longer delay and had to quickly eliminate the two Gate Guardian Beasts.

However, under the cover of the red light points, the two Gate Guardian Beasts had become practically invisible. More difficult to handle was that they only made sound when lunging at Li Xiu and his team, making it impossible to determine their locations at other times.

Suddenly, Demigod Shana fired in one direction, and the blue light bullet pierced through the bloody light points. It seemed to hit something, and a howl was heard as a Gate Guardian Beast was struck by Demigod Shana, screeching in pain before rolling back into the bloody points, disappearing from sight.

Bang bang! Demigod Shana fired continuously while charging toward that direction. Although it failed to hit the target again, Li Xiu realized Demigod Shana could see the location of the Gate Guardian Beast.

However, curiously, Demigod Shana seemed only able to see one of the Gate Guardian Beasts, with no response to the other.

Li Xiu immediately recalled that previously a bullet from Demigod Shana had hit one Gate Guardian Beast, while the other had not been struck.

It was highly likely that the Gate Guardian Beast Demigod Shana locked onto was the one that had been hit by its bullet.

While Li Xiu was pondering, the other Gate Guardian Beast appeared to find an opening and lunged out from the bloody light points, aiming to bite his throat while he was unguarded.

Li Xiu suddenly leaned back, his legs seemingly nailed to the ground, and as the Gate Guardian Beast pounced over him, the Fire Lotus Sword in his hand blossomed with eerie red and blue light, slicing the beast in two with a single stroke.

A torrential downpour of blood-red light points poured from the wounds of the Gate Guardian Beast, drenching Li Xiu.

The Gate Guardian Beast, severed in two, fell to the ground and astonishingly transformed into red light points, dissipating. In a brief moment, the red points surged and reformed into a complete Gate Guardian Beast elsewhere.

"Damn, is this thing immortal?" Chu Jun rushed over, burning the blood-red points on Li Xiu into ashes with the White Lotus.

Meanwhile, Chu Jun placed the White Lotus above Li Xiu's head, enveloping him in the light flame of the White Lotus. Li Xiu immediately felt his swollen eyes alleviate significantly, with a cooling sensation seeming to pour into them.

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The blood-red light spots around also couldn't get close because of the light flame on the White Lotus.

Li Xiu protected Chu Jun behind him, while there was already a wall behind Chu Jun, so there was no need to worry about attacks from the Gate Guardian Beast.

The Pink Nightmare and the ineffective Jedi Knight had already been retracted by Li Xiu, leaving only the Demigod Shana fighting another Gate Guardian Beast in the ocean of blood-red light spots.

Li Xiu held the sword with both hands, calmly awaiting the next attack from the Gate Guardian Beast. Even though he couldn't hear or see anything, he could feel the other Gate Guardian Beast always staring at him, ready to strike.

Suddenly, waves rippled across the ocean of red light spots in the sky. Li Xiu's gaze focused; he suddenly stepped forward and fiercely slashed with the Fire Lotus Sword in his hand.

The Gate Guardian Beast, which hadn't leaped out from the blood-red light spots yet, was directly cleaved in half by Li Xiu.

But after its body fell, it reassembled into a complete Guardian Beast once again.

With the White Lotus above his head, Li Xiu charged forward. The red light spots around him were instantly burned to ashes, and the newly formed Guardian Beast once again lost its head to Li Xiu's sword.

The body of the Guardian Beast once again transformed into numerous blood-red light spots gathering in one place. Li Xiu took down the White Lotus from above his head and threw it into the gathering blood-red light spots.

The light flame on the White Lotus flared up as if ignited by gasoline, roaring into the sky, crackling intensely in the flames.

A moment later, all those blood-red light spots were burned into ashes; the Guardian Beast did not reappear, only a glowing object fell out, which Li Xiu caught directly.

Li Xiu was overjoyed, grabbed the White Lotus, and rushed towards Demigod Shana. The Gate Guardian Beast locked by Demigod Shana was relentlessly pursued.

