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"Come over here," Li Qingyi called out to Li Xiu.

"What's up?" Li Xiu walked over to Li Qingyi, asking in confusion.

Li Qingyi suddenly leaped up, wrapping her arms around Li Xiu's neck. Her long legs coiled around his waist, sticking herself completely onto him as if not even a strand of hair could fit between them.

Li Xiu immediately felt the great sensation against his chest, instinctively extending his hand to support Li Qingyi's butt.

Li Qingyi immediately jumped down from Li Xiu as if electrified, blushing with embarrassment and annoyance, "What are you doing?"

Li Xiu cleared his throat, "I was just afraid you'd slip down, so I was holding onto you."

Li Qingyi glared at him, "Just wrap yourself around me like I did with you, I'll take you with me to climb up."

"Is... is it possible?" Li Xiu looked at the smooth mountain wall and the roaring waterfall, concerned that Li Qingyi might not actually be able to climb up with another person.

"If it's not possible, what's the point of bringing you here? Don't waste time, we must hurry back," Li Qingyi stood up straight, signaling Li Xiu not to dawdle.

Reluctantly, Li Xiu leaped up, wrapping his legs around Li Qingyi's slender waist, and his arms around her neck, his entire body pressed against her soft, fragrant figure.

Li Qingyi's body slightly trembled, but her expression remained calm as she instructed Li Xiu, "Hold on tight, whatever you do, don't let go."

With that, Li Qingyi leapt forward with Li Xiu, plunging directly into the waterfall.

Li Xiu only felt his back slam against the mountain wall, involuntarily letting out a painful grunt, yet the grunt was drowned out by the roaring water, as water poured all over him, soaking him completely.

This was due to Li Qingyi bracing herself, shielding him from most of the water's impact, so Li Xiu endured far less than she did.

Li Qingyi's arms and legs seemed to become like suction cups, gripping onto the smooth, jade-like mountain wall, climbing upward against the terrible waterfall.

"The physical capabilities of a Super Spirit Tester are truly terrifying. I wonder when I'll reach S-level," Li Xiu marveled to himself.

Li Qingyi climbed upward against the water with undiminished speed. Initially, the water felt only slightly cool, but as they ascended, it grew increasingly frigid, as if chilling to the bone.

Li Xiu quickly realized that this waterfall wasn't just ordinary river water.

In terms of absolute temperature, the water wasn't too low; subzero temperatures weren't a problem for Trial Takers like them.

However, the water rapidly drained away their body heat, seemingly possessing a powerful thermal dissipation ability.

Most water has this effect, but here it was magnified many times over, quickly leeching away body temperature, causing a continuous drop in warmth.

Li Qingyi's physique was incredibly robust, able to withstand the issue of body heat loss. However, having to carry Li Xiu against the waterfall made it a bit strenuous.

Every so often, Li Qingyi had to bow her head to catch her breath before continuing the climb.

Although Li Xiu's level was a bit low, he didn't fear this heat-loss effect. With the Ice Heart talent and the Ice Ashes skill, his body temperature remained normal.

Li Qingyi felt her own temperature drop slightly, yet Li Xiu clinging to her felt warm like a large hand warmer, alleviating part of her thermal problem.

Li Qingyi was slightly surprised that under the impact of the Celestial Gate Waterfall, Li Xiu was able to maintain his temperature, indicating he possessed some special skill; otherwise, such an effect would be impossible.

This eased many of Li Qingyi's concerns as she continued to climb with Li Xiu, ultimately reaching the top of the cliff against the waterfall.

Li Xiu originally thought that the top of the cliff would lead to a plateau. To his surprise, it wasn't so; it was truly a mountain range surrounded by lowlands.

The waterfall water seemed to pour down from the sky with no visible source, as if the Milky Way had descended from the heavens.

"What an amazing and incredible sight, hard to see such a wonder in the outside world," Li Xiu couldn't help but exclaim.

"Could you kindly get off me first before you appreciate it further?" Li Qingyi said, expressionless, looking at Li Xiu who was hanging onto her like a sloth.

"Alright," Li Xiu released his legs from around Li Qingyi and landed with a calm demeanor.

"S-level Trial at the Celestial Gate completed... Rewards being randomly generated... Each Trial Taker may choose two rewards..." A light screen once again emerged before Li Xiu and Li Qingyi.

Soon, four reward icons appeared on the light screen on Li Xiu's side: Attributes, Talent, Trial Badge, and Entry Ticket.

Li Xiu directly chose Talent and Entry Ticket. Though Trial Badges were valuable, they could be bought, and most Trial Grounds had opportunities to earn them.

Attributes were rewards available in any Trial Ground, but the Celestial Gate-like Trial Grounds weren't opportunities everyone had, so naturally, selecting Talent was the wisest choice.

The Talent icon projected a glow, which condensed into a jade bead in front of Li Xiu. When Li Xiu reached out to touch the bead, it instantly turned into light and merged into his body.

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Rebel: S-grade talent, reverse flow will stimulate two hundred percent of body potential.

Li Xiu no longer has high expectations for this kind of skill that stimulates body potential, as his previous skills like Super Exciting, Hot-Blooded, and Frenzy were all skills that stimulated body potential.

However, stimulating body potential has preconditions. It's not just that one skill can stimulate twice, and two skills can stimulate four times.

This also depends on your body's potential, if it's insufficient, forcibly stimulating it is equivalent to burning life.

Given Li Xiu's physical potential, being able to stimulate body potential to three times its state is already the limit; any higher would require sacrificing bodily health.

Therefore, Li Xiu only needs two or three S-grade potential stimulation skills, which is enough; having more is useless and would harm the body.

Of course, if it comes to a life-or-death situation, hurting the body might be worth it. The most feared is if the body gives out first, then it becomes a fruitless endeavor.

Li Xiu glanced at Li Qingyi; she had already chosen Attribute Reward and didn't opt for skills or the Trial Badge.

Seeing she also had an entrance ticket, Li Xiu chose his own. He was quickly sucked into a vortex resembling jade light.

Arriving at the familiar stone table, the familiar Copper Lamp burned with dim yellow flames, illuminating only a small nearby area.

Strangely, Li Xiu didn't find the contract on the stone table.

"That's odd, where's the contract?" Li Xiu wondered as the Longevity Lamp floated up on its own and drifted away into the darkness.

Li Xiu had no choice but to follow the Longevity Lamp. Soon, darkness engulfed his vision, and when light reappeared, he found himself before a colossal White Jade City.

This city looked somewhat similar to Longevity City, but was unfathomably larger. The gates of White Jade City reached over a hundred yards high, and the majestic aura made it resemble the fortress of giants among clouds.

