

## **When God 531**

### Chapter 531 Combination\_2

Mo Wuya and the Undying both believed that a Magic Armor Master couldn't possibly compete with a Trial Taker like Jing Li. They were destined to be slain by Jing Li.

Just as they were speaking, Jing Li moved his palm.

At the instant Jing Li unsheathed his blade, the Demon Eye Magic Armor simultaneously erupted with an unparalleled radiance, while Demonic Light gleamed like a beacon within his eyes.

In the next moment, Mo Wuya and the Undying widened their eyes in surprise.

All they heard was a snapping sound, as Li Xiu, donning the Demon Eye Magic Armor, actually clasped his hands together to catch the long blade swung by Jing Li.

"Such bad luck... managing to catch Jing Li's blade... Was it coincidence or luck?" The Undying didn't believe this was a premeditated calculation. That blade moved so quickly, who would dare intercept it like this? Anyone with proper sense wouldn't attempt such a thing.

"Not sure," Mo Wuya was equally astonished.

Li Xiu's ability to catch Jing Li's blade was already shocking enough, but the fact that Jing Li's blade was indeed caught, unable to move further, was even more astonishing.

Jing Li was a fully-fledged Super Spirit, an unmatched existence among Super Spirits, and yet his blade was blocked by a piece of Demon Armor, which seemed utterly inconceivable.

"Could it be that the Magic Armor team has recently achieved a massive breakthrough, having developed Magic Armor capable of perfectly contending with Super Spirit Testers?"

Both men looked on in disbelief, while Li Xiu and Jing Li remained in stalemate.

Li Xiu clamped Jing Li's blade with his hands, and the Demon Eye was already overloaded. White smoke began to rise from his body, as the internal Energy Source was being squeezed to the point of melting.

Yet he still felt the power on the blade constantly intensifying, and the Demon Eye Magic Armor was nearly unable to withstand it.

Even if Li Xiu could enforce overload, the Energy Source was ultimately finite, and the strength of the Magic Armor was also limited.

Although he had never encountered opponents able to challenge the Magic Armor beyond overload before, Li Xiu now clearly understood that even if the Demon Eye Magic Armor were to explode, it couldn't defeat the formidable Jing Li standing before him.

Jing Li's lips slightly twisted upward, revealing a sinister grin akin to a demon, as he pressed the blade downward with one hand, and streamed violet-black smoke roared upward like countless wailing spirits.

"A little more strength... let me feel your power..." Jing Li pressed the blade and grinned demonically, greedily saying.

Li Xiu remained expressionless, his gaze cold and sharp, as a strange transformation began occurring between his hands. The violet-black smoke on the blade seemed to seep into the Demon Eye Magic Armor, staining the arm guards the same color.

Moreover, that color spread rapidly, soon dyeing the arm armor of the Demon Eye Magic Armor the same hue.

The color swiftly spread across the Demon Eye Magic Armor, causing the Demon Patterns on it to undergo peculiar changes.

An almost crazy Jing Li hesitated slightly, as he felt his own Light Energy pouring into Li Xiu like a breached dam. Not only was this Light Energy unable to harm Li Xiu; it seemed to be absorbed by him.

"What is this..." Rather than fear, excitement gleamed in Jing Li's eyes as he gazed intently at Li Xiu.

Li Xiu did not respond, as it was his first time combining the Magic Armor Skill with a Trial Taker's Super Spirit Skill.

The Hand of God combined with Bottle Suction forcibly absorbed Jing Li's Light Energy into the Magic Armor, controlling this Light Energy to merge with the Demon Eye Magic Armor's own Light Energy.

If the Magic Armor were strong enough, Li Xiu could perfectly combine these dual energies.

Unfortunately, the Demon Eye Magic Armor was not strong enough. Just enduring its own Light Energy overload explosion was already overwhelming enough, and now with the absorbed Light Energy, the Demon Eye Magic Armor was seriously damaged. Not only was white smoke escaping, but cracks had begun appearing in some areas.

Li Xiu knew he couldn't wait any longer. He coldly eyed Jing Li, and suddenly, light burst from the hands clasping the long blade.

A terrifying burst of Light Energy emanated from both hands simultaneously; one energy originating from the Demon Eye Magic Armor itself, and the other absorbed from Jing Li.

The two bursts of Light Energy stood opposite to each other: one positive, one negative; one yin, one yang; one firm, one gentle, yet remarkably harmonious under Li Xiu's control.

The spiraling bursts of Light Energy surprisingly caused Jing Li's blade to rotate as well.

**Boom!**

In the instant the spiraling energies combined, a Light Energy explosion occurred, akin to a miniature hydrogen bomb, forming a purple-black spherical light burst in front of the Trial Gate.

The light burst only lasted a moment. Yet in that brief moment, the brilliance forced both the Undying and Mo Wuya to narrow their eyes and shield themselves with their hands.

When the light faded, they were astonished to find that both Li Xiu and Jing Li were no longer in their original positions—one was a hundred meters to the left of the Trial Gate, and the other a hundred meters to the right.

The two now stood several hundred meters apart from each other. Li Xiu's Demon Eye Magic Armor was shattered, with fragments falling off his body, revealing the scholar's robe underneath in many places.

Jing Li wasn't much better off—his cloak had disappeared, leaving his bare upper body bleeding profusely, covered in wounds that stained his pants red.

Yet his gaze remained fiercely fixed on Li Xiu. Though his hand gripping the blade trembled incessantly, he held it firmly, showing no intention of letting go.

"The Magic Armor team's research must have become incredibly advanced, hasn't it?" The Undying and Mo Wuya exchanged glances, both seeing the shock in each other's eyes. The ability to injure Jing Li so severely marked an undeniably formidable accomplishment for the Magic Armor.

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"You, go get him a set of Demon Armor." No one expected that Jing Li would point his knife towards the distant Sha Chu and shout.

"No need." Li Xiu tore off the already ragged Demon Eye Magic Armor from his body and gripped the Spiritual Mace in his hand.

"I want to kill you wearing Demon Armor; as you are now, I'm not interested." Jing Li suddenly swung his knife at Sha Chu.

The Sword Light Slash landed on the ground in front of Sha Chu, carving a deep trench: "Did you not hear me tell you to get the Demon Armor?"

"It doesn't matter whether I have the Demon Armor or not; there's no need for such a fuss." Li Xiu spoke as he gripped the Spiritual Mace and walked towards Jing Li.

Jing Li frowned as he watched Li Xiu approach, and just as Li Xiu was about to reach him, Jing Li suddenly turned, sheathed his knife, and walked away.

"Next time, when you're wearing Demon Armor, I will come to kill you." With that, Jing Li left without looking back.

"This guy is really strange, picking and choosing who to kill." Li Xiu glanced at the already tattered Demon Eye Magic Armor on the ground: "This actually saves me the trouble; no need to repair it now."

