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### Chapter 491 Jiuxiao Yun

Li Xiu was a person who craved novelty; he wasn't interested in what others could do, nor in what others possessed.

No matter the level, quality, or usefulness of the White Ball Beast Magic Spirit, none of this mattered. The key was that others didn't have a White Ball Beast Magic Spirit, so he was curious to see what this White Ball Beast Magic Spirit was like.

The white fur on the White Ball Beast Magic Spirit was as dense and thick as snow; its four short legs were stubby, and the fur was so thick and long that its legs were almost invisible. From afar, it looked like a fluffy ball moving across the ground.

The white fur of the White Ball Beast emitted a fluorescent glow, likely due to having a Light Pattern, but the fur was too thick to see the Light Pattern directly. It should just be a Flowing Colors Quality Magic Spirit.

When Li Xiu walked over, the White Ball Beast surprisingly didn't flee like normal White Ball Beasts but charged directly at Li Xiu, seemingly intent on hitting Li Xiu's leg.

Li Xiu kicked the White Ball Beast with one leg, sending it flying like a soccer ball.

The White Ball Beast flew dozens of meters before crashing to the ground, yet it didn't die from the fall. It got up and charged again, its short legs desperately speeding up, but its low stance prevented it from appearing as if it was sprinting.

Having finally reached Li Xiu, it was once again sent flying by Li Xiu's kick.

With this kick, Li Xiu had used seventy percent of his strength; after all, he was a C-level Trial Taker whose strength far exceeded what this E-level Flowing Color Demon Spirit could withstand.

Li Xiu initially thought his kick might just explode the White Ball Beast's body.

But unexpectedly, the kick distorted the White Ball Beast's body, deforming it like a squashed balloon.

However, the White Ball Beast didn't explode; it was sent flying again, this time hundreds of meters before smashing down, then rolling far before coming to a stop.

Li Xiu thought that even if the White Ball Beast wasn't dead, it was likely half-dead, but unexpectedly, as soon as it stopped moving, it got up again, angrily charging at Li Xiu.

Li Xiu guessed its eyes were probably red, but he couldn't see them as the long fur covered them, only faint red light shone from where its eyes should be.

"This guy is quite tough," Li Xiu thought as he prepared to draw the Fire Lotus Sword to finish it off, unwilling to waste more time on it.

Then suddenly, he recalled something, and quickly drew the Forbidden Spear, aiming a shot at the charging White Ball Beast.

Due to the low grade of the Forbidden Spear, Li Xiu rarely used it before.

Of course, it was also because the demons he killed previously were of too high a level, and the bullets from the Forbidden Spear couldn't penetrate, making them useless.

Bang!

The non-lethal bullet struck the White Ball Beast, and this bullet, which normally had no killing power, surprisingly knocked the White Ball Beast away, evident that its grade and strength were indeed very low.

The non-lethal bullet was embedded into the White Ball Beast, and it crawled up again, ready to charge, its abilities lacking, yet its temper was huge.

Li Xiu had a thought, and another Forbidden Spear appeared in his left hand, transformed from the Evil Spirit Token.

"If two non-lethal bullets hit a demon spirit simultaneously, what will happen after the demon dies?" Li Xiu fired another shot at the White Ball Beast.

Originally, it was impossible to fire a second shot at the same creature with the Forbidden Spear's non-lethal bullet, but now the Forbidden Spear formed from the Evil Spirit Token could also shoot non-lethal bullets, unaffected by the true Forbidden Spear.

The second non-lethal bullet hit the White Ball Beast, knocking it to the ground again.

Li Xiu continued to shoot, but the Forbidden Spear formed from the Evil Spirit Token jammed. It seemed the same as the true Forbidden Spear; it could only fire one non-lethal bullet at the same creature.

Seeing the White Ball Beast stubbornly charge forward again after being shot, Li Xiu was ready to send it to its end, but then he thought of something and summoned the Dragon Vein Spirit directly.

"Let's see if the Dragon Vein Spirit's skills have any effect." Li Xiu commanded the Dragon Vein Spirit to attack the White Ball Beast with his mind.

The Dragon Vein Spirit possessed Heaven, Earth, and Human Three Luck, but Li Xiu wasn't clear on its exact function.

If it was simply good fortune, how was that fortune measured? Could it help find a wallet on the street? Or perhaps when fighting monsters, the enemies would self-destruct on their weapon?

When facing unbeatable demons, would the demon suddenly die of a heart attack on the spot?

Li Xiu found such possibilities to be extremely unlikely; he speculated that Heaven, Earth, and Human Three Luck might aid in obtaining items from demons.

Like the possibility of a normal-quality demon spirit, which rarely could produce items, might produce something like a Demon Spirit Ring.

And the Lucky Strike, Li Xiu suspected it might have a similar effect.

Of course, these were all Li Xiu's own guesses, and he wasn't sure of their accuracy.

The Dragon Vein Spirit activated Heaven, Earth, and Human Three Luck, launching a Lucky Strike towards the White Ball Beast.

The Dragon Vein Spirit's massive body suddenly transformed into a beam of white light, streaking across the White Ball Beast like a blade.

The White Ball Beast continued its advance, but suddenly its body shattered, and the white light gathered in two places.

The gap in level between the White Ball Beast and the Dragon Vein Spirit was too vast; the Dragon Vein Spirit's strike directly shattered the White Ball Beast's body.

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The places where those two beams of white light converge are exactly where Li Xiu fired two non-lethal rounds using the True and False Forbidden Spear.

"Will the simultaneous effect of two non-lethal rounds have any impact?" Li Xiu stared at the two non-lethal rounds gathering light energy and pondered silently.

As the light intensified, the two non-lethal rounds gradually changed. Soon, the rounds transformed into two rings and fell to the ground.

Li Xiu discovered that the two rings were different: one was a Skill Ring, and the other was a Demon Spirit Ring.

"Just two non-lethal rounds can create two items simultaneously, now that's refreshing." Li Xiu joyfully picked up the two rings and immediately chose to use them. He wanted to see if the effects of these items combined would have any special outcome.

White Ball Beast: Non-evolvable Demon Spirit.

Grade: Grade E.

Quality: Flamboyant.

Talent Skill: Demon Spirit Collector.

Demon Spirit Collector: Increases the chance of condensing Demon Spirit Ring by 5% after killing a Demon Spirit.

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"There's a skill like this!" Li Xiu felt both joy and concern.

The joy was that with the White Ball Beast and Demon Spirit Collector skill, he could increase the chance of obtaining Demon Spirit Ring, which was undoubtedly excellent.

The concern, however, was that since there are skills specifically for increasing the chance, the Heaven, Earth, and Human Three Luck and Lucky Strike might not be skills that increase the chances of items appearing.

"It's a pity, the White Ball Beast is a non-evolvable Demon Spirit, and the skill only increases the chance by 5%." Li Xiu summoned the White Ball Beast, and a large, round snowball appeared in front of him.

