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"I'm not sure, just from appearances it looks quite similar, but that previous fake god also looked very similar to me. It's only by close contact that you can tell it's not them. Although their demeanor and some habitual movements are quite alike, I can be sure that they are not the same person." Ah Fei said.

"Let's level up first, since there's such a person around, sooner or later we'll root them out. What's your Primordial Embryo Quality now?" Li Xiu asked.

"It's 1.7 now. A few more A-level or higher Attribute Rewards, and I should be able to advance to D-level." Ah Fei replied.

Ah Fei's advancement speed was clearly much faster than Li Xiu's, as she was almost D-level without having drunk any Demon Spirit Wine.

Li Xiu was a bit helpless, he had too many Vampires on him and he needed to deal with them quickly.

"The City of Light is quite well put together." Bai Ying and Li Qingyi were walking side by side on the streets of the City of Light, Bai Ying looked around and said, blinking.

The two walking together attracted a lot of attention.

One tall and sexy, the other pure and cute, even the old man selling goods by the roadside couldn't help but take several more glances.

"There's more than a week until the competition starts, why did you come over so early?" Li Qingyi asked in confusion.

"I'd just be bored at home anyway, might as well come and explore. I heard the Hero Trial Ground in the City of Light is quite fun, so we can change our environment a bit, enjoying training and leisure at the same time." Bai Ying said with a smile.

"That works too." Li Qingyi nodded. If Bai Ying hadn't dragged her out, she might have preferred to stay home and continue in the Trial Ground.

"Let's go visit some gemstone shops first." Bai Ying had already checked out the location of Gemstone Street and pulled Li Qingyi along.

The two took a lap around Gemstone Street but were greatly disappointed, as there wasn't a single gemstone that caught their eyes.

"This is the level of the City of Light, and they're hosting a Demon Spirit Competition? Seems like not much of a future." Bai Ying said, pursing her lips.

"Although the environment and strength of the City of Light aren't great, it's clear that the Lord of Light City has great ambitions." Li Qingyi said.

"How can you tell? I didn't see it." Bai Ying asked, puzzled.

"The location of Gemstone Street is right next to the Demon Spirit Arena. There are also new streets being built over there, and judging by the structures, they're probably shops, hotels, and entertainment venues. This Lord of Light City isn't just planning a single Demon Spirit Competition, but likely has long-term plans." Li Qingyi explained.

"Sounds nice, but whether it'll succeed is another matter. It's possible this Demon Spirit Competition might not make any big waves." Bai Ying laughed. "There's nothing to see here, let's go to the trial ground instead."

Li Qingyi nodded, and the two headed towards the direction of the Trial Gate.

They had learned before arriving that anyone could enter the Hero Trial Ground of the City of Light, as long as they paid a relatively small ticket fee to get in and out freely.

Of course, they still had to supply the gemstone to open the Trial Gate themselves.

Arriving at the Trial Gate, they found it quite lively, with a fairly formal market outside, although there weren't many vendors.

"What's with this scene, letting people set up stalls in front of the Trial Gate." Bai Ying frowned.

Li Qingyi, however, was quite interested as she browsed around, happily saying to Bai Ying, "I'm getting more and more curious about this Lord of Light City. This kind of Trial Gate is exactly what I hoped to see. It should be a place accessible to ordinary people, not just a privilege for some."

Bai Ying was a bit speechless, "Don't you think it's a bit like a market? Trial Takers already have a lower social standing than Magic Armor Masters, and with this, Trial Takers will be even more commonplace."

Li Qingyi just smiled without making further comment. After buying tickets and entering, they saw people outside the Trial Gate forming teams.

To open the Trial Gate once, you need at least a dozen Black Apatites, which is indispensable.

Going in alone or with just one or two people is a bit wasteful for ordinary people, so generally groups of ten will enter together, splitting the entry cost evenly.

People in the City of Light had probably never seen such beauties before, and when Li Qingyi and Bai Ying appeared, many Trial Takers were amazed. Some even approached to invite them to join for free.

Li Qingyi and Bai Ying politely declined and opened the Trial Gate by themselves.

"One's sexy, one's cute, it's really hard to choose!"

"Of course, go for the sexy one, cute doesn't hold a candle next to sexy."

"I think the cute one is quite nice too, small and demure is also great."

"Studies show that men who like petite women usually aren't very healthy..."

The Trial Takers murmured among themselves. Everyone appreciates beauty; what man doesn't enjoy looking at pretty girls?

Li Qingyi and Bai Ying were randomly placed in a B-level difficulty Dark Maze. They seemed to see in the dark without any tension, chatting as they walked.

They encountered a tiger in the maze, only for it to be struck by Li Qingyi's palm, shattering its bones throughout its body and killing it instantly. The tiger lay limply on the ground as if its skin wrapped around soft stuffing.

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If those Trial Takers had seen this palm earlier, they would probably have had to weigh their options; if they truly married her, they would question if their lives were resilient enough during conflicts.

"Good luck, I actually got a random entrance ticket," Bai Ying said with a smile, seeing the entrance ticket among her rewards.

"Let's go in and take a look." Li Qingyi took out a Trial Badge and entered together with Bai Ying.

On that stone table, there lay a Black Umbrella. Bai Ying casually picked it up with one hand, effortlessly, as if it were an ordinary umbrella.

"Just an ordinary Shimmering Contract." Bai Ying indifferently placed it behind her, and then followed Li Qingyi into Black Death City alongside the Longevity Lamp.

"Someone's already here!" As the two appeared at the crossroads in Black Death City, they found the ground littered with decomposing Black Death Demon corpses, causing them to furrow their brows slightly.

They surveyed the surroundings but didn't spot any shadows. Seeing that a gate in one direction was open, Bai Ying suggested, "We're not familiar with the circumstances in this Land of Trial. Should we check over there first?"

"Alright." Li Qingyi nodded, and the two headed toward the open city gate.

Outside the gate stretched a boundless desert, where a man in a tight white suit, with a red belt around his waist and sunglasses on his face, lay on the distant sand as if listening intently.

Next to him on the sand was a dark green gentleman's hat, casting a long shadow in the fiery red glow of the sunset.

The scene appeared peculiar, and Li Qingyi and Bai Ying's expressions were odd, unable to figure out what the Trial Taker was doing.

"Hey, what are you doing?" Bai Ying asked curiously as she walked over.

The man did not speak, just placed his index finger on his lips, gesturing for silence.