"It's quite a miracle you survived under Jing Li's blade." Sha Chu walked over and said, watching Jing Li's retreating figure.

"Who is he exactly? I've never heard of anyone like him in the Four Great Families or the Six Groups; with abilities like his, he should be at the Commander Level, yet he's so unknown." Li Xiu now questioned about Jing Li's background.

"He was a Commander for a few days before, but it was brief, and now he's not." Sha Chu explained Jing Li's background.

"He's really a ruthless character." Li Xiu shook his head, "Take those scraps with you, let's head to the Demon Armor group; I need to get another set of Demon Armor."

"You'll need to get another set; Changshengtian's Demon Armor is quite formidable, being able to contend with someone at Jing Li's level; you should carry several sets with you." Sha Chu commented while picking up the scraps on the ground: "Jing Li will be back, and next time he won't leave so easily."

"Things always need to be resolved." Li Xiu didn't say anything more and, after Sha Chu gathered the scraps, mounted the Pegasus and headed straight to the research institute.

The Demon Eye Magic Armor is still not strong enough, inferior to the Divine Spirit Magic Armor; if it were the Divine Spirit Magic Armor, it might hold out until he could kill Jing Li.

Of course, using that Spiritual Mace might make it a bit simpler.

The reason Li Xiu is reluctant to use the Spiritual Mace easily is not because he doesn't want to, but because when using the Spiritual Mace, the "spiritual" character on it is certain to shine, and if the President of Changshengtian found out, Li Xiu worried he might be mistaken for the "spiritual" character in the Divining Celestial Secret.

Moreover, this thing doesn't have Demonic Light and can only be used in close-range combat, which is quite inconvenient to use.

Therefore, unless it's a matter of life and death, Li Xiu prefers not to use the Spiritual Mace in front of others.

Upon arriving at the research institute, Lei Qingfeng and Qiu Tianyu immediately came up to him.

"Commander, Professor Xu has been eagerly anticipating your visit, there are some issues with the Divine Spirit Magic Armor that need your input to resolve..." Qiu Tianyu said.

"Let's not talk about that now, I need to change into a new set of armor." Li Xiu gestured for Sha Chu to place the pile of scraps on the floor.

"What is this?" Qiu Tianyu and Lei Qingfeng were both taken aback, not knowing what this pile of ragged things was.

"Demon Eye Magic Armor." Li Xiu stated.

Qiu Tianyu and Lei Qingfeng's eyes widened immediately: "This is Demon Eye Magic Armor?"

They couldn't believe this pile of trash could be Demon Eye Magic Armor, thinking Li Xiu was joking.

"Yes, it's the Demon Eye Magic Armor, it's damaged, and I need to replace it with a new set." Li Xiu said.

Seeing Li Xiu wasn't joking, the two quickly rummaged through the pile of scraps, finally recognizing it and truly realizing it was the Demon Eye Magic Armor.

"Commander... how did the Demon Eye Magic Armor become like this..." Qiu Tianyu cautiously asked.

"I had a fight with someone, and the armor got damaged." Li Xiu said while walking towards the research institute's warehouse.

He had already decided which set of armor he wanted; that particular set might allow him to last longer in battle.

"A fight with someone could damage the armor this badly?" Lei Qingfeng and Qiu Tianyu could hardly believe it but dared only to think about it silently.

"Commander, who did you fight with?" Lei Qingfeng asked.

"Jing Li." Li Xiu casually replied.

"Jing Li!" Lei Qingfeng and Qiu Tianyu's eyes widened, looking at Li Xiu in disbelief, "You fought Jing Li and came back alive?"

"Nonsense, can I come back if I'm dead?" Li Xiu pointed at the warehouse door and said, "Open the door."

"Commander... isn't this inappropriate... the Demon Eye Magic Armor isn't even yours, changing it like this doesn't seem right?" Qiu Tianyu said with a wry smile.

"I'm still the Commander of the Technician Group; you took the Divine Spirit Magic Armor for research, and the Demon Eye Magic Armor is damaged; I don't even have a set of armor on me, is that reasonable?" Li Xiu glared at him.

Qiu Tianyu helplessly opened the warehouse door and walked in with Li Xiu.

Without hesitation, Li Xiu walked to the innermost row of armors, grabbed one of them, and turned to leave.

Previously, when they introduced these armors, Li Xiu hesitated between Divine Spirit Magic Armor and this set; now was the perfect time to choose this one.

Those other ones like the Thousand-Handed Guanyin, Suicide Bomber, and Artificial No. 13 didn't seem reliable; the Furnace Guardian seemed more dependable.

The Furnace Guardian didn't have remarkable other features, but its material was incredibly resilient; it was said to be made of some nearly uncuttable Super Spirit Material, forged in a high-temperature furnace.

The entire molding process of this set of armor was completed in that high-temperature furnace, resulting in the Furnace Guardian being like a solid block of iron after being forged, unable to be activated or dismantled, not even smashed open, which is why the Super Spirit Demon Core and Super Spirit Gemstone inside haven't been extracted yet.

Li Xiu intended to use this armor to battle Jing Li once again; not dealing with Jing Li is an ongoing problem.

Chapter 533 Cylinder Text

Bringing the Furnace Guardian back to Courtyard No. 7, first he summoned the injured Jedi Knight and the Dragon Vein Spirit to check their injuries.

The Jedi Knight's injuries were not light, but they weren't fatal either. With resources, recovery shouldn't be difficult.

The Dragon Vein Spirit had numerous injuries, but the wounds inflicted by the large bird weren't too serious, and should recover easily.

The more severe injury was the slash by Jing Li, which was quite serious. To fully recover, it likely requires a large amount of resources.

Moreover, Li Xiu didn't know which gemstone the Dragon Vein Spirit needed for its attributes, which was quite troublesome.

Without the corresponding gemstone or resources on hand, Li Xiu could only gather them back first and wait until he obtained resources to exchange for the gemstone they needed and then treat their injuries.

Placing the Furnace Guardian to the side, Li Xiu took out the items he picked up in the bird's nest, and gave the golden bracelet and collar to Sha Chu, asking her to exchange them for resources first.

In Longevity City, Jing Li couldn't act recklessly, and his target was Li Xiu, having nothing to do with Sha Chu.

After Sha Chu left, Li Xiu took out the Ink Jade Short Tube, holding it in his hand for study.

After studying it for a good while, he still couldn't figure out what this thing was.

"Could it be a telescope?" Li Xiu placed his eyes against the black crystals on both ends, looking into the sun, but all he saw was darkness, completely non-transparent.

"Taking such great risks and even destroying the Demon Eye Magic Armor, only to end up with such an unknown object, this is a huge loss." Unwilling to give up, Li Xiu continued his research.

He wanted to find a flashlight to see if he could shine light into it, perhaps to discover something.

