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This time, he proceeded with caution, not rushing in directly as before.

Though the mace was somewhat strange, Li Xiu's speed was too slow. Bai Wanli didn't need to confront the Spiritual Mace's attack head-on; he could just eliminate Li Xiu directly.

As Bai Wanli was about to enter the main hall, he suddenly heard a roar akin to a bull or lion erupt from within the hall.

The roar resonated through the entire hall, making it hum and ring as if the eardrums were about to shatter.

Bai Wanli's expression changed slightly, and he couldn't help but pause his steps.

He had naturally heard this roar before, but he never imagined it would emanate from this palace.

Li Xiu's gaze turned to the source of the sound, which was the back wall facing the hall's entrance.

That wall, like all the architecture, was carved from white jade, with strange relief carvings on it.

The motifs in the reliefs were neither the usual patterns of wind, cloud, thunder, and lightning, nor rare birds and exotic beasts, but rather some peculiar symbols.

The reason Li Xiu chose this area was not simply at random.

Upon hearing the roar before, he had already assessed its approximate location. While fleeing for his life, he ran into this building complex, hoping not only to use the buildings as cover but also assuming Bai Wanli might hesitate and not charge in recklessly.

Even if Bai Wanli dared to come in, perhaps the demon spirits here could offer Li Xiu a slim chance of survival.

Unexpectedly, Bai Wanli boldly charged in, yet there was no trace of demon spirits here.

Li Xiu had abandoned his previous plan, not expecting that the palace where he sought refuge was actually the source of the roar.

Glancing at the symbols on the wall, Li Xiu recognized them as the script of the Demon Kingdom. Without hesitation, he leaped up, striking the jade wall with his Spiritual Mace.

The Spiritual Mace was indeed miraculous. The jade walls of Celestial City, difficult even for Bai Wanli, who was Light Base level, to damage, were punched through right away under the mace's blow. The jade wall, only a few centimeters thick, revealed nothing but darkness inside through the breach.

Seizing the moment before Bai Wanli outside could react, Li Xiu swiftly struck the jade wall again and again.

After several strikes, a hole the size of a bucket had been smashed through.

Bai Wanli realized what was happening and launched a Demon-Slaying Seal at Li Xiu. The massive light-imbued palm print almost enveloped Li Xiu's entire body.

With nowhere to hide, Li Xiu made a sharp dive, squeezing through the hole.

The Demon-Slaying Seal crashed against the jade wall, causing only a vibration without the destruction the Spiritual Mace had dealt it.

Bai Wanli rushed to the hole, about to peer inside when the Spiritual Mace suddenly thrust out. Bai Wanli dodged quickly, the mace scraping past his face, startling him into a cold sweat.

He hadn't anticipated Li Xiu being so cunning, launching an ambush from the entrance immediately upon entering instead of trying to flee.

Bai Wanli took two steps back, careful not to approach the hole too closely again. Standing outside, all he could see was the pitch darkness inside, rendering visibility impossible.

Bai Wanli's eyes narrowed, and a Demon Spirit Ring on his finger transformed into a fiery bird ablaze with Light Flame, flying towards the hole.

As the firebird drew near the entrance, the Spiritual Mace appeared again, piercing through the firebird in a single strike, an S-ranked Radiant Demon Spirit unable to withstand even one blow.

Bai Wanli frowned. Li Xiu was even harder to kill than he imagined, despite apparently having the upper hand, he just couldn't finish him off.

Li Xiu stood against the wall, observing the darkness, and thanks to wearing the Dark Mirror and his natural talents and skills, seeing in the dark wasn't an issue for him.

Yet here, he still felt engulfed in darkness, only vaguely discerning some shadows.

Like a starless, moonless cloudy night, Li Xiu could just barely make out a massive shadow inside, its outline unclear, but he could hear the sound of breathing in the darkness.

"Caught between a wolf and a tiger, it seems today my luck's run out," Li Xiu sighed inwardly.

But after waiting a while, the shadow didn't attack him; it merely seemed to keep watching him.

Li Xiu didn't feel relieved by this because the jade wall he smashed bore clear inscriptions stating this place held a terrifying, malevolent demon spirit in check, warning never to break the seal.

Li Xiu initially planned to break the seal to let the vicious demon spirit loose, hoping to use the chaos to escape.

Unfortunately, the plan didn't succeed, instead forcing him inside, making the situation quite dire.

"Li Xiu, just hide in there. Let's see how long you can last. I'll go check if Wan Chaoxin is dead, and you enjoy your last moments here." Bai Wanli said from outside, before leaving the hall, appearing to have really gone.

Li Xiu naturally didn't believe him and had no intention of seizing the opportunity to rush out.

With a thought, Li Xiu summoned Demigod Shana, using its radiance to illuminate this dark space.

By Demigod Shana's light, Li Xiu clearly saw this place was another grand hall, even larger than the previous one.

There wasn't much inside, just a few pillars, and from the jade wall in the hall emerged a Jade Linked Rings chain.

The so-called Jade Linked Rings were very similar to iron chains. However, while iron chains could be forged with each ring having an opening to link together and weld shut, the jade rings couldn't be assembled this way and had to be carved directly as one piece.

This Jade Linked Rings chain was thicker than a human arm, one side attached to the jade wall, and the other linked to a collar around a demon spirit's neck.

The demon spirit's eyes were staring straight at Li Xiu.

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The magic spirit tethered by the Jade Linked Rings turned out to be a giant white dog.

This dog's physique was larger than a human's, covered in thick white curly fur. Even more bizarre, it wasn't squatting or lying on all fours, but was sitting with its hind legs crossed, front paws as if forming a spell, looking more like a meditating monk than a dog, which was extremely peculiar.

At this moment, the white-haired dog was staring intently at Li Xiu, its eyes as dark as ink, fixed on him.

Li Xiu moved a bit to the left, and the dog's gaze shifted left as well; Li Xiu moved a bit to the right, and the dog's gaze followed to the right.

"So the magic spirit is bound and can't move, that makes things easier," Li Xiu realized, noting that while the dog was watching him, it showed no intention of pouncing, presumably because the Jade Linked Rings were still restraining it.

"What are you staring at?" the dog suddenly spoke, startling Li Xiu slightly.

"How would I know I'm looking at you if you weren't looking at me?" Li Xiu said to the dog.

"Looking at you is doing you a favor; you looking at me is asking for death," the dog said arrogantly.

"You're a prisoner here, where does your big attitude come from?" Li Xiu laughed.

"Even imprisoned, killing you would be but a moment's thought," the dog said.

"Those words sound familiar. There was once someone called the Unparalleled King who told me the same thing, and now it obediently listens to my commands," Li Xiu said with a squinting smile.

"Unparalleled King? Which Unparalleled King?" the dog asked in a slightly surprised and peculiar tone.