Though young, Li Qingyi and Bai Ying had experienced many Lands of Trial, far from naive. Upon seeing the man's gesture, they fell silent and even softened their footsteps.

While remaining vigilant, they carefully approached the man.

Though skilled in reconnaissance, they could detect nothing amiss nearby nor sensed anything beneath the sand.

Arriving beside the man, they still found nothing unusual but refrained from speaking, imitating the man's position, lying on the sand to listen.

They had encountered spirits hiding underground before, but despite listening for a good while, heard nothing.

The man remained silent, so they could only watch him and silently ponder what he might have heard.

Finally, after a long moment, the man lifted his ear from the ground, dusted off the sand clinging to his face and body, and looked at Li Qingyi and Bai Ying.

The man, naturally, was Li Xiu, and his gaze was immediately drawn to Li Qingyi.

He had to admit that the cute often fades in comparison to the sexy, especially given Li Qingyi's face, which also held great allure for men.

Besides their figures and appearances, Li Xiu was attracted by their clothing.

The two girls wore matching outfits, complete with shoes.

One wore a green suit, the other a white suit, with unusual designs that didn't resemble modern clothing.

Additionally, they carried sheathed swords on their backs, presenting the aura of female Sword Immortals.

But the rings on their fingers, shimmering with gemstones, added a touch of opulence to the ethereal vibe.

In fact, being able to wear such a complete outfit, these two girls were undoubtedly no ordinary Trial Takers, considered wealthy among them.

Li Xiu, clad as he was, seemed barely better than a destitute beggar before them, except his rings could barely rival their grandeur in the affluent department.

"What were you listening to just now?" Bai Ying finally asked.

"I wasn't listening to anything," Li Xiu replied, shaking his head.

"Then what were you doing lying down?" Bai Ying asked, puzzled.

"I just wanted to see Black Death City from that angle," Li Xiu chuckled.

Li Qingyi and Bai Ying couldn't help but feel speechless; turned out he was just a guy idle and bored.

"Unexpectedly, I saw two fairies walk over; for a moment, I thought I was seeing things," Li Xiu continued with a smile.

"Though you seem a bit idle, you're an honest person," Bai Ying laughed. "Are you from the City of Light? Familiar with Black Death City? Give us a tour, and there'll be something in it for you."

"I can't, I have things to do," Li Xiu shook his head.

"What things? Lying here watching Black Death City?" Bai Ying paused, surprised at his refusal.

"Yes," Li Xiu nodded.

"Then continue watching; we won't disturb you," Bai Ying relented since he refused, deciding it made no difference whether someone guided them.

"If you're going to explore, check out the city gates opposite or to the left; avoid the right gate," Li Xiu advised.

"Why?" Li Qingyi asked.

"The right gate hasn't been opened yet; unknown what's beyond, only ghostly cries can be heard, likely dangerous," Li Xiu explained.

"Thanks." Li Qingyi expressed her gratitude, then began to retrace her steps with Bai Ying.

Having been through many Lands of Trial, they knew it was dangerous to wander aimlessly in a desert, risking losing their way, and they intended to participate in the magic tournament without wasting time here.

"What a strange man," Bai Ying muttered to herself as they walked.

Li Qingyi gave a thoughtful glance at the city gate of Black Death City.

Watching the two girls walk back into the city, Li Xiu lay back down, looking toward Black Death City.

This time, he was lucky to randomly get an entrance ticket, cleaned out the killable spirits, and unwillingly return. He opened the desert-side gate to seek what he might find.

It turned out he indeed made a new discovery; viewing Black Death City from this vantage unveiled something different.

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This city... actually has a shadow...

For such a large city, having a shadow is quite normal. However, the city gate facing the sunset and casting a shadow on the ground in front of the city makes it rather fantastical.

If the sun were coming from the other side of the city, Li Xiu could understand this kind of shadow.

But facing the sunset and having such a shadow, Li Xiu really couldn't understand it.

When he came out just now, he had already noticed this problem, but after looking left and right, he couldn't find where the problem was.

Until he put his face on the ground and looked at that shadow again, he saw something incredible.

This shadow actually had thickness.

How could a shadow have thickness? Li Xiu couldn't comprehend it. At first, he thought he was seeing things, but after carefully observing for a long time, he finally confirmed that his eyes were not deceiving him, nor was it a trick of the light or the terrain. That shadow really had thickness, even if only the thickness of a piece of paper, but still an unbelievable thing.

The entire shadow seemed like a piece of paper stuck to the sandy ground, but when Li Xiu stood up and looked again, the shadow was no different from any ordinary shadow.

Because here, although the sun was the sunset and looked as if it might set at any moment, in reality, it would never set and hang there indefinitely.

So Li Xiu couldn't determine whether the shadow would change with the light or always remain in this state.

"What's the deal with this shadow? Surely not a magic spirit, if it were a magic spirit, Chu Jun would have noticed. Also, Li Xiu has come out many times, and this shadow hasn't attacked him. But if it's not a magic spirit, why is this shadow so strange?" Li Xiu was somewhat puzzled.

He watched for quite a while, then rose and walked into the shadow, drawing the Fire Lotus Sword and slashed at the shadow with one sword after another.

Yellow sand was sliced into deep marks by the sword power, yet the shadow showed no reaction, as if it were a normal shadow. The sand scattered and flew, but the shadow still showed no change.

"Really bizarre!" Li Xiu then ran outside the shadow, pressed his face to the ground, and saw that the shadow still had a paper-thin thickness.

"I just don't believe it," Li Xiu ran back to the city gate and then summoned his magic spirit, attacking the shadow one by one.

The results, whether Demigod Shana or Jedi Knight, were that their attacks merely scattered sand, proving useless against the shadow.

Li Xiu, refusing to believe in such evil, continued to try; Black Death Demon King's attacks were ineffective, Love God Shooter's attacks were ineffective; even summoning Pink Nightmare and Masked Emperor still proved ineffective.

After summoning the White Night Female Demon, Li Xiu saw her form and slightly paused.

During the day, the White Night Female Demon was in a blue dress, yet at night she transformed into a purple dress.

However, now, even though the sun had not set, the White Night Female Demon was in a purple dress.

Li Xiu, with a shift of thoughts, prompted the White Night Female Demon to walk outside the shadow, and then a miraculous thing happened—the vibrant blue dress on the White Night Female Demon transformed into a mysterious purple, and even the expression and demeanor of the White Night Female Demon began to turn bewitching.

This transformation from White Demon to Night Demon, but merely due to a shadow, was impossible to induce such a change in the White Night Female Demon.