Oddly though, the grand Jade City abounded with collapsed walls, many segments had crumbled; even the gate tower before him was half-destroyed, as though sliced diagonally by a blade.

"What battle destroyed such a mighty city to this extent?" Li Xiu was somewhat shocked.

If this hundred-yard-high, four-to-five-hundred-meter gate tower was truly sliced in half, what terrifying entity could accomplish such a feat?

"The Celestial Gate, Longevity Island, Bottomless Pit, and Celestial Sea are known as Demon Kingdom's Four Major Forbidden Zones. The Celestial City inside the Celestial Gate is mysterious, although just a remnant city, it harbors death at every turn. Even Super Spirit Testers might perish if they're not careful. You must stay close to me, don't wander off, and don't touch anything, not even a broken brick or fragment." Li Qingyi solemnly warned.

"Alright." Li Xiu replied, eyes scanning around, thinking strangely, "Why don't I see Old Dao?"

"Wan Chaocun wouldn't necessarily be here; it's normal for her absence. Old Dao guards the Celestial Gate; if he's not at the city gate, where did he go?" Li Xiu wondered, then asked, "Where's the guard stationed here from Celestial Heaven?"

Li Qingyi walked toward the gate, answering, "The guard here isn't needed at this gate. It's necessary to guard the gate on the city's opposite side; you have to traverse the entire Celestial City to reach it."

"Why isn't guarding needed at this side's gate?" Li Xiu asked, puzzled.

"Because you can only exit through the Trial Gate from the opposite gate. This side, only us Trial Takers can enter and exit; demon spirits can't get out." Li Qingyi crawled through a crack in the damaged gate.

Li Xiu followed her inside, immediately realizing the city was filled with clouds of radiant white light.

They moved within the city as if walking through a sea of clouds condensed from light, feeling as though soaring through clouds and fog.

Yet these milky white lights were so dense that the entire Celestial City seemed submerged in a cloud sea, only nearing items revealed remnants of white jade structures.

Li Qingyi led the way, stating, "Where we're headed, we call it the Execution Platform; there lies the opportunity for my ascension to Light Base level..."

Bai Ying was helping Li Qingyi organize things in the courtyard when Bai Wanli walked over with a sullen face, asking, "Dad, why are you here?"

"Where's Li Qingyi?" Bai Wanli asked.

"She should be preparing for the birthday banquet." Bai Ying replied.

"She's not home?" Bai Wanli remarked.

"Perhaps she went out shopping?" Bai Ying frowned.

"I suspect she didn't go shopping but went to the Celestial Gate with Li Xiu." Bai Wanli's eyes flashed coldly.

"Impossible, she told me Li Xiu's Jedi Knight was injured, and they wouldn't go to the Celestial Gate until the knight healed and raised the Super Spirit Limit. It would be days after the birthday banquet, impossible for them to go now." Bai Ying expressed disbelief.

"Daughter, it seems you haven't truly gained Li Qingyi's trust." Bai Wanli glanced at her dismissively.

Bai Ying retorted, "No way, Qingyi wouldn't hide anything from me."

Bai Wanli said nothing, turning to leave Li Qingyi's courtyard, calling Su Bancheng to head directly to the Li Family.

"Patriarch, the message is accurate; Li Qingyi isn't home. The two who entered the Celestial Gate should be Li Qingyi and Li Xiu." Bai Wanli approached Li Changyin, immediately apologizing, "The fault is mine for being ineffective, not anticipating Li Qingyi would secretly take Li Xiu to the Celestial Gate under the guise of preparing for the birthday banquet."

"Don't blame yourself. Li Qingyi, as the president's daughter, is inherently talented and astute. Seemingly carefree, she knows Bai Ying's intentions toward her. How could she not?" Li Changyin chuckled, "No need to worry; we have the information. Summon Han Mingshou and Wan Chaoxin, head to the Celestial Gate. There's still time; Li Qingyi's ascension to Light Base level isn't immediate. You still have time to assassinate Li Xiu."

"We'll depart now." Bai Wanli responded, leaving with Su Bancheng, notifying Han Mingshou and Wan Chaoxin to head to the Celestial Gate.

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Walking within the Celestial City, one can occasionally spot segments of fragmented Jade Bridge within the mist-like glow, or a collapsed corner of a palace, like the corpse of a beast emerging from the fog.

"Isn't the Heavenly Gate one of the Four Major Forbidden Zones? It's extremely difficult to even enter. Who could have destroyed it to this state?" Li Xiu asked, following behind Li Qingyi.

Li Qingyi replied, "Since the Heavenly Gate was discovered, it has always been like this. Even in the Demon Kingdom's historical records, the Heavenly Gate has always appeared this way. When it was classified as one of the Four Major Forbidden Zones by the Demon Kingdom, it was already in this state."

After a pause, Li Qingyi continued, "Although this city seems to lack any complete structures, even a single broken brick or piece of corridor tile possesses incredibly terrifying power. Once, someone picked up a Jade Brick from this Celestial City and secretly took it out. In less than a week, their entire family mysteriously died. Afterwards, everyone who had come into contact with that Jade Brick couldn't survive. During the mysterious deaths in the city, an investigation was conducted, yet no cause was found. Dozens of people continued to die until the Jade Brick was finally discovered. Investigators who touched it also died mysteriously. It wasn't until an elder returned the Jade Brick to the Heavenly Gate that the wave of deaths was quelled, but that elder disappeared without a trace, dead or alive."

Listening to this, Li Xiu felt terrified: "Just a single Jade Brick is so terrifying. We've stepped on countless Jade Bricks along the way. Does that mean we'll die with no burial place?"

"You don't need to worry so much. As long as you don't take anything out of the Celestial City, just touching these Jade Bricks is fine," Li Qingyi reassured. Suddenly, there was a sound, like an ox's bellow or a lion's roar, coming from deep within the mist-like glow.

"Magic Spirit!" Li Xiu's heart leapt.

Encountering a Magic Spirit in such a place isn't anything good. He'd heard from Old Dao that there isn't a single Magic Spirit inside the Heavenly Gate below a Super Spirit level, at the very least a Super Spirit.

Even though Li Xiu had a Jedi Knight on him, his own level was too low. He feared encountering a Magic Spirit that could attack over a wide range, and by then, the Jedi Knight might not be able to block all the attacks.

"It seems to be a Magic Spirit, but there's no need to worry. In the past, when I followed elders to the Heavenly Gate, you could often hear this roar. The elders said every time they visit the Celestial City, they hear this roar, but have never seen the roar's owner appear," Li Qingyi recalled. "Rest assured, as long as we follow this route, it won't be too problematic. This route was explored by countless predecessors and strong individuals, so it shouldn't pose too much risk."

"What if we don't follow this route? What might happen?" Li Xiu asked curiously.

