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Chapter 331 Dead in 7 Days_3

After Li Xiu came out, he didn't go to Ximen Guan to tell him about spirituality.

In case Ximen Guan found out about this and got obsessed with making his Demon Armor, there would be no time for Li Xiu's Demon Armor here.

Li Xiu planned to wait until his Lightspeed No. 2 was finished before telling Ximen Guan about this.

Back in his room, he glanced at the Godslayer Shrine lying askew on the bed. This thing that always demanded hugs didn't seem terrifying as the Unparalleled King had said. Li Xiu felt it couldn't be what the Unparalleled King was talking about.

"This guy hasn't made a peep recently and doesn't follow me around much anymore. Could it be secretly plotting something again?" Li Xiu thought as he stared at the Godslayer Shrine.

The Godslayer Shrine seemed to sense Li Xiu watching it, slowly rising, its back facing Li Xiu, and shockingly, a line of small text appeared on it, something that hadn't happened for a long time.

"Kid, you have only seven days left to live, if you have any last words, you'd better hurry up and sort them out."

"What, trying to drag me into Blood Moon Black Death City again? You don't have to wait seven days, just drag me in now," Li Xiu mocked.

"Don't be arrogant. At the end of seven days, you'll be crying, and even if you kneel and call me grandpa, it won't help," more words appeared on the Godslayer Shrine.

"Since you're so confident, can you reveal how I'll die after seven days?" Li Xiu said with a smile.

"No harm in telling you, seven days later is the time of the Blood Moon," the Godslayer Shrine wrote.

"Blood Moon again, how boring," Li Xiu kicked the Godslayer Shrine aside, lay down on the bed, stopped looking at it, rested his hands behind his head, and stared at the ceiling in thought.

The Godslayer Shrine flew up in rage, hovering above Li Xiu's face, continuing to write: "I wasn't finished yet. Don't think this is the end. Next time during the Blood Moon, a terrifying Demon Spirit will enter Black Death City. You, such a small fry, can't even block a single finger of that Demon Spirit, and by then you'll be dead for sure. Want to know what kind of Demon Spirit it is? Beg me, if you make me happy, I might reveal a bit of information so you can live a little longer."

"Oh, I'm so scared. If there's nothing else, don't bother me. I need to rest," Li Xiu slapped the Godslayer Shrine onto the ground, turned sideways, and prepared to sleep.

Fortunately, the Godslayer Shrine was just a shrine, or it would have been infuriated to death.

"Sleep, sleep, sleep, are you a pig?" The Godslayer Shrine jumped onto Li Xiu's body, bouncing up and down.

"Didn't you say I'd die in seven days? I'm already a dying man, can't you let me have a good sleep?" Li Xiu sat up, grabbed the Godslayer Shrine, and said irritably.

"You still want to sleep? To tell you the truth, the Demon Spirit entering Black Death City is an extremely terrifying Super Spirit, killing you as easily as squashing an ant. If you acknowledge me as your master, I can spare your life and not send you over," the Godslayer Shrine said.

"How about this, you acknowledge me as your master, and I'll let you send me over twice more," Li Xiu casually put the Godslayer Shrine on the bedside table and closed his eyes to sleep.

"You deserve to die without a complete corpse," the Godslayer Shrine was so angry it almost erupted in flames.

But Li Xiu ignored it, and it had no choice but to grit its teeth and wait to settle accounts with Li Xiu seven days later.

It's not that Li Xiu wasn't afraid of encountering a Super Spirit in the City of Trial, but because he had already seen through the nature of the Godslayer Shrine.

The Godslayer Shrine harbored grudges fiercely, which was quite similar to what the Unparalleled King had described.

They already had such a big enmity, even if Li Xiu begged the Godslayer Shrine now, this thing definitely wouldn't help him and would even humiliate him.

Rather than that, it's better to ignore it, at least not getting humiliated by the Godslayer Shrine.

Li Xiu spent a few consecutive days in trials, unfortunately not coming across an entrance ticket, but his Primordial Embryo Quality increased to 1.5.

Nothing happened again in the City of Light, and all work was progressing smoothly.

These days, Li Xiu had been paying attention to the situation over in Red Sand City, heard that more people saw Demon Spirits rushing into the old mine, and it wasn't just one or two.

Li Xiu was somewhat tempted, with what he currently knew, at least five or six S-Class Demon Spirits had entered that old mine.

Even if they weren't of high quality, things on S-Class Demon Spirits were quite valuable.

Li Xiu thought that if by the time his Lightspeed No. 2 was finished, the Demon Spirits in the old mine hadn't left, he would go hunting there. Even if he couldn't find a Super Spirit Gemstone, getting a few S-Class Demon Cores would be good.

Counting the time, in a day or two it'll be the day the Godslayer Shrine mentioned, yet Li Xiu still hadn't managed to randomly get an entrance ticket.

After much contemplation, Li Xiu picked up the basketball-sized Ruby, and once again entered the underground space.

The Godslayer Shrine's words couldn't be fully believed, but no preparation at all wasn't wise either.

He planned to start with the Unparalleled King, to see if he could extract some useful information.

When the Unparalleled King saw the Ruby Li Xiu was holding, it was instantly overjoyed, "Kid, did you find that garbage bug?"

"I have to thank you, I dug for several days at the place you mentioned, and I actually found that garbage bug you talked about. After trying everything to kill it, I found this Ruby," Li Xiu said.

"Not bad, well done, as expected from someone favored by this king. Not only capable, but also lucky, I thought that garbage bug had eaten the Gemstone and left, didn't expect it to still be there," the Unparalleled King was overjoyed, this far exceeded its expectations of Li Xiu, and hurriedly said, "With such a Gemstone, it's enough to invite the shrine, no need to look for other Gemstones, immediately take this Ruby to Black Death City and invite the shrine back."

"How am I supposed to take it into Black Death City?" Li Xiu asked.

"Didn't I tell you, swallow it... down... there..." the Unparalleled King's voice grew fainter, evidently realizing a problem, Li Xiu wasn't a Demon Spirit, much less its kind of size, absolutely couldn't swallow such a huge Ruby.

Chapter 332 Black Death Demon King

"Humans are really troublesome." muttered the Unparalleled King, not speaking for a long while, apparently pondering how to bring such a large Ruby into the Black Death City, which was obviously impossible.

Li Xiu was waiting for the Unparalleled King to give him an idea, so he remained silent.

After a long wait, he finally heard the Unparalleled King suddenly say, "If you want to take this Ruby into the Black Death City, you can only use that spirit planting technique."

