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### Chapter 551 Debt Collection

Li Xiu studied the Light Vein Map on the Evil Spirit Token while observing the situation on Jing Li's side, but unfortunately, there wasn't much feedback from Jing Li's side.

Jing Li had already begun practicing the Zi Bu Yu mystical technique, but there wasn't yet any sign of condensing a Light Vein.

"Why is the efficiency so slow? Is it really that difficult to condense a Light Vein?" Li Xiu thought, and the Light Energy within his body began to gather in one place, showing faint signs of condensing a Light Vein. However, before it fully condensed, he dispersed the Light Energy again.

He had tried condensing different Light Veins and discovered that each Light Vein caused different reactions in his body during condensing.

The way and feeling of condensing a Light Vein with the Universal Illumination and Zi Bu Yu mystical technique are completely different.

Although he hadn't truly condensed a Light Vein, Li Xiu already vaguely felt that each Light Vein condensed by different Light Condensation Techniques carried some special power.

Li Xiu also discovered a problem: when condensing a Light Vein with Universal Illumination, it was relatively small, whereas with the Zi Bu Yu mystical technique it was thicker and required more Light Energy.

"If Light Veins are considered as batteries storing electric power, the more Light Veins there are, the more Light Energy is stored, and the inherent storage capacity of the Light Vein also affects the strength of the Light Energy. In this sense, Universal Illumination is much weaker than the Zi Bu Yu mystical technique. I wonder what the other Light Condensation Techniques are like?" Li Xiu mused while staring at the Light Vein Map on the Evil Spirit Token: "If I could condense all Light Veins, then the amount of Light Energy stored in my body would far exceed others. But to achieve this plan, I must learn how to condense other Light Veins, eventually linking all Light Veins in my body into a whole. To reach that level, I might have to create my own Light Condensation Technique."

Nothing can be imagined out of thin air; using existing knowledge can double the effort with half the work, so Li Xiu had his eyes set on the Demon Text Institute.

As long as he could defeat that Dong Tianjun, he should be able to access all Light Condensation Techniques at the Demon Text Institute, so this bet was one Li Xiu had to win.

"Jing Li, oh Jing Li, give it your all and quickly master the Zi Bu Yu mystical technique." Li Xiu secretly cheered for Jing Li, regretting that he didn't know any Prayer Technique; otherwise, he'd surely throw seven or eight Blessing Auras at Jing Li to help him succeed sooner.

Jing Li hadn't left his room for two consecutive days, spending every day researching and practicing the Zi Bu Yu mystical technique, with even his meals delivered to his door by Sha Chu. He'd eat when he remembered, and sometimes, when he forgot, his breakfast would last until noon, and his lunch until evening.

On the third day, Li Qingyi finally came and handed Li Xiu a small box of Red Apatite.

"Did you take the Super Spirit Gemstone from the old mine?" Li Qingyi suddenly asked.

"What Super Spirit Gemstone?" Li Xiu's face was full of confusion, as if he had no idea whatsoever.

"Really? Oh well." Li Qingyi rolled her eyes: "Hurry up and heal the Jedi Knight's injuries and raise his Super Spirit Limit."

"At your service." Li Xiu saluted.

"You really can't be serious, can you?" Li Qingyi laughed.

"Sigh, I also want to be serious, but when I do get serious, even I get scared." Li Xiu sighed.

Li Qingyi was speechless with him: "You're already such a strong Magic Armor Master, why do you want to become a Trial Taker? Do you also think Trial Takers are better than Magic Armor Masters?"

"No." Li Xiu shook his head.

"Then why?" Li Qingyi was very curious about this issue.

Li Xiu's Magic Armor skills were strong enough to defeat others like Jing Li, which made him almost invincible outside. Inside the Eternal Heaven only some top-level experts could pose a threat to Li Xiu.

Before entering Eternal Heaven, Li Xiu shouldn't have known about the existence of Light Base level beings. What motivated him to want to become a Trial Taker? This made Li Qingyi very curious.

"Because it's too lonely." Li Xiu said with a face full of melancholy.

"Lonely? Are Magic Armor Masters bad at finding partners?" Li Qingyi asked, puzzled.

"No, it's because I'm invincible and have no adversaries, it really gets to be no fun at all." Li Xiu smirked.

"I knew you couldn't say a single serious thing." Li Qingyi smiled and said: "Now you've offended so many people, there are people everywhere who want to kill you; you shouldn't be lonely now?"

"It's alright." Li Xiu eyed Li Qingyi and asked: "Why did you think about finding a partner? Is there news about that prophecy?"

"People outside are saying the person mentioned in the prophecy is Wan Chaoxin, what do you think?" Li Qingyi looked at Li Xiu and slowly spoke.

"I don't think so." Li Xiu said definitively.

"Why are you so sure? The prophecy did mention the two characters 'Wan Chaoxin'." Li Qingyi stared at Li Xiu and asked.

"If such a good cabbage gets taken by whichever pig, I feel it's wrong." Li Xiu joked.

"Oh, so if you take it, then it's right?" Li Qingyi blurted out, but after saying it, quickly realized something was amiss and blushed slightly before spitting: "Bah, you're the cabbage."

"You know, I'm actually quite fair." Li Xiu rolled up his sleeves and showed his fair arms to Li Qingyi.

"Who cares if you're fair or not, hurry up and raise the Jedi Knight's Super Spirit Limit for me." Li Qingyi saw Li Xiu getting more absurd as he spoke, got up and left the Seventh Courtyard.

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After Li Qingyi left, Li Xiu poured out all the Red Apatite from the box and summoned the injured Jedi Knight.

The wounds on the Jedi Knight had surprisingly healed quite a bit. The self-healing ability was quite good; even without these Red Apatite, it would likely recover completely after a while.

Li Xiu, naturally impatient, had him swallow all the Red Apatite.

This time, Li Qingyi brought even more Red Apatite than the last time, probably because it was needed to heal the Jedi Knight, so more was brought over.

Now that most of the wounds on the Jedi Knight were almost healed, only a few Red Apatite were needed to completely heal.

Watching the Jedi Knight's Super Spirit Limit continually increase, Li Xiu's current feeling was akin to winning the lottery.

Because Li Xiu didn't know the true potential of the Jedi Knight, it was hard to determine how high the final Super Spirit Limit would reach; it all depended on fate.

Ninety percent... Ninety-one percent... Ninety-two percent...

After ninety percent, each jump in the Super Spirit Limit gave Li Xiu a thrill similar to betting on a winning gamble.

After reaching ninety-five percent, there was no sign that the Jedi Knight's Super Spirit Limit was stopping.

Ninety-six percent... Ninety-seven percent... Ninety-eight percent... Ninety-nine percent...