"It's hard to say. You might encounter terrifying Magic Spirits that could kill us instantly, or you might end up not knowing how you died and perish within this Celestial City. The Heavenly Gate is unfathomably mysterious, and too many people have died inside. Not just you and me, but even the Trial Takers at the Light Base level tread carefully here, not daring to be careless in the slightest," Li Qingyi explained while walking. Suddenly, a Jade Bridge appeared in the misty glow ahead.

The bridge was about two or three meters wide, made entirely of white jade. Strange patterns were carved on the railings, depicting clouds, rain, thunderstorms, and mythical beasts and birds.

Beneath the Jade Bridge, the misty glow churned, hiding whether there was water below. Beyond three meters, nothing more of the bridge could be seen, and its destination remained unknown.

"Once we cross the Cloud Bridge, we'll almost reach the Execution Platform," Li Qingyi said, not walking directly onto the bridge but heading toward the side of the bridge end.

Li Xiu followed her for a few steps and saw a small shrine-like building beside the bridge end.

The structure was very small, only half a person's height, about waist-high to Li Xiu, and roughly the size of a doghouse, but its carved beams and painted rafters were extremely exquisite.

Inside the shrine's arched entrance, there was a similarly small, miniature shrine offering table, behind which was a divine platform with a jade-made tablet.

The tablet had a few characters in Demon Kingdom's script, which Li Xiu recognized at a glance, reading "Position of Earthly Grandma."

Li Qingyi stood before the shrine, respectfully bowing three times to the divine platform's tablet.

Something strange happened. Li Xiu saw some simple lines emerge on that Jade Token, resembling a smiling face pattern.

The pattern appeared briefly and disappeared. If Li Xiu hadn't been sharp-eyed, he might have thought it was just his imagination.

Seeing the smiling face pattern, Li Qingyi breathed a long sigh of relief: "The Earthly Grandma can ensure safety. Her smiling face indicates there is no danger ahead, and we can pass smoothly. You should pay your respects too."

Li Xiu nodded, stepping into the spot Li Qingyi made for him, and imitated her, bowing to the Earthly Grandma's tablet.

When Li Xiu raised his head to look at the tablet, he was suddenly stunned.

He saw streaks of blood-like marks appear on the white-jade-like tablet, resembling traces left by teardrops of blood.

After Li Qingyi's bow, the smile had briefly appeared and vanished, but the blood marks seemed like congealed bloodstains on the tablet, showing no sign of dispersing.

"What is this situation?" Li Xiu rose and looked toward Li Qingyi beside him.

Li Qingyi, with a strange expression, said, "I've only heard from elders that if the Earthly Grandma's tablet shows a smiling face, it indicates that the path ahead is safe. However, if the Earthly Grandma shows an unhappy face, it suggests there are calamities ahead and the possibility of encountering things like Magic Spirits. Such a situation, I've never heard of before, and I don't know what it means, but it doesn't seem like a good omen."

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"How about... I offer my prayers again..." Li Xiu murmured.

"Once is enough, no need for more. Praying again makes it ineffective." Li Qingyi shook her head.

"What should we do now? Should we keep going forward or not?" Li Xiu looked at Li Qingyi and asked.

"These phenomena are unpredictable, and danger might lie ahead. Maybe we should give up for today and come back another day." Li Qingyi said, contemplating the bloodstains on the tablet.

"There was no issue when you prayed earlier, and since I'm walking with you, it's unlikely that there's a problem for me. I think this red color might not be a bad omen; look at how festive it looks. It should be a good sign instead." Li Xiu said with a smile.

Li Qingyi replied seriously, "This is not a place to joke around. Any mistake here could lead to severe consequences, there's no room for guessing."

"This isn't a guess. The results can't possibly be contradictory. However, since you think there's a problem, we should just stop here." Li Xiu said.

"Then let's go back." Li Qingyi said as she started to lead Li Xiu back.

Shortly after they started walking, Li Qingyi suddenly stopped Li Xiu, placing her finger on her lips to signal him to be silent.

Li Xiu immediately understood what Li Qingyi meant, stood still, and listened attentively. He could hear faint voices coming from the shimmering fog in the distance.

However, due to the distance, Li Xiu could only hear a little noise without being able to make out what was being said.

Li Qingyi listened for a moment, her expression changing slightly, and then whispered into Li Xiu's ear, "Things may not be going well; I heard Bai Wanli and Han Mingshou's voices. There seem to be others present, though they're not speaking, so I can't discern who or how many they are. They're likely targeting you, and I didn't expect them to catch up so fast."

"Is there anywhere to hide?" Li Xiu frowned and asked.

"This place isn't safe to wander about; there's nowhere to hide unless we get past the Cloud Bridge. Before reaching the Execution Platform, there's a Jade Tower with no dangers inside, where we can temporarily hide." Li Qingyi's expression didn't look good.

"Then let's cross the Cloud Bridge first." Li Xiu said.

Li Qingyi hesitated a bit, especially considering the ominous sign on the tablet. Moreover, Bai Wanli and his group likely knew about the Jade Tower as well. If they went there too, there would be nowhere for the two of them to hide.

"There's no point in hesitating, let's go." Li Xiu knew that with Bai Wanli himself coming, he was surely prepared to kill him. If they fought head-on, it would be dangerous.

Li Qingyi also understood that facing them directly now would likely lead to bad results, so she had to turn with Li Xiu and head towards the Cloud Bridge.

After stepping onto the Cloud Bridge, nothing unusual happened. Under Li Qingyi's guidance, they quickened their pace towards the other end of the bridge.

Outside the Cloud Bridge, light surged and clouds billowed, with glowing mist surrounding them, giving the feeling of walking in the Celestial Palace.

They walked for a long stretch, and Li Xiu, who was counting his steps, was quite shocked to find out that this seemingly small Jade Bridge was over a hundred miles long and hadn't reached the end yet.

After walking a while longer, they finally got to the end of the Jade Bridge. From there, the cloud and light seemed to thin out, allowing visibility up to twenty or thirty meters.

Faintly visible were many collapsed buildings, resembling monsters lying beside the road.

Not far after they walked forward, Li Qingxiu discerned the path and turned along a collapsed Jade Wall, heading inside.

Li Xiu followed her for a bit until he saw in front of them a three-story Octagonal Jade Tower.

The plaque above the Octagonal Jade Tower's door was half broken, and the remaining half had two Demon Kingdom symbols on it, which Li Xiu recognized meant "Jade Scenery".

Without the rest of the letters, it's unclear what the complete plaque would say.