"What is the spirit planting technique?" Li Xiu asked hurriedly.

"It has to be something with spirituality to bring it in. This Ruby lacks spirituality, so you must plant a spirit in it to take it in." The Unparalleled King explained.

When the Unparalleled King mentioned it, Li Xiu understood it more clearly. Isn't this similar to those Gemstones with Demon Spirits?

Ordinary Gemstones do not produce Demon Spirits. Those storied Demon Spirits might have been infused with external spirits under certain conditions, combining to form the Demon Spirit Gemstone.

"How do you plant a spirit?" Li Xiu realized that the Unparalleled King actually knew the spirit planting technique. If he could learn it, wouldn't he be able to avoid risks in the Land of Trial and simply bring back Gemstones and plant spirits on them to harvest Demon Spirit Gemstones?

Thinking of the joy of harvesting Demon Spirit Gemstones everywhere, Li Xiu felt being a grower was quite nice.

"Spirit planting is somewhat troublesome, and you don't have the ability to plant spirits. We can only use the most foolish method." After pondering for a moment, the Unparalleled King said: "You need to find a newborn baby, remember, it must be at the moment of birth, take a little blood from it and drip it onto the Ruby. Then every day, you must take one drop of that baby's blood and drip it onto the Ruby, and on the ninety-ninth day. Remember, don't let the baby reach one hundred days old, seize the moment before that, kill the baby, and pour all its blood onto the Ruby. This way, you can let the Ruby gain a faint and weak spirituality. This spirituality is almost useless, but it allows you to complete a contract with it and bring the Ruby into the Black Death City."

Li Xiu's brows furrowed as he listened, the thought of murder surged in his heart. Such a cruel method must not be known by anyone, not even Ximen Guan.

Upon hearing this spirit technique, Li Xiu's first reaction was to kill the Unparalleled King, making it disappear forever.

Only Li Xiu didn't know if there were other Demon Spirits who knew the spirit planting technique.

"Another problem." Li Xiu looked at the Unparalleled King and said.

"Why do you have so many problems, you can't handle even a small matter, always various problems." The Unparalleled King responded angrily.

"Sigh, it's not that I have many problems, it's just that I'm too weak. If I were as strong as you, there wouldn't be any problems." Li Xiu sighed.

"Mere humans, how could you possibly be as strong as this king, just stop dreaming. Serve this king well, and in the future, this king may let you bask in a little glory, then you can be stronger than other humans by countless times..." The Unparalleled King was easy to coax, with just two sentences he was proud again: "What other problems do you have?"

"I heard that an extremely terrifying Demon Spirit has appeared in the Black Death City, killing anyone it sees, seems to be called Super Spirit. I'm just afraid that after bringing the Ruby in, I'll be killed by that Demon Spirit. It's okay if I die, but not being able to return with a token would betray your trust in me." Li Xiu said.

"What's the name of that Demon Spirit? What does it look like?" The Unparalleled King pondered and asked.

"I don't know either, most humans who have seen that Demon Spirit have been killed, the few who escaped can't clearly describe it either." Li Xiu didn't know what kind of Demon Spirit the token referred to, naturally couldn't tell the Unparalleled King.

"Though it's a bit troublesome, it's not a big deal. This king will teach you a way to preserve your life." The Unparalleled King mentioned a method.

Li Xiu was overjoyed, he initially was just trying it out, not expecting the Unparalleled King actually had a way to keep him safe in the Black Death City, eagerly listened intently.

The Unparalleled King instructed him, at the small square behind the crossroads in the Black Death City, there's a stone house with a pair of stone lions at the entrance, Li Xiu only needs to flee to the stone house, and simultaneously pat the heads of the stone lions three times, the doors of the stone house will open automatically, hide inside to avoid death.

"Once inside the stone house, you must remember three things." The Unparalleled King's voice was somewhat stern: "First, do not touch anything inside the stone house; second, absolutely don't speak, even if someone inside asks you something, do not open your mouth; third, after you leave, curse the door thrice. If you fail in any of these, don't blame this king for losing your life."

"I can understand the first two things, but why curse after leaving?" Li Xiu queried, suspecting the Unparalleled King might be tricking him.

"You don't need to understand so much, just do it." The Unparalleled King evidently didn't want to explain, urging Li Xiu to quickly leave and find a baby to plant a spirit for the Ruby.

Li Xiu walked out of the underground cave with the Ruby. Of course, he wouldn't go looking for a baby, instead, he placed the Ruby in the Vault to keep it secured.

Chapter 333 Black Death Demon King_2

In the next two days, Li Xiu continued to enter the Trial Ground as usual to work on his attributes. The Hero Trial Ground had been cleared by him countless times, and he could almost walk through it with his eyes closed.

"Your time has come. Swear loyalty to me and become my slave, and you might have a chance to live," the Godslayer Shrine suddenly appeared before Li Xiu as he was resting, with a somewhat smug feeling.

"Scram." Li Xiu unceremoniously slapped it to the ground.

After the Godslayer Shrine stood up from the ground, it shook with anger, and Li Xiu's name appeared directly on its back.

Li Xiu instantly felt his vision go black. Fortunately, he was prepared, and with a handsome single-handed ground pose, he successfully avoided being slammed to the ground.

Looking up, he indeed found himself in Black Death City once again, with a Blood Moon appearing in the sky as expected.

The moon was a terrifying blood red, as if it was about to drip blood.

Li Xiu glanced around but did not notice any terrifying magic spirits appearing. He dared not be negligent and ran to the small square to find the stone house mentioned by the Unparalleled King.

The stone house was actually easy to find, just behind the small square. It was a two-story building and looked quite unique. Despite being made of stone, it had an artistic vibe.

The tops of the doors and windows were all arched, and although the walls were dilapidated, traces of paint could be vaguely seen, suggesting that the walls were once a different color.

There were three stone steps in front of the door. On the top tier of the steps, on either side of the door, were two stone lion sculptures over a foot tall, looking like Gate Guardian Beasts, one squatting on each side.

The stone lions' materials matched those of the stone bricks used to build Black Death City, likely made of the same material.

Li Xiu stood guard at the door and did not enter immediately. He planned to survey the situation first, intending to enter the house only after the terrifying magic spirits appeared.

If the Godslayer Shrine was bluffing, he wouldn't need to risk entering the house.

According to the Unparalleled King, the inside of this house was certainly not peaceful and probably just as fraught with danger.

Clang! Clang!