When all the Red Apatite was swallowed, the Jedi Knight's Super Spirit Limit reached ninety-nine percent.

"It seems that the Jedi Knight's Super Spirit Limit still has a chance to increase. Maybe it could even reach one hundred percent. If the Jedi Knight's Super Spirit Limit reaches one hundred percent, would it automatically upgrade to the Light Base level?" Li Xiu didn't know how a magic spirit advanced exactly, or if it, like humans, needed to cultivate the Light Condensation Technique.

"Now that the Jedi Knight is almost at its limit, it's time to level up the other magic spirits." Li Xiu considered the magic spirits he had.

Apart from the Dragon Vein Spirit and the Jedi Knight, there were quite a few magic spirits on Li Xiu worth nurturing.

Demigod Shana was, of course, a sure pick, then there were the Black Death Demon King, Love God Shooter, and White Night Female Demon, all of which were also worth nurturing.

The gemstones needed for the Black Death Demon King and Love God Shooter were relatively cheaper, with Black Apatite being the cheapest, and Tanzanite a bit more expensive.

However, the gemstones needed for the White Night Female Demon were more expensive and particularly rare.

Not to mention Chameleon Cobalt Apatite, even ordinary Cobalt Apatite wasn't cheaper than the Five Great Gemstones.

Although Love God Shooter and White Night Female Demon weren't top-tier in glorious quality, magic spirits aren't necessarily best at top-tier quality.

The abilities of Love God Shooter and White Night Female Demon were irreplaceable by other magic spirits, so even if their quality was slightly lacking, it didn't matter much. Li Xiu valued their abilities.

Li Xiu thought it over and realized that even with his benefits as Commander, he couldn't level up all the magic spirits.

Currently, the Jedi Knight and Demigod Shana seem to be attack-type, and with the Jedi Knight, the nurturing of Demigod Shana could be delayed. Also, since Demigod Shana could consume Demon Core, there was no need to buy gemstones specifically for nurturing.

Cobalt Apatite was too expensive, so White Night Female Demon could also wait.

As for the bride-to-be, she was of no use at the moment. During fights, she hid behind Li Xiu, so naturally, he wouldn't waste resources on such a magic spirit.

Li Xiu planned to first raise the level of Black Death Demon King and Love God Shooter, at least to S level, ideally allowing them to directly go Super Spirit.

"It's time to get back the benefits that belong to me from that chubby guy." Li Xiu had already figured out how to use those benefits, and with the Magic Armor Box Number Thirteen in hand, he went out the door.

Li Xiu didn't go directly to the General Affairs Department, but first went to the Magic Armor Master's courtyard.

For debt collection matters, it's naturally better to have strength in numbers. He planned to take these Magic Armor Masters to collect the debts.

Still some distance from the Magic Armor Master's courtyard, two gatekeeper Magic Armor Masters saw him from afar and unexpectedly turned around and ran inside the courtyard.

"What's going on? Am I that scary?" Li Xiu wondered as he quickened his pace toward the Magic Armor Master's courtyard.

After entering the courtyard, Li Xiu was slightly stunned to see over a hundred Magic Armor Masters lined up neatly in formation.

Each Magic Armor Master stood tall and straight. Upon seeing Li Xiu enter, they immediately shouted in unison, "Commander, hello."

Li Xiu coughed lightly and said, "Hello, comrades, thank you for your hard work."

"Commander, thank you for your hard work," the Magic Armor Masters shouted in unison again.

"What's going on here?" Li Xiu was a bit bewildered; the last time he was here, these Magic Armor Masters weren't like this.

"Report to Commander, the Technician Group's Magic Armor Master battalion should be one hundred and twenty-three people, actual attendance one hundred and twenty-two, please advise, Commander," a Magic Armor Master stepped forward and formally reported in front of Li Xiu.

"At ease," Li Xiu said, and the Magic Armor Masters immediately executed the command in unison.

Li Xiu looked at the Magic Armor Master in front of him and asked, "What's your code name?"

"Reporting to Commander, my Magic Armor Master code name is Qian Zhongshan," the Magic Armor Master shouted.

"Very good, Zhongshan, from now on you are the captain of the Magic Armor Master battalion. Is that a problem?" Li Xiu nodded and said.

"No, I follow the Commander's arrangement," Qian Zhongshan replied loudly.

"Let everyone get back to what they were doing," Li Xiu said.

Zhongshan turned around and shouted a dismissal order to the Magic Armor Masters, who then went about their ways, although they still watched Li Xiu from afar, not actually leaving.

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"Qian Zhongshan, what's going on here?" Li Xiu looked at Qian Zhongshan and asked.

"Commander, we were ignorant in the past and offended you in many ways. We beg your forgiveness. But rest assured, from now on all of us Magic Armor Masters will recognize only you as our Commander. No one else will do." Qian Zhongshan said.

"Tell me the reason." Li Xiu said.

Qian Zhongshan scratched his head, said awkwardly, "You defeated Jing Li with the Demon Armor, and we greatly admire you. Lei Qingfeng and Qiu Tianyu also taught us the Chain Manipulation Technique you created. We admire you immensely as our Commander, you are truly the king of Magic Armor Masters, only you deserve to be our Commander. We will follow you unconditionally in the future."

"So that's how it is." Only then did Li Xiu understand what was going on.

"Who is the Magic Armor Master that didn't come?" Li Xiu asked Qian Zhongshan.

"His codename is Little Cat. Although he is part of our Magic Armor squad, he belongs to the Sun Family among the four major families. He is a bit different from us Magic Armor Masters, rarely coming to the squad. It's not intentional to go against you." Qian Zhongshan hastily explained.

Li Xiu nodded, "You go tell the team members, I'm going to the General Affairs Department to collect our dues. Those willing to go can come with me, those unwilling don't have to force themselves."

Li Xiu knew Bai Wanli had managed the Magic Armor group for many years, and there were certainly those among the Magic Armor Masters who still answered to him. Besides, the Blood Seal Stones of these Magic Armor Masters were still in Bai Wanli's hands. It was understandable if they didn't want to go.

Of course, Li Xiu would remember those Magic Armor Masters who didn't go, and he would give them extra "attention" in the future.

Soon enough, Qian Zhongshan gathered all the Magic Armor Masters, not a single one unwilling to go.

Seeing this, Li Xiu didn't say anything further, leading over a hundred Magic Armor Masters, they majestically headed to the General Affairs Department.

The guards at the General Affairs Department saw Li Xiu leading a group of Magic Armor Masters over, their legs went weak.

The event of Li Xiu's recent defeat of Jing Li had spread throughout Longevity City, and now everyone knew how formidable this new technician group Commander was.

