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When Li Xiu arrived at the Ten Thousand Flowers Garden, both Qingyi and Wan Chaoxin were somewhat surprised to see the puppy in his arms.

"The Great Celestial King is dead. This is its offspring," Li Xiu roughly explained the situation.

Wan Chaocun glanced at the puppy and casually remarked, "It's good to keep it. This magical creature is considered top-notch, but you must quickly leave. Once it opens its eyes, taking it out will be difficult."

"Why is it hard to take out once it opens its eyes?" Li Xiu asked in confusion.

Wan Chaocun said, "The specific reason is hard to explain, like the Trial Gate. The stronger the creature, the harder it is to rush out. Even if they force their way out, a huge price must be paid. On the contrary, ordinary magical creatures can exit without paying much. If the puppy opens its eyes, a price must be paid. Before it opens its eyes, you basically don't need to pay any price. The reason why is unclear to everyone."

"Do you know when it will be able to open its eyes?" Li Xiu looked at the puppy sleeping soundly in his arms and asked with a furrowed brow.

"Different magical creatures have varying times for opening their eyes. Some can open their eyes immediately after birth, some need a few hours or three to five days, while others take months. I can't tell what breed the Great Celestial King is, so it's up to its fate when it can open its eyes." Wan Chaocun said.

"This is a bit troublesome. I still need to help Qingyi ascend to the Light Base, so I can't leave immediately." Li Xiu thought for a moment and turned to Wan Chaoxin, "A Xin, are you free? Could you help me take it out first?"

Wan Chaoxin's eye twitched twice upon hearing the name A Xin. Though A Xin was slightly better than Xiao Xin, he reluctantly accepted it.

Before Wan Chaoxin could speak, Wan Chaocun shook his head and said, "If you truly want to keep it, it's best you take it out yourself. The first person a magical creature sees is of special significance. Generally, they won't harm the first person they see."

"Are all magical creature infants like this?" Wan Chaocun's words reminded Li Xiu of the magical creature in his body.

If all magical creature infants are like this, Li Xiu could be much more at ease.

"Most are like this, at least most that I know of. However, magical creatures are not abundant, so one can't guarantee they all follow this pattern." Wan Chaocun thought for a moment and said, "Let it sleep a little longer."

As he spoke, Wan Chaocun casually conjured a Demon Light Needle and pierced it into the puppy's body. The puppy showed no reaction and continued to sleep soundly.

"Unless it suffers severe damage, it won't wake within eight hours. You can go about your business." Wan Chaocun smiled.

Qingyi was eager to head to the Execution Platform, and after bidding Wan Chaocun farewell, she headed there with Li Xiu.

"Little Aunt, I understand why you let Bai Wanli off, leaving the Life-taking Needle in him might come in handy later. But why did you form a brotherhood with Li Xiu? Is he worthy?" Wan Chaoxin asked, puzzled.

Wan Chaocun sighed, "Yu Ba and I were trapped at Good Luck Slope for decades. We saw many remarkable people, yet none could survive exiting its three rooms. Only Fourth Brother made it out alive."

"Do you mean he might be related to the owner of Good Luck Slope?" Wan Chaoxin instantly understood Wan Chaocun's implication.

Wan Chaocun shook his head slightly, "No one can say for sure if there's a connection, but he's the only one who survived, making him extraordinary. Moreover, Fourth Brother is not from the Four Great Families and now leads the Demon Armor team. If the Wan family hopes to reclaim its former status, Fourth Brother might aid us. You are decisive, and if born in chaotic times, you might have the chance to change the world. But since the world hasn't changed, hold back your sharpness for now, lest you invite calamity."

"Little Aunt, I understand." Wan Chaoxin nodded.

Li Xiu followed Qingyi to the Execution Platform, which was a square stage with more than a hundred Jade Stakes of various sizes on it.

In the Celestial City, other places had crystals of white jade, but these Jade Stakes were mostly black and red, giving off an eerie aura despite being mere objects.

"Later, I'll ascend the Execution Platform to refine the Symbiotic Contract using the Execution Pillar's power. However, my Indestructible Ice Armor can withstand only the power of the first four Execution Pillars. If I can't ascend to the Light Base then, I'll need the aid of your Jedi Knight." Qingyi pointed to the first four Jade Pillars.

"What should I do?" Li Xiu asked.

"When I signal you, have the Jedi Knight unleash a full force strike at me, sparing no effort." Qingyi instructed solemnly.

"What if I accidentally kill you?" Li Xiu was filled with skepticism; such a method of ascending seemed reckless.

"If I die, it's my fate." Qingyi replied and then laughed, "Don't worry about it. I won't die so easily. Since I asked you, I am confident in the plan."

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"Alright, I understand now," Li Xiu nodded and said.

Upon seeing Li Xiu summon the Jedi Knight, Li Qingyi no longer hesitated and began walking toward the Execution Platform.

As soon as Li Qingyi stepped onto the platform, her body seemed to be magnetically attracted, instantly attaching to the first Jade Stake.

From the Jade Stake, raging flames erupted out of thin air, engulfing both Li Qingyi and the stake.