Seeing a spark of hope, Li Xiu feigned disdain and said, "That self-proclaimed supreme...whatever Unparalleled King...just like you."

"Nonsense, don't compare me with that idiot," the dog said, scrutinizing Li Xiu with disbelief, "Although that idiot lacks brains, killing a tiny carbon-based being like you is effortless. Are you spouting nonsense and thinking I won't dare to kill you?"

Li Xiu observed and knew the dog had some fear of the Unparalleled King, so he laughed, "No matter how powerful it is, it still has to obey my commands and dare not show the slightest disrespect."

"Impossible, with your little ability, you are not even close to those outside; how could you have the authority to command the Unparalleled King?" the dog refused to believe Li Xiu's bluff.

"What skills I have don't matter; what matters is it insists on obeying me, what can I do?" Li Xiu glanced at the dog and asked, "And who might you be?"

"I am the Great Celestial King, ever heard of me from the Unparalleled King?" the dog asked.

"Your names are impressive, but I haven't seen any real skills," Li Xiu laughed.

"No skills? If it wasn't for you knowing the name of the Unparalleled King, you would already be dead. Tell me, how do you know the Unparalleled King, and if I detect any lies, I'll swallow you alive," the Great Celestial King snorted.

"Are you all brothers? You even talk alike. That Unparalleled King had a similar tone, but after seeing a medallion on me, it got scared and insisted on becoming sworn brothers," Li Xiu blurted with nonsense.

"Medallion? What medallion?" the Great Celestial King suspiciously asked.

"Nothing much, just a medallion I picked up by chance, with the Godslayer Shrine written on it," Li Xiu said looking at the Great Celestial King.

"Godslayer Shrine...where did you find it...let me see..." the Great Celestial King suddenly leaped up, standing on all fours like a real dog, with wide eyes fixed on Li Xiu.

"Just lying around at home, why would I carry it with me, it's quite inauspicious," Li Xiu laughed.

The Great Celestial King's eyes rolled, and after a moment it cracked a smile at Li Xiu, "Since you're a brother of the Unparalleled King, that makes us friends too. Could you take me to your home to see that medallion?"

"It's just a lousy medallion. If you want it, take it. I thought it was something good, but when I gave it to the Unparalleled King, it refused to accept it," Li Xiu said.

"Heh, it wouldn't dare take it...ahem...how should I address you, brother?" The Great Celestial King asked with a full smile.

"Li Xiu," Li Xiu continued, "I'd be willing to take you, but as you see, there are enemies blocking me outside, and I can't go back right now."

"That's no problem. Once I'm free, I'll swallow your enemy whole; they're nothing," the Great Celestial King arrogantly said.

"Sounds great, when can you be freed?" Li Xiu asked.

"That's simple too. I see you have something that can break jade. Use it to smash this Jade Linked Ring, and I can break free to help you defeat your enemies," the Great Celestial King said.

"That sounds like a good idea," Li Xiu said, moving a couple of steps toward the Great Celestial King as if to free it, but then stopped, standing there with furrowed brows, looking at the Great Celestial King without speaking.

"Brother, what's wrong? Is there any concern? Don't worry, once I'm free, I'll swallow your enemy as easily as a snack," the Great Celestial King hurriedly said.

"I'm not worried about that; I just fear that if I free you now, and you decide to turn your back on me, what should I do? I don't have the medallion with me; I can't fight you," Li Xiu pretended to struggle.

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"How could I, the Great Celestial King, be someone who forgets kindness? You saved me from trouble, so you're my benefactor. I can't thank you enough, let alone harm you. Moreover, you're the brother of

the Unparalleled King. In the future, I still want to visit the Godslayer Shrine with you..." the Great Celestial King quickly said.

"That's easy to say. Initially, the Unparalleled King also said the same thing, but then turned around wanting to bite me. If I didn't have the plaque, I'd probably be dead by now. Being a good person is tough," Li Xiu shook his head and sighed.

"Don't compare me with that fool..." The Great Celestial King was extremely frustrated.

Li Xiu now could be sure that this guy couldn't break free from the Jade Linked Rings on his own. As long as Li Xiu didn't break the rings, he figured it couldn't do much to him. If it had any means to kill him, it wouldn't be wasting its breath with so much nonsense.

Li Xiu sat down against the wall to rest. No matter what the Great Celestial King said, Li Xiu only expressed difficulties and refused to break the Jade Linked Rings.

The Great Celestial King saw that Li Xiu wasn't that easy to coax, so he rolled his eyes and chuckled, "To show my sincerity, you can first lure your enemy here, and I'll swallow him for you, so you won't have anything to worry about."

"That's indeed a good idea." Li Xiu looked out from the cave entrance and didn't see any sign of Bai Wanli, not even Li Qingyi outside.

Li Xiu sneered inwardly, knowing Bai Wanli hadn't left, and figured Li Qingyi was probably controlled by him as well.

"Vice President Bai, it's rather windy outside; it's better not to hide and come in so we can talk." Li Xiu shouted outside a few times, but there was no response, as if they had truly left.

Li Xiu didn't believe it at all. Since Bai Wanli didn't make a sound, he stopped calling and started examining the things inside this grand hall.

Earlier, Li Xiu noticed that on the wall holding the Great Celestial King, many Demon Texts were inscribed. Upon closer inspection, he realized it was some type of Light Condensation Technique.

"What is the name of the Light Condensation Technique carved on that wall? How did it get carved here?" Li Xiu looked it over but couldn't discover the name of the Light Condensation Technique, which struck him as odd.

"You actually understand Demon Text?" The Great Celestial King's eyes lit up, staring at Li Xiu with some excitement.

"I understand it a bit," Li Xiu replied.

"It's great that you understand Demon Text. Can you translate what is written here for me?" the Great Celestial King hurriedly said.

"You're a Demon Spirit and don't understand Demon Text?" Li Xiu asked with a bit of skepticism.

"Why should I understand Demon Text? That broken Demon Text was invented by the people of the Demon Kingdom, not me. Why would I understand it?" the Great Celestial King replied angrily.

"People of the Demon Kingdom? Are the people you mentioned from the Demon Kingdom humans like me?" Li Xiu suddenly realized that what had always been referred to as the Demon Kingdom didn't seem to point to the Demon Spirit Realm.

"More or less, the people of the Demon Kingdom, like you, are carbon-based life forms. They're just much stronger than you Earth humans, but compared to us, they're still considered low-level beings, only capable of making some flashy nonsense," said the Great Celestial King.

Only then did Li Xiu understand that the Demon Kingdom might indeed have been a realm established by humans, though those humans seemed different from Earthlings.

"This says Light Condensation Technique." Li Xiu told the Great Celestial King.

"I know it's a Light Condensation Technique. What I meant was for you to translate the Light Condensation Technique for me," the Great Celestial King hurriedly said.