"Inside this Jade Scenery Tower is very safe; if we face danger, we can hide here. For some reason, magical beings never enter the Jade Scenery Tower, but the area around it is dangerous to wander, and many who've come here have gotten lost nearby." Li Qingyi pushed the door open and entered, "Let's hide here for now. Bai Wanli and his group are surely searching for us; they think we're already by the Execution Platform and must be rushing there. Once they pass by, we'll quickly return the way we came."

Li Xiu entered the Jade Scenery Tower and closed the door, observing the interior of the tower.

This Octagonal Tower had eight walls, with a door at both the front and back, and each wall was carved with a type of pictogram. Li Xiu could recognize the patterns of wind, rain, thunder, lightning, frost, fire, cloud, and another pattern he couldn't deduce.

"The walls on this level depict wind, rain, thunder, lightning, frost, fire, cloud, and 'termination', making up eight natural phenomena. The second level's walls have patterns depicting eight mythical beasts, and on the third level, eight symbols that are peculiar - not in our language nor that of the Demon Kingdom..." Li Qingyi quietly explained.

"I understand wind, rain, thunder, lightning, frost, fire, and cloud, but what kind of phenomenon is 'termination'?" Li Xiu asked.

"I'm not sure, but I heard from elders that 'termination' only occurs within the Celestial City. Someone once saw it from afar, but after that, his eyes went blind. He said the phenomenon was inexpressible

and extremely terrifying." Li Qingyi spoke while listening carefully; Bai Wanli and the others hadn't appeared.

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"Let's take a look at the second and third floors," Li Xiu said, intrigued by these things.

Li Qingyi nodded and led Li Xiu upstairs to the second floor.

Upon reaching the second floor, Li Xiu observed the eight walls and indeed saw patterns of eight mythical beasts.

He might recognize those eight beasts: Dragon, Phoenix, Qilin, Horse, Tiger, Ox, Sheep, Ape.

However, the horse had a pair of wings, the ox had three eyes, and the sheep had three heads. Only the ape's pattern seemed relatively normal, yet the patterns, although roughly the same size, made the ape look larger than the ox and sheep for some unknown reason.

After observing for a while, Li Xiu and Li Qingyi went up to the third floor. Unlike the first and second floors, which had no windows, the third floor had eight, with mere frames and no glass, allowing a direct view of the outside.

Above each window frame was a hand-sized symbol. Li Xiu observed for a while but didn't recognize them; they were not common Demon Kingdom texts, nor were these symbols present in the Demon Text Institute's dictionary.

While Li Xiu studied those symbols, Li Qingyi leaned on the window, observing outside. Shortly after, Li Qingyi's expression shifted slightly, gesturing subtly to Li Xiu.

Li Xiu cautiously moved closer, using the wall as cover to sneak a peek outside, where he saw four figures approaching through the misty haze, heading straight for the Jade Scenery Tower.

Li Xiu and Li Qingyi exchanged a glance, each seeing the helplessness in the other's eyes.

Before long, the four figures approached, and Li Xiu recognized them all: Bai Wanli, Su Bancheng, Han Mingshou, and Wan Chaoxin.

"The Li Family really thinks highly of me, sending Su Bancheng, Han Mingshou, and Wan Chaoxin — all Super Spirit Powerhouses — along with the enigmatic Bai Wanli. If a fight breaks out here, I'm afraid even Li Qingyi won't be able to protect me wholly," Li Xiu thought inwardly.

"Adapt to circumstances," Li Qingyi wrote four characters on the back of Li Xiu's hand with her finger.

Li Xiu nodded, and Li Qingyi continued writing, "If they come up to the third floor, we'll escape to the roof outside."

Li Xiu nodded again, his eyes quietly fixed on the four outside.

"Bai Wanli is extremely dangerous, be cautious," Li Qingyi wrote further.

The four didn't enter the Jade Scenery Tower immediately but stood chatting at the entrance.

"I've heard about the Jade Scenery Tower. Seeing it today, it indeed has some secrets. This isn't just an ordinary tower," Su Bancheng, holding a jade folding fan, said while fanning himself.

"If it's not a tower, then what is it?" Han Mingshou asked.

"If I'm not mistaken, it's a furnace," Su Bancheng said, examining the Jade Scenery Tower.

"A hut kind of furnace?" Han Mingshou asked coldly.

"No, it's an Alchemy Furnace," Su Bancheng replied.

"Whose Pill Furnace looks like this?" Han Mingshou thought Su Bancheng was talking nonsense, as it clearly looked like a three-story building.

Su Bancheng smiled, "The eight corners of this tower correspond to the Eight Trigrams: Open, Rest, Birth, Injury, Block, Scene, Death, and Surprise. The front door on the first floor corresponds to the Birth Gate, while the back door corresponds to the Death Gate. The eight windows on the third floor align with the positions of the Eight Trigrams. This is the setup of an Eight Trigrams Alchemy Furnace. Ordinary people do not build houses like this. This apparent tower is actually designed as a furnace. If someone lived in such a building, it's feared that within a month, all blood relatives in the family would meet unnatural deaths — a life-refining... tower."

"This is the Demon Kingdom's Heaven Gate Restricted Zone. Your earthly metaphysical theories may not apply here," Han Mingshou said.

"I was merely speaking casually. You may take it as jest," Su Bancheng did not argue with Han Mingshou further.

Bai Wanli interrupted their conversation, "At this moment, Li Qingyi should be on the Execution Platform, seeking an opportunity to advance to the Light Base level. We must eliminate Li Xiu before Li Qingyi achieves Light Base, for if we wait until Li Qingyi advances, moving against Li Xiu will be inconvenient with her protection."

"If that's the case, why not go directly to the Execution Platform? What are we doing at the Jade Scenery Tower?" Wan Chaoxin asked.

Bai Wanli smiled, "There's no need to be impatient, Commander Wan. If we were to go to the Execution Platform now, there's a chance our actions against Li Xiu would affect Li Qingyi on the Execution Platform, risking a backlash from the Platform and jeopardizing her upgrade. Such consequences would be unbearable."

Bai Wanli looked at the Jade Scenery Tower and continued, "The Jade Scenery Tower is the center of this area, with each of its eight facets corresponding to a unique structure, including the Execution Platform. In reality, the Jade Scenery Tower is a control hub. By using it, we can induce changes in the Execution Platform, separating it from the surrounding area, thoroughly isolating Li Xiu and Li Qingyi on the Platform and preventing her interference."

"Is there such a thing? How come I've never heard of it?" Wan Chaoxin frowned.

"The Heaven Gate is inscrutably mysterious, with countless secrets. Even the great chairman cannot possibly know all the secrets within the Heaven Gate," Bai Wanli squinted as he spoke, "Let's first go to the second floor to operate the Eight Trigrams and isolate the Execution Platform."

The four walked in line and soon reached the second floor of the Jade Scenery Tower.