After looking around, he couldn't find a flashlight, and feeling too lazy to buy one, he directly released the light energy of the Forbidden Spear, illuminating it from one end of the black crystal.

The fluorescent white light did shine in, but it could only enter a little before disappearing, without penetrating through the other end, and nothing could be seen inside.

However, the tip of the black crystal illuminated appeared clean and transparent; it was unclear why the light disappeared shortly after entering.

"Is the light not strong enough?" Li Xiu pondered, changing the light energy of the Forbidden Spear to his own Ultimate Light, shining the transparent light on one end of the black crystal.

Li Xiu was pleasantly surprised to find that the black crystals on both ends of the short tube lit up, and the black crystal became transparent, while the outer ink-like jade tube still remained non-transparent.

Li Xiu leaned close to take a look inside, curious to see whether the short tube was hollow and if there was anything inside.

"Is this a kaleidoscope?" Under the illumination of the Ultimate Light, Li Xiu discovered it wasn't hollow inside, but a solid crystal; oddly, looking through the crystal from this side, he saw many colors shifting, resembling a kaleidoscope but far more complex.

However, Li Xiu remembered that the principle of a kaleidoscope should be equilateral triangular mirrors mutually reflecting, yet this cylinder contained no triangular mirror structures, only a solid cylindrical crystal. How could there be such color variations?

Li Xiu rotated the short tube to look from the other end, and surprisingly still saw many colors changing.

Those colors were like countless mosaics, constantly shifting, becoming more like a complex kaleidoscope the longer he looked.

"What exactly is this thing?" Li Xiu contemplated, gazing at the short tube.

A moment later, Li Xiu picked up the short tube again for research, once more using Ultimate Light to illuminate it, then watching the shifting colors inside.

After observing for over an hour, only then did Li Xiu turn the short tube to view the changing colors from the other end.

The reason for spending so much time was because Li Xiu discovered that the color variations beforehand weren't repetitive, and not until over an hour later did the variations begin repeating, identical to previous variations.

This kaleidoscope-like object inside probably contained thousands of mosaic-sized color blocks, some colors changed while others did not, with changes occurring almost every second.

If it were an ordinary person, they couldn't possibly remember the color shifts, let alone endure the visual strain after a short time.

Yet Li Xiu forcibly memorized all the color block changes, even discerning a pattern of repetitive variations.

Looking from the other end, despite being the same crystal, the color block quantity and distribution appeared identical, but the colors differed.

Li Xiu observed for another hour before setting the short tube down.

"The quantity and arrangement of the color blocks are identical, and the frequency of color changes is the same; the difference lies in some color blocks changing colors differently..." Li Xiu closed his eyes, visualizing numerous color block diagrams.

From the center of his brow, a faint white light emanated, indicating the rise of his Spiritual Sense.

Countless color block diagrams surfaced in his mind, arranged in two rows; the upper row was viewed from one end, and the lower row from the other.

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Every time the color blocks change, a new color block image is generated. Two rows of color block images are arranged, from the first to the last, and the number is exactly the same.

Suddenly, Li Xiu seemed to have discovered something, and he overlapped the corresponding color block images, then immediately made a startling discovery.

"Demon Text..." Li Xiu was surprised to find that by overlapping the corresponding color block images from both ends, the overlapping colors formed complete Demon Kingdom script.

This was because Li Xiu recognized the Demon Text. If he didn't, even if they were overlapped, nothing could be discerned.

With a thought, all the color block images in Li Xiu's mind overlapped in pairs, and each overlapped color block image revealed varying amounts of Demon Kingdom script. As many as a dozen, as few as two or three, all were Demon Kingdom characters.

However, when Li Xiu tried to connect the text from the first color block image in sequence with the text of those that followed, it seemingly made no sense. It was even laborious to read, as if it was just randomly put together, not a meaningful passage.

Li Xiu frowned slightly, and after pondering for a moment, seemed to have thought of something. He changed his approach, reading the text from the last image backward.

This look immediately made more sense. It was fundamentally a reverse article, only readable backward from the end to the beginning.

"What What Secret Art!" Li Xiu found it frustrating that among the first three characters, he couldn't recognize two.

Skipping the unrecognized characters, he continued to study the following text. Many Demon Kingdom characters were unfamiliar to Li Xiu; at least one-fourth of the characters were obscure words he hadn't encountered before, and some he had seen but hadn't yet deduced the accurate meaning.

However, from the characters he did recognize, Li Xiu roughly gathered what this text was about.

As he read, Li Xiu grew more and more astonished. This piece of Demon Kingdom text recorded a method of exercising to solidify light.

Because there were some words he couldn't understand, Li Xiu's speculation and guesses allowed him to sketch an outline.

It talked about how to use Light Energy to transform the body, making it stronger.

It sounded somewhat similar to the enhancements in the Trial Ground, but it was different.

From a passage Li Xiu could comprehend, this transformation, if achievable, could theoretically enable the body to function like a solar panel—just needing light to acquire sufficient energy to sustain life.

Due to many incomprehensible words, Li Xiu couldn't determine whether this method was genuine or not, nor did he understand if it was reasonable. Anyway, that's how it was written.

However, Li Xiu found the idea somewhat far-fetched because, from what he could understand, there was a fundamental precondition that humans probably couldn't achieve.

This condition was the foundational practice throughout the text, though not explicitly written down, it was necessary.

The body must directly absorb Light Energy to use this method for exercise.

The human body isn't a solar panel; how could it directly absorb Light Energy?

"It seems that even if this thing is real, it's meant for the creatures of the Demon Kingdom, and humans can't use it at all." Li Xiu muttered to himself.

"No, wait... maybe I really could use it..." Li Xiu thought of the Super Spirit Technique Bottle Suction.

Bottle Suction could absorb Light Energy from other creatures for his own use. If Bottle Suction could be combined with this text, perhaps it could be transformed into a usable exercise method for humans.

"It's just a pity that there are too many characters I don't recognize. To know if it can really be used, I must first decipher all these characters." Li Xiu quietly pondered, "There should be some research on Demon Kingdom script within the Land of Long Life, but I don't know where."

Li Xiu put away the short tube and was about to go out to find out where to research the Demon Kingdom script when he opened the door and saw Li Qingyi about to knock.

Fortunately, Li Qingyi reacted quickly, or his finger would have knocked on Li Xiu's forehead.

"What's this? Coming to hit me right at my door?" Li Xiu said with a smile.

"Shouldn't I hit you?" Li Qingyi didn't wait for Li Xiu to invite her in, she directly walked into the courtyard, sat down on the jade stool inside, and gestured for Li Xiu to close the door.

Li Xiu had no choice but to close the door and sat down opposite Li Qingyi.

"Why should I be hit?" Li Xiu asked with a smile.

"Didn't I tell you to be careful lately? Why did you go to the Trial Gate again?" Li Qingyi asked.