"Commander Li, what brings you to the General Affairs Department?" The usually arrogant guards of the department, now plastered smiles on their faces, bowed deeply, afraid of inciting Li Xiu's wrath.

"What's our Commander doing in the General Affairs Department? Of course to collect supplies. Hurry and prepare them." Qian Zhongshan said directly without giving Li Xiu a chance to speak.

"Commander Li, Vice President Bai is out, we can't make the decision. Perhaps you could come back later?" The guard said nervously.

"Since Vice President Bai is not here, let's not trouble him." Li Xiu said lightly.

The guard felt a moment of happiness in his heart, but before he could respond, Li Xiu continued to say, "We'll gather them ourselves."

With that, Li Xiu headed directly inside, the line of over a hundred Magic Armor Masters followed orderly behind him, the guards dared not stop them, merely watching them enter.

Li Xiu had already found out the location of the warehouse and walked directly over as a grand procession of Magic Armor Masters, like bandits descending the mountain to seize grain.

People at the General Affairs Department had never seen such a sight. Before, whoever saw people from the department wasn't polite and respectful, unlike Li Xiu leading a group like this as if to rob them.

The guards dared not intervene, the one who initially spoke with Li Xiu hurriedly ran off.

When Li Xiu brought the Magic Armor Masters to the warehouse courtyard, he saw Bai Wanli rushing over.

"Are you rebelling? Daring to openly rob the General Affairs Department, do you know the crime you're committing?" Bai Wanli stood in front of Li Xiu, angrily rebuking.

"We're here to collect our own supplies, how could this be called robbery? Vice President Bai, you're busy, and the General Affairs Department is short-staffed. As a brother unit, we're providing free voluntary assistance, no need to thank us." Li Xiu said with a smile.

"Li Xiu, get it clear, Longevity City is not a place where you can do whatever you want. Don't think defeating one Jing Li makes you anything special, you're still nothing. Aren't you here to rob supplies? Go ahead and rob them." Bai Wanli stepped aside, sneering as he continued, "The General Affairs Department is where Longevity City's economic lifeline lies. All supplies from the various families and the six groups of Longevity City are stored here. If anything goes missing, not only will the four families and six groups not let it go, but even the President won't spare you. You want to rob? Go ahead and rob."

"Break down the door, Vice President Bai has allowed us to move them freely." At Li Xiu's command, Qian Zhongshan led the Magic Armor Masters to dash towards the door, with Demon Light Blades materializing in their hands, they truly intended to break the door down.

Bai Wanli's expression changed drastically, he hadn't expected Li Xiu to be so unyielding.

He had spoken the truth; if Li Xiu truly robbed the General Affairs Department's warehouse, Li Xiu would be finished.

However, if Li Xiu was finished, then Bai Wanli, the Vice President overseeing the General Affairs Department, would be finished too. If he couldn't even watch over the General Affairs Department, how could he still be Vice President?

Li Xiu was unafraid of a scorched-earth policy, but Bai Wanli was. Moreover, he was in the wrong, as he did withhold the supplies meant for the technician group.

"Wait a moment." Bai Wanli suddenly shouted, his terrifying voice causing some Magic Armor Masters to painfully cover their ears.

Li Xiu stared at Bai Wanli, sneering, "Vice President Bai, what else do you have to instruct?"

Bai Wanli suppressed his burning anger, gritting his teeth, "You just want supplies, don't you? I'll give them to you. Come with me, and we'll account for it all, piece by piece."

"No need to account, I don't care about past due, but for this month, not a needle can be missing. If it's inconvenient for you, I'll take it myself." Li Xiu said, expressionless.

"You..." Bai Wanli, having his thoughts seen through, was both furious and indignant.

The accounts made under his management with the Magic Armor group weren't simple. If Li Xiu truly settled accounts with him, the Magic Armor group might even be owing money to the General Affairs Department.

"Will you give them or not?" Li Xiu stared coldly at Bai Wanli.

"Fine, I'll give them." Bai Wanli's teeth were nearly gritted to dust.

## Chapter 554 Gem Sword

More than a hundred Magic Armor Masters were carrying large and small boxes out, while Li Xiu and Bai Wanli passed through multiple doors together and arrived at a small warehouse.

"Commander Li, feel free to choose from the items here. This is your commander welfare, but you can only pick one," Bai Wanli said coldly, standing aside.

"Isn't commander welfare supposed to be a Super Spirit Demon Core, a Super Spirit Gemstone, and a batch of Ordinary Demon Cores and Gemstones?" Li Xiu frowned.

"You brought people to move away the excess Demon Cores and Gemstones. Where am I supposed to find those for you? Either wait until we have them again or pick one item from here; the choice is yours," Bai Wanli replied expressionlessly.

"Then I'll reluctantly choose one item, I guess." Li Xiu had asked Li Qingyi about it before and knew that the two-choice scenario for resources and items did exist. Today, trying to force Bai Wanli to bring out the Super Spirit Gemstone seemed unlikely to happen.

Coming back another day would be even more impossible. This kind of thing can only be done once; doing it a second time would be more about causing problems for the president of the Everlasting Heaven than giving Bai Wanli a hard time.

Nobody would keep a gang of bandits at home; this is something that can be done once, but not again.

Li Xiu scanned the area and saw that each shelf was stacked with boxes of various sizes, presumably numbering in the thousands.

"Where's the catalog?" Li Xiu asked Bai Wanli.

"I told you before, the General Affairs Department is doing a major inventory count, and it hasn't been completed here yet. There's no catalog. You can take your time to choose until you are satisfied," Bai Wanli said with a sneer.

"Fine, then I'll take my time choosing." Li Xiu was not in a hurry and began opening boxes one by one to examine them.

Most of these boxes contained contract and ring items, likely left behind by some Trial Takers after their death.

However, before a contract is made, it's hard to discern the level and quality of contract and Demon Spirit Rings. So picking randomly, who knows what one might end up with?

Bai Wanli watched coldly as the contract and rings inside varied in quality, with most not being high in level and quality. The portion of S-level items was barely one in twenty, and as for Super Spirit items, the count was already limited.

Earlier, Han Mingshou could choose the Dragon-slaying Dagger because Bai Wanli specifically pointed it out for him.

Choosing without knowing anything, the chance of selecting a Super Spirit item is about the same as winning the lottery.

"What's this?" Li Xiu pointed to a jade token inside a box and asked Bai Wanli.

"A jade token. You don't even recognize a jade token?" Bai Wanli teased.

Li Xiu said nothing, put down the jade token, and continued to look through each box. It was quite difficult to discern their quality without being activated, as they all looked fairly similar.

As Li Xiu walked and looked, contemplating how he should choose an item, a woman's voice suddenly echoed in his mind: "Husband, choose the red box on the left."