Li Xiu and Li Qingyi crouched near the stairway entrance, listening intently to the sounds below.

"Is there any kind of mechanism here?" Wan Chaoxin looked at the empty second floor and asked.

"The Eight Trigrams on these walls are the control hub for the eight structures, and the Vajra Ape corresponds to the Execution Platform. Once activated, it will isolate the Platform," Bai Wanli explained.

"How do we activate it?" Wan Chaoxin asked, examining the Vajra Ape.

"Observe closely; within the engravings of the Vajra Ape, there are indentations where the corresponding Demon Core can be embedded to activate it," Bai Wanli explained.

"Then what are we waiting for? Let's isolate the Execution Platform and eliminate Li Xiu quickly," Han Mingshou echoed.

"No rush, Li Qingyi's advancement to the Light Base isn't that swift, and it may not even have started. Let's wait a bit longer to avoid acting too early," Bai Wanli said, looking at Wan Chaoxin, "Commander Wan, your family's little lady should now be in the Ten Thousand Flowers Garden, not far from the Execution Platform. Shall we first pay a visit?"

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"Need anything?" Wan Chaoxin looked at Bai Wanli and asked.

"Better to go for a trip." Bai Wanli smiled and said, "In case Elder Dao, who guards the Heaven Gate, patrols this way and discovers the situation here, we might have trouble. We'll need our little aunt to hold Elder Dao back, preventing him from interfering with our affairs. Of course, the Heaven Gate is

vast, and Elder Dao may not necessarily discover the situation here; it's just a precaution. A greeting is enough, no need for the little aunt to truly intervene, we can kill Li Xiu ourselves."

"Okay." Wan Chaoxin nodded, turned around, and prepared to go downstairs.

He knew Li Changyin insisted he come over to leverage Wan Chaocun's power, not only to prevent Elder Dao from discovering the problem here but also to prevent Li Qingyi from advancing to the Light Base level before they arrived.

With Wan Chaocun's intervention, even if Li Qingyi advances to the Light Base level, Li Xiu can't be saved.

"Who is upstairs?" Before Wan Chaoxin could go downstairs, he suddenly heard Bai Wanli's cold shout.

A few people looked at Bai Wanli, only to see his eyes focused on the stairway of the third floor, his expression somewhat gloomy.

"What's going on?" Han Mingshou asked.

"Someone's up there." Bai Wanli confirmed.

All four drew their weapons and vigilantly watched the stairway entrance, knowing the people who appear here at this time are most likely Li Xiu and Li Qingyi.

Li Xiu and Li Qingyi felt a bit frustrated; they didn't make any noise, unsure how Bai Wanli discovered them.

"Li Xiu, you heard the conversation. Hiding is useless. You will inevitably die today, come down like a man and face it." Wan Chaoxin shouted towards the stairway.

Li Xiu ignored him, silently focusing on the stairway entrance, summoning the Jedi Knight beside the stairway. If anyone dared to come up, they'd receive a strike, testing who could withstand a blow from a Super Spirit Limit Jedi Knight.

"Miss, this matter does not concern you. If you can leave now, Bai Wanli would be immensely grateful." Bai Wanli shouted towards the third floor.

Li Qingyi didn't say a word either, summoning the Unbreakable Cold Ice Shield. She instantly spiritualized into Indestructible Ice Armor, wearing it and guarding the other side of the stairway entrance.

"It seems those upstairs are certainly them. Although deviating somewhat from the plan, this works as well. Once we charge up, I'll engage Miss, and you three quickly eliminate Li Xiu." Bai Wanli said to Su Bancheng, Han Mingshou, and Wan Chaoxin.

"So, Vice President Bai intends to rush up first?" Han Mingshou sneered.

The stairway is narrow; if Li Xiu and Li Qingyi are indeed up there, the first person to ascend would have to bear their frenzied attacks. No one wants to be the first.

The three originally assumed Bai Wanli, with his slippery nature, wouldn't be the first to rush up. Yet Bai Wanli smiled and nodded, saying, "Since I'm leading this plan, it's naturally my duty to do so."

Han Mingshou and Wan Chaoxin were somewhat surprised, not expecting Bai Wanli to readily agree to take the risk first.

"After I get up there, follow immediately. I'll engage Miss, and you three must not hold back. Eliminate Li Xiu as swiftly as possible, giving him no opportunity." Bai Wanli said, while already heading up the staircase, producing a shield with a lion pattern from somewhere.

"Golden Lion Shield!" Wan Chaoxin and Han Mingshou exclaimed in surprise. Only now did they understand the reason behind Bai Wanli's courage to proceed first.

The Golden Lion Shield, like the Dragon-slaying Dagger, was the former elder's Parasitic Contract, and both were Super Spirit Level.

Unlike the Dragon-slaying Dagger, the Golden Lion Shield is purely a defensive contract, also possessing a highly practical Talent Skill, "Lion's Roar."

In terms of defense, the Golden Lion Shield is no less than Li Qingyi's Unbreakable Cold Ice Shield. Moreover, the Lion's Roar skill can absorb all attacks onto the shield itself. Before the Golden Lion Shield breaks, neither contract nor Demonic Light can harm its owner in the slightest; it's truly a defensive tool.

Back then, the elder wielded a Dragon-slaying Dagger and a Golden Lion Shield, although not the strongest Trial Taker, was one of the most difficult to provoke. No one wanted to fight such a person.

If not for disasters within Heaven Gate, even in the current Eternal Heaven, few were his equals.

Bai Wanli, with the Golden Lion Shield on top, charged upwards, followed by Su Bancheng, Han Mingshou, and Wan Chaoxin.

The golden lion pattern on the Golden Lion Shield radiated golden light, letting out a lion's roar-like sound, with the entire shield vibrating at a high frequency.

Li Xiu, from above, saw the Golden Lion Shield but couldn't see the person underneath, only commanding the Jedi Knight to attack.

The Jedi Knight had already entered the Super Spirit state, with swords performing a frenzied dance like chopping meat, with Blood Light Slash continuously striking the Golden Lion Shield.

Only the sounds of impact persisted as the Golden Lion Shield stubbornly blocked the incessant Blood Light Slash assaults, the slashes leaving knife marks on the shield, but none could break it.

Taking advantage of the Jedi Knight's attacking interval, Bai Wanli leaped up with the shield, directly charging towards Li Qingyi upon glancing at her.

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Qingyi kicked fiercely with her long legs against the Golden Lion Shield, but couldn't move it. Instead, she was shocked back two steps.

Su Bancheng and Mingshou jumped up, one holding a jade fan, the other gripping twin daggers. Mingshou saw the situation clearly and charged toward Li Xiu without hesitation, shouting, "Distract his magic spirit; I'll handle him."