"It's quite a fine mascot." Li Xiu stored away the Dragon Vein Spirit and headed towards the direction where Sha Chu and the Jedi Knight were located with the White Ball Beast.

They had already run quite far chasing the Pegasus Beast herd, so Li Xiu had no choice but to summon the Masked Emperor, letting the White Ball Beast squat on top of it, and rode the Masked Emperor across the grassland, soon catching up with the Jedi Knight and Sha Chu who were hunting the Pegasus Beast herd.

"Did a Pegasus Beast Demon Spirit appear?" Li Xiu rode the Masked Emperor and came to Sha Chu's side, asking.

"Not yet." Sha Chu's eyes caught sight of the White Ball Beast in front of Li Xiu, and asked with some surprise: "Did you get a White Ball Beast Demon Spirit?"

"Luck was on my side, I saw a flamboyant White Ball Beast, and happened to get a Demon Spirit Ring." Li Xiu smiled.

"You really do have some good luck, but this kind of Demon Spirit doesn't really help much in battles, it's more like a pet." Sha Chu didn't care much about the White Ball Beast, since its level was low, and its attack ability was poor, it really had no combat prowess.

"Sometimes looking good is also a kind of excellent ability." Li Xiu smiled.

"Are you complimenting me?" Sha Chu tossed her hair and smiled back.

One has to admit, Sha Chu was indeed fair-skinned and beautifully legged, especially those slender and smooth long legs under the red short skirt and leather boots, highlighted by the Creator's favor.

"Can't you stop always flaunting your advantages, one should learn to be modest. I'm so handsome, when have I ever said I'm good-looking." Li Xiu said seriously.

"Yes, yes, I really should learn from you, this shamelessness of yours, I'm far behind compared to you." Sha Chu laughed.

"Then let me teach you the first lesson: being shameless doesn't matter, what's crucial is having taste." Li Xiu laughed.

"What does being shameless have to do with taste?" Sha Chu asked in confusion.

"There's a big connection, if your taste is high and your vision is good, you can appreciate my good qualities, then no matter how shameless I am, you'll relish it. If it's someone with no taste and poor vision, who can't appreciate my qualities, then being shameless becomes downright brazen, so I only act shamelessly towards people with taste, but keep my face before those without it," Li Xiu explained earnestly.

"You're the first person to talk about shamelessness in such a professional manner." Sha Chu rolled her eyes.

While the two were talking, the corpse of a Pegasus Beast fell down, and upon hitting the ground, a Demon Spirit Ring formed from the demonic light on its body.

"Here it is," Li Xiu picked up the Pegasus Beast's Demon Spirit Ring and tossed it directly to Sha Chu.

It was just a glittering Pegasus Beast, only B-level, Li Xiu wasn't too interested.

Moreover, he had the Jedi Knight, able to go up and down Spiral Mountain anytime, the Pegasus Beast was more needed by Sha Chu.

Sha Chu took the Pegasus Ring without reservation and immediately contracted it.

Shortly after, Sha Chu summoned a pink Pegasus Beast, she mounted the Pegasus Beast and extended her hand towards Li Xiu: "Stop babbling, sis will take you to the sky."

Li Xiu held the White Ball Beast with one hand, grasped Sha Chu's hand with the other, turned around, and mounted the horse, sitting behind Sha Chu and placing his hands securely on her wasp waist.

Sha Chu commanded, the Pegasus Beast unfurled its wings and soared into the sky.

The vast grassland slowly revealed its full view, gazing at the plains from the skies, offering a different charm.

Sha Chu rode the Pegasus Beast, wielding her saber to slash at a Pegasus Beast charging head-on, the blade shimmered as it severed the Pegasus Beast's head.

Might be a coincidence, but after having the White Ball Beast and Demon Spirit Collector, the chance of Demon Spirit Rings appearing seemed indeed higher.

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Just as the group of Pegasus Beasts was about to be wiped out, another Demon Spirit Ring suddenly materialized.

Sha Chu was riding a Pegasus Beast, about to land to pick up the Demon Spirit Ring, when suddenly ripples of light appeared on the ground, and a demon spirit like a shark leapt out from underground, with a person sitting on its back.

He reached out and grabbed the Pegasus Beast Demon Spirit Ring, and then slyly thanked Li Xiu and Sha Chu. The shark demon spirit brought him back to the ground, disappearing as if it had fallen into water.

"Who was that?" Li Xiu landed on the ground, stomping his foot to find that it was solid, with no underground tunnel or anything. He realized that the guy could burrow underground, likely a skill of that demon spirit.

"I don't know many people in the Eternal Heaven, but I do know that person." Sha Chu said with a wry smile, "Most members of the Six Eternal Groups are figures of great repute outside, so they don't want to easily reveal their identities. That guy is an exception; within Eternal Heaven, no one shouldn't know who he is."

"I don't know." Li Xiu replied.

"That person is called Jiuxiao Yun, a name that sounds like a nickname, but is actually his real name, a super member of the Immortality Group. Even outside, his identity is well-known, the grandson of the Jewel Thief Nine Cloud Dragon." Sha Chu stared at the nearby ground and said, "His Demon Shark can traverse both air and ground, except for water, there's no place he can't go. Perhaps he inherited his grandfather's nature. Even though Jiuxiao Yun doesn't dare to steal in Eternal Heaven, within the Land of Trial, he's famous for taking others' possessions, but as he has a Super Spirit Level Demon Shark, even some Super Spirit Testers can't do much about him."

"I heard even Wan Chaoxin fell for him once, his prey stolen. But since he has the Demon Shark, there's nothing one can do about it. It's fortunate he only steals things and hasn't been known to harm anyone." Sha Chu said.

"Having such a demon spirit mount certainly gives him an advantage, but clearly being a fish that can't go underwater is indeed quite peculiar." Li Xiu didn't take it too seriously and said with a smile.

"Not sure where he got the Demon Shark from, probably a demon spirit from a Demon Spirit Gemstone, not a Demon Spirit Ring." Sha Chu thought for a moment and said, "His grandfather was a jewel thief, having stolen countless precious gemstones, having a Gem Demon Spirit wouldn't be surprising."

"He's so blatant in his thefts, doesn't Eternal Heaven do anything about it?" Li Xiu asked.

"He doesn't commit theft in Eternal Heaven, only in the Land of Trial, taking demon spirits others are hunting or items not yet obtained, and doesn't harm anyone. The Land of Trial is a place where the strong devour the weak. Even reporting it to the president would only highlight one's own inadequacy." Sha Chu explained.

"I see." Li Xiu nodded.

Indeed, killing someone in the Land of Trial would probably be hard to investigate, let alone merely stealing something.

"Didn't expect Jiuxiao Yun to show up in the Land of Beasts. We can only consider ourselves unlucky, a shame about the Pegasus Beast Demon Spirit." Sha Chu sighed.