"My level in Demon Text is average, and this Light Condensation Technique is somewhat profound. I'm not sure if I can translate it accurately. Do you know the origin of this thing? If the background is known, the translation accuracy could be higher," Li Xiu planned to first figure out where this Light Condensation Technique came from and who inscribed it.

Upon hearing this, the Great Celestial King said, "This Light Condensation Technique is something I observed at a large hall in Celestial Gate City and then recorded here on the wall."

"What kind of grand hall was that?" Li Xiu asked again.

"There are so many grand halls in Celestial Gate City; how would I know which one it was?" The Great Celestial King clearly wasn't willing to say.

Though it was a literate creature, it actually went out of its way to remember these Demon Texts it couldn't understand and knew it was a Light Condensation Technique, indicating it knew its value. Otherwise, it wouldn't have bothered to remember it and even engraved it on the Jade Wall, further accentuating the importance of this Light Condensation Technique.

"Alright, let me try then. Don't blame me if I translate it wrong." Li Xiu looked at the Demon Text on the wall and translated it word for word.

Of course, Li Xiu didn't translate it entirely correctly, occasionally replacing with seemingly related but incorrect meanings, mostly sticking to the accurate translation, only introducing some slight ambiguities in certain places.

The Great Celestial King listened and furrowed his brows, "What about 'Dark Gate'? You should be saying 'Jade Gate,' right?"

"In Demon Text, the characters for 'dark' and 'jade' are represented by the same symbol. Only by considering the context and background can the exact meaning be determined. Since I don't know the

origin or background of this Light Condensation Technique, I can only literally translate it," Li Xiu said helplessly.

The Great Celestial King pondered silently. It knew this kind of translation wasn't viable—missteps with this could cause significant problems.

After contemplating for a moment, the Great Celestial King spoke again, "I recall hearing other demon spirits say that the grand hall inscribed with these Demon Texts might have been the residence of an ancient Emperor of Celestial Gate City. The Demon Texts engraved there might have been from the Light Condensation Technique practiced by that Emperor. However, Celestial Gate City has long been in ruins, its inhabitants vanished, and the Emperor himself missing. Whether that grand hall was indeed the Emperor's residence, and whether that Light Condensation Technique was indeed the one practiced by the Emperor, I have no way of knowing."

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"In the legends, what is the origin of the Heavenly Emperor?" Li Xiu asked again.

"It's just said that the Heavenly Emperor of Celestial Gate City was once the ruler of the Demon Kingdom. But later, something happened, the Demon Kingdom fell apart, the Heavenly Emperor vanished, and Celestial Gate City became a ruin, turning into a forbidden zone for the living..." The Great Celestial King explained the origin of Celestial Gate City.

"So it turns out that Celestial Gate City was once the capital of the Demon Kingdom. No wonder it's so mysteriously strange," Li Xiu said while examining the Light Condensation Technique, "With what you've said, I've understood a lot more. Some of the previous translations were incorrect, let me translate it for you again... By the way, how did you get trapped here?"

"Hmph, it was that one in the Great Emperor Hall..." The Great Celestial King seemed to realize he slipped up and immediately stopped talking.

Li Xiu didn't mind, as if he hadn't heard, and continued translating the inscriptions of the Light Condensation Technique for the Great Celestial King.

Li Xiu discovered that the Light Veins condensed by this Condensation Light Technique only numbered twelve, two fewer than the 'Zibu Yüqi'an Strange Force Supernatural Technique,' which made him somewhat puzzled.

According to the Great Celestial King's statement, this was the highest Light Condensation Technique cultivated by the top ruler of the Demon Kingdom, and it should be the strongest Light Condensation Technique in the Demon Kingdom.

But this Light Condensation Technique could only condense twelve Light Veins, two fewer than the 'Zibu Yüqi'an Strange Force Supernatural Technique,' and didn't seem as powerful.

Moreover, Li Xiu also found that the twelve Light Veins condensed by this Light Condensation Technique overlapped with those in the 'Zibu Yüqi'an Strange Force Supernatural Technique'.

That is to say, except for the two additional Light Veins in the 'Zibu Yüqi'an Strange Force Supernatural Technique,' the rest is almost the same as this Light Condensation Technique, which can be said to be nearly identical.

After Li Xiu re-translated, the Great Celestial King listened increasingly convinced that it was correct, nodding repeatedly.

After Li Xiu finished translating, the Great Celestial King pondered for a moment and suddenly said, "Wait a moment, I have some more Light Condensation Techniques here, translate them for me as well."

The Great Celestial King said, extending his claw and carving on the adjacent wall.

Its claws could actually carve words into the Jade Wall effortlessly, while Bai Wanli used all his strength and couldn't damage these Jade Bricks, demonstrating that the Great Celestial King's power indeed surpassed Bai Wanli.

The Great Celestial King carved many more Demon Texts, and after Li Xiu carefully examined them, he found that this was indeed another Light Condensation Technique, but unlike the previous one, this Light Condensation Technique's Light Veins did not correspond to any in the 'Zibu Yüqi'an Strange Force Supernatural Technique'.

However, this Light Condensation Technique also condensed twelve Light Veins, of which eight corresponded to the eight Light Veins of 'Buddha Light's Universal Illumination'.

Li Xiu immediately realized a problem: these two Light Condensation Techniques should be a complete set of Light Condensation Techniques.

The first half corresponded to the red Light Vein Map on the Evil Spirit Token, and this second half corresponded to the blue Light Vein Map on the Evil Spirit Token, meaning that if combined, they could condense twenty-four Light Veins.

But it seemed that there was a part missing between the two that could not be connected to form a complete Light Condensation Technique.

"This big dog is still holding back," Li Xiu guessed privately while continuing to translate.

Most of what he translated was correct, with only a few omissions that were hard to detect. The Great Celestial King indeed did not notice the discrepancies, praising Li Xiu's translation.

After Li Xiu finished translating, he didn't say anything more and went to the entrance of the cave to look out, still not seeing Bai Wanli's figure.

Li Xiu adhered to his judgment and still did not leave the cave through the entrance.

"Brother, talents like you are rare in the Demon Kingdom. No wonder the Unparalleled King agreed to become your blood brother. If you are willing, how about we also become sworn brothers?" the Great Celestial King proposed.

"Let's forget it," Li Xiu wasn't interested in becoming sworn brothers with this big dog.

This guy probably wanted Li Xiu to help it escape. If they became sworn brothers, it would be hard to refuse.

Hearing this, the Great Celestial King angrily said, "In the Demon Kingdom, my reputation is illustrious. Ask around, who in heaven or earth doesn't know the name of the Great Celestial King? Is becoming your sworn brother wronging you?"

Li Xiu laughed, "If you want to become sworn brothers, then wait until you're freed."

"Haha, that's fine; then please, brother, help me escape," the Great Celestial King exclaimed excitedly.

"When did I ever say I'd help you escape?" Li Xiu said lightly.