"This shadow indeed has issues." Li Xiu returned to the city gate, standing inside the gate himself, letting the White Night Female Demon stand at the gate, and sent out a purple lip-print flying kiss towards that shadow.

When the White Night Female Demon is in a blue dress, her flying kiss can trigger potential and increase combat power.

But in a purple dress, it can cause negative effects, reducing the strength and speed of the opponent.

Unfortunately, the flying kiss itself has no attack power, so it cannot inflict damage.

However, when the purple lip-print flying kiss landed on the shadow, Li Xiu was surprised to see the shadow tremble.

But it merely trembled once, so quickly Li Xiu almost wondered if he had been mistaken.

Again prompting the White Night Female Demon to give a flying kiss, this time Li Xiu watched the shadow closely and indeed noticed the shadow tremble again, it wasn't an illusion.

Enduring two purple lip-print flying kisses, the shadow merely trembled each time and nothing else happened.

Having the White Night Female Demon try a few more times, the result was the same, with the shadow merely trembling before ceasing to respond.

"Perhaps the White Night Female Demon's power is too weak, causing only a stir without a true effect. But knowing there is power able to reach it, the situation is manageable," Li Xiu summoned the Forbidden Spear and fired at the shadow.

Results aligned with Li Xiu's expectations, the Forbidden Spear couldn't fire bullets, proving the shadow wasn't a magic spirit, prior Chu Jun detection was correct.

Since the Forbidden Spear proved ineffective, Li Xiu employed the power of the Evil Spirit Token, glowing blue light energy across himself, then threw a punch towards the ground.

Crack!

Below Li Xiu's fist, the sound of glass shattering emerged, and beneath his fist, shadow displayed cracks.

"There's hope!" Li Xiu noticed and delivered punch after punch upon the shadow, causing the fissure within the shadow beneath him to grow larger.

Out of the cracks emerged black light, not sand.

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Li Xiu backed up a few steps, standing where the shadow was intact, and delivered another punch at the cracked area.

Bam!

The punch completely shattered the shadow, and Li Xiu felt a void underfoot, finding himself falling, as the surrounding black shadows fractured like ice cracking on a lake, with fissures spreading everywhere, leaving him no chance to react as his footing disappeared.

Although there was clearly sand below the shadows, Li Xiu reached out to grab something but caught nothing, crashing onto something with a thud.

"This is..." Li Xiu did not feel pain from the fall, as there seemed to be some sort of cushion beneath him, soft to the touch.

Looking down, Li Xiu's face suddenly changed. Beneath him was a massive white demon spirit resembling a worm.

The demon spirit's body was as thick as the tank of a tanker truck, and when Li Xiu dropped down, he landed straight onto it. At that moment, the demon spirit lifted its head, twisting its body, with a single white eye on its head staring intently at him.

Looking overhead, it appeared to be a dark night sky, even though he felt like he hadn't dropped far, at most two to three meters. But now, above him lay endless night, with no shadow in sight.

All around was an unending desert, with only the demon spirit beneath him emitting a crystal-clear white halo, with light patterns forming rings that stretched from head to toe like white night lights.

The single eye shone with brilliance, exuding a chilling cold glow.

Li Xiu flipped over and jumped off the demon spirit, simultaneously summoning Demigod Shana, Black Death Demon King, and Jedi Knight.

A cold white light shot directly out from the demon spirit's eye towards Li Xiu, who had not yet landed.

Boom!

The blood-red crescent blade light slashed by Jedi Knight collided with the cold white light, red and white hues bursting in a display like a pyrotechnic show.

Black Death Demon King roared skyward, with dozens of minions stepping on light rings, their shackles falling off as their eyes glowed red, fiercely charging at the gigantic white demon spirit.

The white demon spirit's body was incredibly supple, feeling like a cushion, yet was remarkably resilient.

Bullets from Demigod Shana hit its surface, depressing its skin inward, but the next second the bullets were repelled, and the dented skin returned to its original form.

Black Death Demon King's minions swarmed over, clawing and biting at the white demon spirit but could not penetrate its skin, several being swept away with its tail, with more flung into the air with another strike.

Only the blood light slash from Jedi Knight managed to carve a wound into the white demon spirit's skin, yet the wound healed instantaneously.

"An S-Class Radiant Demon Spirit, with immense power, resilient skin, and extraordinary self-healing abilities..." Li Xiu immediately surmised, decisively tossing the gentleman's hat to Jedi Knight while quickly retreating.

With the gentleman's hat donned, the Jedi Knight's combat power soared instantly, engaging the S-Class Radiant Demon Spirit head-on without losing ground.

With each blade light clashing against the white light from the demon spirit's eye, it shattered the white light, while the blade light remained intact, continuing to slice towards the demon spirit's massive body, tearing apart its resilient skin and leaving long scars.

Li Xiu knew it wasn't solely the gentleman's hat responsible; the true reason was Jedi Knight's inherent strength. Though he lacked qualities, Li Xiu sensed that his primordial embryo quality was estimated not to be less than Radiant Demon Spirit.

Jedi Knight fought solo against the S-Class demon spirit, dramatically wounding the demon spirit repeatedly.

Unfortunately, such injuries had little effect on the demon spirit, with wounds healing almost instantly, regardless of how many strikes Jedi Knight delivered.

Seemingly aware of the ineffectiveness of its attacks, the desperate skill activated, with Jedi Knight ablaze with blood flames, like an Asura Warrior emerging from purgatory, unleashing frenzy of blade lights, ravaging the S-Class demon spirit with wounds throughout its body.

"Worth it... truly worth it... damn it, so fierce... such an S-Class demon spirit... in front of my little Jedi darling, they're just trash..." Li Xiu felt the effort of feeding it so many gemstones and demon cores was paying off at this moment.

Previously, he felt some heartache when feeding it treasures and demon cores, but now Li Xiu only regretted his limited finances that prevented him from pushing the Jedi Knight to S-Class.

With such combat power, even against the top hundred magic armor masters on the leaderboard, it could command respect among peers.

The only flaw with Jedi Knight now was its inability to fly; if magic armor masters or flying demon spirits chose long-range attacks, Jedi Knight would have no way to counter, as the blood light slash's range was limited, rendering it ineffective beyond a certain distance.

Even without the gentleman's hat, it was already immensely powerful; it should easily handle typical S-Class opponents.

This S-Class demon spirit, despite its Radiant quality, was still formidable, enduring Jedi Knight's frenzied slashes with countless wounds, yet it remained combative, continuously regenerating its wounds, unfazed by Jedi Knight's attacks.

