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The second round of the competition hasn't even started yet, but the venue is already packed, with people everywhere in the stands, even in the aisles.

Even standing-only tickets were sold out to make money, yet tickets are still hard to get.

People watching the Magic Spirit Tournament in all the major livestream rooms, but if you want to see a truly professional broadcast from all angles, currently only the official TV station of Red Sand City and Aibo TV Station of Guyue City are available.

The two TV stations, which originally didn't have a high viewership, are now seeing their ratings climb again and again. The competition hasn't even started yet, and the ratings of these two stations have already reached the highest levels in history, and are still climbing.

Previously, the most popular TV stations were all in places like Space City and White Night City, areas where the Demon Armor industry is more developed. People like to watch programs about Demon Armor.

The magic armor level of the Southern Cross Federation has always been low, and this is the first time in history it's received such attention.

Poor City of Light still doesn't have its TV station, and the retransmission fees aren't very high, so it hasn't made much money in this area.

This is a 14 to 7 competition, where seven spots will be decided.

The Jedi Knight was the first to appear, and just walking out of the tunnel, it was greeted with enthusiastic cheers, showing the high popularity of the Jedi Knight now.

That one slash that slew and exploded Fury Celestial Venerable has almost cemented the Jedi Knight's status in this Magic Spirit Tournament, which other magical creatures cannot shake.

The Jedi Knight's opponent is also a Black Death Demon, which is the Black Death Demon of that guy Chu Jun. He didn't face any strong opponents in the first round and easily advanced.

Sitting side by side in the lounge, Chu Jun said with a bitter face, "This schedule arrangement is really unscientific. How could we meet so early? The next Magic Spirit Tournament must be better arranged."

"Stop talking nonsense, let me see how much your command skill has improved," Li Xiu said.

Hearing this, Chu Jun puffed out his chest, "Although my magical creature isn't as good as yours, my command level is definitely not inferior to yours. Do you dare to let the Jedi Knight fight my Black Death Demon without using its talent skills?"

"Bring it on," Li Xiu smiled.

"Bring it on, who's afraid of whom," Chu Jun took a deep breath and controlled his Black Death Demon to enter the arena.

His Radiant Black Death Demon has already been promoted to Grade A, not far from Grade S, and two talent skills have awakened. This is the better one among the two Radiant Black Death Demons Li Xiu gave him.

The other Radiant Black Death Demon awakened its talent skill first, and Chu Jun prioritized its cultivation, but even when it reached Grade A, only one talent skill awakened.

Instead, this Black Death Demon, which initially didn't awaken any talent skills, later continuously awakened two talent skills and was given focused cultivation by Chu Jun.

If he hadn't taken a detour at the start, with Chu Jun's financial resources, this Black Death Demon should have been promoted to Grade S long ago.

The Jedi Knight and Black Death Demon moved at the same time, offering the spectators a competition style completely different from before.

Previously, Magic Spirit battles were essentially contests of power and skills. This time, the artistry of Magic Spirit combat was displayed to the fullest.

The Jedi Knight seemed to turn into a swordsman with exquisite saber skills, while the Black Death Demon wielded two Light Whips, with saber and whip exchanging blows in a variety of acrobatic maneuvers dazzling to the eyes.

"My god, can magic creatures fight like this?"

"If I didn't know they were magic creatures, I'd think it was two weapon masters dueling."

"Look at the Black Death Demon's body technique, isn't that the famous Eight Directions Step?"

"That saber technique looks familiar too, isn't it the Five Tiger Soul-breaking Saber technique? Can magic creatures even learn human saber techniques?"

Viewers exclaimed variously—in essence, laymen enjoying the spectacle—while those truly knowledgeable became even more astounded upon seeing it.

Obviously, magic creatures couldn't learn human skills; their ability to use such techniques only indicated the commander's command ability and innate combat capability were powerful enough.

"Didn't expect the Jedi Knight and Black Death Demon to be so well-commanded," Bai Ying, although a fan of Li Xiu, still fairly said a conscientious word.

"Indeed, very good," Li Qingyi smiled.

This level of command skill, although strong, still fell short compared to Li Qingyi, so she wasn't too surprised.

"But compared to you, there's a long way. Make sure to let him have it when you meet him, and help me get revenge," Bai Ying said.

"I'll do my best," nodded Li Qingyi.

Even though it's only the second round, the effect of the Magic Spirit Tournament has already come out; you could say the effects have already exceeded Li Qingyi's expectations, making her much more relaxed.

Li Xiu lay on the couch resting without watching the competition; he also didn't command the Jedi Knight, only instructing it not to use skills or harm Chu Jun's Black Death Demon.

The Jedi Knight was actually fighting autonomously, having nothing to do with Li Xiu.

Chu Jun exhausted himself directing the battle, but the Black Death Demon still retreated step by step. If Li Xiu hadn't already ordered the Jedi Knight not to harm the Black Death Demon, it might have already lost.

"Not playing anymore, really infuriating, how come your Jedi Knight now seems to have a much higher IQ," Chu Jun gave up, directly called back the Black Death Demon, and conceded.

"After all, with the Martial Soul Talent Skill, as long as it doesn't die, it only grows stronger with each battle," Li Xiu laughed.

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"Sometimes I really wish I could kill you and take all your demon spirits," Chu Jun said angrily.

Li Xiu ignored him, and the Jedi Knight exited the arena to a wave of cheers.

Currently on the internet, the Jedi Knight's support for winning the championship is getting stronger, firmly occupying the first place among all the demon spirits.

The second match was between Snowstorm Princess and a Violent Bear. As expected, the A-level Violent Bear was utterly crushed by the Snowstorm Princess, receiving the same full applause.

Snowstorm Princess and Jedi Knight are somewhat similar, with the Jedi Knight appearing as a warrior in red armor.

The Snowstorm Princess appears as a female swordsman clad in Frost Snow Armor, with silver hair and wielding a rapier.

Apart from the Jedi Knight, Snowstorm Princess is currently the most popular, even more so than the Black Death Demon King.

It's understandable since, although the Black Death Demon King is powerful, its appearance is at a disadvantage, resembling a malevolent demon from the shadows, unlike the beautiful Snowstorm Princess.

The third match featured the Thunder Magic Wolf, also S-level, but the quality was not high, only of Shining Quality.

However, the opponent was too weak, a B-level minor demon spirit, which was knocked out by one Thunder Claw from the Thunder Magic Wolf.

The fourth match was the Rock Man, also S-level, but of even lesser quality than the Thunder Magic Wolf, only of Radiant Quality.

The Rock Man's opponent was even weaker. It stood there allowing the opponent to attack for several minutes. The Ancient Soldier Demon Spirit wielded its Iron Spear and stabbed for ages without even breaking the Rock Man's skin. Finally, it was punched out of the match.

This is not surprising, as in the first Demon Spirit Tournament, the level of participating demon spirits is really not impressive. Having S-level demon spirits, aside from those of Li Xiu and team, is already a lucky surprise.