"Elder sister, I need to live, I need to eat, I need clothes, I need to feed the magic spirit, all these require money. If I don't go to the Land of Trial, where do I get money?" Li Xiu said, spreading his hands.

"You are now a Commander, and every month you can receive some resources, enough for your usual needs. Can't you wait a bit to feed the magic spirit?" Li Qingyi paused and then continued, "And when you became a Commander, there was a batch of Commander benefits, should be enough for you for a while. Do you really have to go to the Land of Trial right now?"

"Commander benefits? What Commander benefits?" Li Xiu had only been a Commander for a few days and hadn't yet received the monthly resources, which he knew about, but he had never heard of any Commander benefits.

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"Didn't you receive the Commander's welfare?" Li Qingyi was slightly taken aback, then seemed to understand and said, "No wonder, these matters are all overseen by Vice President Bai. It's quite normal for him not to notify you to collect it."

"That fat guy is trying to pocket my money again, I can't let him get away with that. I'll go to him later. What does the Commander's welfare include?" Li Xiu asked with a smile.

"Generally, it's a Super Spirit Demon Core and a Super Spirit Gemstone, along with some regular demon cores and gemstones. These are the benefits of becoming a Commander, but some Commanders are willing to exchange these resources for a Demon Spirit Ring or a contract, choosing one of the two. The Dragon-slaying Dagger that Han Mingshou used was obtained by exchanging his Commander's welfare," Li Qingyi explained.

"Such good things exist, why didn't you tell me earlier?" Li Xiu immediately became excited.

He was worried about not having resources to heal the injuries of the Jedi Knight and the Dragon Vein Spirit. With such a batch of resources, all problems would be solved.

"Don't rush this matter. If you go by yourself, Vice President Bai might not readily give them to you and might have various excuses lined up. I'll go with you later," Li Qingyi paused and then continued, "I heard you had a bout with Jing Li, and it ended without a clear winner?"

"Actually, Jing Li had the upper hand. My Demon Armor was already damaged beyond further combat capability, while he could still fight." Li Xiu was honest.

Li Qingyi nodded, "That's pretty much what I suspected. But it's impressive that you managed to fight against Jing Li using Demon Armor and survived. Jing Li is very powerful, and his Symbiotic Contract is terrifyingly strong; it's exceedingly rare to reach the one hundred percent Super Spirit Limit. At the Super Spirit Stage, he is undoubtedly the top, and even I am not confident I could withstand his blade."

Li Qingyi said this not to boost herself, but because she excelled at defense, and if even she couldn't withstand it, it would be even harder for those Super Spirit Testers who were not skilled in defense.

"No wonder he's so strong, it turns out he has a one hundred percent Super Spirit," Li Xiu noted.

"If it weren't for the four great families jointly suppressing him, he'd be more than just Super Spirit. That person is truly fearsome. You shouldn't leave Longevity City for now to avoid giving him another chance," Li Qingyi advised.

"I can't stay in Longevity City forever, can I?" Li Xiu replied.

"I heard you have a good relationship with Eighth Master. Why not ask him to mediate and dissolve the grudge between you and our Li Family's Patriarch? That would naturally eliminate the trouble," Li Qingyi suggested.

"You're also part of the Li Family, isn't it risky for you to be so close to me? Aren't you afraid your family will call you a traitor?" Li Xiu said with a smile, looking at Li Qingyi. He wasn't surprised that Li Qingyi knew about Eighth Master. Previously, she was close to Mo Liu and the others, so it wasn't surprising that she knew about this matter.

"I am me, and the Li Family is the Li Family; they are not to be confused." Li Qingyi shook her head.

"That's good, otherwise I'd truly feel a bit troubled." Li Xiu said calmly.

"You're not planning to reconcile?" Li Qingyi saw through Li Xiu's intentions.

"Others want to fight and kill me, and I'm supposed to go begging for reconciliation? That's something I can't do," Li Xiu said coolly.

"What are your plans then? Stay in Longevity City your whole life? How will you level up, how will you surpass Super Spirit? Without surpassing Super Spirit, you'll always only be a Magic Armor Master Commander, and ultimately will not be able to contend with truly powerful adversaries," Li Qingyi sighed.

"Why can't a Magic Armor Master contend with truly powerful adversaries?" Li Xiu retorted.

"You yourself said your Demon Armor was broken, yet Jing Li still had the strength to fight on. How many sets of Demon Armor can you carry with you? Jing Li is only strong in the Super Spirit Stage. What if you run into a tester stronger than him?" Li Qingyi said, looking at Li Xiu slowly.

"Are there testers stronger than him?" Li Xiu inquired.

"Super Spirit, after all, is still just S-level. Super Spirit is a precursor to advancing to the next level of S-level. Only when Super Spirit power reaches a certain extent, is there a chance to truly surpass S-level. I asked you to accompany me to Tianmen to surpass S-level," Li Qingyi advised, "Jing Li is always on the verge of surpassing S-level, missing only the opportunity, and such a person is of no benefit if you continue to contend with him."

"It's not that I want to contend, it's that I have to. If I retreat now, it will only lead to endless retreats in the future. I don't have eyes on the back of my head and am not accustomed to walking backwards, so I won't retreat," Li Xiu resolved.

"Then you need to be mentally prepared; Jing Li is the hurdle you must cross. How do you plan to cross it?" Li Qingyi stared at Li Xiu and asked.

"I've already taken a new set of Demon Armor from the Institute. The next time I encounter him, the problem will naturally be solved," Li Xiu smiled.

Li Qingyi was exasperated, "I've been talking for so long, and you haven't taken in a word, have you? Unless the Magic Armor Research Institute creates even stronger Demon Armor, the current stage of Magic Armor Masters won't possibly be a match for Jing Li. Being able to come back alive from a duel with Jing Li is already not easy, and if there's a second time, Jing Li surely won't give you another chance to live. Why risk your life out of spite? Take a step back and open up a broader sky; a true man can yield or stand tall..."

Li Xiu quietly listened to Li Qingyi finish before sighing, "I've stood for too long, my legs are numb, I can't kneel down."

"I think it's your heart that's numb," Li Qingyi chuckled, "Anyway, this is the Li Xiu I know, Lord of Light City. Since you're not willing to take a step back, then don't leave the city for now. I'll try to come up with a solution."

"Thank you." Li Xiu expressed his genuine gratitude.

"No need for thanks, just quickly increase the Super Spirit Limit of the Jedi Knight, and then accompany me to Tianmen," Li Qingyi instructed.

"The Jedi Knight was wounded, and the Red Apatite is already used up, I need to get some more Red Apatite first." Li Xiu stated.

"So quickly? What's the Super Spirit Limit of the Jedi Knight now?" Li Qingyi was somewhat surprised.

"Eighty-one percent," Li Xiu answered truthfully.

After hearing this, Li Qingyi pondered, "Then don't run around. I'll figure something out about the Red Apatite, and you should definitely not leave Longevity City for now."