"No need to feel sorry; if we get robbed this time, just take it back next time. Let's move on, maybe we'll encounter another group of Pegasus Beasts." Li Xiu recalled the Jedi Knight and shared a ride with Sha Chu, heading deeper into the grassland.

After traveling a dozen miles, instead of finding a group of Pegasus Beasts, they saw several enormous creatures like elephants snoozing beside a lake.

"That's Kerun Lake. Legend says there's a fairy in the lake, and if you toss in a gold coin, your wish might be heard by Kerun Lake's fairy and come true." Sha Chu said, looking at the large demon spirits sleeping by the lake, "Those demons are called Dou, extremely violent, and usually don't have a level below B. I've even seen an S-level Dou before. If it weren't that it couldn't fly, it would have killed me on the spot. These few Dou seem to only have one that is superior, not sure about the level."

While Sha Chu and Li Xiu were talking in the air, those Dou woke up, stood up, and roared at them in the sky.

They looked like wolves, but with bodies as huge as elephants, devoid of wolf fur but covered in thick scale armor.

One of the Dou had mysterious light patterns glowing in each black scale, seemingly a Flowing Color Demon Spirit.

Li Xiu summoned the Jedi Knight, diving directly at the Dou from the air.

The Dou had quite decent combat power, and their levels were not low, but in front of the Jedi Knight, they were like chopping vegetables, all slain in no time.

After the Flowing Color Dou was killed, demonic light gathered in one spot within its body, gradually forming a Demon Spirit Ring.

"Another Demon Spirit Ring appeared, your luck is truly remarkable, no wonder you have so many demon spirits." Sha Chu was both amazed and delighted.

Before they could descend to fetch the ring, they suddenly saw demonic light spreading beside them, and Jiuxiao Yun riding the Demon Shark appeared once more.

The Demon Shark leaped from the ground, and Jiuxiao Yun grabbed the Demon Spirit Ring formed by the Flowing Color Dou. In the air, he looked provocatively at Li Xiu and said, "You weren't planning on stealing from me, were you? If you have the skill, come and take it, let's see who ends up robbing whom?"

Jiuxiao Yun was all smug; he held grudges. Just now he had hidden underground, heard what Li Xiu said, and was waiting to act. Having now seized another Demon Spirit Ring, he felt quite pleased with himself.

Just as the Demon Shark was about to plunge into the ground, a white beam suddenly shot out from the side, whipping the Demon Shark like a whip and sending both the Demon Shark and Jiuxiao Yun flying.

Right beside them was Kerun Lake; the Demon Shark and Jiuxiao Yun fell into the lake with a splash.

Once in the water, the Demon Shark immediately struggled desperately, throwing Jiuxiao Yun off its back.

Though clearly a Super Spirit, and a fish at that, the Demon Shark struggled like it was drowning, yet its body continued to sink.

Jiuxiao Yun hurriedly summoned the Demon Shark back; everything was fine about the Demon Shark, except it sank the moment it entered water, completely unable to swim out.

"Did you think you could use the same trick on me twice?" Li Xiu stood by the lake, looking at Jiuxiao Yun in the water, and said with a smile.

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Jiuxiao Yun floated on the lake's surface, scanning around, but he didn't see the white light that knocked the Demon Shark into the lake. He laughed and said, "As expected of the Commander of the Technician Group, it was presumptuous of me, Jiuxiao Yun. I return the Demon Spirit Ring in full, and I hope Commander Li can forgive me."

"Returning it in full is expected, but I was scared twice in a row. How do you plan to compensate for my mental distress?" Li Xiu squinted and asked. After the Dragon Vein Spirit's strike, he had already withdrawn it, so naturally Jiuxiao Yun couldn't have seen it.

"Commander Li, having more friends leads to more paths. Don't push too hard. Aren't you afraid that even your sleep will be disturbed in the future?" Jiuxiao Yun snorted coldly.

He was clearly threatening Li Xiu, implying that with his Demon Shark, he could launch a surprise attack anytime, making it hard for Li Xiu to sleep peacefully.

"So you're saying you don't plan to compensate for my mental distress?" Li Xiu's face darkened, and he directly issued an order to the Jedi Knight.

The Jedi Knight instantly entered Super Spirit State, holding dual blades, glowing with luminescence, and slashed toward Jiuxiao Yun in the lake.

Red blade lights flew out one after another, scaring Jiuxiao Yun into quickly swimming away, while shouting, "I'll pay... I'll pay...!"

The Blood Light Slash hit the lake, causing water splashes to erupt almost hitting Jiuxiao Yun.

Jiuxiao Yun immediately felt deflated. He could see that Li Xiu was genuinely intent on killing him without the slightest intention of holding back. If he had been any slower just now, he'd probably have been chopped into pieces and fed to the fish.

"First throw my Demon Spirit Rings back." Li Xiu said to Jiuxiao Yun in the lake.

Jiuxiao Yun retrieved the two Demon Spirit Rings he had just snatched from his pocket and threw them back, secretly vowing, "Just wait until I get out of this lake, then I'll deal with you."

Li Xiu caught the two Demon Spirit Rings, confirmed they were correct, and then, smiling, looked at Jiuxiao Yun, "Now let's talk about the mental distress compensation. How much do you plan to pay me?"

"Commander Li, I have a Talent Gemstone here, it's an S-class gem, I'll give it to you as compensation. What do you think?" Jiuxiao Yun held a Talent Gemstone, letting Li Xiu see it.

"Sure, throw the gemstone over here first." Li Xiu said.

"Let me get ashore first; what if you take the gemstone and don't let me go?" Jiuxiao Yun said.

"I need to see the gemstone first; otherwise, how do I know if it's really an S-class Talent Gemstone?" Li Xiu replied coldly.

"Alright then." Jiuxiao Yun said, throwing the gemstone, using a lot of force to toss it far away.

Li Xiu remained unmoved, staying with the Jedi Knight by the lakeside, summoning the Black Death Demon King to fetch the Talent Gemstone Jiuxiao Yun threw.

Seeing this, Jiuxiao Yun was somewhat annoyed. He originally planned to rush ashore or fly directly into the sky while Li Xiu retrieved the gemstone.

As long as he left the water with the Demon Shark on him, he could disappear without a trace and deal with Li Xiu later.

But Li Xiu was completely unfazed, not even showing a hint of wavering, just staring at him. This left Jiuxiao Yun extremely frustrated.

"Commander level is truly not someone to be trifled with." Jiuxiao Yun felt even more frustrated seeing Li Xiu directly use the Talent Gemstone he had thrown away.

"Is this what you call an S-class Talent Gemstone?" After using the Talent Gemstone, Li Xiu found it to be an ordinary E-class Talent Skill, and the kind that couldn't even upgrade, looking at Jiuxiao Yun with increasing hostility.

"Ahem, don't be angry, Commander Li. I really don't have any other alternatives right now. That's the only thing I have with me, and there's really nothing else I can compensate you with." Jiuxiao Yun said helplessly.