Before Su Bancheng and Wan Chaoxin could react, he was already rushing toward Li Xiu like a phantom.

Su Bancheng had no choice but to face the Jedi Knight. With a flourish, his jade fan transformed into dozens of bright jade swords, radiating strong light as they charged at the Jedi Knight.

The Jedi Knight's twin blades sliced swiftly, cutting through each flying sword. Though the swords enveloped the Jedi Knight as he maneuvered, they couldn't harm him, instead being shattered by relentless strikes, causing Su Bancheng endless heartache.

But in a short time, the Jedi Knight couldn't break through Su Bancheng's Jade Fan Sword Formation.

Qingyi was entangled by Wanli's Golden Lion Shield and couldn't help Li Xiu.

Mingshou's eyes gleamed with murderous intent as he reached Li Xiu in a blur. His daggers coiled like venomous snakes around Li Xiu, moving unbelievably fast.

Li Xiu's speed was no match for the Super Spirit Tester, so he almost instinctively leapt through the window, landing on the jade tiles outside.

A green and a gray ray of Demonic Light burst from the window like roaring poisoned dragons, barely grazing Li Xiu's scalp as they shot into distant misty clouds.

Li Xiu summoned the Black Death Demon King, directing its minions to block the window, while he prepared to jump down.

Before he could leap, Mingshou had reached the window, his foot on the frame. With a swish of his daggers, the blocking Black Death Demon bodies were sliced in half.

Just as Mingshou was about to leap out, Li Xiu suddenly saw his eyes bulge, pupils shrink, as a bird head, golden and blood-soaked, pierced through his chest.

Mingshou turned painstakingly to look at Wan Chaoxin, who held a Golden Phoenix-like bow.

Mingshou opened his mouth but failed to make a sound, blood pouring out, then collapsed from the frame, rolling on the rooftop's jade tiles before falling heavily to the ground, lifeless.

The Golden Phoenix Arrow lodged in his back transformed into a bird, flying back through the window into Wan Chaoxin's hand.

"What are you doing, Wan Chaoxin?" Su Bancheng and Wanli's faces were extremely grim.

Wan Chaoxin ignored them, placing the Golden Phoenix Arrow on his bow, the Phoenix Eye on his forehead opened, and he shot an arrow at Su Bancheng.

The Phoenix Eye opened, and the arrow was instantly in front of Su Bancheng like a regal Phoenix.

Su Bancheng, terrified, quickly grabbed, and the unshattered swords flew back, forming a broken jade fan in his hand, fiercely meeting the Phoenix Eye-Opening Arrow.

Crack!

The Phoenix Eye-Opening Arrow pierced the jade fan, continuing to lodge into Su Bancheng's chest.

The Karma Armor's light flickered but was penetrated by the spinning Phoenix Eye-Opening Arrow, which nailed Su Bancheng to the wall.

The Karma Armor, nearly shattered by Li Xiu earlier, wasn't fully repaired. Wan Chaoxin's arrow struck the unrepaired spot, rendering it useless, killing Su Bancheng.

Su Bancheng stared at Wan Chaoxin with wide eyes, watching him slide slowly until sitting lifelessly, creating a dark, thick bloodstain on the wall.

Of the four who came to kill Li Xiu, two died immediately, leaving only Wanli and Wan Chaoxin. Wan Chaoxin's bow was raised again towards Wanli.

Wanli retreated with the Golden Lion Shield, glaring angrily at Wan Chaoxin, "Do you know what you're doing, Wan Chaoxin?"

Qingyi stopped her attack, looking at the two in surprise, while Li Xiu watched from outside the window.

"Of course I do. The resources of Eternal Heaven are limited. How can the Wan Family rise again if the four great families aren't weakened? Even if Li Changyin helps us, the Wan Family needs strength. Growing the family's power is hard in a short time, so why not bring my rivals down to the same level? Vice President Bai, do you think my strategy works?" Wan Chaoxin smiled.

"Are you mad? You're offending the Li, Han, and Bai families at once. The Wan Family will face extinction," Wanli said coldly.

"If you're all dead, who knows I killed you?" Wan Chaoxin replied.

"The lady is still..." Wanli stopped halfway, closed his mouth.

"I trust the lady won't speak of this, right?" Wan Chaoxin smiled at Qingyi.

Qingyi said nothing, neither confirming nor denying.

"You're cunning, Wan Chaoxin," Wanli sneered. "Even if the president wants to weaken the Li and Bai families, who are you to interfere? Careful, lest you become the sacrifice with your strategy."

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"You're wrong. The entire Eternal Heaven belongs to the President. How could the President possibly weaken himself? It's the Li Family and you who've gone too far. I'm just lending a hand to the President, teaching a lesson to two sneaky dogs. I imagine he won't hold it against me, right, Miss?" Wan Chaoxin said with a smile.

Li Qingyi said nothing, but Bai Wanli scoffed, "Nice try, but unfortunately, you're still too young. What makes you think you can guess the President's mind? The moment you tried, you were already a dead man."

"Looks like the one who's going to die now is you, right?" Wan Chaoxin's arrow had been pointed at Bai Wanli, but now suddenly released, and the Phoenix Eye-Opening Arrow was instantly in front of Bai Wanli.

Bai Wanli raised the Golden Lion Shield, and the Phoenix Eye-Opening Arrow embedded itself in the shield, but it couldn't pierce through.

Two more Phoenix Eye-Opening Arrows drew strange arcs, shooting left and right towards Bai Wanli behind the shield, but as they got close, they were drawn to the Golden Lion Shield, changing direction and hitting the shield instead.

"You think you can kill me?" Bai Wanli said disdainfully.

Wan Chaoxin, unfazed, said, "The Golden Lion Shield is indeed formidable, but you seem to have forgotten that when I became Commander, I went to the warehouse and chose a contract."

"Of course I didn't forget. The contract you chose, I personally handed it to you. It's the relic of a former Commander of the Eternal Group, an S-class Golden Gloves. So what?" Bai Wanli said.

Wan Chaoxin placed the bow from his left hand into his right hand, revealing the glove on his left hand that looked like it was woven with golden threads. With a swift motion, the three arrows lodged in the Golden Lion Shield suddenly flew back into his hand.

"You probably didn't know, this glove, like my Golden Phoenix Bow and Phoenix Eye, also comes from the Gate of Heaven. Its real name is Golden Crow Claw... The former Commander didn't get the chance to elevate it to Super Spirit... Today, I'll show you its Super Spirit powers..." As Wan Chaoxin spoke, the golden-threaded glove on his hand shone, the golden light growing ever stronger, making his entire hand seem to turn into light.