In the fifth match, the Black Death Demon King took to the stage, and the opponent forfeited directly without appearing.

It was just a C-level minor demon spirit, and being able to advance to the second round was already due to luck, not daring to face the Black Death Demon King.

This result was expected, and no one accused of foul play. Instead, there were praises for the Black Death Demon King and disappointment for not witnessing the Black Death Demon King summon its minions again.

The sixth match saw Ye Yuzhen's Mechanical Skeleton win, followed by Ah Fei's Black Death Demon triumphing in the seventh, showing both had good luck.

The A-level Mechanical Skeleton didn't encounter a decent opponent for two rounds, successfully advancing to the top seven.

Ah Fei's Radiant Black Death Demon, only B-level and lower in rank than Chu Jun's Black Death Demon, surprisingly sailed smoothly into the third round.

We can only say the first Demon Spirit Tournament is really diluted, as even a B-level Black Death Demon can advance to the top seven.

The current top seven are Jedi Knight, Snowstorm Princess, Thunder Magic Wolf, Rock Man, Black Death Demon King, Mechanical Skeleton, and Black Death Demon.

When the matches concluded, Chu Jun took the stage to announce advertisements, but suddenly noticed someone dressed as a Magic Armor Master entering the arena from the audience.

"That's... Tian Liu... Tian Liu actually came..." Meng Xiaotian, who had been silent for these days, instantly recognized that fiery red Tian Liu armor.

A normally wilted Meng Xiaotian nearly jumped up. Despite his live stream's traffic soaring in recent days, he wasn't happy at all.

Meng Xiaotian is someone with his own perseverance and faith, believing that Magic Armor Masters are the true saviors of this era, not those demon spirits.

Tian Liu is a genuine strong Magic Armor Master, not like Jia Bo, who barely ranks within the top hundred.

If not for narrowly losing to the Hand of God, Tian Liu could have challenged for the second place in the world, a truly top-tier Magic Armor Master.

In the era of God's Coming, being second in the world was the highest honor for any other Magic Armor Master; no one thought losing to God was shameful; it seemed to have become a given.

"I was wondering why there hasn't been any movement from the Magic Armor Masters these past two days, even in Space City and our White Night City—turns out Tian Liu is here." Meng Xiaotian was overjoyed; with Tian Liu taking action, he was relieved.

How strong can the Jedi Knight be compared to Tian Liu?

At this point, others also recognized Tian Liu, although he hadn't appeared in the public eye for a long time.

But the dual-core magic armor Tian Liu was too distinctive; many magic armor enthusiasts could recognize it at a glance.

"Damn, Tian Liu is here to smash the competition; City of Light is in trouble."

"Who would have thought Tian Liu would come; it shows how impactful the Demon Spirit Tournament has been on Magic Armor Masters."

"It was bound to happen; the existence of the Demon Spirit Tournament itself is the biggest challenge to Magic Armor Masters. Even if Tian Liu didn't come, other top-tier Magic Armor Masters would, perhaps even God might come."

"I wonder how the City of Light plans to handle this—can the Jedi Knight compete against Tian Liu?"

"Probably very difficult. Of the nine schools of magic armor, Tian Liu ranks first. The destructive power of dual-core magic armor is considered peerless; even God used the Hand of God to defeat Tian Liu—no matter how powerful the Jedi Knight is, it can't compare to God."

Amidst the discussions, Tian Liu walked to the center of the arena and addressed Chu Jun on the stage, "Magic Armor Master Tian Liu wishes to challenge your city's lord's demon spirit. I wonder if the Lord of Light City dares to accept?"

Chu Jun looked towards the direction of Li Xiu's room; this kind of decision he could not make on behalf of Li Xiu.

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Li Xiu glanced at Tian Liu in the arena through the one-way glass, and then said to Ye Xiyuan beside him, "You've practiced the Hand of God for so long, it's time to try it in actual combat. Go ahead."

"Yes." Although Ye Xiyuan felt a bit nervous, she resolutely donned the Ghost-faced Magic Armor and walked towards the passageway.

Everyone's eyes focused on the figure walking out from the passageway, including Tian Liu.

But when they saw it was a Magic Armor Master stepping out, they were all slightly taken aback.

"What's going on? Isn't Tian Liu supposed to challenge the Lord of Light City? Isn't the Lord of Light City a Trial Taker? So why is a Magic Armor Master stepping out?"

"Could it be that the Lord of Light City is chickening out? Letting a Magic Armor Master fight, truly, Magic Armor Masters are stronger than magic spirits."

"Haha, definitely chickening out! But having a Magic Armor Master fight, wouldn't the defeat be even more disgraceful? Besides the Hand of God, who else can defeat Tian Liu?"

"Having a Magic Armor Master face Tian Liu is no different from delivering food to him."

Tian Liu scrutinized the Magic Armor Master in front of him, unable to recognize the modified Ghost-faced Magic Armor, so he frowned and asked, "Are you the Lord of Light City?"

"No." Ye Xiyuan's answer immediately caused a stir.

Everyone could hear it was a very pleasant woman's voice, clearly not the Lord of Light City, and it sounded like this female Magic Armor Master was quite young.

"I don't fight with women. Go back and ask the Lord of Light City to come out. If he dares not to fight, it's no matter, I'll just leave now." Tian Liu said indifferently.

If the Lord of Light City dares not to face the challenge, Tian Liu felt he had regained enough face for the Magic Armor Master and did not insist on killing the Jedi Knight.

His purpose here was simply to let everyone know that Magic Armor Masters will always be stronger than magic spirits, that is all.

After putting on the armor, Ye Xiyuan seemed like a different person, dramatically different from her usual introverted and shy character, becoming very calm and confident.

"The City Lord asked me to come here just to tell you that although the City of Light hosts the magic spirit tournament to cultivate Trial Takers, it equally respects Magic Armor Masters. There are many Magic Armor Masters like me in the City of Light. Over the years, Magic Armor Masters have always been the guardians of the world and humanity, they were before, they are now, and they will be in the future. However, apart from Magic Armor Masters, ordinary people are also part of this world and also hope to have the ability to protect their homes and loved ones. The reason the City of Light hosts the magic spirit tournament is to tell everyone that as long as they are willing to try, they too can have the power to protect their homes and loved ones. The world is not only for Magic Armor Masters, and those who can sacrifice for the world are not only Magic Armor Masters; everyone has the duty and right to defend their homes..." Ye Xiyuan said forcefully.

Her words made many people's blood boil, striking them in their hearts and raising goosebumps.

Yes, they were people too, and they wanted to be able to protect their families and friends, to guard their small homes well.

But facing the terrifying magic spirits, they simply had no way to contend with them.

How many people once dreamed of being a Magic Armor Master, but that dream was shattered due to talent limitations.

Now, finally, someone has stepped forward to tell them there is another path they can take, opening a new door of hope for their world.