The smile on the Great Celestial King's face froze: "Didn't you say to wait until I'm free to become sworn brothers?"

"Yes, once you've escaped on your own, if you're still willing, we can become sworn brothers," Li Xiu replied.

The Great Celestial King was immediately furious, letting out a roar like a bull mixed with a lion, pouncing at Li Xiu.

But its neck was shackled by the Jade Linked Rings, preventing it from reaching, like a fierce dog tied by a chain lunging at a person.

Its terrifying aura flashed, yet it couldn't leave its body, and despite being less than ten meters from Li Xiu, it couldn't do anything to him.

Seeing this, Li Xiu laughed and said, "Turning hostile so quickly? I just translated the Demon Text for you, and now you're changing your face."

"Human, don't be smug. I have ways to kill you," the Great Celestial King gritted its teeth in hatred, pacing back and forth by the Jade Wall, suddenly seeming to think of something, and smiling as it said to Li Xiu, "Brother, ultimately, there's no conflict of interest between us. You help me escape, and I'll help you kill your enemy; it's a win-win situation. There's no need to be so cautious, right? Without my help, if your enemy comes in and kills you, gets that thing from your hand, he can also help me escape..."

"Then you can wait for him to come in and save you," Li Xiu sneered.

This time the Great Celestial King wasn't angry, just squinting its eyes and saying, "If you help me escape, I will give you the complete Jade Emperor Scripture. It is the invincible Light Condensation Technique that once conquered the world. If you master this scripture, you'll be invincible in the world, and becoming the new ruler of the Demon Kingdom might not be impossible."

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"Don't you find your statements contradictory?" Li Xiu casually said as he looked at the Great Celestial King.

"Where's the contradiction?" the Great Celestial King asked in confusion.

"You say the people of the Demon Kingdom can't match you demon spirits, yet you also say the Emperor of the Demon Kingdom is invincible across the world, and you want their Light Condensation Technique. Isn't that contradictory?" Li Xiu said.

"Not at all contradictory," the Great Celestial King replied. "Before the people of the Demon Kingdom established it, our demon spirit ancestors were born and nurtured by nature, relying on their own evolution. Those with good talent evolved strongly, those with poor talent evolved weakly. They had no such flashy things as the Light Condensation Technique. It's the Demon Kingdom folks who created these things, allowing those poorly gifted demon spirits and people of the Demon Kingdom to also gather considerable numbers of Light Veins."

"Previously, people of the Demon Kingdom were nothing, possessing no talent for gathering Light Veins at all. It is by relying on the Light Condensation Technique that ordinary people of the Demon Kingdom can gather several Light Veins, even capable of gathering twelve Light Veins like the Radiant Demon Spirit. The Emperor's 'Jade Emperor Scripture' can gather an unimaginable twenty-four Light Veins, a terrifying number only legendary demon spirits could reach."

"So, the Light Condensation Technique was invented by the people of the Demon Kingdom. With such capabilities, shouldn't you demon spirits reflect on your own shortcomings?" Li Xiu laughed.

"Reflect on what? The people of the Demon Kingdom were only able to research the Light Condensation Technique by doing research on demon spirits, having killed countless demon spirits. They deserved to be exterminated," the Great Celestial King said contemptuously.

"Alright then, let's not talk about this. What exactly is the complete 'Jade Emperor Scripture'?" Li Xiu was quite interested in this 'Jade Emperor Scripture'.

The 'Jade Emperor Scripture' gathers twenty-four Light Veins, claiming to be invincible worldwide, by which the Demon Kingdom was established. However, on the Evil Spirit Token, there are more than twenty-four Light Veins. If one could indeed create a kind of Light Condensation Technique and gather all those Light Veins, what an invincible presence that would be.

The Emperor was able to create a Light Condensation Technique for the people of the Demon Kingdom, giving them the capital to contend with the demon spirits. Then why couldn't Li Xiu go a step further, lowering the threshold of the Light Condensation Technique while raising its upper limit?

The Silent Divine Power Formula has fourteen Light Veins. Although it seems not as many as the twenty-four Light Veins of the Jade Emperor Scripture, the Silent Divine Power Formula only gathers the fourteen Light Veins on the Red Light Vein Map.

According to the 'Jade Emperor Scripture' method, it's actually possible to gather fourteen Light Veins on the Blue Light Vein Map corresponding to the Red Light Vein Map. In this calculation, the Silent Divine Power Formula could gather twenty-eight Light Veins, even stronger than the 'Jade Emperor Scripture'.

Of course, to achieve this effect, one must first understand how the 'Jade Emperor Scripture' manages to simultaneously gather the Light Veins on both the Red and Blue Light Vein Maps. This should be the core secret technique of the 'Jade Emperor Scripture'.

The Light Condensation Technique Li Xiu had seen before could only gather one kind of Light Vein from either the Red or Blue Light Vein Maps. He had never seen such a Light Condensation Technique capable of gathering both kinds of Light Veins at once.

"Help me shatter the Jade Linked Rings, and I'll give you the complete 'Jade Emperor Scripture'," the Great Celestial King said coldly.

"Your power far exceeds mine; if I help you escape and you don't give me the Jade Emperor Scripture, there's nothing I can do about it, right?" Li Xiu said.

"Hmph, if you take the Jade Emperor Scripture and run, there's nothing I can do about that," the Great Celestial King said.

"Where would I run to? There are enemies blocking the door outside. I still need to rely on your power, Great Celestial King, to help me kill enemies, don't you think?" Li Xiu laughed.

"That's true. I can give you the Jade Emperor Scripture first, but you must take a blood oath. If you take the Jade Emperor Scripture and don't help me shatter the Jade Linked Rings, then you'll immediately die a horrible death," the Great Celestial King pondered for a moment and then said.

"I, Li Xiu, swear that if I take the Jade Emperor Scripture and do not shatter the Jade Linked Rings, then let me die a horrible death," Li Xiu immediately raised his hand and swore.

"What you swear is nonsense. Without a blood oath, your vow is worthless," the Great Celestial King said disdainfully.

"What counts as a blood oath?" Li Xiu immediately realized that what the Great Celestial King referred to as a blood oath was an actual binding contract, not just an empty verbal promise.

The Great Celestial King opened his mouth and spat out a bead, crystal clear as snow and about the size of a fist.

The bead floated in the air, drifting to Li Xiu's front.

The Great Celestial King said, "Drip a drop of your blood onto it, and then swear according to my method. That is a true blood oath."

After hearing the Great Celestial King's method, Li Xiu secretly sneered, "This is not a blood oath at all. It's clearly just like the Blood Seal Stone, a way to control a person's life and death. If I do as this Great

Celestial King says, whether or not I help him shatter the Jade Linked Rings, my life would already be in his hands. This guy appears straightforward but is actually extremely insidious and cunning."

Li Xiu said without showing any sign, "Alright, then I'll make a blood oath according to your method."