Li Xiu was startled and quickly looked around, but he didn't see any sign of the bride, only Bai Wanli following not far behind him.

"There are outsiders present, and it's inconvenient for me to show myself. Please, husband, choose that red box." The bride's voice echoed again in Li Xiu's mind.

Li Xiu frowned slightly and looked to his left.

Indeed, there was a red wooden box there, not very large, about a foot in length and a palm's width, with a thickness of four or five centimeters.

Li Xiu picked up the red box, opened it, and to his surprise, found a short sword inside, still in its sheath.

The sword sheath and hilt appeared to be made of brass, adorned with many gemstones of various colors.

Li Xiu glanced over it, and it seemed that the sword had all Five Great Gemstones: ruby, sapphire, emerald, and diamond.

However, the gemstones embedded on it were relatively small in size, with the largest being only two or three carats, and many being less than a carat, which were most of them.

"What's this?" Li Xiu asked Bai Wanli.

"A short sword," Bai Wanli said casually.

"Let's go with it then." Li Xiu saw no peculiar expression on Bai Wanli's face and knew he didn't seem to value this short sword.

If it were up to Li Xiu, he certainly wouldn't pick this short sword. However, the bride had insisted so strongly, she must have her reasons.

If Li Xiu didn't choose it, he feared the bride might cause trouble for him.

"Fine, you can take it directly." Bai Wanli showed no expression on his face but was secretly pleased inside.

That short sword wasn't even a contract item but merely a handcrafted piece embedded with gemstones.

Bai Wanli knew the origins of this sword; it was left behind by an elder guarding the Trial Gate after he passed away.

Since the elder had no descendants, all his belongings were placed in the warehouse after his death, and the short sword was one such item.

Before being stored, it had been researched, and both the sheath and sword parts were made of brass. Although they contained a bit of gold internally, the proportion was not much. The gemstones on them were not large, and there were no Demon Spirit Gemstones.

If Li Xiu wanted this short sword for those gemstones, he was undoubtedly at a great loss.

The regular welfare Li Xiu could obtain was far more valuable than the gemstones embedded on the sword. Compared to them, these gemstones were like a drop in a bucket.

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Bai Wanli didn't make it difficult either; Li Xiu smoothly took out the Gem Short Sword.

The Magic Armor Masters moved the supplies outside the gate, over a hundred of them carrying, lifting, and transporting, following Li Xiu in a grand return to the Magic Armor Master's courtyard.

Most of the supplies, Li Xiu instructed Qian Zhongshan to take people to deliver to the research institute over there.

The research institute is the principal consumer of resources, the Magic Armor Masters only require some supplies for living, and their Magical Armors are also obtained from the research institute.

Previously, the resources for the Magic Armor group actually fell to the research institute and the Magic Armor Master's courtyard, totaling only thirty percent.

Now, all the resources are in Li Xiu's hands, he allocated seventy percent to the research institute and the Magic Armor Masters, doubling their wages, making all these Magic Armor Masters and researchers greatly happy.

Actually, their wages aren't much, most of the resources are used for researching and manufacturing Magical Armors.

Li Xiu withheld thirty percent, consisting of some space-saving gemstones and Demon Cores, just right for him to use to feed the Demon Spirit.

After organizing everything, Li Xiu took the gemstones and Demon Cores back to Number Seven Courtyard, placing boxes of multicolored gemstones on the table, dazzling the eyes under the lamp light.

Li Xiu summoned the Wedding Dress Bride and the Love God Shooter, giving them Ruby and Tanzanite to eat.

Unfortunately, there wasn't any of the inexpensive Black Apatite; the Black Death Demon King had nothing to eat for the time being, but later he could exchange some back, that thing was cheap, just casually taking some Sapphire could exchange for a heap.

Love God Shooter ate a few Tanzanites and couldn't eat anymore, he had to wait for her to digest before continuing to feed.

The Wedding Dress Bride surprisingly didn't go for the Rubies, her gaze penetrated from the black waterfall-like hair, fixating on the red wooden box containing the Gem Sword.

Seeing this, Li Xiu opened the red wooden box, pulled out the Gem Sword from inside, and handed it to the Wedding Dress Bride, "Why do you want it?"

The Wedding Dress Bride took the Gem Sword, her slender pale fingers gripping the sheath.

In the next second, Li Xiu saw the brass sheath turning into copper dust between the Wedding Dress Bride's palms.

Clang! Clang!

The broken sheath and sword hilt fell to the ground, the embedded gemstones clattering and tinkling down, the Wedding Dress Bride's hand just left with a small pile of copper dust.

Li Xiu was puzzled about what the Wedding Dress Bride meant when she suddenly lowered her head and blew towards the palm.

The copper dust was blown away, revealing a red Ruby Needle underneath.

The Wedding Dress Bride's other hand pinched up the Ruby Needle from her palm.

Li Xiu was overjoyed, feeling hunger in his abdomen just looking at the Ruby Needle, realizing it was a Demon Spirit Gemstone.

Li Xiu was just about to ask what use the hidden Ruby Needle in the Gem Sword had when the Wedding Dress Bride put it into her mouth, crunching it down like eating a candy stick, crushing it and swallowing it.

Without waiting for Li Xiu to comprehend what happened, the Wedding Dress Bride already swallowed the Ruby Needle.

In the next second, red light surged from the Wedding Dress Bride, quickly enveloping her body like a bonfire.

After a while, the red Light Flame on her body slowly receded, revealing her form.

It appeared the Wedding Dress Bride hadn't changed; she still had the Sadako appearance clothed in red.

Under the starry sky, the Wedding Dress Bride: Evolving Demon Spirit.

Level: S Grade.

Quality: Aurora.

Talent Skill: Wedding Dress.

Li Xiu sensed the Wedding Dress Bride's information, discovering she had ascended to S Grade, yet her talent skill remained as just the Wedding Dress.

"This Aurora quality is like a joke; it's S Grade now, yet hasn't awakened even a second talent skill." Li Xiu was somewhat helpless.

The Wedding Dress Bride was unwilling to fight, and had no skills; this Demon Spirit was the most troublesome one Li Xiu had raised.

After recalling her, Li Xiu summoned the injured Dragon Vein Spirit, putting boxes of multicolored gemstones before it, to see which it desired to eat, aiding in healing its wounds.

However, the Dragon Vein Spirit merely glanced at the gemstones, not showing any intention to eat.

"What kind of gemstone do you eat?" Li Xiu vaguely determined, the Dragon Vein Spirit's preferred gemstone wasn't among the Five Great Gemstones.

Having no choice, Li Xiu recalled the Dragon Vein Spirit, thinking about visiting the Gem Market of Longevity Heaven.