Soon enough, Black Death Demons appeared, just like last time, appearing as Flowing Colors Quality right from the start, without any ordinary quality Black Death Demons.

Li Xiu did not rush forward, instead summoning his magic spirit and standing guard at the door of this stone house, prepared to kill the Black Death Demons when they rushed over.

Wave after wave of Black Death Demons charged, precisely like the last time in Blood Moon Black Death City. An astonishing number of high-quality Black Death Demons came one by one to die, and Li Xiu was picking up Demon Cores until his hands were sore.

This time, the lineup of Li Xiu's magic spirits was vastly stronger than the last, and these E-level Black Death Demons posed no threat to him, purely coming as easy prey.

"It's a pity there are only E-level Black Death Demons in Black Death City. It would be better to get some higher-grade Demon Cores." Li Xiu did not use the non-lethal bombs yet; he planned to save them for the final Radiant Black Death Demon and then select a few other Radiant Black Death Demons to hit with the non-lethal bombs to see if he could get some good loot.

Wave after wave of Black Death Demons came adorably to die, and by the end, the pile of Demon Cores and rings beside Li Xiu was like a small hill, dazzling and eye-catching.

After killing waves of Black Death Demons, Li Xiu remained vigilant, not daring to relax in the slightest, yet he still didn't find the terrifying magic spirit spoken of by the Godslayer Shrine.

Without the terrifying magic spirit appearing, Li Xiu dared not wander, clinging to the stone house entrance without leaving, and naturally unable to find the smallest stone house.

Up until the last wave of Black Death Demons appeared, there was still no sign of that terrifying magic spirit.

"Could it be that the Godslayer Shrine was bluffing? Is there really no such terrifying magic spirit?" Li Xiu had some doubts in his heart.

However, on further thought, it didn't seem right. If there was no terrifying magic spirit, why would the Godslayer Shrine send him into Blood Moon Black Death City? It wouldn't give him benefits for nothing; the Godslayer Shrine surely wouldn't do such a thing.

Seeing the Radiant Black Death Demon appear, and with a long roar, a wave of Radiant Black Death Demons like a tide surged from four directions on the long street, converging after the small square and charging fiercely.

A Jedi Knight's Blood Light Slash cleaved a swath of Radiant Black Death Demons in half, Demon Cores scattering to the ground.

Demigod Shana shot continuously, each bullet taking out a Black Death Demon, practically collecting souls according to a Death God's list.

Once on the Death God's list, there was no way not to die.

This time, Li Xiu did not choose to let Demigod Shana duel the Radiant Black Death Demon, simply guarding the stone house door and killing as many Black Death Demons as charged up.

He aimed to gather as many Demon Cores, Skill Rings, and Talent Gemstones as possible to take back, as these would be worth money in the future.

After absorbing a large amount of black smoke, Li Xiu suddenly felt warmth inside his body; his undead talent had advanced to A-level, providing one hundred percent immunity to Black Death Light.

"An A-level undead talent already grants a hundred percent immunity to Black Death Light. What about S-level? A hundred and twenty percent immunity? Is there any difference from being one hundred percent immune?" Li Xiu was quite curious about how a growth-type talent would evolve upon reaching S-level.

He stood at the door inhaling the black smoke; even if he didn't want to, there was no other option. So much black smoke from the Black Death Demons had permeated all of Black Death City, leaving not a single clean place.

Chapter 334 Black Death Demon King_3

No one knows exactly how many Radiant Black Death Demons were slain, but the Radiant Black Death Demon watching the battle from behind finally couldn't stand it anymore. With a scream, it rushed forward, transforming the shackles in its hands into a black Light Whip, aiming it at the Jedi Knight.

The Jedi Knight swung his blade down, astonishingly severing the Radiant Black Death Demon's Light Whip.

After all, the Jedi Knight is already at level B, while the Radiant Black Death Demon is only at level E; the disparity is too large, making any comparison impossible.

Li Xiu feared that the Jedi Knight would annihilate the Radiant Black Death Demon too quickly, so he hastily pulled out the Forbidden Spear, found an opportunity, and secretly fired a shot. The non-lethal bullet hit the Radiant Black Death Demon's chest, lodging itself in the seam of the chest armor's edge.

Only then did Li Xiu feel relieved, ordering the Jedi Knight and Demigod Shana to unleash their full firepower, focusing on solving the Radiant Black Death Demon first.

Bang!

The Jedi Knight hadn't even charged forth when a crisp cracker sounded, and the head of the Radiant Black Demon was blasted by a bullet.

"Wow, the level disparity is too obvious. Before Demigod Shana advanced to level D, the Radiant Black Death Demon could hold on for a while. But advancing just one level, it can't withstand even a bullet; that's such a huge gap," Li Xiu remarked, acknowledging Demigod Shana's prowess.

With the Radiant Black Death Demon's death, a swarm of Radiant Black Death Demons immediately retreated like a tide. Li Xiu did not bother to chase them, knowing that no matter how many he kills, the number of Demon Cores he can carry back is quite limited. Now he only laments not having enough hands, both his own and the Demon Spirit's, to collect more Demon Cores, Talent Gemstones, Skill Rings, and Demon Spirit Rings.

The Radiant blackness in the dead Radiant Black Death Demon surged towards the location of the non-lethal bullet, causing the light on the bullet to become increasingly strong, nearly as bright as a high-luminance bulb. All that could be seen was a ball of light, obscuring the situation within.

A long while later, the bulb's light gradually dimmed, and Li Xiu saw a Demon Spirit Ring falling from the sky. His heart was instantly overjoyed, and he quickly reached out to grab it.

This was his second Radiant Demon Spirit, and with so many Black Death Demon Cores to feed it, its growth wouldn't be so troublesome.

But now isn't the time; based on Li Xiu's experience, the Godslayer Shrine would probably take him back at this moment.

After grabbing the Demon Spirit Ring, Li Xiu quickly scooped up the Demon Core, rings, and other items from the ground, summoning all his demon spirits, each holding a good amount of items.

The Pink Nightmare had several Demon Cores in its mouth, while the Masked Emperor had every place that could hold Demon Cores filled by Li Xiu.

Yet the anticipated event didn't occur. Ready to leave, Li Xiu stood there for quite a while, and nothing happened.

"Turns out going back won't be so easy," Li Xiu roughly guessed that it must be because the horrifying Demon Spirit hadn't appeared yet, and the Godslayer Shrine hadn't planned to take him back.

But Li Xiu didn't know when that Demon Spirit would appear either, simply waiting around wasn't ideal.