"So, you refuse to compensate, is that it? Ah Jue." Li Xiu called over the Jedi Knight.

"Wait... please wait..." Seeing the Jedi Knight ready to attack, Jiuxiao Yun quickly said, "While I don't have any goods to compensate you, I know a secret that might interest you."

"Attack." Li Xiu said coldly.

The Jedi Knight raised its blade to strike, while Jiuxiao Yun dodged the Blood Light Slash, yelling, "This secret concerns how you became the Commander of the Seventh Group..."

"What do you know?" Li Xiu halted the Jedi Knight, gazing at Jiuxiao Yun, "I'm out of patience, this is your last chance."

Jiuxiao Yun said, "I overheard this secret by accident. You know I have the Demon Light Shark as my spirit, sometimes it lets me overhear many unknown secrets."

Seeing Li Xiu's brows furrow, Jiuxiao Yun quickly continued, "That day, I unintentionally overheard the Great Elder and Vice President Bai talking. The Great Elder mentioned that the Seventh Group should have a Commander soon and told Vice President Bai to prepare. Vice President Bai seemed to be aware of this long ago, smiling and saying he was already prepared. Once the Seventh Group's Commander was in place, he would hand over the Demon Armor Group."

"Are you trying to fool me? Didn't the Great Elder die while suppressing the Heaven Gate?" Sha Chu frowned and said.

"That was before the Great Elder died, about half a month before the battle at Heaven Gate. That's when I heard their conversation." Jiuxiao Yun continued, "From what I gathered from the Great Elder and Vice President Bai, it seemed like they had misappropriated some things from the Demon Armor Group, creating a huge gap, and they wanted the new Commander to take the fall and cover it up, that was the basic idea."

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"Who can prove what you said?" Sha Chu asked.

"Beauty, I was hiding underground eavesdropping. How am I supposed to find evidence for you? But I can swear, I truly heard it. If I'm speaking nonsense, let me be struck by lightning and die a terrible death..."

As Jiuxiao Yun was swearing, Li Xiu and Sha Chu's eyes widened, and their pupils contracted.

Beneath the waters of Kerun Lake, a massive shadow was gradually emerging, and Jiuxiao Yun was right at the center of it.

"If I'm lying, let me die without a burial place." Jiuxiao Yun swore, growing more venomous.

Just as he finished speaking, a swishing sound was heard, and the surrounding lake water surged like ocean waves, as if something underneath was parting the water and coming up.

Jiuxiao Yun was startled, looked down, and immediately realized something was wrong. He dashed out of the water with a powerful leap.

Right beneath Jiuxiao Yun, a mouth full of fangs and sharp teeth broke through the water's surface. That enormous mouth was so large that Jiuxiao Yun was no bigger than a popsicle in its presence.

In mid-air, Jiuxiao Yun had already summoned the Demon Shark. As the Demon Shark appeared above him, Jiuxiao Yun grabbed onto its tail fin, and the Demon Shark carried him skyward, narrowly avoiding the demonic spirit's bite.

Li Xiu and Sha Chu saw the full form of the demonic spirit that leapt from the water. It was entirely transparent, resembling an octopus yet incredibly large, with transparent fangs and talons akin to a wild beast.

Its body was transparent, its tentacles covered in suction cups that glowed with a blue light. Inside its head was a luminescent organ, blinking with a blue glow.

It missed Jiuxiao Yun by a hair's breadth, and as it began to fall, the tentacles covered in suction cups suddenly curled upwards, attaching to the Demon Shark's body, wrapping around it rapidly. The eight tentacles tightly bound the Demon Shark like a zongzi.

The Demonic Light on the Demon Shark burst forth, black light shot out from the gaps in the tentacles, indicating it had entered the Super Spirit State.

Yet the eight-tentacled demonic spirit clung tightly to the Demon Shark, its suction cups tightening, its body bursting with blue light, simultaneously entering the Super Spirit State.

"Super Spirit!" Li Xiu and Sha Chu exclaimed in shock, not expecting to encounter a Super Spirit so soon.

Sha Chu was even more alarmed, having been to Kerun Lake before. Luckily, this Super Spirit hadn't emerged back then, or it would have been deadly for her.

Plop!

The Demon Shark, seemingly overwhelmed, fell from the sky, once again plunging into Kerun Lake, creating water splashes several meters high.

In the water, the blue and black lights intertwined and flashed, making Kerun Lake shimmer as if lit by disco lights.

Li Xiu seized the opportunity, commanding the Jedi Knight to unleash a Blood Light Slash into the water.

Blood Light Slashes struck the demonic spirit's tentacles, causing the demonic spirit to flinch in pain, and a few tentacles loosened slightly.

Taking advantage of this opportunity, Jiuxiao Yun retracted the Demon Shark, leaping into the air again, summoning the Demon Shark to ride it skyward.

The demonic spirit leapt out of the water again, its tentacles lashing out. The entire Demon Shark radiated black light, turning its body into what seemed like a black diamond. It swung its tail to knock away several of the demonic spirit's tentacles, but its body was entangled again by a few blue-light-filled tentacles.

Fortunately, this time only three tentacles wrapped around it, failing to strip it of flight ability. The Demon Shark pulled the demonic spirit up, flying out of the boundaries of Keb Lake.

More tentacles curled in, and the Demon Shark hadn't flown far before it fell out of the air.

This time, however, it crashed not into the lake but onto the grassland.

Li Xiu ordered the Jedi Knight to charge and attack the demonic spirit with relentless Blood Light Slashes, continuously making slits on the demonic spirit's tentacles, seeping with a liquid illuminated with blue fluorescence.

The Demon Shark struggled desperately to escape the tentacular confinement, but the more it struggled, the tighter the grip became, weakening the Demonic Light on its body.

Li Xiu was surprised to notice that the Demonic Light on the Demon Shark was being transmitted into the demonic spirit through the suction cups.

"Damn, this demonic spirit can actually absorb Light Energy from other demonic spirits!" Li Xiu was shocked, becoming even more cautious in controlling the Jedi Knight.

He ensured that the demonic spirit's tentacles didn't touch the Jedi Knight, to prevent it from also absorbing the Light Energy from the Jedi Knight.

Jiuxiao Yun leaped down from the Demon Shark's back, rolled on the ground, and upon getting up, threw a crystal needle at the demonic spirit.

The needle pierced the Demon Shark, embedding itself while radiating a crystalline light, making the demonic spirit shudder in pain.

Just as Jiuxiao Yun thought he had succeeded, he saw the demonic spirit extend a tentacle, wrapping around the exposed part of the crystal needle. Utilizing the suction cup's force, it absorbed the Light Energy from within the crystal needle.

Jiuxiao Yun's face turned pale, and he coughed up a mouthful of blood.

The needle was his Symbiotic Contract; with its damage, his body was also harmed.