Firstly, to exchange some Black Apatite for the Black Death Demon King, and secondly, to find out the gemstone the Dragon Vein Spirit prefers.

Additionally, Tanzanite needed to be exchanged; the box of Tanzanite was certainly inadequate to support the Love God Shooter reaching S Grade.

Upon hearing Li Xiu planned to visit the Gem Market, Sha Chu surprisingly showed little interest, merely telling Li Xiu the location, without the slightest intention of accompanying him.

Li Xiu was left to go alone to the Gem Market, and upon arrival, was awestruck by the sight before him.

The vast market had rows upon rows of gemstone stalls stretching endlessly, each stall topped with boxes of assorted gemstones.

In the outside world, the rare Jedi Knight Apatite here was sold by the box, each containing seventy to eighty pieces, with consistent sizes within each box.

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Ruby, sapphire, emerald, all kinds of gemstones are available, and many of them are of quite decent quality.

Even the owner of a small stall could pull out several top-grade gems over ten carats.

These are just the stalls in the market; on both sides of the market, there are rows of gemstone shops, and the gemstones inside are evidently more high-end.

The gem market that Li Xiu had seen in Tyrone City before was basically no different from a junkyard compared to this gem market.

"The Longevity Sky is indeed the Longevity Sky; it's estimated that eighty percent of the world's gemstones are gathered here," Li Xiu observed the boxes of diamonds, in all colors imaginable.

The blue diamonds and red diamonds that are rare outside are not considered anything special here.

"If there are enough resources, why worry about Demigod Shana not advancing to S-tier?" Li Xiu thought to himself as he looked at the boxes of blue diamonds.

"Commander Li." Li Xiu was admiring the gemstones on the street when he suddenly heard someone from a nearby stall calling him.

Li Xiu turned his head to look and saw that the person calling him was the stall owner. He scrutinized him for a moment but realized that he didn't recognize him.

"Hello, Commander Li, I'm Sun Tianlei, from the Sun Family among the Four Great Families. A few days ago, I was fortunate enough to witness your prowess in defeating Jing Li..." The middle-aged man came out from behind the stall, ran in front of Li Xiu, and said a long opening speech that nearly put Li Xiu to sleep.

"Is Commander Li here to buy gemstones? Please take a look at my stall, I'll give you a twenty percent discount." Sun Tianlei pointed at his stall and said.

"Why is someone from the Sun Family setting up a stall here?" Li Xiu glanced at his stall. Although there were quite a few gemstones, they were not much different from the neighboring stalls. It was hard to imagine someone from one of the Four Great Families setting up such a small stall here.

Sun Tianlei smiled wryly and said, "I don't mind if Commander Li laughs at me. The Sun Family has been here for millennia, and just the direct blood relatives with the surname Sun number over ten thousand, with even more branch families. There are some who do well, and others like me who are average. At least with the Sun Family's name, no matter how bad things get, we won't be bullied for no reason."

"It's not bad to have your own business." Li Xiu nodded and followed Sun Tianlei to his stall.

His stall mostly featured diamonds, but there were also plenty of the other four major gemstones, as well as tourmaline, olivine, apatite, aquamarine, and others. The selection was diverse, and the quality was good.

"Why are there so many people selling diamonds here?" Li Xiu asked, somewhat puzzled.

He had looked at so many stalls, and almost every stall had a large quantity of diamonds.

Seemingly seeing through Li Xiu's thoughts, Sun Tianlei chuckled and said, "Actually, the supply of diamonds is very large. The currently discovered diamond mines are already enough for hundreds or even a thousand years of mining. The reason you feel that diamonds are sold expensively outside is that most diamond mines are controlled by the Longevity Sky, and most of the diamonds mined are transported inside the Longevity Sky."

"I see." Li Xiu roughly guessed that this was the reason.

"Commander Li, if you like diamonds, I happen to have a special item here. Would you like to take a look?" Sun Tianlei said, and without waiting for Li Xiu to agree, he carefully took out a small cloth bag from his pocket, opened it, and poured out a pink diamond.

"Is this... an Argyle Pink Diamond?" Li Xiu originally intended to say he wasn't planning to buy diamonds, but seeing the pink diamond that Sun Tianlei poured out, he couldn't help but feel surprised.

The Argyle Pink Diamond in pink diamonds holds the same standing as the Namiya Jedi Knight in red apatite; both are synonymous with top quality.

Previously, the largest pink diamond in the world was dug out from the Argyle Mine of the Ancient Australia, with a weight of 12.76 carats, and was dubbed the Fancy Man Pink Diamond.

In the old world, many tycoons scrambled to purchase pink diamonds from the Argyle Mine, so much so that the Argyle Mine was sealed off, and the price of Argyle Pink Diamonds kept rising.

Having a diamond certificate from Argyle production can significantly increase a pink diamond's value.

The pink diamond in Sun Tianlei's hand, as dreamy as a young girl, is a standard diamond cut. Although it is not as large as the largest Fancy Man Pink Diamond, it still weighs seven to eight carats, which is quite large among Argyle Pink Diamonds.

Outside, Li Xiu remembered seeing an auction for an Argyle Pink Diamond that was only under six carats, with a starting price of 500,000 space coins per carat, amounting to three million for six carats, enough for Li Xiu to build a Demon Spirit Arena.

Sun Tianlei's Argyle Pink Diamond is slightly larger than the one Li Xiu saw at the auction before, and its color and clarity do not lose to that one at all.

The value of such an Argyle Pink Diamond is inestimable, even in a place like the Longevity Sky, where gemstones abound, it could probably fetch a high price, at least tens of millions of space coins upwards.

The reason Li Xiu paid so much attention to it was not because of the high value of the Argyle Pink Diamond, but because when he saw it, a strong sense of hunger arose in his abdomen.

This Argyle Pink Diamond is clearly a Demon Spirit Gemstone.

"Commander Li, this is my special item, to be honest, if it weren't for trying to buy a demon spirit for my son, I wouldn't have brought it out to sell. This is not something recently mined by diamond companies but an old piece dug from the ruins of the Ancient Australia, where the castle's owner was a great aristocrat..." Sun Tianlei narrated the origin of the Argyle Pink Diamond.

Actually, he couldn't explain it very clearly himself; he only knew that a group of Gem Hunters dug it out from that castle, as for the castle owner's background, he was half guessing.

"I didn't expect Commander Li to be interested in listening to stories." Li Xiu was engrossed in listening when he suddenly heard a familiar and annoying voice behind him.

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Li Xiu turned his head to look, seeing Li Qingyi and Bai Ying approaching, and it was Bai Ying who was speaking.

"Commander Li wants to buy diamonds?" Li Qingyi asked, looking at Li Xiu.