"Absolutely right. This is the magnanimity that a Magic Armor Master should have. That female Magic Armor Master is absolutely correct."

Ye Xiyuan's words resonated strongly among the ordinary people.

"Ye Xiyuan, wearing the armor, is flawless." Even Li Xiu didn't expect Ye Xiyuan to say such things, and couldn't help but see her in a new light.

Ye Yuzhen was moved to tears, knowing that much of what Ye Xiyuan said was voicing out on his behalf.

Sha Chu and Qin Shi were also a bit surprised, as they had never seen this side of Ye Xiyuan. Whenever they saw Ye Xiyuan usually, she was just a shy girl, but they didn't expect her to be so bold and valiant after donning the armor.

"Well said, this is the true purpose why Li Xiu and I established the City of Light and host the magic spirit tournament." Chu Jun said, feeling as if meeting a kindred spirit.

Tian Liu didn't expect the female Magic Armor Master to say such words and, after pondering for a moment, said, "I will remember what you said. I hope the City of Light can keep its word and truly do this for the sake of ordinary people, not for selfish interests. If I find the City of Light to be inconsistent in the future, I will definitely return."

After saying so, Tian Liu turned to leave.

"Please wait." Ye Xiyuan called out to Tian Liu.

"What else?" Tian Liu looked at Ye Xiyuan and asked.

"I am here on the order of the City Lord to accept the challenge and dare not disobey. I implore your guidance." Ye Xiyuan said calmly.

Even Sha Chu couldn't help cheering for Ye Xiyuan. Her previous words erected a glorious image of the City of Light in people's minds, making Tian Liu have to give up the idea of challenging Li Xiu, otherwise people would think he lacked magnanimity, wanting to cut off the path of ordinary people's advancement. If he insisted on challenging Li Xiu, it would mean making enemies with ordinary people worldwide.

It seemed like showing weakness to the enemy, but in fact, it had already put them in an invincible position.

And the words that followed told everyone that the City of Light wasn't a place where you could come and go as you please.

Such methods and mind, it was really hard to imagine that it came from the usually introverted and shy girl's mouth.

"In that case, I'll make an exception to teach you a thing or two. What is your code name?" Tian Liu had no choice but to fight, realizing if he didn't, Ye Xiyuan wouldn't let him go.

"City of Light—Shuang Ye." Ye Xiyuan blurted out, having already thought of her code name.

Shuang Ye, representing both her and Ye Yuzhen, she wanted to fight not only for herself but also for Ye Yuzhen.

"Frost Leaves? Be careful then, my magic armor might be a bit strong." Tian Liu nodded, mistakenly understanding Ye Xiyuan's code name as Frost Leaves filling the sky.

"Please guide me." Ye Xiyuan also activated the Ghost-faced Magic Armor, as streaks of Light Pattern illuminated on the Ghost-faced Magic Armor.

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"I didn't expect to watch the Magic Spirits Tournament and also get a Magic Armor Master battle. Totally worth the ticket price."

"Though I hope Frost Leaves wins, her opponent is Tian Liu. I just hope she doesn't lose too badly."

"Regardless of the outcome, I'll be a fan of Frost Leaves from now on. Those words just touched my heart."

People were talking endlessly, with many hoping Ye Xiyuan could win.

Buzz!

Tian Liu moved forward, the demon patterns on his back bursting with light like thrusters, instantly propelling his body to Ye Xiyuan's front.

The Dual Core Power is indeed domineering, granting Tian Liu a speed far surpassing ordinary S-Class Magic Armor Masters, even though he was holding back and not fully unleashing Tian Liu's power.

Tian Liu wasn't keen on locking horns with Ye Xiyuan; he didn't like battling women and only sought a quick victory.

At the very moment he arrived in front of Ye Xiyuan, the light patterns on Tian Liu's back emitted sideways, propelling him into a mysterious arc, blinking to Ye Xiyuan's side, delivering a punch to her waist.

This technique is called "Celestial River Cross Flow," a magic armor manipulation technique created by Tian Liu, seemingly a headlong rush but actually disrupting the opponent's judgment.

Countless Magic Armor Masters have been defeated by him using Celestial River Cross Flow with just a single move.

But as this punch was thrown, Tian Liu immediately sensed something off; that female Magic Armor Master, Frost Leaves, surprisingly reacted, moving like a butterfly weaving through flowers. Not only did she dodge his punch, but she also counter-attacked, with her hand gathered with purple light forming a Light Blade, slashing at his arm.

Clang!

Tian Liu's hand gathered with a red Light Blade, clashing with Ye Xiyuan's purple Light Blade, instantly bursting with light and sparks flying everywhere.

Tian Liu and Ye Xiyuan fought swiftly, amidst fast movements, the Light Blades continually flashing and clashing, momentarily matched evenly.

"Ah! Frost Leaves seems quite strong, able to battle Tian Liu without falling behind."

"No way, she's this strong?"

"Didn't she say earlier that she was just one of many Magic Armor Masters from City of Light? Are there so many Magic Armor Masters of this level in City of Light?"

"Tian Liu isn't exerting his full power, right?"

The spectators were somewhat surprised, Frost Leaves was far stronger than they anticipated.

Tian Liu was even more astonished, this female Magic Armor Master's level was far beyond his expectation, making victory elusive for the moment.

Even more shocking to Tian Liu was that Frost Leaves' body technique bore resemblance to God's Angel Wings.

Originally, Tian Liu didn't take Ye Xiyuan as a rival, but now he began taking things seriously.

Buzz!

Another Light Blade appeared in Tian Liu's other hand, dual wielding blades, launching a torrential storm-like assault on Ye Xiyuan.

Clang! Clang! Clang! Clang!

Ye Xiyuan manipulated the Ghost-faced Magic Armor to move swiftly while swinging the Light Blade in hand continuously, barely fending off Tian Liu's onslaught.

Though the Ghost-faced Magic Armor could also gather dual blades, Ye Xiyuan couldn't do the same.

Tian Liu, powered by dual cores, wielded strongly energized dual blades. If Ye Xiyuan formed dual blades too, her energy would weaken, and she'd be unable to hold off Tian Liu's Demon Light Blade.

Under Tian Liu's fierce attack, Ye Xiyuan could only retreat step by step, continually dodging and blocking, seemingly lacking any ability to counter.

"Xiyuan will be alright, right?" Ye Yuzhen's palm was sweating, asking Li Xiu worriedly.

"Don't worry, this isn't her limit yet," Li Xiu said with a smile.

Having personally trained Ye Xiyuan, naturally, he knew her limits well.

Upon hearing Li Xiu's reassurance, Ye Yuzhen slightly relaxed but still kept his eyes fixed on the arena, fearing anything might happen to Ye Xiyuan.

Initially, the audience, like Ye Yuzhen, held their breath for Ye Xiyuan.