Having no choice, Li Xiu placed all the Demon Cores back down and wore the newly acquired Radiant Demon Spirit Ring.

A drop of blood fell onto the ring, and it instantly glowed with eerie black light, flickering like a candle flame for quite a while before gradually settling.

Li Xiu sensed information about the Radiant Black Death Demon in his mind.

Black Death Demon King: Evolvable Demon Spirit.

Quality: Radiant.

Level: E

Talent Skill: Black Death Legion.

Black Death Legion: Able to summon a legion of Black Death Demons, currently capable of summoning ten Black Death Demons, effective for twenty-four hours.

Li Xiu stared, mouth agape; this guy, at level E, already possesses a Talent Skill.

Demigod Shana only acquired a Talent Skill after leveling up, but this guy has one at level E. It must be due to the non-lethal bullet.

Li Xiu summoned the Black Death Demon King, which appeared no different from what he had seen before. After commanding it to use the Black Death Legion Talent Skill, black light erupted from its body, and black halos appeared on the ground, resembling black wells. From within these halos, Black Death Demons crawled out. Exactly ten.

Upon a closer look, Li Xiu couldn't help but laugh; the ten summoned Black Death Demons were all non-quality level E Black Death Demons.

"What's the use of such Black Death Demons? They should be called cannon fodder legion instead. They were so fierce before becoming my Demon Spirit, appearing with countless Radiant Black Death Demons, yet now you've summoned ten of these things for me. The disparity is too great," Li Xiu complained in his heart, thinking the Black Death Demon King's summoned Black Death Legion should be Radiant grade.

Still, having such a skill is better than having none, at least it can be used as cannon fodder to scout, saving his demon spirits from dying, which would be quite distressing.

Besides, Talent Skills should become stronger as Demon Spirits level up; maybe in the future, he'll be able to summon a powerful Black Death Demon Legion.

Li Xiu directly let the Black Death Demon King feed on the Demon Cores lying on the ground; these cores are absolutely compatible, perfect for feeding the Black Death Demon King.

The Black Death Demon King knew what to eat, consuming only Radiant Demon Cores, and soon flames of black erupted from its body, beginning a level advancement.

Judging by the black flames on its body, it seemed the skill enlightenment during this level-up was completed.

Shortly afterward, the Black Death Demon King finished its advancement, its body becoming increasingly dark and translucent, appearing like a ghost in the night, emanating smoke-like blackness.

Black Death Demon King: Evolvable Demon Spirit.

Quality: Radiant.

Level: D.

Talent Skills: Black Death Legion, Death Aura.

Just as Li Xiu wanted to study the Black Death Legion and Death Aura skills in detail, he suddenly heard the sound of door pounding.

The sound seemed to come from the direction of the Black Sea's city gate, becoming increasingly loud, as if the door was about to be slammed open.

Chapter 335 Blood Rose

Li Xiu now somewhat reminisced about Chu Jun; if Chu Jun were here, he could easily find out what kind of spirit was outside.

Unfortunately, Chu Jun wasn't here, and Li Xiu could only stand at the crossroads, watching as the city gate shook incessantly, as if it might crack open at any moment.

It's unknown what material the city gate of Black Death City is made of, for even though it looks like it might explode open at any moment, it still hasn't been damaged despite being hit for so long.

"Could it be that the spirit can't get in? If so, the Godslayer Shrine miscalculated this time." Just as Li Xiu was speculating, the sound of the gate being rammed suddenly stopped.

Li Xiu felt something was amiss, and then saw the city gate slowly lifting itself.

The originally fixed winch also began to turn.

Soon Li Xiu discovered it wasn't the gate lifting itself but a hand in black metal mesh gloves raising it.

Gradually, the gate was lifted above the person's head, revealing someone who looked more like a human than a spirit outside.

The person wore black metal gloves on both hands, with their body wrapped tightly in a black cloak and robe and a black metal mask obscuring their face, making it impossible to discern their appearance or even whether they were human or spirit.

However, Li Xiu felt they should be a spirit; after all, how could a human be in such a place, and how could a human possess such overwhelming strength? Unfortunately, the distance was too far to catch their scent and determine if they were indeed a spirit.

With one hand, they lifted the gate above their head and walked in; as soon as they released their supporting hand, the gate fell with a bang, shaking the entire ground of Black Death City.

"Such overwhelming strength!" Li Xiu knew the gate wasn't easily lifted, else the powerful spirits outside would've barged in long ago.

The ability to easily open the gate inside was due to the specialized mechanism of the winch, far simpler than opening the gate from the outside.

Li Xiu had previously tried to open the gate from outside, but even with all his spirits helping, it barely budged.

The spirit could single-handedly lift the gate, undoubtedly a terrifyingly powerful spirit, one Li Xiu couldn't contend with, even if he summoned all his spirits to assist.

Unless he had Demon Armor, but where could he find that in a place like this?

The spirit glanced up, meeting Li Xiu's gaze, and the only part of them Li Xiu could see was their eyes.

Those were violet eyes, beautiful yet otherworldly.

Li Xiu immediately turned and left. With the Godslayer Shrine's claim of a Super Spirit appearing, and without Demon Armor, he had no capacity to fight and could only retreat to the stone house to possibly save his life.

Li Xiu swiftly rushed to the door of the stone house, retrieving all his spirits and only taking essential Demon Cores, Demon Spirit Rings, Skill Rings, and Talent Gemstones, leaving the rest behind.

He tapped the stone lion's head three times on each side, and with a creaking sound, the door opened.

Li Xiu carried his belongings inside, and before he could turn to shut the door, it closed on its own.

"Who are you? Why have you come here?" a slightly husky woman's voice reached Li Xiu's ears.

The voice differed from the usual softness of a woman, more like a smoker's throat but still pleasant, carrying a unique charm.

Though he still hadn't seen the woman's figure, just her voice painted a picture in Li Xiu's mind.

A sensual yet dangerously alluring woman sits at a bar counter, one hand holding a cigarette, the other playing with a glass, casting an eye-melting gaze at him.

Without even seeing the person, Li Xiu almost responded aloud.

Fortunately, he remembered the three things the Unparalleled King told him, forcefully holding back his impulse to answer, and took in everything inside the room.

Unlike the stone house where the Godslayer Shrine was found, this one was filled with ancient, artistic furniture, many decorations, and even some paintings hanging on the walls.

The ancient fireplace crackled with firewood, warming the whole room without overheating it.

Not far from the fireplace was a simple yet comfortable-looking sofa, with a metal frame and cushions and pillows wrapped in genuine leather, inviting one to sit and sink into a comfortable posture.