However, even Demigod Shana's power couldn't completely kill it, as it continuously resurrected in the ocean of blood-red light spots.

Li Xiu rushed over, seized the opportunity, and threw the White Lotus into the gathering blood-red light spots. With another burst of crackling, the Guardian Beast was also burned to ashes by the White Lotus. Similarly, another item fell and was collected by Li Xiu.

With the death of the two Gate Guardian Beasts, the blood-red light spots in the air became less active, as if losing vitality, suspended in the air, while the red glow slowly faded.

"Chu Jun, lucky to have you and this White Lotus..." Li Xiu used the White Lotus to burn the red light spots in the air into ashes, returning to Chu Jun's side.

Chu Jun was still by the wall, leaning against it.

Li Xiu saw his appearance clearly, and his expression changed immediately. Chu Jun's eyes were blood-red, emitting an eerie blood glow, with blood vessels bulging on his body, coiling like small snakes emitting red light beneath his skin.

Chu Jun held his shoulder with one hand, where blood with a blood-red glow was flowing out.

"Are you injured?" Li Xiu was shocked and quickly placed the White Lotus on Chu Jun's wound.

However, the glow of the White Lotus, while burning the red glow in the blood, was also evaporating the blood.

"It's useless, I was clawed by that thing. The virus-like blood-red light spirits have already filled my blood... Using the White Lotus to clear the viral spirits in the blood won't work... It will just burn away all my blood..." Chu Jun struggled to speak.

Li Xiu immediately recalled that when the Gate Guardian Beast had knocked them off the Pink Nightmare, its claws must have injured Chu Jun. He hadn't noticed at the time, but now realized that Chu Jun must have been injured then.

If they had used the White Lotus's power to expel the viral spirits before they spread through his blood, there might have been a chance.

But Chu Jun had placed the White Lotus on himself to help clear the viral spirits and slay the Guardian Beast, missing the best time for treatment, allowing the viral spirits to invade all his blood.

"Are you fucking stupid?" Li Xiu angrily scolded.

Chu Jun smiled bitterly and said, "I thought I could do it, the White Lotus is my Symbiotic Contract, I shared its light energy, originally thinking I could resist and eliminate those invading viral spirits, but who knew that as the distance grew, the light energy within me weakened..."

"Why didn't you call me?" Li Xiu was filled with regret; he shouldn't have taken the White Lotus away from Chu Jun.

"I've never been separated from the White Lotus before, how was I supposed to know this damn thing could happen." The blood glow in Chu Jun's eyes deepened, his expression becoming more ferocious, seemingly losing control of his emotions, baring his teeth like a beast.

Red light spots continuously seeped from the corners of his mouth.

"Li Xiu, it seems I'm not going to make it. Our dreams can only be entrusted to you alone, never give up, no matter what..." Chu Jun said, his expression growing more sinister, blood vessels glowing blood-red spread beneath his skin, his face covered with the eerie blood patterns.

His gaze towards Li Xiu had changed, panting heavily, baring his teeth, ready to pounce at Li Xiu's throat at any moment.

The light flame on the White Lotus crackled, burning the blood-red light spots emanating from Chu Jun's body, but the flame grew weaker and weaker.

Li Xiu's mind raced, thinking of any possible way to save Chu Jun.

The Jedi Knight and Demigod Shana were not affected, but the Pink Nightmare was. This indicated they had something in them that could be immune to these viral spirits.

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Demigod Shana's quality is high, so immunity is understandable. The Jedi Knight's quality isn't high, yet he's still immune. Their common feature is both were parasitized by evil.

It's very possible that evil can counteract the immunity against these viral magic spirits.

But the evil has already been swallowed by them, and Li Xiu doesn't have a third evil to offer Chu Jun. Even if there were, evil is something that the human body can't withstand.

This method won't work.