But after some time, Tian Liu's relentless storm-like assault continued, yet he couldn't even harm Ye Xiyuan in the slightest.

Gradually, people started to understand, there was something about Ye Xiyuan's body technique.

"That's... God's Angel Wings... Frost Leaves can actually use God's Angel Wings..."

"Wow, it does resemble Angel's Wings quite a bit."

"Not just a bit, it clearly is Angel's Wings. This battle style undeniably mirrors God's combat style, letting the enemy expend their strength before finally defeating them."

"Frost Leaves trying to imitate God is somewhat overboard, considering her opponent is Tian Liu."

"A true goddess indeed! With a good character, right values, and possessing top-tier Magic Armor Master techniques, simply impeccable!"

Tian Liu had already figured out the issue, seeing that Frost Leaves' battle style was identical to God's, even giving him a mistaken feeling of battling God.

Frost Leaves even imposed more pressure on him than when he last battled God.

Of course, this wasn't because Frost Leaves' ability surpassed Li Xiu's at that time, but because Li Xiu had already reached a realm of emptiness, making Tian Liu unable to sense that he had fallen into Li Xiu's rhythm in battle, and thus felt no pressure.

The pressure Tian Liu felt now simply indicated Ye Xiyuan's skills weren't mature enough yet.

In the heat of battle, Tian Liu didn't dwell on it; the fight didn't allow for such musings.

Fully immersed, serious and vigilant, Tian Liu felt like he had returned to fighting God, his mind solely focused on the thought of winning.

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Suddenly, Tian Liu took two swift steps back, bringing his hands together, and the Celestial Flow Dual Blades instantly merged into one, condensing terrifying sharpness atop Tian Liu's hands.

"Dual Flow... Unite..." As the space shook violently, Tian Liu's hands suddenly blasted out, the terrifying light transforming into a sky-shattering beam that tore through the air and struck in front of Ye Xiyuan.

The Demonic Light unleashed at full power activation from dual cores, in terms of destructive power and speed, was unmatched by ordinary S-Class Magic Armor.

Even among the world's top ten Magic Armor Masters, aside from the God of course, almost no one would withstand the "Dual Flow Unite" face-on.

Ye Yuzhen felt his heart about to leap out; though not a Magic Armor Master himself, he had heard of the world-famous Dual Flow Unite.

Ye Xiyuan hadn't taken a step back, in fact she didn't have time; the Dual Flow Unite was too fast.

Seeing Ye Xiyuan not dodge, Tian Liu felt a bit of regret inside. He had mistaken Ye Xiyuan for the God, and therefore used the full force of Dual Flow Unite without holding back, but the opponent wasn't the God after all. With this strike, she would likely be dead or maimed, and it was too late for Tian Liu to withdraw.

Suddenly, Tian Liu's pupils contracted, his face showing disbelief.

In fact, not only Tian Liu, all those watching this Magic Armor Master battle had their eyes wide open.

The terrifying Demonic Light Tian Liu blasted out was actually caught by Ye Xiyuan with just one hand, that hand seemed to possess the ability to cover the sky.

The terrifying Demonic Light crashed into her palm, yet did not explode, instead, it continued to be compressed and condensed, ultimately forming a light ball that flickered and quivered incessantly.

"Oh... my... God... God's Hand..." everyone's mouths formed an O shape, blankly staring at Ye Xiyuan and the light ball in her hand.

Buzz!

Ye Xiyuan swung her arm and tossed the light ball from her palm back.

Looking at the light ball flying towards him, Tian Liu didn't panic; instead, he started to laugh.

He had painstakingly researched his skills for two years, waiting for this day, although he never expected this day to come so quickly and so unexpectedly.

But none of it mattered anymore; last time he was defeated by the Hand of God, and this time, he intended to vindicate himself.

"What of the Hand of God, even if the God himself came, he would still lose." Tian Liu roared, his hands overlapping with terrifying Demonic Light bursting between his palms.

"Celestial Flow Vortex!" With Tian Liu's roar, the Demonic Light within his palms transformed into a vortex, which, when pushed out suddenly, spun like a horizontal tornado towards the flying compressed Demon Light Ball.

The Demon Light Ball, upon entering the vortex, was influenced by it, starting to spin following the direction of the vortex.

With the vortex's power affecting it, the Demon Light Ball was ultimately redirected, rushing back towards Ye Xiyuan with the vortex.

Tian Liu was so excited he almost wanted to howl at the sky, having spent two years buried in research, finally developing the "Celestial Flow Vortex" Magic Armor Skill to counter the Hand of God.

At this moment, it proved that his two years of effort were not in vain; his Celestial Flow Vortex truly capable of countering the Hand of God, all his labor and dedication were rewarded.

But the next instant, Tian Liu was stunned.

The Celestial Flow Vortex carrying the Demon Light Ball reached Ye Xiyuan, only to be caught again by Ye Xiyuan with one hand.

Not only was the Demon Light Ball grasped in Ye Xiyuan's palm once more, but even the energy of the Celestial Flow Vortex was compressed into the Demon Light Ball, making its energy even more terrifying.

Ye Xiyuan stared at Tian Liu, and after a long pause, suddenly raised her hand and tossed the Demon Light Ball towards the sky.

The Demon Light Ball swiftly shot into the high sky, explosively bursting at a height of a thousand meters, resembling an enormously vast sun, rivaling the real sun into obscurity.

A powerful shock wave descended from the sky, like a gale, knocking the spectators in the stands in all directions.

Luckily, the Demon Light Ball did not explode within the field, or the defenses of the arena might not withstand such violent ruin.

Tian Liu, looking complexly at Ye Xiyuan, knew if she tossed the Demon Light Ball towards him again, even using the Celestial Flow Vortex once more, it would be hard to stop.

He had been focused solely on breaking the Hand of God's compressed Demon Light Ball, never considering that the Hand of God could compress his Celestial Flow Vortex as well.

"Are you the God?" Tian Liu asked, looking complexly at Ye Xiyuan.

"I'm not the God; I'm Shuang Ye, a City of Light Magic Armor Master, the weakest under the City Lord." Ye Xiyuan replied.

The reason Ye Xiyuan claimed she was the weakest wasn't due to modesty; it was because both Qing Shan and Qin Shi had taught her, so Ye Xiyuan always regarded them as teachers.

However, the main reason Ye Xiyuan felt weak was because she was learning under Li Xiu, feeling increasingly that the path of the Magic Armor Master was like an endless ocean, realizing she knew too little, feeling herself more inadequate, finding too many defects, thus thinking herself weak.

"City of Light... weakest... Magic Armor Master..." Tian Liu stared blankly at Ye Xiyuan, momentarily unable to react.

"If that's the weakest, how strong are the City of Light's Magic Armor Masters? What am I then?" Tian Liu finally regained his senses, unable to resist a sour curse in his heart.

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"I lost, do as you please." Tian Liu seemed to have aged considerably in an instant; despite being under thirty, his voice sounded like that of an old man nearing the end of his life.