But Li Xiu resisted the urge, remembering the Unparalleled King's warning not to touch anything in the room.

On the left was a bar counter, with a wine cabinet behind it, filled with variously styled bottles, some transparent ones visibly containing liquid, not just empty bottles.

On the right was a wooden staircase leading to the second floor, with the space below crafted into a bookcase, filled with books, none of whose titles Li Xiu recognized, as they weren't in any script he knew.

Chapter 336: Blood Rose_2

"Stranger, why did you break in here?" The woman's voice came again.

Li Xiu could already determine that the woman's voice was coming from the second floor, and he hadn't seen her figure on the first floor.

Li Xiu still stood silently at the door, did not advance further, and after glancing around, he put his ear to the door, listening to the sounds outside.

"Sorry, I know it's impolite to talk to you like this, but I'm taking a bath and can't go down to entertain you yet. Guests are guests, there's wine and glasses in the wine cabinet on the first floor, along with a sofa and fireplace. You can have some wine, sit on the sofa to warm up, and I'll come down when I'm done bathing."

Li Xiu seemed to hear the sound of water faintly coming from the second floor, and could not help but imagine some blood-boiling scenes in his mind.

Luckily, although Li Xiu had some fantasies, it didn't prevent him from staying sane, as he still stood motionless at the door without speaking.

"What is this place, and who is the woman upstairs? That deceitful guy of an Unparalleled King didn't clarify anything." Li Xiu found it difficult to endure, as even though there was wine and a sofa to enjoy, he could only stand beside the door, not daring to move.

The woman spoke no more, seemingly really bathing, occasionally humming little tunes accompanied by the sound of water, making the images in one's mind even clearer.

Li Xiu multitasked with both mind and ears, dwelling on what kind of beautiful scene the second floor might be, while listening to the movements outside.

But soon, Li Xiu no longer had the mood to fantasize because he heard the sound of boots stepping on stone slabs.

The demonic spirit that lifted the city gate single-handedly seemed to be headed this way.

The sound of boots became louder and more rhythmic, Li Xiu could already hear clearly that it was almost at the outside of the stone house.

"It seems that guy is determined to kill me... Thankfully, I extracted some information from the Unparalleled King earlier, or else I'd be in grave danger this time. I need to find a way to level up quickly when I return or boost the levels of Jedi Knight and Demigod Shana, lest it's too perilous in the Land of Trial." As Li Xiu was thinking, he suddenly felt the door move slightly.

Li Xiu was taken aback, quickly stepping back a few paces, and then watched wide-eyed as the stone house's door was pushed open by a hand clad in black metal gloves.

"I'm screwed, that Unparalleled King is really a deceitful jerk. Didn't he say that once in this house, the demonic spirit outside couldn't possibly come in? How come it pushes open easily..." Li Xiu watched the demonic spirit walk in, his face turning a bit green.

He wasn't afraid, just aggravated by that Unparalleled King. It wasn't at all like what he had said.

After the demonic spirit entered the room, it merely glanced at Li Xiu, ignored him, and walked directly to the bar, taking a bottle of wine down from the wine cabinet, then casually picked up the corkscrew from the bar and opened the wine, grabbing a wine glass.

He acted as if he was very familiar with the place, walked directly to the sofa, sat down, put his boot-clad feet on the coffee table, and comfortably leaned on the sofa, drinking by himself.

Li Xiu was so frustrated that he even wanted to kill the Unparalleled King, seeing how familiar the demonic spirit was with the house, it was likely this was his lair.

That moronic Unparalleled King had guided him to take refuge in someone else's home.

"Care for a drink?" After two glasses, the demonic spirit suddenly looked towards Li Xiu, raised the wine bottle, and said.

At this stage, Li Xiu felt that if he continued following the way taught by that moronic Unparalleled King, there might be no way out.

So he didn't care anymore, walked directly to the bar, took a glass, went to the sofa to sit down, raised the glass to the mysterious demonic spirit and said, "Thank you."

The demonic spirit chuckled, his pair of beautiful eyes squinting into a crescent shape, lifted the wine bottle and poured the blood-like liquid into Li Xiu's glass, then said, "Though this wine is not strong, it's quite wild."

Li Xiu didn't understand what "wild" meant, but at this stage, sticking one's neck out was the same as pulling it back, he couldn't even beat one of the guy's hands, might as well do what he wanted.

Li Xiu was not in a hurry, raised his glass, took a taste, couldn't tell the flavor, not like any common Earth wine.

Earlier, Li Xiu thought it was red wine, only to find it wasn't after tasting it. The wine was indeed not strong, smoothly mellow, with a floral fragrance, effortlessly swallowed down.

After the wine went down, Li Xiu couldn't help but shiver, his stomach seemed to have an electric current coursing through his entire body, stimulating his whole blood flow to accelerate, his heart pounding hard, his face immediately flushed.

Li Xiu gulped down the remaining wine in his glass, immediately feeling his blood surge, his body indescribably comfortable, the accelerated heartbeat indeed quite thrilling: "This wine is interesting, what's its name?"

"Blood Rose." The demonic spirit toyed with the glass in his hand, watching Li Xiu with great interest.

"Another glass please." Li Xiu raised his glass to the demonic spirit again.

"Are you sure? This wine is not meant for humans to drink, drinking too much will lead to death." The demonic spirit smiled, squinting at Li Xiu as he spoke.

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"If death is so pleasant, I wouldn't mind dying like this to avoid more suffering. Another glass, please," Li Xiu insisted.

The Demon Spirit said nothing, and poured another glass for Li Xiu.

Watching Li Xiu drink almost half the glass in one gulp, the Demon Spirit smiled and said, "The reason this wine is called Blood Rose is because it's brewed from the Blood Roses of Black Death City. There are only so many Blood Roses in Black Death City, and only this one bottle of wine was made. To be able to drink it is a kind of blessing."

"In that case, I must have another glass." Li Xiu finished it in one gulp and placed the glass before the Demon Spirit.

The Demon Spirit looked at Li Xiu with a bit of surprise, his eyes were somewhat strange, as if confused, yet somewhat appreciative.

Pouring another glass for Li Xiu, the Demon Spirit continued, "Blood Roses of Black Death City are different from Blood Roses elsewhere."

"How are they different?" Li Xiu's face was a bit flushed from the drink, his heart pounding and his brain beginning to feel excited.