Li Xiu thought of the magic spirit parasitizing his own body, yet after he inhaled the viral magic spirit, he didn't gain immunity like the Jedi Knights did, indicating that the magic spirit within him isn't of the evil variety, likely useless to Chu Jun. Even if it were helpful, it cannot be unearthed.

"What should we do? What method is left?" Li Xiu watched Chu Jun's eyes glow, baring his teeth, as his body hunched like a beast on the ground, feeling indescribable emotions.

Suddenly, Li Xiu recalled the folk song sung by the conservative old man previously.

"A white dog barking... two black dogs barking..." Li Xiu thought of those two gate guardian beasts, aren't they the two black dogs?

If the two black dogs refer to those two guardian beasts, then what is the white dog?

Li Xiu had felt the song sung by the security old man was strange before, and recalling it now, it's even stranger.

Li Xiu had no other options now, so he was willing to try anything that had even the slightest possibility.

"White dog... what is a white dog..." Li Xiu's gaze surveyed the surroundings but found nothing that could be called a white dog.

He remembered the lyrics seemed to be searching for a white dog, and that the white dog was different from the black dog, possibly representing a positive aspect, with lines like "where is my white dog."

His memory wasn't wrong, but he didn't think much of it at the time. When they entered the Trial Gate, the old man's song hadn't finished, so Li Xiu hadn't heard where the white dog was.

Li Xiu quickly searched the entire monastery again but found only the previous guardian beasts; no other statues, or wall carvings were present, and certainly no white dog.

The blood moon in the sky had returned to normal, and the blood-colored light spots had darkened to the point of being almost invisible.

However, Chu Jun was behaving like a demonized vicious dog, crawling closer to Li Xiu on all fours, his eyes gleaming with blood light, blood-colored spots dripping from the corner of his mouth.

"The black dog is the guardian beast located in the main hall. We entered from the Left Courtyard. Could the white dog be in the Right Courtyard?" Li Xiu, without a second thought, rushed directly towards the Right Courtyard, with Chu Jun howling and chasing fiercely behind.

Li Xiu kicked open the door to the Right Courtyard, donned his gentleman's hat, wielded the Fire Lotus Sword, and with light energy radiating from his body, charged right in.

There's no time for slow exploration now. Since Chu Jun's gone this far, even if he found the white dog now, there's no certainty it could restore Chu Jun. Time can no longer be wasted.

Upon entering the Right Courtyard, he summoned Demigod Shana and the Jedi Knights to guard his front, while he closed the door, blocking the leaping Chu Jun.

Only then did Li Xiu take stock of the environment inside the Right Courtyard, discovering it arranged similarly to a courtyard with a large hall.

This courtyard was quite clean, with no corpses or red light spots, nor was there a white dog.

Li Xiu gritted his teeth, instructing the Jedi Knights to block the courtyard door, while he headed with Demigod Shana towards the Divine Hall doors to push them open.

However, upon pushing them, he found the Divine Hall doors were locked and wouldn't budge.

Li Xiu suddenly remembered the Golden Key and pulled it out, but the Golden Key was much larger than the lock. Without concern, he thrust it directly in.

Upon contact with the lock, the Golden Key automatically shrank to a fitting size, then inserted.

Li Xiu twisted forcefully, and with a crisp click, the lock opened, and Li Xiu pushed open the Divine Hall doors.

The Right Hall similarly housed a divine statue, almost identical to the one in the Left Hall, save for slight posture differences, though clearly modeled after the same magic spirit.

However, different in its front sat a shrine table, upon which rested a lamp unlike the Copper Lamp Li Xiu had seen before; it was a white jade lamp sculpted like the finest white jade, fashioned as a crouching white dog, atop which burned a white flame.

"Found it." Li Xiu was overjoyed but refrained from reaching for it, instead turning swiftly to the courtyard door to let the beastly, barking Chu Jun inside.

Chu Jun rushed in to attack Li Xiu, who led Chu Jun further into the Right Hall.