"Understood," Li Xiu replied, then asked, "Do you know anyone in Longevity Sky researching Demon Text?"

"There's a dedicated Demon Text Institute in Longevity Sky, why do you ask?" Li Qingyi queried in confusion.

"I want to study Demon Text," Li Xiu answered.

Li Qingyi regarded Li Xiu with an unusual expression but didn't say anything, making Li Xiu feel slightly uneasy before she finally spoke, "I didn't see it before, you actually have such grand schemes, already preparing for Refining Light?"

Chapter 536 Demon Text Institute

"What is Refining Light?" Li Xiu, sensing there was more to it, hurriedly asked.

"You don't know about Refining Light? Then what are you studying Demon Text for?" Li Qingyi looked at Li Xiu with a puzzled expression.

"I'm only studying Demon Text to understand some of the writings from the Demon Kingdom. What does that have to do with Refining Light?" Li Xiu asked.

"Fine, I'll explain it in detail for you. After S-level, the next rank is called Light Base. It's about Condensing Void into Reality, taking Light as the vein, and Light Vein as the base, transforming the body into a Light Energy Body. This requires special techniques, and these techniques are not found on Earth. The Light Condensation Technique used at the Light Base level is discovered from Demon Kingdom relics. Once you advance to the Light Base level, the Trial Ground enhancements are useless to you, and you'll need a Light Condensation Technique to continue growing. But you don't need to learn those complex Demon Texts yourself. The Demon Text Institute has translated copies of various Light Condensation Techniques. As a Commander, once you advance to the Light Base level, you have the authority to obtain the translated versions."

"I see, the Light Base level, huh?" Li Xiu's expression was strange. He thought the name of this level sounded a bit odd.

"You rest, I'll go prepare some Red Apatite." Qingyi said as she got up and left the room.

Li Xiu also followed her out of the room, heading directly to the Demon Text Institute.

On the way, many Trial Takers gave Li Xiu strange looks upon seeing him.

Li Xiu knew that the news of Jing Li wanting to kill him had spread, but he didn't care, and walked on unperturbed.

Before reaching the Demon Text Institute, he saw someone as round as a ball walking towards him, smiling with eyes squinted almost into slits.

"Where is Commander Li headed?" Bai Wanli approached with no intention of moving out of the way, greeting him with a beaming smile.

"Just wandering around, does Vice President Bai have any business?" Li Xiu casually replied.

"What business could I have? But Commander Li, you've got yourself in such a big mess yet still have the mood to stroll about. That's indeed something only extraordinary people can manage. I'm very impressed." Bai Wanli said with a smile that seemed both genuine and veiled.

"It seems Vice President Bai cares quite a bit about me." Li Xiu sneered.

"Of course, I used to manage the Demon Armor group, which you've taken over now. You could say I'm your senior, so it's only natural to care about you, my junior. If things really get tough, come to me anytime. Although I can't be of much assistance, small matters like buying a coffin or collecting a corpse are doable." Bai Wanli said, squinting.

"Since Vice President Bai is so concerned, why not issue me my Commander benefits?" Li Xiu said.

"The warehouse is currently being inventoried, once it's done, Commander Li can come to collect. I'm truly sorry." Bai Wanli was not flustered at all, still smiling broadly.

"When will the inventory be completed?" Li Xiu asked.

"Well, the warehouse hasn't been thoroughly inventoried in years, there's just too much stuff that needs organizing. But rest assured, Commander Li, I will do my utmost to finish the inventory as soon as possible. It might take two or three months quickly, or maybe one or two years slowly. I'll notify you immediately once it's done." Bai Wanli said proudly.

"So, does this mean the supplies for our Technician group will also have to wait until the inventory is completed?" Li Xiu looked at Bai Wanli and asked.

"Commander Li is truly smart, you've guessed it right." Bai Wanli was even more pleased.

"Alright, take your time with the inventory, I'm in no rush." Li Xiu said as he bypassed Bai Wanli and continued heading towards the Demon Text Institute.

"Hmph." Bai Wanli watched Li Xiu's departing figure and snorted coldly, then hummed a tune to himself as he walked away.

Li Xiu knew it wasn't the time for demanding things, so he ignored Bai Wanli, deciding to wait for the right moment.

Li Xiu arrived at the Demon Text Institute. Despite being on the same level as the Magic Armor Research Institute, just looking at the front, it was clear the Demon Text Institute had more prestige.

The entrance had a golden plaque, flanked by stone lions, golden couplets hanging on either side, and a gatekeeper watching amusingly.

The gatekeeper sat by the door, cradling a small teapot in one hand and holding a long smoking pipe in the other, sipping tea and puffing smoke, living a cozy life.

Even a guard was living so well, indicating the Demon Text Institute had a status far above the research institute.

"Young man, where's your pass?" As soon as Li Xiu reached the door, the gatekeeper stopped him.

"What pass?" Li Xiu asked.

"Don't play dumb. Without a pass issued by the City Lord, no one is allowed into the Demon Text Institute." The old man sat in his chair, not bothering to stand up, only gesturing towards a sign nearby with his pipe. The sign read "No entry for unauthorized personnel" in four large characters.

"I'm here to consult the head of the Demon Text Institute regarding issues in Demon Text research. Would you please let him know?" Li Xiu requested.

"Research Demon Text? At your age, and you're researching Demon Text?" The old man curled his lip, pointing at the golden couplets on both sides of the door. "Do you recognize these characters?"

Li Xiu had noticed the couplets earlier, written in Demon Text, and asymmetrical—six Demon Text symbols on the right and eight on the left. It looked quite awkward, one long and one short.

If someone didn't recognize Demon Text, they might think something was missing.

In fact, Demon Text symbols represent meanings differently than Earth's known languages, where a single symbol could express various meanings. It's common for the symbols to be unevenly matched when translating couplets into Demon Text.

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Li Xiu glanced at it. Although there were two symbols he didn't recognize, he already knew what was written there.

Because it was a very famous couplet, knowing the meanings of the other Demon Text characters, he understood which couplet it was.

"Young phoenix learns to fly, thousands of miles of wind and cloud rise from this. Hidden dragon leaps up, thunder and rain of the nine heavens arrive in time." Li Xiu recited both lines of the couplet.

"Where did you hear that from? You recited it quite well." The old man assumed Li Xiu had heard it elsewhere, after all, this couplet from the Demon Text Institute was widely known throughout Longevity City.

"If you don't believe me, you can test me on something else." Li Xiu wasn't upset and said with a smile.

"Alright, then read this." The old man put down the teapot in his hand, took a book from his coat, and tossed it to Li Xiu.

Li Xiu caught the book and saw the words "Buddha's Light Shines on All" written on the cover, which he recited aloud.

"Don't read those words, who doesn't know the Common Script? Read the content inside." The old man said with a pout.