As Li Xiu furrowed his brow, he suddenly saw Jedi Knight leap high into the air, wielding the Jedi Saber like a glowing stick above its head, fiercely hacking down toward the demon spirit's forehead.

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The red light flames on the Jedi Knight flowed into the Jedi Saber in an instant, causing the flames on the saber to surge, resembling a massive red Light Blade. With a single slash, a hundred-meter-long blood-red moon blade light detached from the blade, striking the head of the S-Class Radiant Demon Spirit.

The enormous blood-red moon blade light was unstoppable, slicing the Demon Spirit's head in two from the middle. The blade light continued downward, splitting its massive body in half, each part falling to the ground.

"From now on... there shouldn't be a need to bring the Demon Armor in..." Li Xiu looked at the two pieces of the corpse on the ground, secretly delighted.

However, after this strike, the fluorescent light on the Jedi Knight vanished, and even the Jedi Saber, which was like a fluorescent stick, became much dimmer.

Li Xiu immediately summoned the Jedi Knight back. After using the Unrivaled National Hero strike, the Jedi Knight's Light Energy was entirely depleted, leaving it with virtually no combat power.

Fortunately, he had already dealt with this Demon Spirit, temporarily escaping danger.

The only pity was that there was no chance to use a non-lethal shot on this Demon Spirit. It was impossible to penetrate it in any case, so it naturally had no effect.

Li Xiu dared not be careless and ordered the Black Death Demon King to attack the bisected Demon Spirit. A group of Black Death Demon underlings pounced on the wound, biting, but the Demon Spirit showed no signs of movement, suggesting it was truly dead.

No matter how strong its self-healing ability was, it shouldn't be able to reattach a body split in two.

It wasn't until he saw the Light Energy from the Demon Spirit's body drift out and congeal into a milky white Talent Gemstone in the air that Li Xiu finally felt relieved.

Reaching out to retrieve the Talent Gemstone, this was an S-Class Talent Gemstone, which didn't even require upgrading, directly granting an S-Class talent.

Moreover, such skills could never be gained in the Trial Ground; it's considered a rare talent.

Li Xiu immediately activated the Talent Gemstone, which transformed into a white stream of light, pouring into his body.

Invincible Body: As long as one is alive, they never admit defeat, physical strength increases by one hundred and two percent, and can shed part of the force exerted on the body.

"This talent... is excellent for taking hits..." Although Li Xiu didn't like getting hit, he was quite fond of having such a talent. In case he had to take hits, at least he would suffer less damage.

Having the Black Death Demon King dig out the Demon Core from the Demon Spirit, its body began to rapidly decay and dissolve after losing its Light Energy, so the materials were worthless.

"Another S-Class Demon Core. I might as well feed it to the Jedi Knight later. Who knows how many S-Class Demon Cores he needs to advance to S-Class." Li Xiu was excitedly scheming when he suddenly heard a scream.

Turning his head, he saw a Black Death Demon underling being swallowed by a creature with a circular mouth full of sharp teeth.

"Another one!" Li Xiu was shocked, as the Jedi Knight's Light Energy had been completely exhausted and had no combat capability.

Other Demon Spirits lacked the ability to slay S-Class Demon Spirits. If it were an average S-Class Demon Spirit, there might still be a chance.

But against such a Radiant Demon Spirit with a strong self-healing ability, even with the Gentleman Hat enhancement, it's useless.

"If it really comes to it, I'll have to let the Black Death Demon King wear the Gentleman Hat and take the brunt of it. Maybe there's still a sliver of hope." Li Xiu was contemplating, but then he suddenly noticed the surrounding sandy ground undulating continuously, and his face changed dramatically.

"No way!" Li Xiu came to a very bad judgment, and events were unfolding in the worst possible way.

One by one, Demon Spirits emerged from beneath the sand, each emitting a white fluorescent glow, their halos like the rings on a silver-ringed snake's body.

Seeing the massive bodies emerge from the sand all around, each one resembling a snake, standing upright with single eyes fixed on him.

Li Xiu's first thought was to run. He almost instinctively summoned the Masked Emperor, calling back all his Demon Spirits, and rode the Masked Emperor, twisting the throttle to full.

The Masked Emperor's engine roared, golden flames rose from the vehicle body, and light patterns flashed on the wheel rims. The exhaust pipe spewed a long trail of flame like a jet thruster.

Vroom!

The Masked Emperor's front end lifted, the front wheel leaving the ground, the rear wheel spinning wildly, flinging sand several meters high as it shot out with the engine roaring.

Click!

Li Xiu was thrown off, landing on the ground; fortunately, it was sand, or else he might have busted his butt if it had been cement.

"Damn it..." Li Xiu was disoriented, wishing he could kick the Masked Emperor into pieces.

This thing truly was unreliable. The desert here didn't have much fluctuation, no visible dunes, quite flat actually, but it not only had the rear wheel skid, even lifted the front wheel and charged out. Even the unprepared Li Xiu, or a professional rider in the same situation, would likely have fallen as well nine times out of ten.

The Masked Emperor realized Li Xiu had fallen and circled back, stopping by his side.

But Li Xiu didn't get on, because now it was too late; Demon Spirits had already surrounded him from all sides with their huge bodies, some shimmering and some glowing with halos, others radiating dazzling light, closing in like monstrous magical beings, encircling Li Xiu in the middle. Dozens of S-Class Demon Spirits were staring at him with single eyes.

Li Xiu almost sensed their inner voice: "Such a tiny morsel, not even enough to fill the gap in my teeth. Should we braise or steam it?"

"Indeed, one shouldn't be too reckless. Why did I insist on coming to the desert? If I were going to the desert, couldn't I just sunbathe? Why did I have to peek around? Even if I noticed something wrong with the shadows, I shouldn't have doomed myself breaking them..." Li Xiu regretted so much that his gut was turning blue. Now, even if the Jedi Knight's Light Energy immediately recovered, he couldn't possibly defeat so many S-Class Demon Spirits.

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Li Xiu quickly scanned his surroundings, realizing there was no way out besides the path he had entered.

He couldn't possibly take on so many S-Class Demon Spirits alone, but if he could find a way out, he might have a chance to escape. Li Xiu always believed that anything was possible; if it seemed impossible, it might be due to not having found the right method.

The night sky stretched endlessly above him. Although he had fallen from there, returning the same way seemed unlikely.