"You speak too highly; it was merely a friendly encounter. There's no need to take it to heart. The City of Light does not welcome people with ulterior motives like Jia Bo, but it warmly welcomes upright Magic Armor Masters like yourself. If you wish, you're always welcome to visit the City of Light." said Ye Xiyuan.

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It's gone mad, the whole internet has gone mad.

Countless video clips were spreading online, and the attention drawn by the battle between Ye Xiyuan and Tian Liu overshadowed the Magic Spirit Championships itself.

"The City of Light that Made Magic Armor Masters Cry—Demon Spirit Capital"

"The Female Deity of the City of Light"

"The Angel of the City of Light Fighting for Ordinary People"

"The Weakest Magic Armor Master of the City of Light"

"The Most Beautiful Magic Armor Master—Frost Leaves"

"God is a Girl"

"After Three Years, Hand of God Perfectly Recreated"

Various videos dominated the trending lists, with the top ones mostly related to Ye Xiyuan, and the rest largely to the Magic Spirit Championships.

After this battle, the City of Light has become incredibly popular worldwide, and now no one is unaware of the City and the Magic Spirit Championships.

"The City of Light is unbelievable. I initially thought it was just a small town for laughs; who knew the saying was absolutely right. It's a place where Magic Armor Masters cry. Their magic spirits are strong, and they can even overpower the world's fourth-ranked Tian Liu, yet their Magic Armor Master is supposedly the weakest. It's outrageous."

"Do you think Frost Leaves could be God? After all, besides God, no one can use the Hand of God. If she is indeed God, wouldn't that mean the world's number one Magic Armor Master is a girl? It's mind-blowing."

On this day, it seemed everyone was discussing the female Magic Armor Master code-named "Frost Leaves" and the City of Light, although they had mistaken the code for Shuang Ye.

Online public opinion was overwhelmingly in favor of the City of Light and Frost Leaves. The words spoken by Ye Xiyuan spread widely across networks, inspiring many to consider becoming Trial Takers.

But wanting to become a Trial Taker means unavoidable risks, and as such, the City of Light has become the top choice for many.

Going to other Trial Grounds might cost you your life, as ordinary people simply can't access information about them. But in the City of Light, not only do they provide comprehensive guides, they also teach and ensure you learn, and even sell treasures like the Demon Spirit Ring. It's too enticing, and some are even considering immigrating to the City of Light.

"Xiyuan, you were amazing." Ye Yuzhen hugged Ye Xiyuan, who was extremely excited.

Ye Xiyuan had defeated Tian Liu, the world's fourth-ranked, who had only ever lost to God; and she managed to defeat him.

In the past, such a thing would have been unimaginable.

"Brother..." Ye Xiyuan blushed, reverting to her shy girlish demeanor after removing the Demon Armor.

"Well done." Li Xiu also encouraged, acknowledging how Ye Xiyuan had just mastered the Hand of God and could even amplify it the second time; she did exceptionally well.

Chu Jun and others also cheered for Ye Xiyuan, except for Sha Chu, who watched coldly. She thought there was something very wrong with Ye Xiyuan.

How could one have two completely different faces? Ye Xiyuan with the Demon Armor and without seemed like two entirely different people. Which one is her true self?

"Keep an eye on that girl. She may become a ticking time bomb. The better her innate talent, the more catastrophic the consequences if she ever goes wrong." After everyone had left, and only Li Xiu remained, Sha Chu said to Li Xiu.

"I understand, but after all, the future is yet to come, and we can't negate someone because of future uncertainties," Li Xiu replied.

"What she said earlier was well-done; she helped us out of quite a bind. In the short term, no Magic Armor Master should cause us trouble openly again." After a pause, Sha Chu added, "In three days, the Magic Spirit Championships will end. I'll hand my current tasks to A Fei and Chu Jun, and I won't bother saying goodbye when I leave."

"I'll wait for your return." Li Xiu said with a smile.

"Alright, wash up and wait for me at home." Sha Chu replied with a smile and walked away.

"This woman." Li Xiu shook his head.

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"It's surprising that the City of Light has a Magic Armor Master capable of using the Hand of God," Bai Ying said, blinking in her room. "Do you think she's the God from Space City?"

"I don't know; I'm not a Magic Armor Master, so I don't understand their stuff." Li Qingyi shook her head.

"Of course, you don't mind. Even if she were God, she wouldn't be your match. No matter how powerful God is, she still relies on magic armor. With the current level of magic armor, there's still no set capable of battling a Super Spirit Tester, so you naturally have nothing to worry about." Bai Ying sighed.

"You're also almost at the Super Spirit level." Li Qingyi said with a smile.

"My talent is nothing compared to yours, reaching Super Spirit with just one Super Spirit Gemstone. My family prepared a Super Spirit Gemstone for me, but they don't dare let me use it because they're afraid I'll die due to my congenital defects and genetic disorder," Bai Ying said, growing more frustrated.

"There must be a way. No need to rush." Li Qingyi comforted.

"There is a way, but it's very hard to achieve. Unless there's a Demon Core containing wind, fire, and thunder energies simultaneously to compensate for my Triple Yin Extinct Vein's congenital insufficiency, using the Super Spirit Gemstone would be certain death. Where could I find such an item? I've already given up." Bai Ying said with a forced smile.

"Rest assured, as long as there's a method, I'll definitely help you achieve the Super Spirit level." Li Qingyi said, gently stroking Bai Ying's hair like one would caress a cat.

"Let's not waste time. Dual-attribute magic spirits can still be seen, but I've never heard of tri-attribute ones. Besides, even if one existed, it might not be of wind, fire, and thunder attributes. The probability is just too low." Bai Ying shook her head.

"Everything is possible; there's always a way." Li Qingyi reassured.

Chapter 377 - Starlight Ruby

In the third round, which is the seven advancing to four, one magic spirit will get a bye. Through the draw, Chuyuki Princess qualified for the bye, directly advancing to the semifinals.

The Jedi Knight and the Black Death Demon King met in advance, while the Mechanical Skeleton faced off against Afei's Black Death Demon, which was considered lucky. If it weren't for the two of them drawing together, it's estimated that neither would have advanced to the semifinals.

The Thunder Magic Wolf and Rock Man were grouped together, and this battle should be considered the truest, most genuine fight in the seven advancing to four.

Sure enough, when the Thunder Magic Wolf and Rock Man began their first match, it was unusually intense. Thunder Magic Wolf was fast and strong in attack, while Rock Man had thick skin and invincible defense, completely a battle of spear versus shield.

By the end of the battle, it nearly ended in mutual destruction. Rock Man surprisingly used inferior quality to restrain Thunder Magic Wolf, advancing first to the semifinals.

Before the Mechanical Skeleton and Black Death Demon started fighting, Ye Yuzhen came to find Li Xiu, hoping to ensure Black Death Demon's advancement to the semifinals, as Black Death Demon is the signature of the City of Light; the better Black Death Demon performs, the more beneficial it is for the City of Light.