Li Xiu stopped before the shrine table, using his body to shield the White Dog Jade Lamp, and stood with his back to Chu Jun.

Without hesitation, Chu Jun lunged at him, nearly reaching his back when Li Xiu sidestepped, dodging the attack, causing Chu Jun to lunge toward the shrine table.

Li Xiu took advantage of the momentum, pressing down on Chu Jun's back, pinning him onto the shrine table, making him contact the White Dog Jade Lamp.

As soon as Chu Jun's body touched the White Dog Jade Lamp, the flame instantly surged and burned toward Chu Jun.

In a moment, Chu Jun's body appeared as if doused in gasoline and met fire, engulfed entirely by white flames, transforming into a fiery figure.

The White Lotus hovering beside Chu Jun spontaneously returned into his body.

Li Xiu watched Chu Jun, engulfed in blazing flames, silently hoping, "Old man, you better not be tricking us!"

After burning for a while, the white flames seeped into Chu Jun's body.

Li Xiu then saw Chu Jun's body remained unburned by the white flames, his consciousness appeared to recover significantly, the blood light in his eyes slowly fading.

Before long, Chu Jun's awareness seemed to return, curiously inspecting his own body, soon exclaiming in surprise, "What's happening? I'm not dead? And I also upgraded to level D, plus the White Lotus advanced a level, gaining an additional Talent Skill."

"I'm glad you're okay." Li Xiu breathed a sigh of relief, now having the peace of mind to check the items he'd previously picked up.

Chapter 299 Frenzy Immunity

The two black-red talent gemstones look identical, suggesting they have the same talent.

Li Xiu tossed one of them to Chu Jun and used one himself, gaining a C-level talent instantly.

Frenzy Immunity (Growth Skill): C-level talent, immune to sixty percent of the Light of Frenzy.

"It's actually a growth skill. With this thing, should we no longer fear those viral demon spirits?" Chu Jun exclaimed happily.

"Seems like it." Li Xiu summoned the Pink Nightmare and said to Chu Jun, "Use your White Lotus to cleanse the Light of Frenzy inside this guy."

The Pink Nightmare wasn't injured, just inhaled some Light of Frenzy. Chu Jun enveloped the Pink Nightmare with the light energy of the White Lotus, and soon the blood in its eyes completely receded, making it less aggressive.

Surveying the main hall and the gate of the temple, he said, "Is it better now? If so, go sense whether there are any demon spirits outside the gate and inside the main hall."

Chu Jun, just promoted to D-level and with a growth talent, was quite eager, running up to the main hall in a few steps. After sensing for a while, he returned and whispered, "There is an S-Class demon spirit inside, but I can't sense its name."

"What about outside the gate?" Li Xiu gave up the idea of going in upon hearing an S-Class demon spirit, instructing Chu Jun to sense by the temple gate again.

"I sensed it; there are two E-level and one D-level minions outside called Frenzied Beasts," Chu Jun said excitedly.

Hearing they were just some little cuties, Li Xiu immediately helped Chu Jun remove the bolt from the temple gate and opened it.

As soon as the door opened, three demon spirits with blood-red eyes were seen wandering nearby. Their gaze was attracted and rushed over upon seeing Li Xiu and Chu Jun.

These Frenzied Beasts looked similar to black bears but were slightly larger.

"Let me try," Li Xiu was about to summon the Jedi Knight to fight, but Chu Jun jumped out, wielding the White Lotus to release light energy.

White light bullets shot from within the White Lotus and struck the Frenzied Beasts, which immediately smoked all over their bodies and soon stopped moving.

The three Frenzied Beasts were easily dealt with by Chu Jun. The White Lotus, imbued with the Flame of the White Dog Jade Lamp, had a strong restraining effect on these Frenzied Beast demon spirits.

"Haha, I didn't expect this day to come. My White Lotus finally has attack power," Chu Jun danced with excitement.