He tried to retract the crystal needle, but it was firmly held by the tentacle, continuously draining its Light Energy.

Li Xiu finally understood why, even though the Demon Shark was a Super Spirit, it was so difficult to escape once entangled by this demonic spirit.

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This Dark Spirit is just like it can absorb stars; it can absorb any kind of Light Energy, and any spirit absorbed by it will only grow weaker.

The Jedi Knight quickly moved while executing a Sword Light Slash on the tentacle that was absorbing the Crystal Needle.

Because the Crystal Needle was too small, the tentacle only wrapped it with the tip's thinnest part. The Jedi Knight executed a Blood Light Slash, forcibly cutting off the arm-thick section of the tentacle.

The Crystal Needle lost its restraint, and Jiuxiao Yun immediately retrieved it.

Infuriated by the slash, the Dark Spirit went berserk, leaving only three tentacles to entangle the Demon Shark, while the other five tentacles coiled toward the Jedi Knight like giant pythons.

The Jedi Knight's strength and speed were not advantageous; obviously, its Super Spirit Limit was much inferior to the Dark Spirit's.

However, under Li Xiu's control, the Jedi Knight used its skills, mysterious runes shimmering on its body, moving swiftly, evading the tentacle attacks like a flower-skipping butterfly, and continuously slashing out Blood Light Slashes.

Despite being at a disadvantage in all aspects, under Li Xiu's control, the Jedi Knight forcefully attacked the strong, seemingly gaining the upper hand.

The Dark Spirit was endlessly getting wounded by Blood Light Slashes, its body leaking fluorescent blue liquid everywhere.

Realizing the disadvantage, it forcefully dragged the Demon Shark towards the lake, trying to pull it into the water.

Jiuxiao Yun hurriedly summoned several magical creatures, including flying birds, tiger-like spirits, and humanoid spirits. Seven or eight spirits rushed towards the Dark Spirit, attacking fiercely.

Most of these spirits were already S-class or A-class; who knows how many resources Jiuxiao Yun had to pour in to elevate them to this level.

However, as these spirits charged to stop the Dark Spirit from entering the lake, five of them were entangled by tentacles, having their Light Energy continuously absorbed.

The Dark Spirit dragged Jiuxiao Yun's six spirits along, almost reaching the lake, while the remaining spirits' attack power couldn't break through the Dark Spirit's Super Spirit Demonic Light.

Spirits unable to reach the Super Spirit state were almost useless in this kind of battle.

Li Xiu knew that once the Dark Spirit entered the lake, it would be difficult to kill it. He had no choice but to command the Jedi Knight to unleash its full power, using both Desperate Realm and Jedi Knight skills to launch its strongest Unrivaled National Hero strike.

The Samurai Sword in the Jedi Knight's hands merged into one, transforming into a terrifying Light Blade, holding it high and slashing down furiously on the Dark Spirit.

The gigantic Light Blade transformed into a tens-of-meters-long fluorescent giant blade, slashing violently onto the Dark Spirit's body.

With all eight tentacles occupied, the Dark Spirit found it too late to block the strike, getting heavily slashed by the gigantic fluorescent blade.

Its transparent body was forcibly slashed into a massive wound, slicing open a third of its head.

After the Unrivaled National Hero strike, the Jedi Knight's brilliance rapidly faded, falling directly out of the Super Spirit state, losing its combat power. Li Xiu had to recall it to avoid injury during weakness.

Li Xiu, holding dual guns, fired two shots at the Dark Spirit's wound. One bullet was swept away by a tentacle during flight; the remaining one pierced into the wound.

Severely injured, the Dark Spirit's tentacles involuntarily loosened, allowing the Demon Shark to finally break free with a tail flick and disappear underground immediately.

When it reappeared, it was already beneath the Dark Spirit, directly using its head to lift and crash the Dark Spirit into the air.

In midair, the heavily injured Dark Spirit's eight tentacles loosened, dropping the spirits it had entangled before.

The Demon Shark flew into the air, delivering a Dragon Tail Strike on the Dark Spirit's injured head, sending it flying horizontally again.

Smashing onto the ground, creating a crater, the Demon Shark emerged once more, directly biting one of its tentacles, dragging it underground.

With the Dark Spirit now far from Kerun Lake, returning would not be simple, and its body couldn't enter underground, leaving it to frantically strike the ground, creating long deep trenches.

However, the Demon Shark underground paid no heed, biting its tentacle and forcibly dragging it down, sinking almost half of the Dark Spirit's body into the ground.

Crunch!

The tentacle bitten by the Demon Shark was severed, leaving the Dark Spirit struggling to crawl out. Yet it hadn't emerged from the dirt pit before the underground Demon Shark bit another tentacle, pulling it down again.

Under the Demon Shark's assault, the severely injured Dark Spirit was outmatched, unable to climb out of the deepening dirt pit, its tentacles being bitten off one after another.

The Dark Spirit, already heavily injured, with its tentacles bitten off, had blue liquid leaking everywhere, gradually ceasing movement.

When the Dark Spirit became motionless, the Demon Shark bit its head in one gulp, following the wound slashed by the Jedi Knight, tearing the Dark Spirit's head into two pieces.

Upon the Dark Spirit's death, Light Energy immediately converged towards the area struck by the No Kill Bullet.

Wisps of blue light rose from the Dark Spirit's body, with blue light strands emerging from the spilled fluorescent liquid, all flowing towards the location of the No Kill Bullet, the blue light growing stronger and condensing together.

Li Xiu walked up to the Dark Spirit's corpse, turning to look at Jiuxiao Yun and his Demon Shark on the other side.

Whatever this thing was, he was certainly going to struggle with Jiuxiao Yun for it, not allowing Jiuxiao Yun to take it away.

But since the Light Energy hadn't yet condensed into form, it could not be taken immediately; he could only watch over it.

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"Brother, don't be so tense. What do you take me, Jiuxiao Yun, for? After all, you helped me just now. How could I, Jiuxiao Yun, be someone who repays kindness with enmity? Besides, given your current state..." Jiuxiao Yun paused, as if pondering something.

In the next instant, the Demon Shark suddenly vanished and reappeared beside the demon spirit's corpse, emerging from the underground, opening its mouth to bite the thing that was about to solidify.

He calculated the time just right, ensuring the Demon Shark would swallow the thing at the exact moment it solidified.

"If I really wanted to take it, how could you possibly stop me? I can desire it if I wish, but I..." Jiuxiao Yun hadn't finished his sentence when he suddenly saw a flash of white light. The Demon Shark, about to swallow the thing, was directly knocked away by the white light.

The white light returned to Li Xiu's hand as he reached out and gripped a skill ring that had solidified, looking at Jiuxiao Yun and asking, "But what were you saying?"

"Cough, cough, it's nothing. It's getting late, farewell." Jiuxiao Yun, in frustration, mounted the Demon Shark and dove underground, disappearing from sight.

Li Xiu, watching Jiuxiao Yun vanish, immediately used the skill ring in his hand.