"I have some ideas," Li Xiu replied with a smile, without looking directly at Bai Ying at all.

"Buying a gemstone is like buying an antique; the biggest taboo is listening to stories. Commander Li should think it through before making a move," Bai Ying said from the side.

Li Xiu glanced at her, unable to suppress a frown.

Bai Ying's expression was normal, without the slightest abnormality, even gentler than usual when she saw him, which made Li Xiu dislike her even more.

Bai Ying is Bai Wanli's daughter; he just snatched back resources that originally belonged to the Technician group from Bai Wanli, leaving Bai Wanli quite upset.

Bai Ying couldn't possibly be unaware of this, yet she treated Li Xiu like nothing happened and even reminded him not to easily believe those gemstone stories.

If Bai Ying still sneered or mocked like before, it would only mean she's really foolish; put nicely, she's naive.

But seeing her current attitude, Li Xiu knew that Bai Ying wasn't foolish, which means she's truly malicious.

Li Xiu had no intention of bothering with her; he wasn't interested in wasting time and energy on such a person.

"If Commander Li wants to buy a gemstone, he should examine it carefully," Li Qingyi said thoughtfully, "There are many types of diamonds. Many laboratories can use tiny diamond fragments to cultivate lab-grown diamonds identical to natural ones. Lab-grown diamonds have all the same characteristics as natural diamonds, even purer, but the energy inside is far less than natural diamonds, so it's essential to take a closer look when purchasing diamonds."

"Ladies, I, Sun Tianlei, can swear to heaven, this one is definitely a natural diamond, not lab-grown... If it's a lab-grown diamond, let heaven strike me with thunder five times..." Sun Tianlei immediately swore an oath.

Bai Ying sneered, "Sun Tianlei, if your oaths were effective, your family would have died countless times. Who in the market doesn't know you're an expert in selling lab-grown diamonds? How many people have you conned before? Ji Qing from the Divine Pet group was tricked by you to the point of nearly committing suicide. Do you still want to deny it?"

"Miss Bai, you wrong me. I bought those goods from others; I didn't know the batch of diamonds sold to her were lab-grown from a laboratory!" Sun Tianlei quickly pleaded.

"And this Argyle Pink Diamond, you know it's not from a lab?" Bai Ying said with a smirk.

"How could I dare deceive Commander Li? This one is genuinely dug up by Gem Hunters from a castle ruin, couldn't be lab-grown, right?" Sun Tianlei said, somewhat ambiguously.

Li Xiu naturally could see that Sun Tianlei was probably insincere; it seemed the Argyle Pink Diamond was likely lab-grown.

Li Xiu had some understanding of lab-grown diamonds, after all, the technology is quite well-known. However, lab-grown diamonds aren't fake; they use a tiny amount of real diamond like planting a tree, making that small bit grow larger, so strictly speaking, lab-grown diamonds are real diamonds too.

It's just that the energy inside lab-grown diamonds is far less compared to natural diamonds of the same size, so the price of lab-grown diamonds is the price of lab-grown diamonds, and natural diamonds are priced accordingly. Generally, the price of lab-grown diamonds is less than one-tenth, even a fraction of one percent, of natural diamonds.

If clearly priced, and lab-grown diamonds are sold as lab-grown, there's no problem whatsoever.

But selling lab-grown diamonds as natural diamonds is rather unethical.

What intrigued Li Xiu was that if this Argyle Pink Diamond was lab-grown, it turned out to be a Demon Spirit Gemstone, meaning lab-grown diamonds could also give birth to demon spirits, which was very interesting.

"Sun Tianlei, are you certain this isn't a lab-grown diamond? I heard someone got a batch of Argyle Pink lab-grown diamonds from Tianhe Laboratory..." Bai Ying said casually.

Hearing this, Sun Tianlei's face suddenly changed slightly, and he forced a smile, "Ladies, that really has nothing to do with me, I'm selling genuinely..."

"Really a lab-grown diamond, right? Want me to call Old Qi to ask?" Bai Ying interrupted.

"Fine, with you here, Miss Bai, I admit defeat; I won't sell the diamond, okay?" Sun Tianlei sighed.

"How much do you want to sell this diamond for?" Li Xiu asked Sun Tianlei.

Sun Tianlei froze slightly; he initially thought not only that he failed today, but he had thoroughly offended Li Xiu, losing both the people and the benefits.

Though he wasn't concerned about offending or not offending Li Xiu, otherwise he wouldn't have tried to trick him.

But not obtaining benefits and offending someone wasn't what Sun Tianlei wanted.

"Commander Li, do you really want it?" Sun Tianlei looked at Li Xiu skeptically; even a fool now knew that the Argyle Pink Diamond in Sun Tianlei's hand was lab-grown, yet Li Xiu still wanted to buy it, leaving Sun Tianlei uncertain whether Li Xiu was serious or joking.

"Of course, I really want it, but the price must match the type of diamond, don't you agree?" Li Xiu said indifferently.

"Commander Li, didn't you hear what I said earlier? It's a lab-grown diamond with low energy value; why would you buy it?" Bai Ying looked at Li Xiu with wide eyes.

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"Being pretty is enough." Li Xiu said indifferently.

"Yes, yes, Commander Li is right. Such a large and pure diamond is hard to come by. Although I was deceived today, I still feel somewhat apologetic to you, Commander Li. If you really want it, I'll offer you a deep discount, one million Longevity Coins. How does that sound?" Sun Tianlei quickly said to Li Xiu.

Longevity Coins can only be used in Longevity City, and their purchasing power is about twice that of Space Coins, meaning one million Longevity Coins is roughly equivalent to two million Space Coins.

For a cultivated diamond, this price isn't considered low.

"Selling a cultivated diamond for a million, Sun Tianlei, you're not greedy at all." Bai Ying mocked.

"Miss Bai, even though it's a cultivated diamond, it's not easy to cultivate such a large Argyle Pink Diamond. I have to bear costs when I purchase it, I can't make it myself." Sun Tianlei said bitterly.

Li Xiu took out a box of emeralds, picked a few small ones out, and placed them in front of Sun Tianlei. "Exchange these emeralds for that diamond. Do you think it's suitable?"

Sun Tianlei picked up the emeralds and examined them, smiling, "Commander Li is so straightforward, I have nothing more to say. Take the diamond, and come to me if you need anything in the future."

Bai Ying frowned, silent, and Li Qingyi was also somewhat puzzled, not knowing what Li Xiu intended by buying this cultivated diamond.

Generally speaking, cultivated diamonds have less energy. If used to feed Demon Spirits, although the Demon Spirit appears to consume many diamonds, it digests slowly and gains little energy, which isn't beneficial for the growth and advancement of Demon Spirits.