Li Xiu opened the book and saw that it contained elegantly printed text, presumably printed copies of Demon Text transcribed from somewhere.

"Absorbing light, gathering luminescence, coagulating veins into networks, using light as a base..." Li Xiu read a few sentences and realized that this must be the Light Condensation Technique Li Qingyi mentioned, somewhat similar to the technique he'd seen in the short cylinder.

"Oh, you really can understand Demon Text?" The old man looked at Li Xiu with surprise after hearing a few sentences.

"I understand some, but there are many characters I don't know, which is why I want to visit the Demon Text Institute for guidance. Please do me the favor of conveying my visit, saying that Li Xiu is here." Li Xiu said.

"So you're the newly appointed Commander of the Technician Group, Li Xiu. I must admit my old eyes have failed me." The old man stood up and said, "I didn't expect Commander Li to be proficient in Demon Text as well. The director isn't here, but perhaps I can discuss it with you. Would Commander Li be interested?"

"I'd be delighted." Li Xiu replied with a smile.

He just wanted to look at some research materials from the Demon Text Institute. If none were available, comparing original texts and translations would suffice, as deciphering the meanings of Demon Text was not difficult for him.

"Follow me." The old man led Li Xiu through the door and towards a two-story Jade Tower in the courtyard.

This courtyard was much more grandiose than the research institute, with all the pavilions and towers; however, it seemed rather deserted.

It seemed the old man had read Li Xiu's mind, for he smiled and said, "Our researchers at the Demon Text Institute have a lot of work every day, researching and translating Demon Texts, with no time to sit in the courtyard basking in the sun."

Li Xiu smiled without saying anything, evidently aware of the situation at the Magic Armor Research Institute, known to everyone in Longevity City.

The old man took out a bunch of keys from his pocket, unlocked the door to the Jade Tower, and walked straight inside.

"Everything here is printed material. Feel free to look at whatever you want." The old man sat down after pulling up a chair.

Li Xiu saw rows of bookshelves filled with books, scanned them briefly, and found that they were mostly storybooks, not containing the Light Condensation Technique like the "Buddha's Light Shines on All" the old man had shown him earlier.

Li Xiu was unconcerned. He browsed through the titles on the shelves and, as he had guessed, they were miscellaneous books with none related to the Light Condensation Technique.

Li Xiu wasn't worried. Among the Demon Language Books here, some had translations. He casually picked a few with translations and began leafing through them.

"How's the translation?" The old man watched as Li Xiu quickly scanned through, seemingly taking in entire pages at once, and couldn't help but frown slightly.

"Beginner level, I'd say." Li Xiu remarked casually.

The old man's eyes turned red as soon as Li Xiu made this statement.

Originally, he felt a sense of pride when he saw Li Xiu had picked out a book he had translated.

He considered his translations as top-tier selections, combining accuracy and literary charm. Yet Li Xiu's blunt assessment of it as beginner level felt like a stab to the heart.

The old man suppressed his anger and sneered, "What makes you say that?"

"The translator of this book lacks a solid literary foundation but likes to be pretentious, translating originally concise text into a flowery style, which creates confusion about its meaning... For instance, the original phrase meant to describe flowing water and fallen flowers; they translated it into 'falling flowers have intent, flowing water is ruthless', making it seem more aesthetically pleasing, but this misleads the reader into thinking the author is being sentimental when the author's intent was merely to describe that place's scenery." Li Xiu said while flipping through the pages.

"How do you know the author wasn't expressing sentimentality? Perhaps you simply didn't understand the author's deeper meaning and intention." The old man countered.

"I don't know what deeper meaning the author might have had. All I know is that translation should take into account the historical context of the text. The context of this book should be the most prosperous period of the Demon Kingdom, with the author consistently praising the magnificent landscapes during his spring outing. Starting to translate with a phrase like 'falling flowers have intent, flowing water is ruthless' suddenly seems inappropriate and clearly a novice's mistake." Li Xiu retorted.

The blue veins on the old man's forehead bulged violently, and he replied defiantly, "Haven't you heard of the phrase 'In this world, how can one achieve both, to not fail Buddha or the beloved?' According to your translation style, it would have been 'how can one do both perfectly in this world, not disappointing the girl one loves while not neglecting one's spiritual practice.' Such a translation is verbose and lacks artistic beauty; it is only through the translator's artistic refinement that such a beautiful quote emerges. The artistic enhancement by the translator is very important, don't you understand?"

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"I really don't understand this. I just want a clear translation of the Demon Text. These kinds of translations with confusing meanings make it difficult to understand and prone to errors. Personally, I don't like them." Li Xiu directly put the book back, not arguing with the old man.

The old man was still quite displeased internally: "You're speaking so easily as if you could translate them simply and understandably."

Li Xiu ignored him, thinking the old man was a bit strange. He brought him here to read books, yet continued to antagonize him, which was truly perplexing.

Li Xiu continued to read by himself, finding it easier to learn with both the translated and original texts side by side.

However, most of the words and terms in these books were quite common; after a long period of flipping through, he didn't come across many rare characters.

Li Xiu was already familiar with most of the commonly used Demon Text, and reading these kinds of books no longer provided much help.

After putting the book down, Li Xiu continued searching through the rows of bookshelves. There were too many books, but most turned out to be storybooks. The words and phrases used in such books were generally quite common, offering little help to Li Xiu.

"Old man, is there anything like a dictionary or reference book?" Li Xiu asked the grumpy old man beside him.

"Those confidential items, even if they exist, cannot be simply shown to outsiders." The old man coldly replied.

"Then there's nothing worth seeing. Thank you, old man, I'll be leaving now." Li Xiu turned, ready to go.

The old man snickered coldly at Li Xiu's words: "You want to see the Light Condensation Technique, right? Such books can only be viewed with the Commander's approval, and you're just a Magic Armor Master, those things are useless to you."

"I am a Magic Armor Master, but I am also a Trial Taker." Li Xiu said with a smile.

"Can a C-level Trial Taker even count as a Trial Taker?" The old man directly pointed out Li Xiu's level, with a face full of disdain, as if a C-level Trial Taker barely counted as human.

"Why can't a C-level Trial Taker count as a Trial Taker?" Li Xiu frowned, saying. Ever since the start, the old man had been sarcastic, and Li Xiu was unwilling to bother with him. But the old man was relentless.

"In our Demon Text Institute, a C-level Trial Taker isn't any different from a regular person. Those who can use our translated Light Condensation Techniques must be at least Light Base level. Below Light Base level, unable to practice the Light Condensation Technique, they can't be considered a Trial Taker." The old man further belittled Li Xiu.

"Who said you must be Light Base level to practice the Light Condensation Technique?" Li Xiu said calmly.

The old man burst into laughter: "You don't even know that the Light Condensation Technique requires Light Base level for training, yet you come here wanting to see the technique, isn't that a bit too comical?"