The skill ring transformed into a brand marking on Li Xiu's finger, then slowly disappeared, and several pieces of information appeared in Li Xiu's mind.

**Bottle Suction: Super Spirit Skill, absorbs light energy and converts it for personal use.**

"It's actually this skill!" Li Xiu was both surprised and delighted, having been astonished by this skill earlier, and it unexpectedly emerged.

Li Xiu attempted to use the Super Spirit Technique Bottle Suction, and a circular ring of light energy instantly appeared in his palm. To call it a ring wasn't entirely accurate; it more closely resembled a suction cup, circular on its exterior and increasingly concave inside.

Li Xiu found that this skill couldn't be used remotely; it had to be in contact with the light energy to absorb it.

After using it just once, Li Xiu immediately felt that his internal light energy was about to be drained dry and hurriedly ceased the skill. These Super Spirit Skills required a substantial consumption of light energy, and currently, Li Xiu's light energy couldn't sustain it for long.

However, the light energy consumption of Bottle Suction was significantly lower than that of the Four Sacred Eyes, allowing Li Xiu to sustain a bit longer without immediately draining his internal light energy upon use.

"If I can absorb enough light energy with Bottle Suction, could I maintain a cycle of absorption and usage? Or use the absorbed light energy with the Four Sacred Eyes..." Li Xiu contemplated the feasibility of this concept.

Although possessing a Super Spirit Skill, Li Xiu had hardly used it, as light energy consumption was a major issue; perhaps Bottle Suction could resolve this problem.

"If the skill Bottle Suction could be applied to Demon Armor, maybe I could refine the Hand of God. Then there's no need to fling out the controlled Demonic Light; it could just be absorbed and digested... Conversely as well... I'm now a Trial Taker, possessing light energy. If I apply the Hand of God through the body and combine it with Bottle Suction..." Li Xiu continued to brainstorm. This Bottle Suction skill revealed many possibilities to him.

For Li Xiu, the practicality of this skill far exceeded that of the Four Sacred Eyes.

Together with Sha Chu, they hit the road once more, hunting for demon spirits. Any quality demon core was fed to the Jedi Knight, whose Super Spirit Limit increased by a few percentage points. By the time Li Xiu and Sha Chu left the Land of Beasts, the Jedi Knight's Super Spirit Limit had reached six percent.

This was despite Li Xiu's urgency to return, not solely focused on hunting demon spirits.

Once outside, Li Xiu handed over all other trophies to Sha Chu for her to exchange for needed supplies.

Aside from Sha Chu and Li Xiu, each keeping a Pegasus Demon Spirit, they swapped all acquired talent gemstones, skill rings, and demon spirit rings for supplies.

Riding the Pegasus Beast back to Longevity City, they no longer needed to climb mountains or wear Demon Armor.

Li Xiu rushed back because it was nearing the time to divine celestial secrets, wanting to see what Longevity Heaven's divining celestial secrets looked like.

Previously, when at Longevity Hall, a voice from inside the furnace had informed him about divining celestial secrets, and Li Xiu was quite intrigued.

According to the voice from the furnace, every sixty years, Longevity Heaven divines celestial secrets, adjusting policies based on the findings.

Although the sixty-year term had passed, the person responsible for divining celestial secrets encountered issues, and no suitable replacement could be found, causing a delay of several years.

Li Xiu is also somewhat of a beneficiary of this delay. Had things been normal, this cyclical divining celestial secrets would determine whether to push the Trial Takers onto the world stage.

However, since divining celestial secrets didn't occur on time, when Li Xiu held the demon spirit competition, there were supporters and opponents.

If the celestial secrets were set, Li Xiu wouldn't be organizing the demon spirit competition, or he might have been secretly eliminated by Longevity Heaven while preparing for it.

The decision to push Trial Takers onto the world stage was already made, so the contents of this divining celestial secrets will change, but what will be measured is still unknown, to be decided by the president.

Previously, such events were announced in advance, but due to the special circumstances this time, no one knows yet what the divining of celestial secrets will entail.

#### Chapter 498 Wan Chaoxin Gives a Gift\_2

Li Xiu came back just to see what the president of Longevity Heaven looks like, and then to see what he wants to divine.

"What are they doing?" Li Xiu walked on the main street of Longevity City and saw quite a few demon spirits pulling large and small carts, cartloads of things heading towards the northern district of the city.

He had not walked far before already seeing four or five groups of people.

Sha Chu shook her head. She also didn't know what they were doing.

"They're going to divine words." A man's voice came from beside them.

Li Xiu and Sha Chu turned to look and found the speaker was Mo Liu, accompanied by that Sun Gang they had met before.

"Divine words?" Li Xiu thought of Old Eight.

Mo Liu came over to explain, "Yes, it's divining words to ask about fortune. Longevity City runs a fortune every sixty years, divining the celestial secret once each cycle. Before each divination of the celestial secret, these prestigious great clans always go to invite the Celestial Master to divine their family's fortune, hoping the next cycle will still be prosperous."

"Hmph, is that really fortune-telling? It should be called fortune-buying instead." Sun Gang said disdainfully.

"What is fortune-buying? Can fortune still be bought? Does that Celestial Master have great methods to change one's fate?" Sha Chu asked in surprise.

"Whether there are great methods to change fate, I don't know, but among the eight great families of the past, two declined rapidly after some unfavorable prophecies related to them appeared during the divination."

Listening to Sun Gang, Li Xiu and Sha Chu understood.

These great families, in name, spend big money to have the Celestial Master divine words and ask about fortunes, but in reality, they just hope the Celestial Master doesn't mention prophecies related to them during the divination of celestial secrets.

"Doesn't the president know about these things?" Sha Chu felt it was a bit unbelievable.

Such a powerful organization capable of controlling the world from behind the scenes decides the rise and fall of families in such a bizarre manner—it's simply absurd.

"It's because the president believes in this, so there's a divination of celestial secrets every cycle. Otherwise, who would divine this stuff?" Sun Gang was evidently very dissatisfied with the divination of celestial secrets.

"Sun Gang, don't talk nonsense." Seeing Sun Gang getting more absurd, Mo Liu hurriedly stopped him.

Although Sun Gang was very dissatisfied, he knew it was inappropriate to speak like this, so he stopped talking.

"What are you going to do?" Li Xiu sized the two of them up and asked.

"Going to divine words and ask for auspiciousness." Mo Liu replied with a smile.

"Aren't you guys skeptical about this?" Sha Chu looked at Sun Gang unexpectedly.

"Believing or not is one thing, but going is another." Mo Liu said, "Moreover, the Celestial Master has just returned, and it's important to show some concern."

"Who exactly is this Celestial Master?" To Li Xiu, he increasingly seemed like Old Eight, but he couldn't sense Old Eight being so capable.

"The Celestial Master's surname is Yu and is respectfully called Eighth Lord." Mo Liu said.