All around was desert, with no buildings in sight. This desert was even more monotonous than the one outside.

The outside desert had the undulating dunes and cactus-like plants, but here there was nothing. It was a flat sea of sand stretching endlessly like a level plain.

"You need to solve the problem at its root. Since I fell from over there, to find the way back, I'll probably have to figure something out over there," Li Xiu thought as he looked in one direction.

Others might find it difficult to orient themselves in this featureless, sandy place, easily losing their sense of direction.

But Li Xiu wouldn't lose his way. He could accurately remember the spot he had fallen from, though a giant Demon Spirit blocked his view, making it impossible to see what was happening there.

Gritting his teeth, Li Xiu mounted the Masked Emperor once more. The Emperor's Mask talent skill was activated, enveloping him in a golden knight's armor, with the helmet's visor lowering simultaneously.

A golden Light Flame ignited. The instruments' needles bounced in rhythm with the engine's roar.

"Old buddy, let's do this again. Show me your true power," Li Xiu took a deep breath, placing his gentleman's hat on the Masked Emperor's dashboard, then looked steadfastly at the looming Demon Spirits and spoke slowly.

As if responding to Li Xiu, the Masked Emperor's six exhaust pipes simultaneously spewed golden flames, seemingly saying "Yes."

Vroom!

The Demon Spirits' single eyes began to glow with Demonic Light, shooting towards Li Xiu's position. Twisting the throttle, the Masked Emperor roared to life, racing forward like a golden phantom.

The golden motorcycle kicked up a rooster tail of sand behind it, like a golden lightning bolt in the limited space, weaving and circling to avoid the barrage of Demonic Light.

Faster! Even faster! Faster still!

The Masked Emperor constantly accelerated, causing the Demon Spirits to misjudge its position during their attacks, all their shots missing the mark.

On the circular track, golden illusions were left trailing, with billows of sand lifted, engulfing the entire area.

Suddenly, a streak of golden lightning shot out from within the dust and illusions, astonishingly landing on one of the giant Demon Spirits. The tire, glowing with a halo, raced up its snake-like coiled body.

The massive Demon Spirit dared not shoot Demonic Light at its own body and could only twist, its round mouth coming down to bite.

The Demon Spirit's body wobbled, but it couldn't affect the Masked Emperor, for its speed was even greater than that of the S-Class Demon Spirit.

On the verge of the S-Class Demon Spirit's bite, the Masked Emperor leaped as if off its rails, soaring above and over the Demon Spirits' heads.

Bang!

The Masked Emperor landed in the sand, where friction from the wheels caused the sand grains to glow like sparks, and smoke rose from the tires.

Vroom vroom! Vrooom...

In the rising black smoke, the Masked Emperor's tires forcibly climbed out of the sand pit, carrying Li Xiu as it sprinted toward the spot where he had previously fallen.

Demonic Light exploded all around, and while the Masked Emperor swayed left and right, dodging one blast after another, its speed did not drop but only increased, moving faster than a plane.

Bang!

Outside, a sonic boom exploded as they broke through the sound barrier, speed increasing in a straight line, finally creating a gap from the S-Class Demon Spirits.

The S-Class Demon Spirits screeched in pursuit but found they could not close the gap with the Masked Emperor, instead gradually falling behind.

With such incredible speed, he was about to reach the spot where he had fallen moments ago.

But Li Xiu decelerated and came to a stop with a skid, frowning as he looked at his falling position.

There, surprisingly, was a small Demon Spirit, resembling the giant ones but vastly smaller, roughly the size of a large Earth-bound python.

It lifted its body, its single eye fixed on Li Xiu. Unlike the giant Demon Spirits, this small demon had a black pupil within its eye, not a pure white compound eye.

Li Xiu glanced at it, revved his throttle, and prepared to escape in another direction.

Years of fighting Demon Spirits gave him an instinct—this small Demon Spirit was far more dangerous than the giant ones. Getting out was secondary; surviving was the priority.

"Human, shall we talk?" a voice like that of a newborn girl echoed in Li Xiu's mind.

Li Xiu was slightly taken aback. He noticed the giant Demon Spirits pursuing him had unexpectedly stopped and were retreating one by one.

Releasing the throttle but keeping his fingers close, Li Xiu looked at the small Demon Spirit and asked, "What do you want to talk about?"

"I can smell Demon Spirit Wine on you. Have you been to the Nether House?" the small Demon Spirit gazed intently at Li Xiu as it asked.

A thought crossed Li Xiu's mind. "Do you want to go to the Nether House for Demon Spirit Wine?"

"Yes, so please tell me, is there a bartender currently at the Nether House?" the Demon Spirit inquired.

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Li Xiu stared at the Demon Spirit, unsure whether to answer yes or no.

"You needn't worry, I guarantee under the name of the King of the Void Realm that as long as you answer my question honestly, I'll ensure you leave the Void Realm alive." The King of the Void Realm said.

"No." Li Xiu hesitated for a moment but spoke truthfully.

"Ah, still no bartender?" The King of the Void Realm let out a long sigh, seeming quite disappointed.

"King of the Void Realm, if there are no further questions, please step aside, I must return." Li Xiu had already noticed a clue, under the King of the Void Realm, grains of sand buried a stone slab.

The grains of sand were moved aside by the King of the Void Realm's body, revealing traces of the stone slab, which Li Xiu inferred was the way out.

"Human, rest assured, since I promised to let you go, I will keep my word, but before that, you must stay with me for a while, telling me about the outside world..." The King of the Void Realm cunningly said.

"What if I want to leave now?" Li Xiu stared at the King of the Void Realm and asked.

Bam!

The King of the Void Realm didn't answer his question, instead, a flash of brilliance flickered in his eyes, and a pit exploded in the sand in front of the vehicle.

Li Xiu saw clearly that the King of the Void Realm was demonstrating its Demonic Light speed. Even the speed of a Masked Emperor couldn't evade such a rapid attack.

In the next moment, the surrounding sand quaked like an earthquake, and giant Demon Spirits emerged from below, once again encircling Li Xiu and the little Demon Spirit.

The King of the Void Realm was extraordinarily cunning, ostensibly letting those giant Demon Spirits retreat, but in reality, they were diving back under the sand, re-surrounding Li Xiu.

Li Xiu was not surprised, as he had already anticipated this possibility, originally intending to say a few words and then make a getaway.

But upon hearing the King of the Void Realm mention the Nether House, he dismissed the idea of leaving, deciding to stay here.

Even if he could escape now, as long as his opponent guarded here, preventing his return, eventually he would fall into the trap.