Li Xiu patted Ye Yuzhen's shoulder and said, "Fight with all your strength. The City of Light doesn't need anyone to sacrifice; those with ability should reap rewards."

Ye Yuzhen nodded heavily, feeling more that the choice he and his sister made was absolutely correct.

The battle between Mechanical Skeleton and Black Death Demon was also quite intense. Ye Yuzhen, having recently often teamed with Afei to fight cooperatively in Black Death City, knew both sides well, making the battle exceptionally brilliant.

Ultimately, the A-Class Mechanical Skeleton was still no match for Afei's B-Class Black Death Demon, mainly due to the quality gap.

Ye Yuzhen's Mechanical Skeleton was just Flowing Colors Quality, two grades lower than the Radiant Black Death Demon.

The final match was between the Jedi Knight and the Black Death Demon King, which was the most watched battle in the seven advancing to four.

Was the individual combat strength of the Jedi Knight stronger, or was the summoning-type Black Death Demon King stronger? Both sides had supporters, and before the battle started, the debate was already in full swing.

"Of course, the Jedi Knight is stronger; one slash can destroy S-Class Magic Armor. Can the Black Death Demon King and his minions withstand one slash?"

"Do you know what it means for ants to bite an elephant to death? Besides, the ones summoned by the Black Death Demon King are all Radiant Demon Spirits, much fiercer than tigers. No matter how strong the Jedi Knight is, he can't fight against many opponents."

"Blow up the Jedi Knight; absolutely No.1."

"The Black Death Demon King is so cool; a group of Radiant Demon Spirits is simply insane."

As the magic spirit tournament progresses, knowledge about magic spirits is being continually popularized, and common people already know the differences in quality between magic spirits.

With the Jedi Knight and Black Death Demon King entering the arena at the same time, the noisy stands became much quieter, and everyone was waiting for the battle to begin.

However, the battle everyone was waiting for didn't begin. Instead, the host, Chu Jun, walked to the center of the arena, bowed deeply to the audience on the stands, and then said, "I'm truly sorry; I know everyone was looking forward to this battle, but I'm afraid I have to disappoint you. The Jedi Knight will choose to forfeit."

"Why would the Jedi Knight forfeit?"

"Oh my, is there some backstage operation in this match?"

"Protest! Why make the Jedi Knight forfeit? He is the strongest magic spirit."

"Did the Lord of Light City come under external pressure and had to forfeit?"

"I came today just to watch the Jedi Knight and Black Death Demon King fight. You're telling me it's canceled... Refund..."

Suddenly, boos erupted from the stands, and someone took the lead in chanting a refund. The refund chant quickly spread, and in no time, a unified deafening refund chant resounded through the entire arena.

Online, there was also all sorts of discussion and speculation, with everyone analyzing why the Jedi Knight would forfeit. After all, it was the City Lord of Light's magic spirit, and there shouldn't be talk of backstage operations.

The greatest possibility is that the City Lord of Light felt the Jedi Knight wasn't a match for the Black Death Demon King and didn't want to lose too embarrassingly on the stage, so chose to forfeit the match.

This made Black Death Demon King's supporters all excited, each arrogantly posting comments.

"I told you, Black Death Demon King is invincible; you see, even the Jedi Knight doesn't dare to accept the challenge."

"Black Death Demon King really is invincible; that group of Radiant Demon Spirit minions—who can block them?"

"Directly advised the Jedi Knight against fighting, my great Black Death Demon King is eternal."

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When the chanting at the scene almost subsided, Chu Jun chose a timing and continued, "Please quiet down, everyone. I will explain the reason for the Jedi Knight's withdrawal, and there's another announcement to make."

Once it was somewhat quiet, Chu Jun continued, "To speak the truth, I also wanted to know who is stronger between the Jedi Knight and the Black Death Demon King and was eagerly anticipating this match. But unfortunately, it really isn't possible; this match is destined to be unfair, and it cannot be a fair fight, because the Jedi Knight and Black Death Demon King belong to the same contestant. If we let them battle, it's like left hand fighting right hand. Do you think their true abilities can genuinely be showcased?"

This statement caused a commotion both inside and outside the venue.

"Oh my, turns out Jedi Knight and Black Death Demon King both belong to the Lord of Light City!"

"Ah! I should have realized it earlier. The Black Death Demon is a magic spirit produced by the City of Light. Such a powerful Black Death Demon King could only belong to the City Lord of Light."

"Two such strong magic spirits both belong to the same person; the strength of the City Lord of Light is unfathomable!"

"With two major magic spirits in possession, plus such a strong Magic Armor Master overseeing, no wonder the City of Light has the boldness to host the magic spirit tournament despite everything."

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"Haha, this is killing me! The Lord of Light City is trying to double-secure the championship, but his own demon spirits met prematurely. What a tragedy!"

"Fighting oneself is fine too, we enjoy watching it."

"There's no need for a person's two demon spirits to fight each other. It's the same person commanding them; there's no point in continuing the fight. One should definitely withdraw."

"No, why make the Jedi Knight withdraw? I want to see the showdown between the Jedi Knight and the Snowblower Princess. Can't the Black Death Demon King withdraw instead?"

Chu Jun held the microphone and continued, "Because it's the first time we're hosting the Demon Spirit Tournament, and due to lack of experience, this happened. We sincerely apologize. To express our apology, we from the City of Light have prepared three Talent Gemstones, three Skill Rings, three Demon Spirit Rings, and thirty Demon Cores as prizes, which will be randomly given to lucky audience members..."

The announcement from Chu Jun caused the crowd to erupt in cheers.

Chu Jun then began to introduce the features and uses of the Talent Gemstones, Skill Rings, and Demon Spirit Rings.

Talent naturally refers to the Night Pupil, skills to the Dark Curse, and demon spirits to the Black Death Demon, while the demon cores are the lowest level, E-grade Ordinary Demon Cores.

This acted as a wave of advertisement, letting people know that with the Night Pupil talent and Dark Curse skill, passing through the Dark Maze is safer, attracting more wealthy yet cautious individuals to the City of Light.

The scene was filled with excitement; initially, only thirty demon cores were promised, but they ended up distributing over a hundred by the end, repeatedly increasing the number.

After Li Xiu retrieved the Jedi Knight and Dark Demon King, he left the arena early.

The Demon Spirit Tournament wasn't a significant event for Li Xiu. Over the past few days, he had been preparing for his promotion to D-level, and he was almost ready.

He had just left the arena and hadn't walked far when he saw Li Qingyi coming out from another door. She had also left the arena early and wasn't with Bai Ying, who was usually by her side.

"The Demon Spirit Tournament hasn't ended yet. Where is the City Lord heading to?" Li Qingyi saw Li Xiu and hesitated for a moment before asking.