As he spoke, Li Xiu dripped a drop of his blood onto the bead, then swore as per the Great Celestial King's method.

This kind of blood oath by the Great Celestial King was identical to the method of controlling people with the Blood Seal Stone. Li Xiu already had a way to break it. While in the Longevity Hall, Li Xiu had tested it, and the Blood Seal Stone couldn't control him. Naturally, the Great Celestial King couldn't control him either.

Chapter 576 "Jade Emperor Scripture"_2

Seeing that Li Xiu actually did exactly as he said, the Great Celestial King was overjoyed, knowing that his chance to escape had finally come.

After Li Xiu followed the Great Celestial King's instructions, the Great Celestial King, who was truly cunning and deep-minded, though he knew he had mastered Li Xiu's life and death, remained completely calm and actually wrote out the remaining content of the Jade Emperor Scripture.

The Great Celestial King wrote for Li Xiu to see, and also wanted Li Xiu to translate it for him.

Li Xiu read and translated as he went along, also memorizing the remaining content.

After reading the rest of the Jade Emperor Scripture, Li Xiu suddenly realized that the red Light Vein Map and the blue Light Vein Map were interconnected. To condense both the red and blue light veins simultaneously, one must combine the two Light Condensation Techniques and practice them together.

Among them, a key point is that between the inner and outer light veins, there is a connecting hub. One must first clear this hub and connect the inner and outer ends of the light veins to achieve the goal of simultaneously condensing both kinds of light veins.

The location of this hub and the method to clear it is the core secret of the Jade Emperor Scripture. With this, one can condense those twenty-four light veins that even the Radiant Demon Spirit finds difficult to condense.

After hearing Li Xiu's translation, the Great Celestial King also realized the problem, and was immediately overjoyed.

"Indeed, you are quite talented. The complete Jade Emperor Scripture has been given to you. Now, help me break the Jade Linked Rings." the Great Celestial King said.

Li Xiu had another plan in mind. Without waiting for the Great Celestial King to threaten him with the Blood Oath Technique, he picked up the Spiritual Mace and walked beside the Great Celestial King. After activating the Spiritual Mace, he smashed it down onto the Jade Linked Rings.

Bang!

With just one blow, the Jade Linked Rings that bound the Great Celestial King were directly shattered by the Spiritual Mace, whose destructive power was unimaginable.

Li Xiu had no idea what kind of existence the owner of this Spiritual Mace was. The Spiritual Mace could easily shatter the Jade Linked Rings, which even the Great Celestial King couldn't break. Yet, such a treasure was not bonded, and its owner had merely inserted it into the ancient tree at Good Luck Slope. Li Xiu couldn't understand the reasoning behind this.

The Great Celestial King was somewhat surprised to see Li Xiu so straightforwardly shatter the Jade Linked Rings. He had originally planned to use the Blood Oath Technique to make Li Xiu suffer a bit.

Now free, the Great Celestial King was overjoyed in body and mind, even finding Li Xiu more pleasing to the eye, as he stretched his body and let out a roar towards the sky, shaking the hall.

After a long time, the Great Celestial King ceased roaring, looked down at Li Xiu and said, "You kept your promise. Follow me, and you won't lack benefits. Now take me to see that Godslayer Shrine of yours."

"I can even give it to you, but my enemy is blocking me outside. I need to deal with him first," Li Xiu said.

Li Xiu knew that just like the Unparalleled King, the Great Celestial King also coveted the Godslayer Shrine. Plus, the Great Celestial King thought he controlled Li Xiu's life, so he wouldn't do anything to him for the time being. Li Xiu could use the Great Celestial King to his advantage to escape.

The Great Celestial King, hearing this, dismissively said, "Just a mere human, I could swallow him whole. Just follow me."

As he spoke, the Great Celestial King walked directly to the hole Li Xiu had smashed, his claws imbued with strange Demonic Light, tearing apart all the walls around the hole. The entire wall collapsed as he walked out with his head held high.

"You go out first and lure him out, lest he gets scared off by me." The Great Celestial King was very cunning and did not walk out of the hall directly, instead speaking to Li Xiu.

Li Xiu gladly responded and walked alone out of the outer hall, onto the street outside.

Pretending to be cautious, Li Xiu walked along the wall. After not going far, he suddenly heard a voice from behind: "Young man, you really have no patience, couldn't wait to come out so soon?"

Li Xiu turned around and saw Bai Wanli blocking his retreat to the hall, with one hand still clutching Li Qingyi.

Li Qingyi's mouth wasn't covered, but it seemed she couldn't open it to speak. She just kept winking at Li Xiu, signaling for him to run.

However, Li Xiu had no intention of escaping, looking at Bai Wanli, he said, "Vice President Bai, it's better to resolve enmity than prolonging it. Why must you kill me?"

"You're on the brink of death and still so talkative." Bai Wanli pushed Li Qingyi to the side and, like a ghost, rushed towards Li Xiu, reaching for his neck with a speed so fast that Li Xiu barely had time to react.

Li Xiu quickly retreated, his gaze locked onto the space behind Bai Wanli.

Bai Wanli seemed to sense something and immediately turned to look, only to be horrified by a large white dog with its mouth wide open, attempting to bite his head.

Bai Wanli shot both hands forward, unleashing terrifying Light Energy at the Great Celestial King, who retaliated by spewing forth volcano-like Demonic Light from his mouth.

Boom!

The shockwave from the explosion of Light Energy sent Li Xiu flying, rolling him across the ground until he finally stopped.

"The power of the Light Base level is terrifying!" Li Xiu got up, glanced at his scholar's robe which had been shredded in many places by the shockwave, and looked around.

Soon, he discovered Li Qingyi, who had been blown to the other side by the shockwave.

The Indestructible Ice Armor Li Qingyi wore was much stronger in defense than his scholar's robe, and she seemed uninjured.

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But for some reason, Li Qingyi couldn't get up after falling to the ground, possibly immobilized by Bai Wanli.

Taking advantage of Bai Wanli and the Great Celestial King's battle, Li Xiu rushed over, picked up Li Qingyi from the ground, and started running.

He deliberately exposed a flaw for Bai Wanli to see, setting the stage for Bai Wanli and the Great Celestial King to clash, allowing him to escape amidst the chaos.

Previously, when Bai Wanli was chasing him, he could disregard Li Qingyi because he knew Bai Wanli wouldn't harm her.

But things were different now; if the Great Celestial King won, who knew if he would consume Li Qingyi as well.

So Li Xiu could only run with Li Qingyi, but he didn't get far, instead turning a corner to hide behind a wall of a collapsed palace, watching the battle from a distance.

Over there, bursts of light energy collided repeatedly, akin to the power of a small nuclear bomb.

Originally, Li Xiu thought that the Great Celestial King, claiming to be so formidable, would resolve Bai Wanli quickly.