"Human, you're too naive, in the Void Realm, no living creature can defy my will." The King of the Void Realm said smugly.

"Well... what Void... never mind, I'll just call you Little Void." Li Xiu casually addressed the King of the Void Realm.

"Human, you are courting death; although I promised not to kill you, I can make your life a fate worse than death, enduring endless torment in this Void Realm..." The King of the Void Realm said coldly and angrily.

"Do you want to drink Demon Spirit Wine?" Li Xiu asked casually.

"I've already answered this question, is a human's brain really that dim?" The King of the Void Realm mocked.

"Do you want the refined Demon Spirit Wine?" Li Xiu continued asking without changing his expression.

"Nonsense, otherwise why need a bartender?" The King of the Void Realm said coldly.

"What I drink is refined Demon Spirit Wine." Li Xiu said.

"What does it matter to me that you drank refined Demon Spirit Wine... wait... the Nether House has no bartender... how can you drink refined Demon Spirit Wine..." The King of the Void Realm realized and stared at Li Xiu inquiringly.

"Of course, I mixed the drink myself." Li Xiu laughed.

"You are rather fortunate, randomly combining Demon Spirit Wine without dying from it." The King of the Void Realm evidently doubted Li Xiu's ability to mix drinks.

"Since you can detect the scent of Demon Spirit Wine on me, can't you sense that it's the scent of redemption?" Li Xiu calmly replied, ignoring the King of the Void Realm's ridicule.

"Redemption... you actually know redemption..." The King of the Void Realm was somewhat startled.

"Little Void, your memory is lacking, if you don't even know redemption, how would I mix drinks?" Li Xiu laughed.

The King of the Void Realm surprisingly didn't get angry over Li Xiu calling it Little Void, and stared at Li Xiu for a while, then twisted its body closer to Li Xiu, circling him, seemingly sniffing the scent on him.

"It truly is redemption! You actually drank redemption and survived!" The King of the Void Realm's face, despite only having one eye, perfectly exhibited an expression of shock.

Li Xiu had been drinking redemption for a while and the wine scent on him had weakened. Earlier, the King of the Void Realm sensed a hint of Demon Spirit Wine's aroma but didn't differentiate which type of wine it was. Now, after closer inspection, it determined it was indeed the scent of redemption.

"You really drank redemption?" The King of the Void Realm's voice was somewhat excited.

"What do you think?" Li Xiu smiled.

"You actually know how to mix redemption? That's impossible, how could anyone other than a bartender mix drinks, and how could a bartender leave the Nether House..." The King of the Void Realm's thoughts were evidently somewhat chaotic.

"Could these Demon Spirits really be illiterate? Can't they read the Nether Chronicles?" Li Xiu wondered.

However, this suited Li Xiu's intention; since the King of the Void Realm wants refined Demon Spirit Wine, yet can't mix it itself, Li Xiu felt relieved.

"Little Void, what is there to be surprised about, not only redemption, Demon's Temptation, Silent Forest, Royal Court, True Illusion... I'm adept at all of these..." Li Xiu listed the names of the cocktail recipes he knew.

"You... you know how to mix True Illusion..." The King of the Void Realm widened its eye.

"Want a drink?" Li Xiu asked with a smile.

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The King of the Void Realm instinctively nodded and grunted in agreement.

Then he realized it seemed a little beneath his status to do so, but if he refused to drink, he worried he wouldn't know how to bring it up later.

"Human... as long as you agree to brew the True Illusion for me, I can let you leave the Void Realm." The King of the Void Realm's tone noticeably softened.

"I actually think this place is quite nice, planning to stay a while and take a good look around," Li Xiu said.

"Once you finish making the drink for me, you can freely roam the Void Realm." The King of the Void Realm quickly added.

"Is that so, but I was just frightened, and my mind is a bit muddled. What if I make the wrong drink for you?" Li Xiu sighed.

For a moment, the King of the Void Realm wanted to kill Li Xiu, but could only swallow his pride, fearing that if Li Xiu really made a mistake in the concoction, even just adding a drop of some other liquor, it would be fatal.

He didn't know how to mix drinks and wasn't someone who could distinguish all the flavors by smell.

He could smell salvation because when the Dark Knight King drank it back in the day, its supernal spirit aroma spread throughout Black Death City after becoming a Super Spirit.

"What will it take for you to agree to make the drink for me?" the King of the Void Realm asked helplessly.

"Come on, you want someone to work, you must pay them, right? And I was just scared out of my wits, shouldn't I get some compensation?" Li Xiu, not planning to ever return to the Void Realm, thought he should get whatever he could.

Next time he could come back as a king to completely sweep across the Void Realm.

The King of the Void Realm already understood Li Xiu's point. Although quite frustrated, he had no choice but to lower his head.

"Wait here a moment." The King of the Void Realm stood still for a while until a giant demon spirit approached from afar, holding something in its mouth.

It stopped in front of Li Xiu, placed the object by his side, then twisted its massive body and left.

"This is your payment and compensation for mixing the drink for me." The King of the Void Realm proclaimed.

Li Xiu looked closely; the object the demon spirit delivered was a green bone, more than a foot long, like carved emerald, only one segment visible, unknown how long the entire bone was.

The bone had a slight curve, appearing similar to a rib, but it wasn't clear which demon spirit it came from.

"Just one bone?" Li Xiu was a little dissatisfied.

"This is a Spirit Bone from a Super Spirit, containing terrifying energy. If it weren't incompatible with my attributes, I wouldn't have given it to you." The King of the Void Realm snorted coldly.

Upon hearing it was Super Spirit material, Li Xiu quickly picked it up, thinking this might be useful for creating Demon Armor.

"Alright, since you're so poor that you only have this one bone, I'll reluctantly accept it." Seeing the King of the Void Realm's unpleasant expression, Li Xiu added, "Don't you want to drink the True Illusion? Come on, I'll personally brew it for you."

Li Qingyi and Bai Ying wandered around Black Death City and exited through the canyon gate, roamed around outside, and saw no demon spirit, only decomposing demon spirit corpses everywhere, feeling greatly disappointed.

"The demon spirits in Black Death City are too weak, how come they've all been slaughtered?" Bai Ying said speechlessly.

"That's reasonable, with the Hero Trial Ground already open to the public, who knows how many Trial Takers have been here, long knowing everything about this place. Unlike other Lands of Trial, barely anyone's been there, with plenty of demon spirits left to kill," Li Qingyi explained.