In Wan Chaoxin's hand, the three Golden Phoenix Arrows merged into one and were set on the Golden Phoenix Bow.

The Phoenix Eye and the Golden Phoenix Bow and Arrow seemed to be influenced, emitting a brilliant golden light.

The Phoenix Arrow appeared to have truly transformed into a radiant golden phoenix, continuously emitting a resonant cry.

"Vice President Bai... In your next life, don't be so greedy... People die for money, birds die for food... Your death is not in vain..." Wan Chaoxin said as he suddenly released the arrow in his hand.

The entire space seemed to freeze, with only a single phoenix flying through the void, singing as it collided with the Golden Lion Shield.

Golden light burst from the Golden Lion Shield, winding across the shield. When the light dispersed, the winding golden light on the shield turned out to be cracks, and the Golden Phoenix Arrow had pierced through, leaving an egg-sized hole in the shield.

"Vice President Bai... Farewell..." Wan Chaoxin said calmly, reaching out to retrieve the Phoenix Arrow.

However, with a grasp in the air, Wan Chaoxin's expression turned a little grim as he stared intently at Bai Wanli.

Bai Wanli remained calm, throwing the Golden Lion Shield to the ground. The Golden Phoenix Arrow was right before his chest, but its tip was less than an inch away from his chest, not harming him.

Bai Wanli's other hand grasped the Golden Phoenix Arrow. No matter how the Golden Phoenix Arrow struggled, it couldn't move even a fraction, unable to even tremble.

Not only Wan Chaoxin, but even Li Qingyi changed color.

Wan Chaoxin's strike, combining three Super Spirit Contracts, was no weaker than Jing Li's farewell strike, perhaps even stronger.

After all, Jing Li's strike was just the power of a single Super Spirit Contract, whereas this was the accumulated power of three Super Spirit Contracts. It would be difficult to find a matching force within the Super Spirit tier.

The only one who could withstand such an arrow would likely be someone who had surpassed the Super Spirit State.

"Light Base level!" Wan Chaoxin gazed gravely at Bai Wanli's arrow-holding hand.

The hand was covered with a shell-like white skeleton, resembling a gauntlet made of bones.

Everyone thought that Bai Wanli was just a dog of the Li Family, a greedy businessman who only engaged in petty schemes and tricks.

No one expected that Bai Wanli was actually at the Light Base level.

Bai Wanli's face twisted slightly, his muscles twitching, the originally flabby body was rapidly contracting.

In just a moment, Bai Wanli, who was as plump as a ball, transformed into a robust physique like that of a heavyweight boxer.

Only then did the few people realize that Bai Wanli had a very tall frame, even taller than Li Xiu and Wan Chaoxin.

Because he was so fat, like a ball, and always bowed, people mistakenly thought he was just a short fat man.

But now, Bai Wanli, with knotted muscles all over his body, straightened up like a powerful lion exuding a formidable pressure, his newly angular face carried a kind of indescribable masculine charm, almost unrecognizable from the white fat man he was before.

"Do you think I got to be the Vice President just by luck? Do you think the Li Family only valued my ability to rake in money for them? If you really think so, then you're too naive. In this Eternal Heaven, there's no one who can survive on someone else's pity and charity..." Bai Wanli said, as more shell-like bones grew out of him, encasing his body.

In an instant, his entire body was enveloped by a shell-like bone armor, turning him into a mighty humanoid demon clad in skeletal armor.

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Li Xiu didn't see what Bai Wanli ultimately transformed into; as soon as he discovered Bai Wanli was at the Light Base level, he summoned the Jedi Knight and immediately jumped off the Jade Scenery Tower.

While still in the air, the Masked Emperor was already summoned, and as Li Xiu landed, he fell directly onto the Masked Emperor and rode off.

The Masked Emperor's exhaust emitted golden Light Flame, speeding away like golden lightning.

Li Xiu hadn't gone far when he heard hoofbeats beside him, like raindrops, and saw Wan Chaoxin riding a white tiger magical creature that was sprinting towards him. Light Flame rose from the white tiger's body, and a crown rested on its head, running faster than the Masked Emperor, which had entered Super Acceleration.

"Super Spirit Mount, just how many good things does this guy have?" Li Xiu felt a temptation to rob him.

But in the current situation, obviously, there was no chance for him to do that; he could only desperately push the Masked Emperor to accelerate.

Unfortunately, the Masked Emperor was only level A, no matter how fast, it couldn't be faster than a super spirit magical creature.

Wan Chaoxin sped past him, leaving Li Xiu falling behind.

Bang! As both raced desperately, a figure suddenly descended from the sky ahead, striking the ground heavily, scattering the surrounding mist and light like a surging wave.

Li Xiu saw a robust figure encased in skeleton armor, resembling a beast; it could only be Bai Wanli.

Li Xiu and Wan Chaoxin were about four or five meters away from Bai Wanli; at this speed, whether they could stop within that distance was questionable.

Wan Chaoxin's eyes narrowed, instead of slowing down, his white tiger pounded the ground hard with its hooves, leaping over a hundred meters high to jump over Bai Wanli.

At this time, the advantage of biological mounts emerged, as the Masked Emperor didn't have such ability.

While in the air, Wan Chaoxin calculated that Li Xiu likely had to stop, otherwise, he would either crash into Bai Wanli or pass by him, which was impossible as Bai Wanli would surely block him.

If Li Xiu could hold off Bai Wanli for a while, it would give him a chance to reach near the Ten Thousand Flowers Garden.

Wan Chaocun was inside the Ten Thousand Flowers Garden; once he caught Wan Chaocun's attention, he would be saved.

As he calculated, he suddenly saw the golden motorcycle in high-speed motion create a U-turn, without decelerating, by skimming the ground with one side of the vehicle body.

Wan Chaoxin and Bai Wanli were astounded, as this riding technique went beyond their expectations.

Bai Wanli glanced at Li Xiu, who was charging back to his trail, and his body took on a bizarre posture, suddenly launching a palm strike skyward.

A palm seal formed from concentrated light instantly hit the white tiger that leaped over his head, directly blasting it, along with Wan Chaoxin, to the ground.

The white tiger's abdomen was blasted by the light palm seal and unexpectedly shattered upon falling to the ground, struggling several times without being able to stand up.

Wan Chaoxin, jumping off the white tiger, drew a bow and shot three arrows at Bai Wanli; Bai Wanli nonchalantly swept his hand thrice, sending all three arrows flying away.

His form moved swiftly like a phantom, rapidly approaching Wan Chaoxin, striking a palm onto Wan Chaoxin's chest.

Wan Chaoxin's phoenix eyes emitted eerie light, attempting to predict Bai Wanli's palm trajectory while his body shifted quickly.