Li Xiu surveyed the terrain outside the temple and found it was built atop a small hill. In front of the temple was a platform, and at the end of the platform, a stone stairway led down the hill—no other path was visible.

The two of them descended the stone steps, encountering more Frenzied Beasts along the way, mostly E-level and D-level. Occasionally they came across C-level Frenzied Beasts, all of ordinary quality.

Li Xiu wasn't interested in these Frenzied Beasts, but Chu Jun, being a scout and medic, was killing them enthusiastically.

The hill wasn't too high, and soon they reached the base, surrounded entirely by forest with no path to follow.

Li Xiu vaguely saw pairs of blood-red eyes watching them from the forest. Upon sensing, Chu Jun discovered they were all Frenzied Beasts, similar in level to the previous ones but in greater numbers.

"As long as you have immunity to Light of Frenzy, this is a great place to obtain demon cores. But why aren't there any high-quality demon spirits?" Li Xiu followed Chu Jun into the forest to hunt Frenzied Beasts, but they didn't dare venture too far for fear of getting lost.

Despite killing many Frenzied Beasts, Chu Jun only obtained demon cores and was feeling down until he noticed a large gathering of Frenzied Beasts in the trees ahead. Upon sensing roughly, he detected at least several hundred, including one A-level Frenzied Beast.

They were too far away, unable to see those Frenzied Beasts clearly, and weren't sure if any high-quality demon spirits were among them.

Li Xiu and Chu Jun sneaked closer and spotted the Frenzied Beasts, noticing one whose entire body had blood light patterns and dazzling claws, each strand of fur glowing red. It was an A-level Radiant Quality demon spirit.

Besides that A-level Radiant Frenzied Beast, there were a few B-level Luminous Frenzied Beasts and several hundred ordinary quality Frenzied Beasts. If someone got surrounded by them, they would surely perish.

After all, Frenzied Beasts wield Light of Frenzy. Getting hurt by them means certain death.

Li Xiu and Chu Jun weren't afraid since they were immune to frenzy. They devised a plan and drew the Frenzied Beasts to them.

The Jedi Knight fought independently against the A-level Radiant Frenzied Beast, while Li Xiu and Chu Jun led their Demon Spirit Legion to surround and annihilate the other Frenzied Beasts.

The B-level Jedi Knight held an absolute advantage in the battle against the A-level Radiant Frenzied Beast, quickly slaying it without needing Li Xiu to shoot a non-lethal round.

These Frenzied Beasts were unlike the black dogs in the temple; they lacked regeneration and healing abilities, only possessing slightly more endurance than ordinary demon spirits, making them less difficult to kill.

"Ugh, both are B-level, yet my Black Death Demon feels so weak!" Chu Jun lamented, looking at his two B-level fully nurtured Radiant Black Death Demons.

Chapter 300 Frenzy Exemption_2

It seems the luck of the two of them has been exhausted within the temple; after killing so many Frenzied Beasts, they've only obtained Demon Cores and nothing else.

The two scouted around again and discovered several gathering points of Frenzied Beasts, ranging in number from dozens to hundreds.

"This is indeed a good place, with plentiful Super Spirits spread out, not as perilous as Black Death City. From now on, I'll rely on this place to harvest Demon Cores." Li Xiu was even more determined to purchase the Golden Gate.

Not buying it now means the Trial Gate won't be at this price after the Super Spirit Tournament.

Cooperating with Chu Jun to clear the nearby Frenzied Beasts, they managed to acquire quite a few Demon Cores. The two transformed into Forest Hunters, constantly seeking and hunting Frenzied Beasts.

"Sigh, another two have died." Outside the Golden Gate, the elderly security guard waited for a while, not seeing Li Xiu and Chu Jun come out. He took a sip of tea and leisurely muttered to himself, "Young people should just live well. Why insist on sending themselves off to death?"