"It really is Old Eight." Li Xiu wasn't surprised, thought for a moment and asked, "Can you take me along?"

"You can certainly go, just afraid you might not be able to enter." Mo Liu said.

"Why? You guys are bringing so many gifts, would the Celestial Master really turn you away?" Sha Chu asked in disbelief.

Sun Gang snorted and said, "They usually only receive patriarchs; people like us who go to divine words on our own often can't even get through the door. They only collect the items, let servants take the characters to be divined in, and we can only wait outside for the prophecies. Moreover, they only write the prophecies and don't interpret them. You have to guess the meaning yourself."

"Surely, this money is too easy to earn." Hearing this, Li Xiu felt he should definitely take a trip.

Old Eight actually holds such a position within Longevity Heaven, with everyone throwing money at him; this older brother spending a little from him, treating him a couple meals shouldn't be too much.

Li Xiu let Sha Chu go handle things first, while he followed Mo Liu and Sun Gang to the Celestial Master Institute.

The Mo Family and Sun Family had others to seek the Celestial Master for fortune-telling. Mo Liu and Sun Gang were just representing their own parents' generation and couldn't represent the entire Mo Family and Sun Family.

Thus, the gifts they prepared weren't many, just one box of gemstones each.

Arriving outside the Celestial Master Institute's gate, they found people lined up were already queued to the alley entrance, with many pulling carts full of gifts.

Li Xiu looked ahead and surprisingly saw a familiar face; Wan Chaoxin was also in line.

Wan Chaoxin had a keen sense, and while Li Xiu was looking at him, he seemed to sense it and turned back to glance at Li Xiu.

Seeing it was Li Xiu, Wan Chaoxin said a few words to the person beside him, seemingly instructing the person to continue queuing, while he himself walked over.

"Commander Li, we meet again." Wan Chaoxin came to Li Xiu, seemingly more friendly than before.

"Better not to meet; I don't want someone shooting arrows at me anytime." Li Xiu said lightly.

"Commander Li is joking. I didn't know your identity before and have been offensive, please forgive me..." Wan Chaoxin said, approaching two steps closer and lowered his voice, "Commander Li, you are currently in great danger. If you don't believe me, you can check Demon Armor Group's accounts, there must be some clues. If you need help, feel free to come to the Wan Family."

After speaking, Wan Chaoxin stepped back two steps, resumed normal volume, and said with a smile, "I've already queued there. If you don't mind, why don't we go in together?"

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Li Xiu glanced at Mo Liu and Sun Gang, seeing that they had no objections, he nodded and said, "Then thank you very much."

Li Xiu and the other two followed Wan Chaoxin back to his position, and soon it was their turn.

There were quite a few people ahead who just delivered items and had to sign, so they could only wait outside for servants to bring out the signed messages.

When it was Wan Chaoxin's turn, the steward actually invited Wan Chaoxin and his group inside, showing that Wan Chaoxin still had some influence in Longevity City.

"Today is different from the past, the Wan family is indeed different now," Sun Gang said.

As soon as Wan Chaocun returned, the Wan family immediately gained an air of prominence. Although Wan Chaoxin was a top figure among the younger generation, in terms of status, he was not yet qualified to be invited by the Celestial Master into the mansion for divination.

Now being able to enter the mansion for divination, the Celestial Master is undoubtedly taking Wan Chaocun's face into account, which is why Sun Gang spoke thus.

"The Wan family is not much different from before, only because I represent the Wan family here, perhaps that's why I receive some preferential treatment," Wan Chaoxin said calmly.

"We are all fortunate thanks to Brother Wan, otherwise we wouldn't be able to enter the Celestial Master's Mansion. We are very grateful," Mo Liu quickly came out to smooth things over.

Wan Chaoxin didn't seem to mind Sun Gang's words, and the group entered the Celestial Mansion, guided by the steward, all the way to the reception room.

"Please wait here. The Eighth Lord is in the Lan Hall with someone for divination and will come to the Bamboo Hall after that," the steward said as he served them tea before taking his leave.

"I wonder what Commander Li would like to divine on this visit?" Wan Chaoxin asked Li Xiu.

"I won't divine anything, just here to take a look," Li Xiu smiled.

Wan Chaoxin looked at Li Xiu in surprise for a moment and said, "Commander Li just established a new group, don't you want to know the rise and fall of your fortune?"

Because they were in the Celestial Master Institute, Wan Chaoxin spoke very tactfully.

His true meaning was that someone like Li Xiu, who had just become a commander and was not yet stable in Longevity City, faced risks. If even one word during divination was related to him, it might not only affect his position as commander but could also endanger his life.

"Fate is dictated by heaven, knowing or not knowing the result is the same, why seek trouble for oneself," Li Xiu replied.

"Commander Li, that's not quite right; as they say, 'Man proposes, God disposes.' Some things require one's own effort to bear fruit," Wan Chaoxin paused and then said, "If you are inconvenienced, I do have something that can be offered as a gift for divining, as an apology for the prior misunderstandings, I present it to Commander Li."

As he spoke, Wan Chaoxin took out a box and placed it in front of Li Xiu.

Li Xiu looked surprised at Wan Chaoxin, who had an uncanny ability to switch moods. Previously eager to confront him, now offering a gift.

Seeing Li Xiu had no intention of taking the box, Wan Chaoxin opened it himself, immediately lighting up the room with a dazzling necklace inside.

The necklace was encrusted with diamonds, shining brightly in the light, looking extraordinarily luxurious.

However, the focus of this necklace was not the diamonds, but the large emeralds embedded in it.

Each of these emeralds was larger than a quail's egg, of exceptionally high quality in color.

"Is this... the Delhi Durba Necklace?" Mo Liu exclaimed in shock upon seeing the necklace.

"Indeed, this necklace is the authentic Delhi Durba, not a replica," Wan Chaoxin said.

Listening to Wan Chaoxin, even Sun Gang couldn't help but take a closer look.

This necklace's history is extraordinary, even Li Xiu had heard of it.

The necklace is owned by the Ancient Royal Family that possessed the Cullinan Diamond, and the legend says those emeralds were won by the queen's great-grandmother in a bet.

After her passing, her son inherited these emeralds and gave them to his mistresses.

Queen Mary's grandmother later spent money to buy these emeralds back from those mistresses and crafted them into this necklace.

Although the necklace has many diamonds, the real focus is these emeralds, with the diamonds serving only as a complementary feature.

Notably, the diamond pendant, used as a complement, is reputed to be the legendary Cullinan VII.

Even the Cullinan Diamond serves as a complement, proving the Delhi Durba Necklace's opulence.

If this is truly the Delhi Durba Necklace, its high value is immeasurable.

Especially the Cullinan Diamond used as embellishment could very well be a Demon Spirit Gemstone and possibly of Radiant quality.

Li Xiu already possessed a Demon Spirit transformed from a Cullinan Diamond, increasing his interest in this necklace.