"Countless Demon Spirits once died within Black Death City, practically turning rivers of blood. The Demon Spirit Blood soaked the entire city, and the plants here absorbed it to grow, making them different from ordinary plants. Blood Rose is one of them; ordinary roses absorbed Demon Spirit Blood and became Blood Roses. The wine made from them is essentially the epitome of Demon Spirit's resentment and essence. It can promote growth and evolution in Demon Spirits, but if humans drink it..." The Demon Spirit paused, looking at Li Xiu without continuing.

"What happens if humans drink it?" Li Xiu asked coolly.

"Probably die," the Demon Spirit said, looking at Li Xiu uncertainly.

Theoretically, upon drinking the second glass, Li Xiu should have died, but he seemed to have no problems apart from feeling a bit tipsy, which puzzled the Demon Spirit and piqued his interest.

"Since death is inevitable, I might as well drink a few more glasses." Li Xiu emptied his glass and held it before the Demon Spirit again.

The Blood Rose was indeed potent, as Li Xiu's Spiritual Force was unlike others; ordinary wine wouldn't make him feel tipsy. Yet this wine made him feel slightly elevated, his spirit somewhat excited, while his body felt floating inexplicably.

"It's gone." The Demon Spirit turned the bottle upside down and shook it, indeed finding no wine left, not even a drop.

"Aren't there plenty over there?" Li Xiu pointed at the wine cabinet.

"Those cannot be drunk today," the Demon Spirit shook his head.

"Why can't they be drunk today?" Li Xiu asked the Demon Spirit with some confusion.

"Because if you drink anymore, she'll die," said a woman's voice from the second floor.

"You want to kill her?" Li Xiu was slightly taken aback, this was not what he had expected.

He originally thought this Demon Spirit was one of the stone hut's owners, but it turned out not to be the case. Moreover, the Demon Spirit was not here to hunt him, but rather to kill the owner of the stone hut.

This discovery left Li Xiu speechless. Had he known, he wouldn't have joined this mess; he should have stayed outside obediently.

If these two Demon Spirits end up defeating each other, perhaps he could take advantage of their loss—all because of that unreliable Unparalleled King.

"It's all because of that foolish Unparalleled King that I'm in this mess; I've been foolish enough to trust it," Li Xiu sighed inwardly.

Fortunately, despite drinking so much Blood Rose, Li Xiu did not feel any signs of dying; instead, he felt his physical condition seemed a bit stronger, his Primordial Embryo Quality even rising to 1.6 and still showing signs of increase.

Li Xiu secretly guessed it might have something to do with the Demon Spirit larva parasitizing within him.

Though the woman spoke from the second floor, she still did not come down.

The Demon Spirit did not answer Li Xiu's question but placed the bottle on the coffee table and headed up the wooden stairs to the second floor.

Li Xiu glanced at the wine bottles on the wine cabinet, giving up on the thought of taking them all, and slowly headed towards the door.

Of the three rules said by the Unparalleled King, Li Xiu had already broken two; if he doesn't leave now, should this Demon Spirit die, the next to face disaster would probably be him.

Should the Demon Spirit win and kill the Demon Spirit upstairs, it's quite possible it'd spare him no mercy either—better to slip away early.

But upon reaching the door, no matter how hard Li Xiu tried to pull, the door wouldn't budge, sweat even brimming on his forehead in haste.

Turning his head towards the wooden stairs, the Demon Spirit that had been drinking with him was already nowhere to be seen; it should have already stepped onto the second floor.

Yet the second floor was dead silent, without even the slightest sound.

Earlier, the sound of bathing could be heard, but now there's no sound, leaving one to wonder whether the two Demon Spirits have begun their battle.

Li Xiu studied the door for a while but still couldn't get it open.

The door wasn't locked, nor was there a bolt, yet no matter how hard Li Xiu tried, it just wouldn't open.

Li Xiu suspected it was because he violated two of the taboos mentioned by the Unparalleled King that he couldn't open the door to leave.

"This really is a calamity out of nowhere," Li Xiu felt helpless; no one would expect such a misfortune to occur.

While Li Xiu pondered how to escape, he suddenly heard the woman's voice again coming from the second floor.

"Weren't you enjoying your drinks just now? Why so urgent to leave now? Leaving without meeting the owner, that's not how guests should behave, is it?"

Hearing her voice, Li Xiu knew the Demon Spirit was likely finished, and he was even more surprised.

A Demon Spirit able to lift the city gate single-handedly wields terrifying power, but upon ascending to the second floor, he vanished silently; thinking about it sent chills down Li Xiu's spine.

"You're right, those are yours as my payment for the wine." Li Xiu placed the Demon Cores, Talent Gemstones, and other items on the nearby table.

"How can those trash be worth my bottle of Blood Rose?" the woman snorted coldly.

"What do you want then?" Li Xiu knew escaping was unlikely; he might leave his life here today.

"You like drinking, don't you? On the third row of the wine cabinet, fifth bottle from the right, drink it all, then you can leave or stay as you wish."

The woman's hoarse, magnetic voice came, causing Li Xiu to look toward the wine cabinet.

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Li Xiu saw the bottle the woman mentioned, a black bottle with a label on it, the label had a white background with black drawings, depicting a black skull.

As for the words, Li Xiu recognized none, but seeing the black skull emblem, he knew this was likely no good thing.

"What if I don't drink it?" Li Xiu asked.

"You don't have to drink it, of course, but then you'll have to stay here as the bartender until someone else is willing to replace you," the woman said leisurely.

Li Xiu knew he couldn't possibly stay as a bartender. Who knew when someone else might come to this place—perhaps ten or eight years later. He couldn't wait that long, could he?

He summoned his strongest current force, the Jedi Knight, and directed a Blood Light Slash at the door.

The crimson Crescent Blade Light struck the door, but with a clang, the blade shattered, leaving not even a scratch on the door.

He summoned several other companion creatures and tried all methods, but still couldn't get the door open.

The woman let Li Xiu do as he pleased, neither coming down from the second floor nor making any attempt to stop him.

Li Xiu highly suspected that the woman might be trapped on the second floor, unable to come down.

But even if the woman couldn't come down, he couldn't get out either, and sooner or later he would be trapped here to death.

Li Xiu gave up on trying to open the door, approached the wine cabinet, and took down the bottle the woman had mentioned.

"What's the name of this wine?" Li Xiu asked.

"Black Death God," the woman replied calmly.

"Black Death God—judging by the name, drinking this will likely have Death ready to claim my life," Li Xiu said.

"You barged in and drank my Blood Rose. Isn't it reasonable to expect some payment?" the woman said.