"I have some matters to attend to. Where are you going, Trial Taker Qingyi? If you need, I can arrange for someone to guide you," Li Xiu replied.

"I appreciate your offer, but I'm just taking a random stroll, so there's no need to trouble you." Li Qingyi had also wanted to see the match between the Jedi Knight and Black Death Demon King, which was why she came to the arena alone.

Unexpectedly, both the Jedi Knight and Black Death Demon King were Li Xiu's demon spirits, so she couldn't watch the competition. She wasn't interested in the prizes and just left.

"Trial Taker Qingyi, are you from the Heavenly Immortality?" Li Xiu asked.

"Does this have anything to do with the City Lord?" Li Qingyi countered.

"If you have the time, I have something related to the Trial Takers I'd like you to take a look at," Li Xiu said.

"What sort of thing?" Li Qingyi was a bit puzzled, unsure of what Li Xiu wanted her to examine.

"A Demon Spirit Gemstone." Li Xiu didn't hesitate and said directly.

"Why do you want me to look at it?" Hearing it was a Demon Spirit Gemstone, Li Qingyi once again scrutinized Li Xiu.

It's not surprising for a Trial Taker to know that killing demon spirits yields Demon Spirit Rings, but those who know that gemstones may contain demon spirits are few, other than those from the Heavenly Immortality.

Li Xiu took out a black invitation card from his pocket, showed it to Li Qingyi, and said, "I'm unsure about that gemstone and wanted someone to help me take a look."

Li Qingyi studied the black card carefully and seemed a bit surprised. After a while, she said, "No one can be sure about a Demon Spirit Gemstone exactly. I can take a look, but it's challenging to uncover much."

"Then I'll trouble you with it," Li Xiu gestured invitingly.

Li Qingyi didn't say anything further and went with Li Xiu to the City Lord's Mansion.

Li Xiu brought Li Qingyi to the conference hall, had her wait for a moment, and went to get the Demon Spirit Gemstone.

During this period, he had been trying to find Demon Spirit Gemstones, but such items often relied on chance.

He had looked at many gemstones and found no Demon Spirit Gemstones, until yesterday when he stumbled upon one in his home storage.

This Demon Spirit Gemstone was used by someone as payment for buying Talent Gemstones and Skill Rings at his store.

It was a 13-carat Starlight Ruby. The moment Li Xiu saw it, he immediately felt a sense of hunger—a truly serendipitous find.

The egg-shaped red gemstone looked beautiful. It wasn't as transparent as a Pigeon Blood Ruby, but the Starlight Ruby had its distinct characteristics.

The smooth, hemispherical surface of the red gemstone featured crisscrossing light beams like starlight. This is the unique star effect of the Starlight Ruby.

Li Qingyi donned a pair of white gloves, carefully picked up the Starlight Ruby, and used a small flashlight to illuminate it.

The light beams became even more radiant under the flashlight, exuding a beauty akin to brilliant starlight.

"Starlight Gemstones exhibit this effect because of rutile impurities within the gemstone. Generally, they aren't as transparent as ordinary gemstones, sometimes lacking visible transparency. Although this Starlight Ruby isn't as pristine as the top rubies, it's still exceptionally bright, with very clear star lines, no breaks or distortions—truly a top-quality Starlight Ruby." Li Qingyi gently placed the Starlight Ruby back into its box and continued, "Has this Starlight Ruby been contracted? How can you be sure it's a Demon Spirit Gemstone?"

"After this Starlight Ruby came into my possession, it hasn't been contracted. As for whether it was contracted before, that's not something I can know." Li Xiu paused and said with a smile, "As for how I can be sure it's a Demon Spirit Gemstone, to be honest, I can't say for certain yet. I just feel it's very likely to be a Demon Spirit Gemstone, which is why I wanted to ask you to take a look."

"Feelings? How do you feel?" Li Qingyi asked, puzzled.

She had never heard of anyone being able to determine whether a gemstone contained a demon spirit just by intuition. Even in the immortal realm where Demon Spirit Gemstones have been studied for thousands of years, such a thing had never occurred.

"To be frank, I once mistakenly swallowed a Demon Spirit Ruby, and since then, I've had some subtle sensations towards rubies." Li Xiu said half-truthfully, trying to uncover useful information from Li Qingyi by throwing a few hints.

"You swallowed a Demon Spirit Gemstone?" Li Qingyi was taken aback.

Swallowing a Demon Spirit Gemstone is not good. Experiments had long been conducted in the immortal realm to test whether swallowing a Demon Spirit Gemstone could speed up the contracting process.

But the results were terrifying. Li Qingyi knew from the experiment data that those who underwent the experiment later became very frightening.

"Do you know what the consequences of ingesting a Demon Spirit Gemstone are?" Li Qingyi asked Li Xiu with a serious expression.

"If I knew, I wouldn't have swallowed it." Li Xiu sighed.

"Since you've received an invitation card, you're considered part of the immortal realm, so I won't hide it from you. Those who swallow a Demon Spirit Gemstone are likely to suffer spiritual chaos and become mad. If I were you, I would immediately find a way to remove it. If you can't naturally expel it, I suggest you have surgery to remove it as soon as possible." Li Qingyi said solemnly.

"I want to remove it, but I can't find it." Li Xiu smiled bitterly.

"What do you mean by you can't find it?" Li Qingyi was slightly taken aback.

Li Xiu handed over several X-ray films to Li Qingyi. After Li Qingyi finished inspecting them, she looked at him with some suspicion and asked, "Are you sure you swallowed the Demon Spirit Gemstone? Or maybe it was expelled from your body without you noticing."

"I'm certain I swallowed it, and it hasn't been expelled; otherwise, I wouldn't have this feeling towards this Starlight Ruby." Li Xiu pointed to the Starlight Ruby in the box and asked, "Is there any way to quickly confirm whether this Starlight Ruby is indeed a Demon Spirit Gemstone? I want to know if my feeling is right."

Actually, Li Xiu wanted to know whether the demon spirit inside this Starlight Ruby was strong enough to help him achieve the promotion plan to D-level.

This idea was inspired by the Unparalleled King, given that he confirmed the reason for his inability to advance to D-level was due to the young demon spirit and ruby.

Although he didn't know which one was the cause, or perhaps both were involved, it certainly was the issue with these two.

Based on the current situation, the young demon spirit couldn't handle the ruby; otherwise, the ruby would have already transformed into a Demon Spirit Ring.

However, it was certain that the young demon spirit should have the upper hand, otherwise, the demon spirit within the ruby would have influenced Li Xiu, but fortunately, no such influence appeared.

Therefore, Li Xiu planned to disrupt the situation by adding another Demon Spirit Gemstone, provided this Demon Spirit Gemstone wouldn't be swiftly transformed into a Demon Spirit Ring by the young demon spirit; hence, it demanded the demon spirit inside the gemstone be strong enough.

This method was extremely risky, but Li Xiu didn't have many options left; he couldn't just forever stay at E-level.