The member of the Divine Pet Group, Ji Qing, suffered slow growth in her Demon Spirit because she bought a batch of cultivated diamonds, almost causing her to vomit blood from frustration.

If used for opening gates, small cultivated diamonds don't have enough energy, and large ones are too expensive, making them unsuitable.

Aside from some financially strained Trial Takers buying cultivated diamonds to feed Demon Spirits, cultivated diamonds are mostly used for technological purposes.

"Do you have more diamonds like this? Let me see." After putting away the Argyle Pink Diamond, Li Xiu said to Sun Tianlei.

"Yes, yes, I'll show them to you now." Sun Tianlei quickly dug out several bags from his pocket.

From those bags poured out Argyle Pink Diamonds, varying in size from small bundles weighing only a few carats to larger ones weighing two or three carats, four or five carats, and the largest being as big as a quail egg, weighing at least fifteen to twenty carats.

No doubt, these are cultivated diamonds. If they were natural, this many diamonds would sell for astronomical prices. Even the quail egg-sized Argyle Pink Diamond would be priceless.

Natural Argyle Pink Diamonds, the largest are just over twelve carats, much smaller than this one.

"How much does this one cost?" Li Xiu asked, glancing at the largest Argyle Pink Diamond.

He didn't expect to see another Demon Spirit Gemstone, indicating a higher chance of cultivated diamonds producing Demon Spirit Gemstones.

Sun Tianlei pondered, "I'm not sure about the price. Although theoretically, cultivated gemstones can be infinitely large, currently it's easier to cultivate diamonds under ten carats. Diamonds of this size exceed most laboratory capabilities; only Tianhe Laboratory has the skill and technology. I spent a huge sum when I bought it..."

Li Xiu took more emeralds from the box and placed them in Sun Tianlei's hand, "Are these enough?"

"Commander Li, these really aren't enough. I won't even recover my costs. You're always so gracious to me; if these covered expenses, I'd definitely give it to you." Sun Tianlei said bitterly, "Why don't you add two more, just enough to cover my costs."

Li Xiu didn't waste words, handing over two more emeralds directly.

"Great, Commander Li is truly generous. From now on, you're my VIP customer. Whatever you take from me, rest assured it's at cost price, and you'll never be ripped off." Sun Tianlei said, patting his chest.

"I appreciate it." Li Xiu dared not trust him; surely he wouldn't come here to buy gemstones in the future without a good reason.

After getting rid of Sun Tianlei, Li Xiu turned to Li Qingyi, "Why are you here? Taking such an interest in the Gem Market?"

Li Qingyi remained silent, and Bai Ying replied, "Tomorrow is Qingyi's birthday, so naturally she wants to buy some gemstones to celebrate. If Commander Li has time tomorrow, you can attend Qingyi's birthday banquet."

"I see." Li Xiu thought for a moment, then took out the seven or eight-carat cultivated Argyle Pink Diamond he bought earlier and handed it to Li Qingyi, "Consider this my birthday gift to you. I'll be busy tomorrow, so I won't attend your birthday party."

Seeing Li Xiu gifting a small cultivated diamond to Li Qingyi as a birthday present, Bai Ying's lips curved slightly, but she said nothing.

Li Qingyi accepted the diamond with a smile, "I'll gladly accept it. Actually, the large Argyle Pink Diamond you just bought, I saw it at Tianhe Laboratory before. As Sun Tianlei said, cultivating diamonds over ten carats requires technology; otherwise, there might be defects. That one was the first time Tianhe Laboratory successfully cultivated a perfect Argyle Pink Diamond over twenty carats, it's quite valuable, and you didn't actually lose."

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Li Xiu nodded and smiled, "Oh, I see. Learned something new today. Thanks for the tip. I won't disturb your fun any longer."

With Bai Ying around, no one could have a good time. It's like enjoying a meal with a fly buzzing around, inevitably affecting your appetite.

After Li Xiu left, Bai Ying said to Li Qingyi, "That Li Xiu is so stingy, giving you a lab-grown diamond as a birthday present. I've never seen someone so cheap. Shouldn't he at least get a real one? Doesn't your socialite status merit a real diamond?"

"A birthday gift is about the thought behind it. This diamond was bought with real money, which shows he truly likes it. Giving me something he likes makes it a pretty good gift." Li Qingyi replied.

"You're a kind person, that's good and all, but you think too much for others' sake. You'll suffer for it someday." Bai Ying sighed dramatically when she saw she couldn't ignite a conflict between them.

Li Xiu wandered around the market, exchanged for a batch of Black Apatite and Tanzanite, and then headed straight home.

The Black Apatite and Tanzanite were to feed the Black Death Demon King and the Love God Shooter. He'd see about leveling them up later.

Back home, Li Xiu took out the lab-grown Argyle Pink Diamond and directly dripped his blood onto it.

The Argyle Pink Diamond instantly emitted a pink glow and then gradually turned into liquid, flowing into Li Xiu's body. It soon began to solidify into a pink diamond ring on his finger.

This pink hue would definitely have any girl seeing stars in her eyes.

With a thought, Li Xiu transformed the diamond ring into a Radiant Demon Spirit that appeared in front of him.

"What on earth is this?" Li Xiu stared blankly.

Normally, Demon Spirit Gemstones produce humanoid demons.

There are special ones like the Masked Emperor, but at least Li Xiu knew what the Masked Emperor was.

As for this demon in front of him, Li Xiu had never seen anything like it and didn't know what it was.

If he had to describe it, it looked like a capsule.

Similar to the shell around medicine pellets, but much larger—taller than Li Xiu—with a pink, crystalline sheen that seemed as if it were polished from flawless pink diamonds.

The giant pink crystal capsule radiated a strong pink glow, unmistakably a Radiant Demon Spirit. Yet, its strange form left its usage a mystery.

Synthetic Capsule: Evolvable Demon Spirit.

Level: E.

Quality: Radiant.

Talent Skill: Synthesis.

After seeing the demon's attributes, Li Xiu was intrigued and examined the Talent Skill details.

Synthesis: Can merge multiple gemstones into a single gemstone.

Seeing this, Li Xiu felt a bit disappointed. Simply merging smaller gemstones into a larger one didn't seem too useful.

However, larger gemstones could sell for more money, which could be good for making profits.

Li Xiu considered this and tossed two gemstones at the Synthetic Capsule. The object split open, swallowing them, with lights swirling inside.

Moments later, the lights within the Synthetic Capsule ceased, and it spat out a larger gemstone.

Li Xiu frowned slightly, realizing this larger gemstone was lighter than the combined weight of the two smaller ones he had thrown in. It seemed this synthesis came with a cost, not simply one plus one equals two, roughly consuming about a third.