To his surprise, the man and the dog were still fighting, and judging by the intensity of the light blasts, Bai Wanli seemed not to be at a disadvantage.

"That big dog really boasts, making himself out to be so powerful, yet can't even handle Bai Wanli." Li Xiu was rendered speechless.

Seeing this situation, Li Xiu didn't hesitate any longer, quickly carrying Li Qingyi as he ran. Once out of Celestial Gate City, he could extinguish the Longevity Lamp and return.

Unexpectedly, soon after, two figures emerged from the clouded light mass ahead, with one leading being Wang Chaoxin.

"Is this guy indestructible? Despite Bai Wanli's heavy blow, he somehow survived, appearing unscathed," Li Xiu thought as he noticed a woman behind Wang Chaoxin, who turned out to be Wan Chaocun.

Wang Chaoxin and Wan Chaocun also saw Li Xiu. Wang Chaoxin glimpsed Li Xiu carrying Li Qingyi and a hint of delight appeared in his eyes.

"Li Xiu, how dare you plot against the president's precious daughter? You can't be allowed to live. Don't worry, Miss, I'll kill this shameless lowlife and save you," Wang Chaoxin's plan was to eliminate everyone except Li Qingyi. Unexpectedly, Bai Wanli, that old fox, was already at the Light Base level, nearly costing him his life.

Now backed by Wan Chaocun, he's even less restrained. Plus, given Li Xiu's current state, killing him could be justified as protecting Li Qingyi, sparing him the need to devise an excuse.

As he spoke, Wang Chaoxin raised the Phoenix Bow, activating the Phoenix Eye on his forehead, and aimed the drawn bow and arrow at Li Xiu.

Li Qingyi was anxious but couldn't speak. If it were just Wang Chaoxin, Li Xiu might manage, but with Wan Chaocun behind, who's even scarier than Bai Wanli, Li Xiu seemed bound for doom.

As Wang Chaoxin prepared to release the arrow towards Li Xiu, his hand clutching the arrow tail was suddenly held by another hand, easing his grip on the bowstring.

Wang Chaoxin paused, turning to Wan Chaocun and said, "Auntie, this man might be a low-level Trial Taker, but his Demon Armor skill is notable. In time, he might affect our Wang family's major affairs. Best to eliminate him now."

Li Qingyi wanted to speak but couldn't open her mouth. Li Xiu carried her in silence, fueling her anxiety, "Aren't you usually articulate? Why are you speechless now? Say something! Only by persuading Wan Chaocun can you survive!"

Wan Chaocun ignored Wang Chaoxin, heading straight toward Li Xiu.

Wang Chaoxin thought Wan Chaocun planned to act personally, quickly following behind her.

Li Qingyi watched Wan Chaocun approach step by step, while Li Xiu remained motionless, prompting urgency and anger within her: "Even if words fail to sway Wan Chaocun, you should run immediately! Why stand there? Despite Wan Chaocun's reputation, she's still human. How do you know you can't escape unless you try?"

Soon, Wan Chaocun stood before Li Xiu, reaching out to press a hand on his head.

Both Wang Chaoxin and Li Qingyi presumed Wan Chaocun's seemingly light hand contained terrifying power. If it truly landed on Li Xiu's head, his skull might burst like a watermelon.

Wang Chaoxin thought to himself, "Auntie sure is formidable; she deserves to be the genius shaking the world from our Wang family. Facing her, Li Xiu can only await obedient demise."

Li Qingyi's eyes reddened: "Damn Wan Chaocun, to be so strong, using some method to immobilize Li Xiu, leaving him no chance to escape. I shouldn't have brought him; now it's costing him his life!"

As both harbored thoughts, Wan Chaocun's hand was already on Li Xiu's head.

But contrary to expectations of brain-busting, she merely ruffled Li Xiu's hair, smiling as she said, "Little Xiu, why don't you visit your sister upon coming to Celestial Gate? Is my sister not worth your time?"

"Little Xiu... Sister..."

In an instant, Li Qingyi and Wang Chaoxin both seemed petrified.

"Sister Chun, I wanted to see you, just hadn't had the chance," Li Xiu smiled.

"That's alright. If you don't visit your sister, she'll come to you," Wan Chaocun said, gesturing to Wang Chaoxin behind her, "Xin, come meet my fourth sworn brother Li Xiu, your fourth grandfather."

Li Qingyi watched Li Xiu and Wan Chaocun with a complex expression, momentarily unsure of her feelings, blending surprise, confusion, and other emotions into an unclassifiable expression.

"Fourth... grandfather..." Wang Chaoxin's expression turned even more intricate, his facial muscles twitching as if he found eating a fly less distressing.

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"It's all family here, no need to be so formal. Sister Chun, can you help me look at her? Bai Wanli used some method to restrain her, and she can't move." Li Xiu put Li Qingyi down and said with a smile.

"Young people are shy. Once you've spent more time together, it'll get better." Wan Chaocun said casually, seeing Wan Chaoxin standing silent, and cast a beam of light on Li Qingyi.

Li Qingyi, who originally couldn't move, immediately regained her freedom and bowed to Wan Chaocun, saying, "Thank you, Sister Chun, for your help."

By generation, Li Qingyi should call Wan Chaocun Auntie like Wan Chaoxin, but seeing Li Xiu call her Sister Chun, she immediately followed suit.

Li Qingyi understood well that women, especially beautiful ones, dislike being called old.

As expected, Wan Chaocun smiled happily, "No need to be so polite, Miss. You should come and play with Sister often."

"Then Sister Chun, you shouldn't call me Miss either. It sounds awkward; you can just call me Qingyi or Xiao Yi." Li Qingyi said.

"Alright, then Sister will boldly call you Xiao Yi."

The two kept calling each other sister and sister, which left Wan Chaoxin feeling quite uncomfortable, as if every call of "sister" from Li Qingyi was pulling him out of a coffin for a thrashing.

"What's the situation over there?" Wan Chaocun asked, looking at the rolling clouds in the distance, from where sounds of Light Energy clashes and explosions sometimes echoed.

Li Xiu briefly recounted how he was forced into the great hall and the encounters with the Great Celestial King within.

"That Bai Wanli dared to hurt our Xiaoxin and chase after you, my brother; such a crime deserves death." Wan Chaocun said with a smile, but it made the three of them feel a shiver in their hearts.

With Wan Chaocun leading, the four approached the battlefield where Bai Wanli and the Great Celestial King fought, seeing Bai Wanli and the Great Celestial King constantly leaping and clashing on buildings from afar.

With each collision of beams of light, energy exploded into light bursts, like small suns blooming in the clouds.

"A Nine Vein Light Base; Bai Wanli is quite capable, no wonder he's the vice president. Over the decades I've been away, Changsheng Tian has produced quite a few talents." Wan Chaocun watched for a while and nodded slightly.