"Why did you think to reveal the secrets of the Trial Takers? If every Land of Trial gets crowded, it'll be troublesome for us to hunt demon spirits." Bai Ying sighed.

Li Qingyi remained silent, knowing such matters couldn't be clarified in just a few words, nor did Bai Ying necessarily want to hear more.

The two decided not to proceed further and headed back into the city, preparing to leave Black Death City.

But when they reached the crossroads, they saw Li Xiu returning from outside the city gates, accompanied by a demon spirit resembling a large white snake.

"Why aren't you outside checking out Black Death City?" Bai Ying asked with a smile.

"Finished looking," Li Xiu replied.

"This demon spirit of yours looks a bit weird, how come it only has one eye?" Bai Ying examined the King of the Void Realm.

She assumed it was a demon spirit summoned by Li Xiu, completely unaware it was wild.

In the Void Realm, the King of the Void Realm was arrogant and domineering; how could he tolerate this? He lifted his head to look at Bai Ying, his eyes glinting with a strange light.

Boom!

Li Qingyi, without anyone knowing when, stood in front of Bai Ying, holding up a shield to block the gaze attack from the King of the Void Mirror.

The shield now bore a fist-sized dent.

Bai Ying's face turned pale, fully aware of the shield's strength in Li Qingyi's hands, something even regular S-Class Demon Spirits struggled to scratch.

Yet this bizarre-looking demon spirit, with just a glance, made such a large dent in the shield; if that gaze fell on her, despite her Parasitic Contract's protective clothing, she'd likely suffer severe injury.

So suddenly resorting to murder over just a few words, Bai Ying was about to erupt in fury, but Li Qingyi restrained her.

Li Qingyi cautiously scrutinized the King of the Void Realm before asking, "Isn't that your demon spirit?"

"No, sorry, I overlooked it just now; luckily, you're alright." Li Xiu glared at the King of the Void Realm: "Little Void, if you randomly attack again, you might as well go back by yourself."

The King of the Void Realm, too lazy to argue with Li Xiu, stopped attacking Bai Ying and turned to focus on the direction of the Nether House.

"I'm really sorry, do you need compensation?" Li Xiu asked, gazing at the shield in Li Qingyi's hands.

The shield clearly was Li Qingyi's Symbiotic Contract, managing to withstand Little Void's gaze, at least A-Class, possibly even S-Class.

Being this young and already at such a high level implied an exceptional background, one not easily achieved at this age through solitary efforts.

Of course, Li Xiu's offer for compensation was due to the situation being his fault, not the opponent's background.

It was he who brought back the King of the Void Realm, so how could he let it kill people indiscriminately here?

"Fortunately, nothing happened, so no need for compensation." Li Qingyi found Li Xiu's attitude acceptable and, as it wasn't intentional on his part, didn't hold it against him.

"How about this, as an apology, let me buy you two a drink?" Li Xiu, acknowledging his mistake, planned to mix a Demon Spirit Wine for them.

During this time, Li Xiu thoroughly researched those recipes, confident that if the other party was indeed an A-Class or S-Class Trial Taker, he could ensure they'd benefit rather than perish from drinking the Demon Spirit Wine.

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"What, you still want to bite the hand that feeds you? We don't mind, and you still want to chat us up? And even want to buy us drinks? Your flirting method is too old-fashioned, even thirty years ago men stopped using such excuses." Bai Ying quipped.

"No need to apologize, but you should be more careful in the future. It wouldn't be good if someone actually got hurt." Li Qingyi glanced at the King of the Void Realm and said.

"I promise nothing like this will happen again." Li Xiu said seriously.

"That's good." Bai Ying said as she walked over and blew out her Longevity Lamp, and the figures of the two immediately disappeared.

"That guy looks pretty good, just that his mind doesn't work well." Outside the Trial Gate, Bai Ying said to Li Qingyi.

"Why do you say that?" Li Qingyi asked, puzzled.

"Look at the things he did, like a lunatic. Lying in the desert looking at the Ancient City, bringing a wild demon spirit into the city, injured us, and then wants to woo us, thinking he can just buy us a drink. Quite the dreamer." Bai Ying pursed her lips and said.

"That person is not simple. You saw it too, that wild demon spirit could leave such deep marks on my shield. It must be an S-level demon spirit, and not just any ordinary S-level, at least of radiant quality, possibly even a Radiant Demon Spirit. To make such a wild demon spirit obedient is no easy task. He is likely here to participate in the demon spirit contest too. It seems this demon spirit contest isn't as simple as we thought, just not sure if he's competing normally or here to cause trouble." Li Qingyi pondered.

"It's just a charm technique kind of ability, we've seen it before. Just because he can charm a wild demon spirit doesn't mean he has a powerful Demon Spirit Ring. Wild demon spirits can't be taken out of the Land of Trial, what's there to worry about? Besides, I think the glow on that demon spirit isn't very strong, doesn't seem to be of high quality, probably just has a powerful skill." Bai Ying did not agree with Li Qingyi's assessment.

"Anyway, if you encounter him in the demon spirit contest, you must not be careless." Li Qingyi admonished.

"Got it. If I do run into him, I'll just tell him, 'Give up, if you give up, I'll give you my friend with big boobs and long legs' contact. The way he was looking at you earlier, he'll surely surrender immediately..." Bai Ying said with a wink.

"You're courting death!" Li Qingyi laughed and scolded.

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After seeing them leave, Li Xiu, along with the King of the Void Realm, arrived at the Nether House, patted the lion's head, and the door to the Nether House immediately opened. One person and one demon spirit walked in.

"Boss lady, a guest is here." Li Xiu called out as he entered.

"So it's the new owner of the Void Realm." The boss lady's voice came from the second floor; she actually knew the King of the Void Realm.

The King of the Void Realm seemed a bit apprehensive upon hearing the boss lady's voice, and said very seriously, "Boss lady, I would like to drink a 'True Illusion,' if you would permit."

"Li Xiu, make it a 'True Illusion'." The boss lady said casually.

"Thank you very much." The King of the Void Realm quickly expressed gratitude, seeming quite wary of the boss lady.

Li Xiu thought to himself, "I wonder what background the boss lady has. Little Xu seems quite afraid of her. Maybe I can ask Little Xu when we leave."

Li Xiu moved behind the bar, took out the bartending tools, and began selecting the alcohol from the liquor cabinet.

'Eye of Truth,' 'Mirage,' 'Mask of Deceit' are the three main liquors for 'True Illusion,' along with a few other auxiliary liquors.