"You have a point; it's indeed my fault," Li Xiu nodded.

"You seem to be a reasonable person, so why not just drink it?" the woman remarked with a smile.

Li Xiu, however, placed the bottle back on the shelf and picked up another bottle, saying, "If I were to break all these bottles, wouldn't that be a pity?"

The woman laughed, her laughter slightly hoarse, yet with an indescribable allure, "Are you trying to threaten me with those bottles? If you could smash them all, I'd actually thank you."

Bang!

Li Xiu smashed the bottle against the opposite wall. The bottle shattered, and the liquid sprayed out.

But in the next second, the shattered bottle and the wine magically coalesced and returned to their original state on the shelf.

Li Xiu was somewhat surprised and tried throwing several more bottles, but each time, they would instantaneously return to their original positions on the shelf.

"This stone house is truly eerie!" Li Xiu said helplessly, halting his attempts.

"Why did you stop?" the woman asked mockingly.

"Can we negotiate? Besides drinking, is there another way I can express my apologies for intruding into your home?" Li Xiu asked.

"There's no need for apologies, and this isn't my home," the woman said.

"Not your home?" Li Xiu was stunned.

"Don't be too happy yet. Since this isn't my home, I don't have the authority to let you leave. Once you enter here, you must drink a bottle of wine to leave; it's the same for everyone," the woman said flatly.

"So, I have no choice but to drink this bottle?" Li Xiu sighed.

"You could choose not to drink, stay here as the bartender, and keep me company—that would be wonderfully fine too," the woman said with a smile.

"Then I'll go with the drink. Can I choose a bottle other than Black Death God?" Li Xiu remembered the demon spirit earlier had picked a bottle.

"Sure," the woman replied readily.

Li Xiu surveyed the wines on the rack, which covered the entire wall with six shelves. Each shelf held hundreds of bottles, totaling over a thousand.

These thousand bottles seemed to all be unique; the words on them were unrecognizable to Li Xiu, so he couldn't discern which one might safely be drunk.

Li Xiu recalled the demon spirit picking the Blood Rose from the fourth shelf. His gaze shifted there, but next to where the Blood Rose had been, the labels on those bottles appeared completely different.

Theoretically, picking a bottle near the Blood Rose might reduce the risks somewhat.

However, Li Xiu didn't select one immediately. He pondered and decided to start from the first bottle on the first shelf, examining each one carefully.

He wanted to see if he could find any pattern, so he wouldn't need to rely solely on luck.

Though he couldn't understand the characters, it wasn't entirely impossible for him to identify them.

As he examined them, he noted down the symbols and icons on each label to compare and filter based on repeated ones.

The woman had told him the previous bottle was Black Death God, and the words corresponding with the black skull likely meant Black Death God.

Nevertheless, this script was very bizarre. The four characters of Black Death God only used two symbols.

One symbol directly represented black, and the other represented Death God.

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On the other wine bottles, Li Xiu also saw these two symbols several times. By comparing them with the icons on the labels, many things could be deduced.

For instance, if the icon on the bottle was a red flower, there was a high probability that the name of this wine was related to flowers. By finding other wine bottles with flower icons, some textual information could be inferred.

Through Li Xiu's research, the two symbols representing the Black Death God were not in the normal left-to-right reading mode; the symbol on the left represented Death God, and the one on the right represented Black.

Li Xiu kept comparing and deducing. He could roughly deduce the names of some wines; although it's not possible to be completely correct, it's not too far off. It's much like recognizing words from pictures, which is not a complex matter.

Unfortunately, the bottles only had names with a limited base of words. Most of the wine names were still incomprehensible to Li Xiu; only symbols that appeared frequently could be deciphered to determine the wine's name.

"Tender Lover, the name sounds gentle, it shouldn't be too poisonous, right?" Li Xiu, after having looked at all the wines, which totaled one thousand and thirty-four bottles, picked one from the fourth layer.

It was a transparent crystal bottle filled with pink liquid, which looked more like sparkling water than wine.

"If I were you, I wouldn't choose that Tender Lover bottle." The woman's voice came through again.

"Why?" Li Xiu asked.

"Tender like a knife, lover like a sword, can you still walk out after drinking such wine?" the woman said with a laugh.

"That's true," Li Xiu conceded and put the Tender Lover back.

"You're quite obedient, aren't you afraid I'm lying?" The woman was somewhat surprised, not expecting Li Xiu to follow her suggestion so straightforwardly.

"There's an old saying in my hometown: 'Listen to advice and you'll be full.' " Li Xiu continued picking wines from the wine cabinet, taking down another bottle with a Black Clergyman icon, "What do you think about this one?"

"Black Bishop, if you want to meet God sooner, choosing him wouldn't be wrong," the woman enjoyed the game, taking pleasure in rebuffing Li Xiu.

"Better not; I think the old man doesn't want to see me." Li Xiu put the bottle back.

Li Xiu selected many bottles of wine, all were negated by the woman, but from the names the woman mentioned, Li Xiu acquired much textual information, enabling him to infer more wine names.

The reason Li Xiu was so willing to take advice was actually to acquire more information, not because he genuinely listened to the woman's suggestions.

The wines he chose all had a purpose, providing him with many keywords.

The woman thought she was discouraging Li Xiu, but Li Xiu already had a general framework of the text.

"Illiteracy is really distressing." Li Xiu sighed in his heart; he had gotten the information he wanted.

Li Xiu basically understood what the words on the wine bottles meant.

Then he put down the wine bottle, went to the bookshelf, and began looking at the book titles.

Utilizing the current textual base, Li Xiu found some books whose names he could understand, took one off the shelf, and began to study it carefully.

Although there were many unknown symbols, by starting from some recognizable words and then linking the preceding and following text, more information could be gathered.

"What are you pretending to look at? Can you even read Demon Text?" the woman mocked, "If you really could read Demon Text, you wouldn't have walked in here."

"Why?" Li Xiu asked in confusion.

"You don't even recognize the words 'strangers keep out' carved at the entrance and are pretending to read a book here, better to just drink the wine honestly," the woman ridiculed.

Recollecting, Li Xiu remembered seeing two symbols etched by the door, realizing their meaning. His knowledge increased yet again.

"How do you know I don't recognize them? I simply didn't pay attention when I came in," Li Xiu closed the book in his hand, saying, "This book's name is Black Rose, I understand that much."