"Today, I'm giving you a free lesson. Without reaching Light Base level, the body can't actively absorb Light Energy. It can only rely on shared Light Energy provided by the Symbiotic Contract. Such a Trial Taker indeed doesn't count as a Trial Taker, at most just half a Trial Taker. Light Base level Trial Takers are different; they can absorb Light Energy independently, even without the Symbiotic Contract's Light Energy. This is a completely different concept."

"Is there no Light Condensation Technique that can be practiced before reaching Light Base level?" Li Xiu asked.

"Absolutely not. Without reaching Light Base level, the body lacks the conditions to actively absorb Light Energy. This is a necessary prerequisite for all Light Condensation Techniques." The old man affirmed.

"Isn't there a Light Condensation Technique that doesn't require this prerequisite?" Li Xiu asked again.

"Of course not. All Light Condensation Techniques discovered in the Demon Kingdom require this prerequisite to practice." The old man replied.

"Just because the Demon Kingdom doesn't have such a Light Condensation Technique doesn't mean the world does not have one. Even if it truly doesn't exist, it can still be researched and developed." Li Xiu pondered aloud.

The old man listened, feeling both angry and amused: "It seems you truly don't understand anything. Arguing with a naive kid like you just embarrasses me. Enough, leave now. Don't spout such nonsensical words outside; it'll only make people laugh."

"I don't see what's so funny about it. I am determined to develop a Light Condensation Technique that can be practiced before reaching Light Base level. If possible, could you lend me some materials?" Li Xiu asked.

"Unless you reach Light Base level, you cannot borrow the Light Condensation Technique. You'd better leave quickly." The old man said with a cold face. Earlier, seeing Li Xiu understand the Demon Text, he had some goodwill towards Li Xiu, but now all goodwill was gone, with no patience left.

"I don't wish to see those Light Condensation Techniques. I just hope to borrow a dictionary. If you're not in charge, may I meet with the director?" Li Xiu requested.

"What do you want the dictionary for?" The old man asked, staring at Li Xiu.

"Didn't I just say, I want to develop a Light Condensation Technique that can be practiced before reaching Light Base level." Li Xiu replied calmly.

"Do you really think we at the Demon Text Institute are all fools? If such a thing existed, would it be waiting for you to discover?" The old man said angrily.

"Just because the Demon Text Institute couldn't develop it doesn't mean I won't be able to. Will you lend me the dictionary or not?" Li Xiu asked, losing his patience.

"I can lend you the dictionary. If you manage to create such a thing, I, Dong Tianjun, will kneel and acknowledge you as my master." The old man coldly stared at Li Xiu: "Commander Li, if you fail to develop such a Light Condensation Technique, what then?"

"So you are the director of the Demon Text Institute, Dong Tianjun. Pardon my oversight." Li Xiu said with a smile: "Director Dong, as long as you lend me the dictionary, I assure you I can develop it. If unsuccessful, I would also be willing to kneel and acknowledge you as my master."

"I wouldn't dare to accept a disciple like you. If you fail to develop it, how about giving Magic Armor Group resources to our Demon Text Institute?" Dong Tianjun was quick to make a clever proposal.

"Agreed, go fetch the dictionary then." Li Xiu nodded.

"Wait, let's set a time frame first. We can't have you researching your whole life while I wait forever, right?" Dong Tianjun stated.

"Three months then. If after three months I fail to develop it, the dictionary and resources will be yours." Li Xiu agreed.

"Alright, then let's make a contract." Dong Tianjun, somehow producing paper and pen, immediately drafted the contract, with both parties signing and sealing it in duplicate.

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Li Xiu had just obtained the dictionary and was ready to leave, but was stopped by Dong Tianjun.

"What's up?" Li Xiu asked in confusion.

Dong Tianjun frowned and said, "You're not even taking the Light Condensation Technique, what are you going back to study?"

As he spoke, Dong Tianjun tossed a book to Li Xiu, the very same "Universal Buddha Light" he had previously asked Li Xiu to read.

"This is my own book, take it back and study it. See you in three months."

Li Xiu thanked him as he accepted the book and left the Demon Text Institute.

He really hadn't expected Dong Tianjun to give him a Light Condensation Technique; wasn't it said that such things were not to be casually shown to others?

After returning home, Li Xiu opened the thick Demon Text Dictionary and compared the text with the "Universal Buddha Light" for a preliminary review.

The incantation in the simplified text, Li Xiu had already memorized and could automatically compare during his study.

He continued reading while consulting the dictionary, clarifying the unknown words made reading much easier.

However, Li Xiu found some definitions in this Demon Text Dictionary to be inaccurate, and after researching, made new annotations.

Li Xiu didn't leave the house all day, immersing himself in researching these Demon Words. By the time Sha Chu returned, it was already around seven or eight o'clock in the evening.

"Everyone outside is debating whether you still dare to leave Longevity City. Most people think you're definitely playing turtle." Sha Chu said with a smile.

"That's not a nice way to put it." Li Xiu replied, flipping through the dictionary.

"That's not what I said, it's what those people outside are saying." Sha Chu walked over to Li Xiu, glanced at the dictionary and the "Universal Buddha Light", and said in surprise: "This is Demon Text, isn't it? You understand this?"

"A little bit." Li Xiu replied.

Sha Chu was surprised. Demon Text is difficult to learn, and many who wish to learn it have no place to do so.

Even within Longevity City, the Demon Text Institute is a unique institution, and not everyone is qualified to learn Demon Text there.

Demon Text relates to many things in the Demon Kingdom, like the Light Condensation Technique, which requires translation from Demon Text.

Mastering Demon Text, even if your rank is not high and you are not a Trial Taker, you can still achieve considerable status and benefits in Longevity City.

Like Dong Tianjun, nominally he and Professor Xu should be at the same level, but their treatment and status are worlds apart.

Even the patriarchs of the four major families are polite to Dong Tianjun, calling him "sir" with respect.

After all, those from the four families will want to learn the Light Condensation Technique, and they'll rely on people like Dong Tianjun.

The books are translated by him, and a single mistranslation can cause serious problems for practitioners.

Moreover, the Light Condensation Technique has both good and bad aspects; even a Light Base S-level Trial Taker may not discern it, needing someone knowledgeable to guide them.

Although the four families have long sent people to learn Demon Text, not everyone has the talent for languages, nor patience and diligence to study dry texts.

Most prefer becoming Trial Takers rather than learning the obscure Demon Text.

Within Longevity City, Dong Tianjun is the expert of experts, his high status is imaginable.

If not for Li Xiu being the Commander, even if Dong Tianjun were angered, he wouldn't have lent the Demon Text Dictionary or allowed him to take the "Universal Buddha Light".

If a regular Trial Taker did the same, Dong Tianjun wouldn't even respond, let alone say a single word more.