'Eye of Truth' requires only a single drop, resembling a luminescent tear, the radiance though not intense, is captivating.

'Mirage' is like smoke and fog, its true appearance is impossible to discern when poured.

The bottle of 'Mask of Deceit' is marked with a mask, and when opened, the glow from the bottle mouth is as intense as turning on a high-beam flashlight.

The amounts of the three drinks are minimal. After pouring them into the shaker and closing the lid, Li Xiu began shaking it.

The method for making a 'True Illusion' is peculiar, needing to first blend the three main liquors thoroughly, then quickly add the other auxiliary liquors, and it must be consumed immediately, without delay.

Under the flick of Li Xiu's wrist, only a few drops of liquor inside seemed like smoke and fog, filling up the entire shaker.

Inside, the drink flowed like a misty haze, and as the three drinks fused, the mist-like liquor became more viscous, akin to foamy beer from being shaken.

The King of the Void Realm eagerly watched without daring to make a sound, fearing it would disturb Li Xiu.

As Li Xiu shook the shaker, he sensed the energy reverberation, and when he felt the three liquors had integrated, he opened the lid with one hand, opened four bottles simultaneously with the other, directly pouring them in without using a measure due to time constraints.

Luckily, Li Xiu had absolute precision, ensuring the right quantity was achieved without the measuring device.

As soon as the lid was lifted, the misty drink inside began to surge outward, about to overflow, but once the four auxiliary liquors were added, the mist-like drink quickly dissolved as if melted away.

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After all four types of wine were poured into the jug, nearly half of the smoke and mist had vanished.

Li Xiu grabbed a wine glass with a flick of his wrist, almost flinging the wine inside out. The drops landed precisely in the cup.

Time was running out; he must get the wine to Xiao Xu before it completely disappeared.

Once the wine was in the cup, Li Xiu pushed it toward Xiao Xu outside the bar.

The wine cup slid a distance and stopped right in front of Xiao Xu.

Xiao Xu gritted his teeth, directly shoved his head into the cup, and gulped down the rapidly disappearing Smoke and Mist Wine.

The cup was emptied in an instant. After draining a cup of wine, Xiao Xu seemed drunk, staggering as he crawled out, pushing the door open with his head.

"Why are you leaving so soon, wait for me," Li Xiu wanted to chase after them but was stopped by the proprietress.

"Don't disturb it. This is the most critical moment for it," the proprietress said.

"What is the most critical moment?" Li Xiu asked, slightly taken aback.

"Sigh, you don't know anything, just someone who understands drink recipes, yet you managed to accomplish redemption and true illusion," the proprietress paused and then continued, "It's going to super spirit, live or die, do not disturb it."

"Is super spirit that dangerous?" Li Xiu frowned.

"Surpassing one's own limits is extremely dangerous in itself, and the higher the limit of the magical being, the more dangerous the endeavor. Xiao Xu is the new master of the Void Realm, its own upper limit is quite high, hence the risk of super spiriting is also greater. Otherwise, why do you think it hasn't super spirited until now, waiting for this one cup of true illusion? Without this cup, its probability of death could reach ninety percent," the proprietress laughed, "If it weren't for you, who knows how much longer it would have had to wait; if it survives, it owes you a tremendous debt."

"Exactly what kind of place is the Void Realm?" Li Xiu inquired.

"You brought it here and yet don't know what the Void Realm is?" the proprietress was surprised.

"I really don't know much," Li Xiu didn't explain further.

"In those days, the King of the Void Realm once swept through the desert, and countless magical beings bowed to its feet, honoring it as king. But today's Void Realm is no longer what it was back then. The dignified King of the Void Realm still has to rely on a cup of true illusion to super spirit—truly pathetic." the proprietress lamented.

"What exactly happened to cause the Void Realm to fall to such a state?" Li Xiu was quite intrigued by these matters.

"Things you shouldn't know, don't ask. You've done well this time, continue to seek out those magical beings, let them come and drink the Demon Spirit Wine, the more magical beings like the King of the Void Realm you find, the better," the proprietress advised.

"I'd like to go search, but in this Black Death City, where am I supposed to find so many magical beings?" Li Xiu asked.

"You might try looking outside the South Gate, maybe you'll make a discovery," the proprietress suggested.

"Which is the South Gate?" Li Xiu was completely confused about the directions in Black Death City, as he couldn't tell which direction was south.

This place is different from the outside; there's no sun or moon rising, no compass-like devices, without references there's no way to determine direction.

"Turn left when you go out."

"Is that the gate where there's the sound of ghostly wails?" Li Xiu frowned slightly.

"Correct."

"What's outside the gate? I'm afraid I won't be able to return if I go out, then there'll be no one to work for you, proprietress," Li Xiu had long wanted to go out and see, but was unwilling to risk his life; the proprietress seemed to know what was out there, just the right opportunity to inquire.

"Previously there was a graveyard outside that gate; what's there now, I don't know," the proprietress's answer was very irresponsible.

"A graveyard? Right across from the city gate? Isn't that a bit outrageous?" Li Xiu found it hard to believe, who would build a city and dedicate the city gate area to a graveyard?

"Nine out of ten households are dead, and the one left alive is near death; it's good enough that they can be buried, does it matter where they're buried?" the proprietress sneered.

"You mean the former residents of Black Death City? Why did they die?" Li Xiu's curiosity grew stronger.

"I don't know," the proprietress replied coldly and fell silent.

Li Xiu asked a few more questions but received no response from the proprietress, so he had no choice but to leave the Nether House.

He could now freely enter and exit the Nether House without needing to drink wine. Li Xiu actually wanted a drink, but it was impossible unless other beings offered him their wine; his own quota had been used up.

There was no trace of Xiao Xu outside; presumably, he had returned to the Void Realm.

"Who knows if he'll succeed in super spiriting? If he does, will he be grateful to me, or will he want to kill me?" Li Xiu decided never to venture out to the desert area again unless he also attained super spirit.

Looking toward the South Gate, Li Xiu still didn't go over there; even if he planned to go, he'd have to wait until the Jedi Knight's light energy recovered, and bring Chu Jun with him.

This time's gains were quite good—a segment of Super Spirit Bone, an S-Class Radiant Demon Core, and an Invincible Body skill—Li Xiu was quite satisfied.

Extinguishing the light, he left Black Death City, feeding the S-Class Demon Core to the Jedi Knight. After consuming it, there was no sign of upgrading, not knowing how many more it would take to advance to S-Class.