The woman giggled, "Adorable little illiterate, you think just because there's a black rose painted on the cover, the book is called Black Rose? This isn't picture reading; you're so naive and cute. That book's name is 'Withered Understanding Flower.' "

"Oh, sorry, didn't look closely," Li Xiu put the book back on the shelf, casually picked up another one, and this time he sat on the sofa, leafing through the pages.

Li Xiu slowly flipped through the pages without speaking. After a while, the woman couldn't hold back anymore and spoke again, "Since you like drinking and reading, why not stay here as a bartender, drink and read at your leisure?"

"I'm just a person; if I stay here without food and drink, I'd probably starve in a few days," Li Xiu casually replied while continuing to flip through the book in his hand.

"Once you become a bartender, you won't need those things," the woman said.

"So you're saying that after I become a bartender, I won't be human anymore, right?" Li Xiu replied without looking up.

"Pretty much," the woman continued, "what's so good about being human? Weak and fragile, with such a short lifespan. Once you're a bartender, you'll have immortality, much better than being human."

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"That sounds pretty nice, but the book doesn't say that." Li Xiu said with a serious face.

"Cutie, are you trying to make me die of laughter? That book is called 'Vanishing Sunday', and it's a sad love story. If you're reading into it things about bartenders, you must be a genius." The woman laughed as if she was about to keel over.

"So, I got it wrong." Li Xiu got up, returned the book to the shelf, and picked another one, sitting back on the sofa to continue flipping through it.

He flipped through the book quickly, basically skimming through ten lines at a glance, yet he retained all the written symbols in his memory.

"Cutie, stop pretending. That book is 'Innocent Song', a children's fairy tale." The woman teased.

"Then recommend me some books for adults." Li Xiu said while flipping through the book.

"On the bottom row of the shelf, the far-right section, there's a children's book that suits your innocent cuteness." The woman laughed joyously.

Li Xiu didn't get angry; he actually went to the bookshelf and pulled out the book the woman mentioned.

Upon opening it, it was filled with illustrations and only a few written symbols.

Li Xiu returned to the sofa, engrossed in the book. The woman had inadvertently done him a great favor. Though the book contained few words, paired with pictures, it made Li Xiu's framework of the Demon Text more complete.

Li Xiu had already developed a general understanding of the books on the shelf—primarily storybooks, essentially novels.

He didn't know whether the contents were fictitious, but it didn't matter to Li Xiu; he was still very absorbed in reading.

The woman couldn't imagine that a human could, without recognizing a single word, analyze and deduce just from the bits of information and illustrations she shared, gradually learning a language. This was beyond her comprehension.

Although Li Xiu didn't know the pronunciation of these Demon Text characters, he was gradually able to understand some simple sentences, half-guessing, half-assuming, he could just about grasp some content.

Li Xiu kept reading while intermittently chatting with the woman, quickly expanding his knowledge base.

The woman evidently didn't realize the severity of this situation until Li Xiu pulled a book from the bottom of the shelf.

"That book isn't suitable for you. Stick to the books you can understand." The woman said.

"I think this book is quite good." Li Xiu opened the black book with gold-edged cover. It only had a few characters on the cover, no illustrations.

The name of this book, Li Xiu could now understand, was 'Nether Chronicles'. Li Xiu had been intrigued by this book earlier because it looked unlike a storybook. He just hadn't taken it until now.

After spending several hours here, skimming through many books, and acquiring basic reading skills, he finally decided to take out 'Nether Chronicles'.

Opening 'Nether Chronicles', Li Xiu scrutinized its contents and was instantly overjoyed.

It turned out this wasn't an ordinary storybook. It had something to do with this stone tower.

Li Xiu finally discovered that this stone tower was called 'Nether House', and the things written about the Nether House in the book were quite unbelievable.

"Doesn't the Demon Kingdom have a saying about knowledge being power? These demon spirits are clueless about the importance of knowledge." The more Li Xiu read, the more delighted he became.

Having been trapped for so long, he finally saw a glimmer of hope for getting out alive.

This Demon Spirit Wine was not meant for humans but for the demon spirits. There was no record of what happened if humans drank it.

Indeed, the Nether House and what the woman said were the same; any living being entering must drink a bottle of wine, or they'll never leave the Nether House.

The only way to leave without drinking, according to the Unparalleled King's two rules, was:

After entering, do not speak and do not touch anything. Only then can you push open the door of the Nether House when leaving.

Li Xiu broke both these rules, so naturally, he couldn't get out.

However, the book didn't mention the rule about shouting 'bastard' three times at the door of the Nether House after going out. The Unparalleled King surely had another motive for adding this rule.

Li Xiu guessed that the Unparalleled King might have a vendetta with the woman in the Nether House and wanted to vent using Li Xiu's mouth without intending to kill him; otherwise, he wouldn't wait for him to go out before cursing.

"What's so good about those books? Why not come to the second floor, and I'll show you something fun." The woman said.

Li Xiu smiled slightly and ignored her; he knew the woman was afraid he'd understand this book, but, unfortunately, it was too late.

According to the records in the Nether Chronicles, Li Xiu now knew what was up with this woman.

Previously, the woman indeed didn't lie; the Nether House wasn't her home, for she was also trapped within this Nether House.

But, unlike Li Xiu, Li Xiu was still a passer-by to the Nether House, while the woman could be regarded as its soul.

She was trapped here, eternally bound with the Nether House, unable to find release until all the Demon Spirit Wine on the wine rack was consumed.

As for how the woman became trapped and the soul of the Nether House, the book did not record.

When the person who wrote this book came to the Nether House, the woman was already trapped there, and even her identity—whether human or demon spirit—was unknown.

As for what the woman said about the bartender, the book also recorded it, basically similar to the woman's situation. Once becoming a bartender, one would be trapped, immobile, with the Nether House until all Demon Spirit Wine was consumed, then released.

In the Nether Chronicles, Li Xiu learned an important piece of information: each living being could only consume one type of Demon Spirit Wine. Drinking a second type would result in certain death; even demon spirits weren't exempt.

Earlier, the Blood Rose was opened by a demon spirit who originally needed to finish it. He intentionally let Li Xiu drink some with no good intentions.

He surely knew that Demon Spirit Wine couldn't be mixed. His aim was to kill Li Xiu. Since he had murderous intent, even if Li Xiu didn't drink it himself, the demon spirit likely wouldn't have spared him.

Li Xiu carefully read the Nether Chronicles, hoping to find a way to break the trap. Despite knowing Li Xiu couldn't understand, the woman was overly concerned with this book. Perhaps it contained a solution.

Li Xiu read patiently, and when he reached the last few pages, his eyes suddenly lit up.