Li Xiu wanted to test it again, but discovered he couldn't use the synthesis skill temporarily. The skill had a cooldown time restriction, and he wasn't sure how long before it could be used again.

"A really strange demon spirit," Li Xiu could only put the Synthetic Capsule away temporarily.

The gemstone synthesis feature wasn't entirely useless. Li Xiu thought about testing if he could synthesize a Demon Spirit Gemstone, but he only had one unprocessed gemstone left, so he couldn't test it yet.

Li Xiu went to check on Jing Li and found his cultivation of the Unspoken Strength and Oddity Arts hadn't progressed much. His body still couldn't gather Light Energy independently, failing at this crucial stage.

After asking him some questions, Li Xiu went back to further modify the Unspoken Strength and Oddity Arts, having Jing Li start practicing the revised version anew.

The next day, as Li Xiu was feeding gemstones to the Love God Shooter at home, a shadow suddenly landed directly in his courtyard.

Li Xiu looked closely and saw a person in a black cloak, the large and wide cloak tightly wrapping the figure, face obscured by a bronze mask, rendering any identification of looks, or even gender, impossible.

Before Li Xiu could speak, the person proactively removed the mask.

Seeing the face clearly, Li Xiu was taken aback. The visitor was none other than Li Qingyi.

Li Xiu felt puzzled. Isn't today Li Qingyi's birthday? Why wasn't she preparing for a birthday party at home and instead sneaking over here in a mysterious outfit, even climbing over the wall instead of using the front door?

"Could it be that the man from the fortune slip appeared—an old and ugly geezer? And Li Qingyi couldn't stand it? After much thought, realized I, being youthful and handsome, was the better choice and picked this moment to elope with me... Should I agree? Hmm... On one hand, eternal resources from the Longsheng Heaven; on the other, a fair beauty with long legs... It's such a dilemma..." Li Xiu mischievously mused.

"There's no time, come with me," Li Qingyi put her mask back on and said.

"You really want to elope with me?" Li Xiu widened his eyes at her, unable to believe his ears.

"Elope my foot, what are you thinking? We're going to Tianmen now." Li Qingyi rolled her eyes at him.

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"Going to the Tianmen, just go. Why are you being so secretive? You almost made me think you wanted to elope with me," Li Xiu laughed.

"Are you really clueless or just pretending? You've managed to thoroughly offend both the Li and Bai families. They might try every possible way to kill you. You're safe inside Longevity City, but it's a different story once you leave. Especially since you're entering the Land of Trial in Tianmen with me, without your Demon Armor, you're much more vulnerable," Li Qingyi said.

"You mean the Li and Bai families might target us when we head to Tianmen?" Li Xiu seemed unbothered.

Before the Jedi Knight's Super Spirit Limit reached 99%, he was somewhat worried about this. Now, trying to kill him wouldn't be so easy.

Of course, if it were any other Land of Trial instead of Tianmen, Li Xiu might hesitate. But Tianmen was different. Old Knife and Wan Chaocun were there, and with them, what was there to fear?

"Not many people know about me going to Tianmen with you, but it's better to be safe than sorry. Everyone thinks I'm preparing for the birthday banquet. We'll use this time to go to Tianmen. Ideally, we'll return before the banquet starts, but it wouldn't matter if we're a bit late," Li Qingyi said, looking at Li Xiu. "Your Jedi Knight's injuries should be healed, right? As long as the Super Spirit Limit reaches 90%, that's good enough, no need for it to be any higher."

"Then there's no problem," Li Xiu nodded.

"Alright, put this on, and we'll sneak into Tianmen quietly," Li Qingyi said, handing Li Xiu a bundle containing a prepared cloak and a Bronze Mask.

Li Xiu donned the cloak and Bronze Mask and followed Li Qingyi out of the city towards the outskirts of Longevity City.

Arriving again at Tianmen, the gatekeepers stopped Li Xiu and Li Qingyi. Li Qingyi merely showed a peculiar Jade Talisman, and they let them through without asking any questions.

Tianmen was encased within a massive chimney-like structure. Once inside, Li Xiu finally saw the true shape of Tianmen.

It was an enormous Jade Gate, completely transparent and seemingly made of flawless jade.

The Jade Gate towered dozens of meters high, making humans seem even smaller than ants before it.

Li Qingyi took down her bundle, retrieved several jade beads, and embedded them onto the Jade Gate.

Li Xiu was somewhat surprised that the gemstone used to unlock the Tianmen was a type of jade, not one of the Five Great Gemstones.

Li Xiu had no expertise in jade and could not identify it. To him, all the white jade looked like marble.

Typically, only a dozen gemstones were needed to open a Trial Gate, and even the more gemstone-heavy gates required only a few dozen.

But Li Qingyi had already set over a hundred jade beads onto the Jade Gate and continued placing more.

When Li Qingyi finally set the entire bundle of jade beads, the Jade Gate radiated light, majestically opening bit by bit.

Smooth, milky-white jade light poured out from the gate, its radiance like smoke and mist, transforming the space before the gate into a hazy Immortal Realm.

"No need for a random entry ticket?" Li Xiu asked just as Li Qingyi was about to step inside.

"No need, the Tianmen guarantees entry," Li Qingyi said as she entered.

Li Xiu followed Li Qingyi in. As the cloud-like misty light faded from his vision, he found himself standing before a waterfall like a silver dragon descending from the sky.

The white cliff was steeply cut, and the waterfall cascaded from the sky, seemingly merging with it in a blur, resembling a silver Giant Dragon descending from the heavens.

The mercury water roared as it fell, hitting the stream below, and the splashes touched Li Xiu, bringing some coolness.

The roaring river of water flowed through the canyon, showcasing the wonder of creation to Li Xiu.

He and Li Qingyi stood on a stone platform near the waterfall, with the waterfall's flow passing on either side. The roar was deafening.

"Welcome to the Tianmen Trial Ground. The S-grade trial to ascend Tianmen is about to commence. The trial rules are as follows..." A light screen appeared before them, displaying the trial rules.

The trial rules were simple: they needed to climb the waterfall and reach the platform at the cliff's peak to complete the trial.

The challenge was to ascend from under the waterfall, climbing directly through the cascading water, which posed immense difficulty for any Trial Taker.

Aside from the daunting force of the waterfall, the cliff itself was smooth as a mirror, offering no footholds or grips—climbing without wall-crawling abilities seemed impossible.

Coupled with the intense water pressure, even Li Xiu, an S-grade Trial Taker, doubted his ability to climb successfully.

"Don't worry. Since I brought you here, I have a way to help you complete the trial," Li Qingyi confidently told Li Xiu.

"This trial is indeed challenging to pass. It would be great if you could help me through it," Li Xiu nodded.