"Bai Wanli is a Nine Vein Light Base?" Wan Chaocun was somewhat surprised, initially thinking Bai Wanli might be Light Base level, but not at such a high level, yet unexpectedly he's a Nine Vein expert.

"Nine Vein Light Base isn't all that remarkable. That big white dog is a Twelve Vein Light Base and much stronger than Bai Wanli. However, Bai Wanli is proficient in various stances, far more than the big white dog. The big white dog, although stronger, doesn't gain the upper hand." Wan Chaocun said casually.

"What are stances?" Li Xiu asked with some confusion.

"Stances are the methods of releasing Light Energy, similar to how an ordinary person throws a punch. Someone who doesn't understand punching can only rely on instinct, with difficulty controlling the speed and force. But one who knows boxing can control their body movements to maximize the use of force... In short, stances are the means of converting Light Vein Energy. The same Light Energy, the higher the stance level, the better the conversion rate, and the stronger the destructive power."

"The big white dog only has a few innate stances, whereas Bai Wanli has learned many stances and has various methods of controlling Light Vein Energy, which the big white dog can't match. However, the big white dog's twelve Light Veins have a much stronger foundation than Bai Wanli. As long as it isn't hit in a vital spot, Bai Wanli's attacks aren't very threatening. But if Bai Wanli gets hit by the big white dog, even if not a vital spot, it will still be severely injured."

"So, stances are essentially skills?" Li Xiu pondered.

"Somewhat different. Some skills require special talents and identity structure to complete. But stances are methods of using Light Vein Energy. If you know the techniques and methods, anyone can do it. In contrast, those Super Spirit Skills are impossible to learn without special talent and body structure." Wan Chaocun explained.

"Does the Light Base level need Super Spirit Skills?" Li Xiu was somewhat unclear about the relationship between Light Base level and Super Spirit.

"Of course, Super Spirit State is essentially an incomplete Light Base level power. Super Spirit Skills and Light Base level skills are the same, more simple and easy to use. However, Super Spirit Skills are rare, unlike stances that can be learned and can only be obtained through Skill Rings." Wan Chaocun laughed, "If you're interested, I can explain it in detail later. Now let me first deal with that demonic spirit."

"Why not wait until the demonic spirit finishes off Bai Wanli and then take care of it?" Wan Chaocun suggested.

"No need for that trouble." Wan Chaocun spoke, her delicate jade hand flipped, thumb and middle finger clasped, suddenly flicking out a thin needle-like Demonic Light.

The Demonic Light instantly pierced the body of the Great Celestial King, whose body suddenly seemed frozen, standing trembling and twitching, unable to move.

Bai Wanli saw the Great Celestial King like this, first stunned, then looked over here, seeing Wan Chaocun and his expression changed dramatically, turning and leaping to escape.

While Bai Wanli was mid-air, the fine needle-like Demonic Light flashed again, Bai Wanli roared, gathering the terrifying Demon-Slaying Seal in his palm, with dazzling demonic light, striking toward the thread-like Demonic Light Needle.

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The Demon-Slaying Seal clashed with the Demon Light Needle, and the radiant Palm Seal was directly pierced through by the Demon Light Needle, which penetrated Bai Wanli's palm, piercing through the iron shell-like glove, and disappeared inside his palm.

Bai Wanli's robust body immediately transformed into a motionless puppet, falling from the air and landing heavily on the ground, convulsing uncontrollably, unable to control his body no matter how hard he tried.

Bai Wanli convulsed on the ground, his muscles twitching as the skeletal shell automatically retracted, gathering on his palm to form a glove, while his body muscles bulged out rapidly, quickly transforming him back into the previously corpulent, fleshy figure.

Li Xiu and the others were dumbstruck, seeing how a Light Base level like Bai Wanli and the Great Celestial King were resolved with merely two Demon Light Needles, which was truly hard to believe.

"Could it be that all four families fear Wan Chaocun to such an extent? Wan Chaocun's strength is truly terrifying," Li Xiu thought to himself.

Wan Chaocun led a few others to Bai Wanli's side and said, "Bai Wanli, do you have any last words to leave?"

Bai Wanli convulsing on the ground said, "I showed mercy with that Palm Seal, or else how would Wan Chaocun be alive to see you, is it really necessary to kill me?"

"You injured my grandson, so you were already bound to die. You even wanted to kill my fourth brother; tell me, should you not die?" Wan Chaocun said indifferently.

"Fourth brother? Who's your fourth brother?" Bai Wanli asked, looking confused.

"Li Xiu is my fourth brother," Wan Chaocun said.

Bai Wanli smiled bitterly and said, "Li Xiu has the surname Li, you have the surname Wan Chao, how the hell would I know Li Xiu is your fourth brother?"

"Crime is crime, whether known or not, committing a crime means death." Wan Chaocun said.

"To see the peerless Super Spirit Skill Life-taking Needle before my death makes my death less in vain," Bai Wanli lamented with a grim smile, "Yet a good death is not as good as lazy living, I have an object, might I ransom my pathetic life with it?"

"What object?" Wan Chaocun asked.

"The Grand Elder died in battle within the Celestial Gate, do you know the real reason?" Bai Wanli said.

"Wasn't it to stop a terrifying demon spirit from breaking out of the gate?" Li Qingyi said.

"That is not incorrect, but why did the demon spirit want to break out of the gate? While demon spirits have occasionally broken out over the years, one as terrifying as that generally wouldn't risk everything to escape unless something happened that made it intolerable for it." Bai Wanli explained.

"Did the Grand Elder take something from Celestial Gate City?" Wan Chaocun's heart skipped a beat as he looked at Bai Wanli and asked.

"Yes, the Grand Elder took an item. I don't know what it does, but the object was something the Grand Elder risked his life to take from within Celestial Gate City. Of course, if he had only wanted to take the object out, he wouldn't have needed to die. But it was his duty, the demon spirit chased relentlessly, and he couldn't allow it to break out, resulting in a desperate battle where he heavily injured it and forced it back into Celestial Gate City. But he was grievously injured himself and died shortly after returning to the Eternal Heaven, only managing to tell a few words to those on patrol before he passed.

Pausing, Bai Wanli continued: "The patrolman happened to have some connection with me; I was the first to see the Grand Elder's corpse, and I immediately recognized the object as unusual, so I secretly kept it. Now the object is in my residence. Though till now I still do not know what it is for, an object the Grand Elder fought to protect might be something you need."

"You are rather eloquent, why not just say the object relates to breaking through the Light Base level?" Wan Chaocun said coolly.

"That's precisely its purpose." Bai Wanli said.

"Very well, we'll spare your life, go on." Wan Chaocun glanced at Bai Wanli and said casually.

Still convulsing and unable to move moments ago, Bai Wanli suddenly regained mobility, bowed to Wan Chaocun, and walked away without looking back.