Li Xiu had already considered the possible situations that might arise from adding another Demon Spirit Gemstone.

The best result would be a three-way struggle, with him benefiting from it; the worst result would see all three drawing his blood, making it harder for him to advance.

Another possibility was that any two parties might form an alliance to eliminate the third.

No matter the possibility, a period of chaos was inevitable at the beginning, and Li Xiu wanted to seize this opportunity to advance to D-level.

Li Xiu dared to play this dangerous game because he was certain he wasn't afraid of being seized by a demon spirit; otherwise, he wouldn't risk it.

"The normal way to verify if it's a Demon Spirit Gemstone is cultivating through blood, though it takes some time." Li Qingyi said.

"I know about the Blood Nourishing Technique too, but is there a faster method? Preferably one that can determine whether it's a Demon Spirit Gemstone in a short time." Li Xiu asked.

"If you want to test a batch of gemstones to see if any are Demon Spirit Gemstones, I really can't check in a short time. However, if you just want to confirm if this one is a Demon Spirit Gemstone, there is a method, though it's risky and not worth it." Li Qingyi pondered.

"What method?" Li Xiu quickly pressed.

"Have you heard of Gu Cultivation, where various poisonous insects are placed in a sealed environment? Without food or water, they fight each other until the last one standing becomes the Gu insect king." Li Qingyi explained, "Although Demon Spirit Gemstones aren't Gu insects, if you place them in a completely sealed environment where they can't absorb external energy, they absorb energy from each

other instead. If you place two Demon Spirit Gemstones together, and after a while, one of the gemstones becomes cloudy and darkens, it indicates both gemstones are Demon Spirit Gemstones. If neither gemstone changes, it suggests one is just a normal gemstone, as Demon Spirit Gemstones won't absorb energy from a regular gemstone."

"However, this method has a downside. If both are Demon Spirit Gemstones, one will surely be damaged; at best, it will lower the Primordial Embryo Quality or diminish quality, at worst, it could break the Demon Spirit Gemstone, causing the demon spirit inside to disappear entirely."

Chapter 380 - Super Spirit Limit

Li Xiu initially approached it with a 'let's give it a try' attitude, but he didn't expect Li Qingyi to actually surprise him.

The method Li Qingyi mentioned, if one genuinely wishes to test the Demon Spirit Gemstone, surely no one would use it.

However, this method is quite helpful for Li Xiu's current situation; it can be said this is exactly what Li Xiu wanted.

"Thank you so much," Li Xiu said sincerely.

"Are you really planning to use this method?" Li Qingyi was a bit stunned. She was just suggesting it casually, not expecting Li Xiu to actually consider it.

Li Xiu smiled and said, "If you ever need my help in the future, just let me know."

"There's no need for help, but I do have a request. I hope you can agree." Li Qingyi looked at Li Xiu with beautiful eyes.

"Go ahead. As long as it's within my capability and doesn't violate my principles, I will do my best," Li Xiu said.

"I wonder if letting your Jedi Knight and my Snow Maiden spar would violate your principles?" Li Qingyi smiled.

Li Xiu didn't expect her to propose such a condition and couldn't help but laugh, saying, "That's no big deal at all."

"In that case, no time is better than the present. Let's have your Jedi Knight and my Snow Maiden duel right now," Li Qingyi said.

"I have no problem with that, but the arena is currently in use. I'm afraid there's no suitable venue," Li Xiu pondered aloud.

"No need to go to the arena; we can go to Black Death City," Li Qingyi suggested.

"I would love to, but getting a ticket depends on luck," Li Xiu said, looking at Li Qingyi.

He didn't think Li Qingyi wouldn't know about this, in fact, she should know it better than he does.

Since Li Qingyi proposed going to Black Death City, she should have a way to get in, but Li Xiu couldn't figure out what her method would be, and he was very curious.

"Just follow me," Li Qingyi said with a smile, not offering further explanation as she turned to walk away.

Li Xiu had no choice but to follow her to the Trial Gate. Li Xiu took out the Black Apatite, intending to open the Hero's Trial Gate, but was stopped by Li Qingyi.

Li Qingyi took out a Trial Badge and embedded it onto the door, then watched as a light pattern appeared on the door, slowly opening it.

"The rich surely are willful. Clearly, you can open the door with gemstones, yet you insist on using a Trial Badge," Li Xiu remarked as the door opened, preparing to walk inside, only to be stopped by Li Qingyi.

Uncertain of Li Qingyi's intentions, Li Xiu paused and watched her.

Li Qingyi looked at the door, and shortly after, the door closed again. She took out another Trial Badge and embedded it on the door once more.

The door opened, yet Li Qingyi still showed no intention of entering.

After repeating this six times, when the door opened on the sixth attempt, Li Qingyi finally began to walk inside.

Li Xiu felt a surge of excitement because he had figured out what Li Qingyi was doing and had a guess.

His memory and observational skills were strong. While the average person might not notice anything, Li Xiu discovered that the light pattern on the door each of the first five times Li Qingyi embedded the Trial Badge was slightly different than the sixth time.

The dense light patterns resembled maze maps with slight variations that most people couldn't notice.

If not for Li Qingyi performing this action, Li Xiu would not have noticed; however, now he saw the key.

"If my guess is correct, when such different light patterns appear, the reward should include a ticket," Li Xiu speculated to himself.

Indeed, after passing through the Dark Maze, among the rewards, a ticket appeared.

"Let's go in," Li Qingyi selected the ticket from the rewards and turned to Li Xiu to suggest they proceed.

"Um...I don't have a Trial Badge," Li Xiu said, spreading his hands.

"Seriously? You, a City Lord, don't even have a Trial Badge?" Li Qingyi looked at Li Xiu in surprise.

"That's right," said Li Xiu, finding nothing embarrassing about it.

He had invested what limited resources he had into the demon spirits, not having the surplus to buy Trial Badges.

Li Qingyi had no choice but to provide another Trial Badge for Li Xiu. After graciously accepting it, the two entered the vortex formed by the ticket.

It was the first time Li Qingyi arrived at the stone table, where a contract appeared, another Dark Mirror.

Li Qingyi casually picked up the Dark Mirror, and after establishing a contract, the two entered Black Death City with the Longevity Lamp.

"You know this place better than I do. Where do you think is more suitable for their duel?" Li Qingyi asked.

"In the canyon outside," Li Xiu pondered before responding.

Though they could also fight within the city, too many mysterious elements existed there, and their battle might trigger something unfavorable.

After clearing the Black Death City from within, the two opened the city gates and arrived at the canyon.

"Wait a moment," Li Xiu summoned his Jedi Knight to clear the canyon of Mechanical Skeletons.

"These Mechanical Skeletons are quite peculiar; the liquid in their metal injectors is something particular," Li Qingyi remarked.

"That liquid can convert other beings into metal. Once completely transformed, they really become dead objects," Li Xiu explained.