Upon a single glance, Li Xiu confirmed the pendant's diamond might indeed be Cullinan VII because his stomach already felt hunger.

On the contrary, those large emeralds evoked no feeling in Li Xiu; they were just ordinary gemstones without added value.

Mo Liu and Sun Gang's gazes also fell upon Cullinan VII.

Using Cullinan Diamonds to contract a Radiant Demon Spirit in Longevity City is no secret; many have ideas about the Cullinan Diamond.

Wan Chaoxin actually presenting such an item to Li Xiu signifies an unparalleled gift.

"Since you are so sincere, I will accept it," Li Xiu said bluntly, taking the box along with the necklace.

Since Wan Chaoxin had shot at him three times, Li Xiu felt taking some compensation was fair.

As for the Super Spirit Gemstone Li Xiu seized, he believed it was ownerless, thus deserved by the able, not a concession by Wan Chaoxin, certainly not counting against Wan Chaoxin.

Wan Chaoxin did not stop him, only smilingly watching.

Longevity City's six divisions are dominated by four major families, making Li Xiu's seventh group a maverick.

Wan Chaoxin wanted to challenge for the Commander position of the Seeking Dao group; even if successful, harmonious relations with other groups would be difficult, but perhaps collaboration with Li Xiu's Technician group was plausible.

Additionally, Li Xiu might be connected with the Li Family; if Li Xiu could be pulled into his camp, it would have great benefits for the Wan family, explaining Wan Chaoxin's willingness to lavishly spend.

Of course, just one Cullinan VII isn't much, even producing a Radiant Demon Spirit, Wan Chaoxin was not overly concerned.

"Power is indeed a wonderful thing; just becoming a commander, former enemies start gifting me such valuable presents," Li Xiu mused to himself.

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"Commander Li, have you decided what to divine?" Wan Chaoxin asked with a smile as he watched Li Xiu accept the wooden box.

"I don't want to know things that haven't happened, and it seems there's nothing in particular I need to divine." Li Xiu replied casually.

"Everyone's here, and the gift has been given. Just ask about something you're curious about; it might help solve some troubles." Wan Chaoxin suggested.

Li Xiu understood the implication in Wan Chaoxin's words; he wanted him to divine something related to the Demon Armor group.

Li Xiu certainly wouldn't divine such matters; if he wanted to know about the Demon Armor group, he might as well directly ask Old Eight. Divining would leave things vague and uncertain, solving issues might be tough.

Mo liu chimed in, "If you don't want to ask about fortunes and omens, you could inquire about matters like marriage; that's not too bad."

"Instead of divining such things, why not ask about the longevity of parents; a little good luck couldn't hurt." Sun Gang remarked.

While the four were chatting, they heard someone pushing the door open, and they all looked over.

A middle-aged man dressed in a grand robe walked in. Although he appeared middle-aged, his hair was greying, his eyes carried stories, and he had an elegant demeanor, possessing an aura akin to celestial and mystical.

Seeing the middle-aged man enter, Wan Chaoxin, Mo liu, and Sun Gang stood up to greet him.

Though Sun Gang often expressed skepticism about such things, upon seeing Old Eight, his face lacked the usual disdain, instead welcoming him warmly.

"Old Eight, this is a token of my father's regard, please accept it with a smile." Sun Gang respectfully presented the prepared gift box.

Mo liu did the same, offering up a gift box.

Old Eight didn't look at their gift boxes; the butler behind him accepted them.

"Sun Bodang and Mo Ganyan used to love coming together; now their sons have grouped up too. I imagine your adults must have headaches?" Old Eight said with a smile.

"I didn't expect Old Eight to remember our fathers. We aren't as capable as our father and uncle, just causing minor troubles and embarrassments." Mo Liu said respectfully.

"Just a glance at your faces shows you're no pushovers, surpassing your fathers in prowess." Old Eight smiled, "Wait a moment; I'll divine a word for the Wan family's boy first, then chat with you."

"Old Eight, I'm not in a hurry," Wan Chaoxin said with a smile.

"You're not in a hurry, but I am. There are many more waiting for word divinations; no time to waste here." Old Eight laughed, "I am akin to your elder; feel free to mention anything you want to divine or ask."

Old Eight said as his gaze swept over the remaining seated individuals in the Bamboo Hall. Upon entering, he noticed someone still seated, thinking, "Who is so rude, sitting while I am standing, showing no manners at all?"

Only then did Wan Chaoxin, Mo liu, and Sun Gang notice that Li Xiu was still sitting there drinking tea, not standing to greet Old Eight.

Mo liu secretly cursed, Sun Gang repeatedly signaled to Li Xiu, while Wan Chaoxin frowned slightly.

Though Li Xiu held the esteemed position of Commander, his foundation was not yet stable. Displaying such arrogance in front of Old Eight seemed excessive.

Even veteran Commanders visiting Old Eight would most likely treat him with respect, at best claiming camaraderie; none would dare sit like Li Xiu, as if waiting for Old Eight to approach and pay respects. This was courting trouble.

Li Xiu's behavior made Wan Chaoxin reconsider whether pulling Li Xiu into his camp was a wise decision.

Seeing clearly who was seated, Old Eight was momentarily stunned, then immediately approached.

Wan Chaoxin and the others anticipated trouble, but Old Eight came to Li Xiu and unexpectedly called, "Fourth Brother."

Wan Chaoxin and the others thought their ears must have malfunctioned, surely they'd heard wrong.

Old Eight appeared to be in his forties, yet his actual age could be counted as their grandfather's generation, and indeed it was.

Li Xiu was so young; even if they were cross-generational friends, calling him 'young friend' would be a grand honor. How could Old Eight possibly call the younger Li Xiu 'Fourth Brother'?

It wasn't until Old Eight affectionately called 'Fourth Brother' again that Wan Chaoxin and the others confirmed they hadn't heard wrong, exchanging odd glances between Old Eight standing and Li Xiu seated.

"Fourth Brother, when did you arrive? Why didn't you notify me first? I would have arranged a banquet to welcome you." Old Eight privately called Li Xiu 'Old Fourth' but respectfully addressed him as 'Fourth Brother' in public.

"I heard that the Celestial Master of the Eternal Heaven is incredibly accurate at word divination, so I just came along to see the excitement. I didn't expect the Celestial Master to be you, Old Eight." Li Xiu laughed.

"Old Butler, please make arrangements; we won't be doing any word divination today, I have an esteemed guest to entertain," Old Eight instructed his butler.

The butler responded and departed, while Wan Chaoxin, Mo liu, and Sun Gang's expressions grew even more peculiar.

Li Xiu being addressed as 'Fourth Brother' seemed not just a simple title. Judging by Old Eight's demeanor, there seemed to be genuine respect for Li Xiu.

Someone who could make the Celestial Master personally entertain him, even willing to dismiss the long-waiting noble descendants outside, there probably weren't many like that in the Eternal Heaven.