"Little aunt, we're just letting him go like that? If he reveals my killing of Su Bancheng and Han Mingshou, the Li Family and the Han Family won't take it lying down." Wan Chaoxin frowned and said.

"He won't dare; my Life-taking Needle is in him, and no one but me can remove it." Wan Chaocun said as she looked at the Great Celestial King beside her.

"You can't kill me." The big white dog glared at Li Xiu and said fiercely, "He took my Blood Contract, if you kill me, I'll take him down with me."

Wan Chaocun looked at Li Xiu, who smiled and said, "Sister Chun, could you hand it over to me? I have some questions to ask it."

"Of course, take your time questioning it, the Life-taking Needle will claim its life in twelve hours." Wan Chaocun said before pulling Li Qingyi along, "Qingyi, let's go sit in the Ten Thousand Flowers Garden for a while."

After Wan Chaocun led Li Qingyi and Wan Chaoxin away, Li Xiu looked at the big white dog and said: "Before you die, can you tell me the origin of the Godslayer Shrine?"

"Hmph, if I die, you won't live either. What I taught you wasn't a Blood Contract, but a Blood Oath, your life hangs on my whim. If you want to live, get that woman to remove what's in me immediately." The Great Celestial King continued to act arrogantly.

"You can try and see if your Blood Oath works on me." Li Xiu said calmly.

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The Great Celestial King's expression slightly changed, yet he still muttered something incredulously, staring intently at Li Xiu.

However, Li Xiu showed no reaction, still smiling as he looked at him.

The Great Celestial King's face turned exceedingly grim, and he wailed, "You knew it was a blood pact from the beginning?"

"What do you think?" Li Xiu replied expressionlessly.

"I accept my defeat," the Great Celestial King sighed, "I no longer ask for you to spare my life, but if you want to know the origin of the Godslayer Shrine, I have one condition."

"I can't save your life," Li Xiu shook his head.

He didn't necessarily need to know the origin of the Godslayer Shrine immediately, but leaving the Great Celestial King's life would make it too dangerous if he ever returned to the Celestial Gate in the future.

"I've already said, I won't ask you to save my life." The Great Celestial King paused and continued, "Nor does that woman need to take my life; I will die myself. But before I die, I will have a child, and I need you to help raise it."

"You want to bear a child?" Li Xiu stared blankly at the Great Celestial King. He always thought the Great Celestial King was a male dog; how could he bear a child? He couldn't help but look at the Great Celestial King's belly, but it was covered in thick white curls, so he couldn't see anything.

"What are you looking at? Can't I bear a child?" The Great Celestial King barked in anger when he noticed Li Xiu's gaze.

"Ahem, of course you can, but aren't you afraid I'll break my promise?" Li Xiu asked with interest, watching the Great Celestial King.

"I have no other way; even if you don't agree, I can only do this. Whether it's you or the demonic spirits in this Celestial Gate City, they could kill my child. Only by taking it out of the Celestial Gate City would it

have a slim chance of survival. I can only gamble; there's no other choice," the Great Celestial King sighed.

"Even if I agree, the newborn demonic spirit is so weak; how can it withstand the obstruction of Forbidden Force outside?" Li Xiu pondered.

"It's precisely because it's newly born and extremely fragile, otherwise it couldn't leave either. This is the only chance." The Great Celestial King stared at Li Xiu and asked, "Do you agree or not?"

"Alright, I agree with you," Li Xiu said.

Seeing Li Xiu agree, the Great Celestial King closed his eyes, and strange Light Veins gradually appeared all over his body, shining on him like constellations.

"I heard from my ancestors that when the Demon Kingdom was at its most glorious, people were sent to Longevity Island in the Three Major Forbidden Zones to seek the Longevity Technique," the Great Celestial King said with his eyes closed.

"Wasn't it the Four Major Forbidden Zones?" Li Xiu asked.

"At that time, the Celestial Gate wasn't a forbidden zone," the Great Celestial King answered.

"Continue," Li Xiu nodded.

The Great Celestial King slowly recounted a story where, at its peak, the Demon Kingdom sent many strong warriors to Longevity Island, but countless men never returned. Only one returned, bringing back two tokens, one of which was the Godslayer Shrine.

Legend has it that by engraving one's name on this token, one could obtain an undying body.

The person who returned engraved his own name on one of the tokens and offered the other to the then Demon Country Celestial Emperor.

The Godslayer Shrine was the token that person kept for himself. Afterward, he went on a rampage across the Demon Kingdom, truly gaining an undying body, killing tirelessly to expand the kingdom's borders.

Later, for unknown reasons, that person suddenly disappeared, and the Godslayer Shrine went missing as well.

Subsequently, the Demon Kingdom rapidly declined for some unknown reason. Even the Celestial Emperor disappeared, causing the Demon Kingdom to collapse entirely.

"So, that person is the God of Slaughter; he had already engraved his name on the token. What use do you have for the token?" Li Xiu pondered.

"As long as the name on the token can be erased, and your own name engraved, it should be the same," the Great Celestial King said.

"If it's possible to erase the name on the token?" Li Xiu asked eagerly.

The issue with the Godslayer Shrine had been bothering Li Xiu for a long time. Even if it wasn't for the power of eternal life, solving the Godslayer Shrine problem would still be worthwhile.

"I don't know; I only heard it might be possible to do so. The specific method is unknown to me, but I think with enough power, the name on the token could be erased directly," the Great Celestial King's voice grew weaker, but the Light Veins on his body grew brighter.

Twelve Light Veins emanated strange white light on his body like twelve twinkling constellations.

The next moment, all twelve Light Veins suddenly disappeared, and his stomach seemed like a lamp, shining brightly from the inside.

"Jade Emperor Scripture!" Li Xiu was surprised that the Great Celestial King forcibly used his Light Vein power to unblock a knot described in the Jade Emperor Scripture.

The terrifying power of the Light Veins converged into a single point, causing the Great Celestial King's belly to grow brighter and larger, as if it were about to explode at any moment.

Just when Li Xiu was worried it might explode, his stomach actually burst open.

Li Xiu thought it was bad, turned, and ran. He didn't get far before feeling a powerful force from behind, which directly pushed his body, causing him to fly through the air.

Li Xiu's body twirled countless times mid-air, and after landing, he rolled a great distance. His scholar's robe looked like a rag hanging on him, basically rendered useless.

"Damn it, you had to give me trouble even at death's door. Just how much do you hate me?" Li Xiu understood that the Great Celestial King didn't intend to take his life; otherwise, his clothes wouldn't have just been torn.

Li Xiu climbed up from the ground, looking at the spot where the Great Celestial King had been lying. There was no sign of him anymore; the jade-bricked ground had been blasted into a large pit.

Upon approaching the pit, he immediately saw a pure white newborn pup within it.

The newborn pup was only as big as a palm, already covered in fine white fur at birth, eyes still closed, and its four small paws seemed to kick aimlessly.