Yet, no matter how he moved, that palm ultimately landed on his chest, smashing his golden armor into pieces, sending him flying like a shooting star, crashing into a wall, spewing blood, leaving his fate unknown.

Bai Wanli didn't even spare a glance at Wan Chaoxin, who fell to the ground, instead, he leapt like a cannonball towards Li Xiu, who was frantically fleeing on the Masked Emperor.

Other than Li Qingyi, neither Wan Chaoxin nor Li Xiu should expect to leave alive today.

Seeing Wan Chaoxin taken down in just a few moves, hardly delaying any time, Li Xiu secretly lamented, realizing escape was probably impossible.

With a turn of the handlebars, Li Xiu rode the Masked Emperor directly into the nearby buildings.

Seeing Bai Wanli rushing over, he struck down from above with a palm, a radiant palm seal descended quickly towards Li Xiu.

The Masked Emperor suddenly spun its tail, using nearby buildings to block the palm seal, sticking to the wall for frantic acceleration.

Bai Wanli landed, intending to chase down Li Xiu, only to find Li Xiu darting left and right among the buildings, playing hide and seek with him. Bai Wanli's speed surpassed Li Xiu's, but each time he surged forward, he encountered a wall, forcing him to slow down and turn.

Li Xiu rode the bizarre motorcycle magical creature, exhibiting even more agility than a human in this complex terrain, not only refraining from deceleration while turning but accelerating through.

Although Bai Wanli sped much faster than Li Xiu, in this maze-like building cluster, he couldn't catch Li Xiu for the moment.

Slightly annoyed, Bai Wanli leapt into the air, striking multiple radiant palm seals down like a bombardment towards Li Xiu.

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The Masked Emperor swayed left and right, abruptly stopping or accelerating to make sharp turns, using the buildings as cover, and somehow broke through Bai Wanli's relentless barrage.

"No matter how cunning you are, today you will not escape death." Bai Wanli snorted coldly, his figure landing on the peak of a building, swiftly moving across the tops to catch up with Li Xiu below.

Seeing Bai Wanli chasing from above, Li Xiu secretly cursed, knowing he couldn't outrun Bai Wanli beneath the buildings. Gritting his teeth, he recklessly rode the Masked Emperor into a building with an open gate.

It was a palace with shattered gates. After rushing in, Li Xiu put away the Masked Emperor, summoning the Jedi Knight upon landing, wielding the Spiritual Mace, he and the Jedi Knight ambushed on either side of the hall's entrance.

Bai Wanli landed outside the gate, looking at the hall's interior with a cold voice, "Li Xiu, you truly have talent. Despite your low level, you're even harder to kill than Wan Chaoxin. If you manage to survive today, how can I have a place to stand tomorrow? Today, you must die."

"Vice President Bai, did you ever consider the consequences of killing me?" Li Xiu said from inside the hall.

"I don't need to know the consequences." Bai Wanli gave Li Xiu no time to delay, charging directly towards the hall door.

Just as Bai Wanli was about to rush into the hall, a Jedi Knight wearing a green gentleman's hat suddenly flashed in front of him. Combining his twin blades, he raised them overhead, executing an Unrivaled National Hero strike, the terrifying blood-red Light Blade slashing down like a giant crescent.

Bai Wanli snorted coldly again, assuming a special stance, not dodging or evading, and directly struck the blood-red Light Blade with his palm.

The white glowing Palm Seal collided with the blood-red Light Blade, exploding instantly, sending shock waves that scattered debris in all directions.

The Jedi Knight staggered back a few steps, and Bai Wanli's figure even wavered slightly.

"To think it could withstand my Demon-Slaying Seal, this attack power of the demon spirit is quite formidable, but no matter how strong, it's only a Super Spirit." Bai Wanli said, stepping towards the hall doors again.

Li Xiu felt some helplessness as a fully powered Unrivaled National Hero strike with the gentleman's hat empowerment couldn't harm Bai Wanli. The Light Base level was indeed terrifying.

Retrieving the now combat-ineffective Jedi Knight, Li Xiu gripped the Spiritual Mace tighter, knowing this time he might truly have to risk it all.

"Uncle Bai, could you spare his life?" Li Qingyi finally caught up, flashing to the hall door to block Bai Wanli.

"Young lady, this matter doesn't concern you, step aside." Bai Wanli said coldly.

"How could it not concern me? I brought him in, so naturally it's my duty to take him out alive. If Uncle Bai insists on killing him, then kill me first." Li Qingyi, her Indestructible Ice Armor radiating an icy jade-like glow, stood firmly in Bai Wanli's way.

"Young lady, my apologies." Bai Wanli said, his figure ghost-like, appearing before Li Qingyi, reaching for her with both hands.

Li Qingyi erupted into a frenzy, fists, palms, and knees attacking Bai Wanli furiously.

But Bai Wanli didn't dodge or evade, letting Li Qingyi's attacks fall on him. Light Patterns flashed on his skeleton-like shell, Li Qingyi's strikes unable to even breach his defense.

Bai Wanli grabbed Li Qingyi's arms, lifting her up, then spun around and flung her out.

Without even looking at Li Qingyi's state, Bai Wanli's robust body directly stepped through the door.

Suddenly, a mace shadow thrust horizontally, Bai Wanli saw it was a mace, reaching out to grab it.

The mace had almost no light or demonic energy fluctuations; in Bai Wanli's eyes, it was just an inferior Contract.

But as he gripped the mace, his pupils contracted suddenly, eyes widening in shock.

His hand holding the mace was cleanly severed by the blunt, four-edged mace shaft, which had no blade.

Still relentless, the mace shaft thrust towards Bai Wanli's chest.

Startled greatly, Bai Wanli retreated swiftly, retreating out of the hall, while his severed hand and fingers dropped inside, blood flowing from the stump.

"What is that?" Bai Wanli looked into the hall with uncertainty, but Li Xiu was nowhere to be seen.

The seemingly unremarkable mace could cut through his Light Base Body and Symbiotic Contract with ease. He couldn't fathom what it was.

From afar, Li Qingyi hit the ground and intended to rush over but saw Bai Wanli standing outside the hall, bleeding from a severed hand, with a look of incredulity on his face.

Li Xiu had actually managed to injure Bai Wanli at the Light Base level, something she thought impossible, yet Li Xiu accomplished it.

"Vice President Bai, if I were you, I'd check if Wan Chaoxin is still around. I'm without support here, but that's not the case for others." Li Xiu said from inside the hall.

Bai Wanli snorted disdainfully, demonic light swirling, his severed hand twisting, fat and muscle compressing and growing. Moments later, a new hand and fingers formed, even the skeleton-like armor regenerated.

"Killing you, then checking won't be too late." Bai Wanli said as he stepped into the hall once more.