Of course, even if Li Xiu is the Commander, without displaying profound Demon Text mastery, Dong Tianjun wouldn't have lent him the dictionary and the book.

"What's this book?" Sha Chu stood beside Li Xiu, lowering her head to look at the "Universal Buddha Light", but she couldn't understand a single word.

"A Light Condensation Technique." Li Xiu said casually.

"What? A Light Condensation Technique!" Sha Chu exclaimed in shock, "How do you have a Light Condensation Technique?"

"Borrowed from the Demon Text Institute." Li Xiu replied.

"The Demon Text Institute is willing to lend you a Light Condensation Technique? I thought this was impossible to take out, right? I heard only beings surpassing S-level have the right to access it, and it must be studied only inside the institute, not taken out." Sha Chu said in astonishment.

"Well, I am a Commander, naturally different from others." Li Xiu smiled.

Sha Chu nodded: "That's true, but why is the book all in Demon Text? Is there no translation?"

"No need for a translation, I have the dictionary right here. Just check the dictionary yourself." Li Xiu said, patting the dictionary beside him.

"The Demon Text Institute actually lent such an important thing like the dictionary to you?" Sha Chu was even more surprised, knowing how crucial a dictionary is to a language.

It's said that the core results of many years of research by the Demon Text Institute are in this dictionary.

"Even with the dictionary, translating Demon Text's Light Condensation Technique is not easy. Don't just look at it yourself and get it wrong, and I heard this technique can only be cultivated by Trial Takers surpassing S-level..." Sha Chu said.

"You're right. The previous Light Condensation Technique indeed could only be practiced by Trial Takers of Light Base level above S-level, so I borrowed the dictionary and 'Universal Buddha Light', planning to research a version of the Light Condensation Technique that ordinary Trial Takers can cultivate." Li Xiu said.

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"Is this possible?" Sha Chu widened her eyes, "Longevity City has been around for so many years, and I've never heard of anything like this. If it were possible, someone should have already figured it out, right?"

"Anything is possible with effort. Maybe they failed because they took the wrong approach, limited by existing systems, whereas someone like me, who doesn't adhere to these systems, might be able to forge a new path," Li Xiu chuckled. "Once I develop a suitable Light Condensation Technique, you can try it out. It might allow you to advance faster than regular Trial Takers."

"Alright, I'll wait for your Light Condensation Technique," Sha Chu looked at Li Xiu with a complicated expression.

She felt as if her understanding was repeatedly reshaped by Li Xiu. Initially, she thought Li Xiu was just someone with a knack for football; then, she discovered he was a Magic Armor Master with extraordinary abilities. Subsequently, she found out he possessed multiple Top-Grade Demon Spirits and advanced quickly. Now, he was delving into Demon Texts to develop a Light Condensation Technique, almost inhuman. Humans naturally have limited energy and intellect, yet somehow Li Xiu was excelling in everything he attempted.

"If he really can develop a Light Condensation Technique suitable for low-level practitioners, it would be an upheaval more frightening than the Magical Tournament. This storm would alter not just the outside world but inevitably shake the very foundations of Longevity City..." Sha Chu looked at Li Xiu, her expression complex.

"Feeling a bit hungry, could you get me something to eat?" Li Xiu stretched and said.

"I bought some vegetables and canned food; how about I make you a stir-fry with canned vegetables?" Sha Chu suggested.

"Is that edible?" Li Xiu had never heard of such a dish.

"Of course it is! Underestimating me, huh? Once I make it, you'll be craving it again..." Sha Chu said as she left Li Xiu's study.

For several days, Li Xiu stayed home, researching Demon Texts.

The entire Longevity City awaited Li Xiu's departure from Longevity City, but he remained indoors, leading many to believe he was afraid and dared not face Jing Li again.

Li Xiu ignored these assumptions, focusing on his research into Demon Texts and the Light Condensation Technique.

The reason for his intense focus on the Light Condensation Technique wasn't a purely altruistic desire to benefit society but a personal issue. He struggled with leveling up; each attempt to advance to the next level was hindered, and perhaps the Light Condensation Technique could resolve this.

Before long, Li Xiu had deciphered teachings from various texts, one of which was named "The Technique of Silent Disbelief in Mystical Forces."

Of course, this was Li Xiu's translation, and the original meaning likely pointed to a technique created by a skeptic of gods.

Li Xiu had translated it into "The Technique of Silent Disbelief in Mystical Forces," as it was easier to remember.

Through his research, Li Xiu realized that "The Technique of Silent Disbelief in Mystical Forces" and "Universal Illumination" were essentially the same, both utilizing Light Energy to construct organ-like structures within the body similar to meridians.

With these Light Veins, humans would truly possess their own Light Energy System, rather than relying entirely on Symbiotic Contracts.

To construct Light Veins, the primary requirement is a Light Base-level body, capable of absorbing Light Energy autonomously. Without this condition, any Light Condensation Technique is purely hypothetical—not feasibly trainable.

It's similar to how a mage cannot sense magic elements; practicing magic is futile.

Ordinary people can sense Demonic Light, but without the ability to absorb it, it's useless.

To enable low-level Trial Takers to practice the Light Condensation Technique, this issue must be addressed first.

Li Xiu had previously considered this, proposing to use the Bottle Suction Super Spirit Skill to solve the dilemma.

However, upon further reflection, even if the Bottle Suction Skill could resolve this issue, only Li Xiu could utilize it—others lacked access to Bottle Suction, leaving the problem unsolved.

The solution remained elusive and required practical experimentation by Li Xiu. It was still at a research stage, with no clear resolution yet.

The two Light Condensation Techniques differed slightly in the placement and quantity of condensed Light Veins.

"Universal Illumination" could ultimately condense eight Light Veins, whereas "The Technique of Silent Disbelief in Mystical Forces" could condense fourteen.

The eight Light Veins of "Universal Illumination" and the fourteen Light Veins of "The Technique of Silent Disbelief in Mystical Forces" did not overlap in location.

All twenty-two Light Veins occupied distinct positions. When Li Xiu aligned them, there were barely any overlaps.

"Hmm, why does this look so familiar..." Li Xiu pondered, correlating the Light Vein Map with the human anatomy chart and noticing a certain familiarity.

The thought struck Li Xiu to summon the Evil Spirit Token, then compare the blue-line humanoid diagram on the face and the red-line diagram on the reverse. He quickly identified the eight Light Veins of "Universal Illumination" on the blue-line diagram and the twelve Light Veins of "The Technique of Silent Disbelief in Mystical Forces" on the red-line diagram.

"Could it be that the blue and red lines on the Evil Spirit Token are actually Light Veins!" The longer Li Xiu examined them, the more convinced he became.

Whether considering the eight Light Veins of "Universal Illumination" or the twelve Light Veins of "The Technique of Silent Disbelief in Mystical Forces," they constitute only parts of the Light Veins on the Evil Spirit Token.