Suddenly, a bird cry came from the sky. The elderly guard's expression slightly changed. He stood up and looked up, only to see a large bird, colorful like a Five-Colored Phoenix, flying swiftly and landing in front of the Golden Gate. From the back of that colorful bird, a woman jumped down.

The woman glanced at Qin Shi guarding the Golden Gate, ignored him, and turned to walk toward the wooden house on the hill.

"Vice President Han, what brings you to a place like this?" The old man looked at the woman, frowning slightly.

The woman was indifferent to the elder's somewhat rude tone and smiled as she said, "Elder Dao, it's not that I want to be here. The president ordered me to inspect the various Trial Gates to see whether anything had escaped from them."

"With me stationed here, Vice President Han can rest assured." The old man seemed to have no good feelings towards this woman, showing no pleasant expression at all.

"With Elder Dao here, I indeed feel very assured. However, I must follow orders and take a look regardless." The woman glanced at the Golden Gate and suddenly said, "The elder guarding Tianmen has met with misfortune."

"What? That old fellow is dead? How is it possible? Who could have killed him?" The old man's face drastically changed, staring intently at Vice President Han in shock.

"Something terrifying escaped from within Tianmen. Even the Super Spirit elder fought valiantly but perished. Fortunately, that entity was heavily injured by the elder and fled back inside." The woman sighed, "Four of the ten elders defending the Trial Gates are now gone. Elder Dao, you must take care."

"Hmph, don't worry about me; I'm tough and not easy to kill." The old man snorted coldly, "You've come here surely not just to relay news of that old fellow's demise?"

"The president intends to fill the four vacant elder positions, considering some places can't spare personnel to defend the gates. Elder Dao, you are respected and esteemed; none but you could take the position of the elder." The woman smiled and said.

"Hmph, I'm just an old man without the blessing to guard Tianmen. Vice President Han, you should select someone else more suitable." The old man snorted coldly.

"Elder Dao, those are inappropriate words. Among the elders currently, who else besides you is qualified to guard Tianmen?" The woman's smile gradually faded.

"Anyone is more qualified than an old guy like me." The old man responded coldly.

"I'm afraid your words don't hold sway." The woman also replied with a cold smile.

"So does Vice President Han's word hold sway?" The old man said disdainfully.

The woman took out an item from her pocket—a black card—and the old man's expression changed as soon as he saw it.

"The president orders Elder Dao to return to the headquarters as the elder." The woman coldly looked at the old man, holding the black card.

The old man's expression fluctuated for a long time before he softly sighed, "Go back and tell the president; Old Dao is already old and wishes to decay here with the grass and trees, nowhere else."

"Elder Dao, are you defying the president's orders?" The woman sternly questioned, staring at the old man.

"Vice President Han, you exaggerate. I'm merely one nearing life's end and hope the president can pity me, letting me perish here alone." The old man said lightly.

"Very well, I will relay your words to the president." The woman waved her sleeves and left, hopping onto the Five-Colored Phoenix's back and swiftly flying away.

The old man sighed, shaking his head as he returned in front of the wooden house, sitting back in the rocking chair, but no longer with his previous leisure, frowning as if pondering something.

Suddenly, a sound emerged from the direction of the Golden Gate, startling the elder out of his thoughts.

Looking closely, it was Li Xiu and Chu Jun coming out, speaking with Qin Shi.

"Oh, they came out alive. Calculating the time, these two youngsters must have entered the temple. It's quite strange they can emerge alive after entering the temple." The old man observed Li Xiu and Chu Jun with some surprise.

"Old grandpa, thank you for your guidance." After a while, Li Xiu came over and said, bowing.

"I'm just an old man. What could I possibly guide you on? Where does this come from?" The old man feigned surprise.

Li Xiu did not say much more, taking out a small bag and respectfully presenting it to the old man, "A little token of appreciation. If I manage to purchase the Golden Gate, I wonder if I could ask you to stay here?"