The scarlet flames burned fiercely, distorting the surrounding air.

At this moment, Li Qingyi's Indestructible Ice Armor completely enveloped her body, even her hair was within. Under the burning flames, a faint azure light shimmered on the armor, flickering as if a bizarre phantom was painfully twisting inside.

The flames on the Jade Stake didn't last long. Once they disappeared, Li Qingyi's body was drawn to the second Jade Stake, her body sticking to it exactly like before, with arms wrapped around it, unable to move.

Bang!

From the second Jade Stake, lightning emerged, greenish-blue like electric serpents winding and flickering across Li Qingyi's body, occasionally giving off thunderous sounds.

The light of the Indestructible Ice Armor flickered, yet it showed no signs of fracturing.

The lightning also didn't endure for an extended period, and soon after, Li Qingyi was drawn to the third Jade Stake.

From this stake, a transparent liquid flowed, quickly coating Li Qingyi's entire body, completely covering the Indestructible Ice Armor.

While it did not have the grand momentum of the previous stakes, seemingly just a layer of water, this time the Indestructible Ice Armor emitted white vapor, akin to iron being corroded by strong acid. The glow on the armor dimmed significantly.

Thankfully, after a while, the liquid disappeared, and Li Qingyi was drawn to the fourth Jade Stake.

Li Xiu focused, knowing this was Li Qingyi's crucial moment.

Suddenly, from the top of the stake, a jade knife flew out, aiming to slash at Li Qingyi's neck, as if intending to decapitate her as she hugged the stake.

"Now's the time." At the instant the jade knife descended, Li Qingyi suddenly shouted loudly.

Li Xiu didn't dare to delay, hurriedly commanding the Jedi Knight to unleash the Unrivaled National Hero strike at Li Qingyi on the platform.

The Jedi Knight combined its dual swords into one, gripping the hilt with both hands, slashing directly down towards Li Qingyi. The massive Crescent Blade Light, blood-colored, seemed to slice through the air, its sonic boom in concert with the jade knife striking Li Qingyi simultaneously.

Crack!

The jade knife first landed on Li Qingyi's neck, leaving only a shallow mark on the Indestructible Ice Armor.

The Jedi Knight's Blood Light Slash descended as well, the massive Crescent Blade Light striking Li Qingyi's body while also hitting the jade knife.

The jade knife, receiving the heavy blow, surged forward, resulting in a crisp cracking sound. It shattered the ice armor on the neck, partially slicing into Li Qingyi's flesh, causing blood to flow profusely from the cut, staining the Jade Stake red.

Only now did Li Xiu understand why these Jade Stakes were black and red, suspecting that these colors were due to the blood of unknown creatures that had been slaughtered on this Execution Platform.

After the jade knife slashed, it automatically flew back, reinserting at the top of the Jade Stake.

With the jade knife pulled away, blood spurted wildly from Li Qingyi's neck, splattering blood all over the surrounding Jade Platform.

This time, Li Qingyi wasn't drawn to the fifth Jade Stake but instead fell straight onto the Jade Platform.

"Damn... Did we go too far... We've gone and killed Li Qingyi...", Li Xiu mused with a strange expression. If Li Qingyi were dead, he'd be hard-pressed to explain himself.

He began to consider making an escape before anyone knew Li Qingyi had died, fearing he'd face a dead end otherwise.

No one would care if he was helping; his Jedi Knight had effectively aided the jade knife in killing Li Qingyi on the platform.

"Li Qingyi, why didn't you explain properly? Being all mysterious, thinking it's fun, huh? Now you've got yourself killed," Li Xiu grumbled but was suddenly caught off-guard when he saw Li Qingyi's crushed Indestructible Ice Armor emitting a brilliant light. In the very next second, it completely shattered, turning into countless glowing ice particles swarming towards Li Qingyi's wound.

As the ice particles infused into her, Li Qingyi's body began emitting strange radiance, and the wound at the back of her neck gradually started to heal.

Li Xiu watched in disbelief as Li Qingyi's body grew increasingly radiant, her skin becoming crystalline like a gemstone, no longer resembling a human but rather an ice gem statue.

"It turns out the process of ascending to Light Base is the process of Symbiotic Contract fusing completely with the body. Due to the fusion, the human body is no longer just a carbon-based life form,

enabling the formation of the Light Vein that only contracts and magical spirits can create..." Li Xiu finally grasped the essence of ascending to Light Base.

After a long while, the glow on Li Qingyi's body finally began to recede, and the Indestructible Ice Armor started to re-cover her body.

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Before long, Li Qingyi's body was once again covered by the Indestructible Ice Armor, and she walked down from the Execution Platform.

Li Xiu looked at her and said with a wry smile, "You used the Jedi Knight to shatter the Symbiotic Contract and fully integrate it with your body. Weren't you afraid that the Jedi Knight might go too hard and actually cut you down? Such a dangerous thing, why didn't you explain it clearly to me first?"

"The first four punishments of the Execution Platform can be withstood by the Indestructible Ice Armor, but the fifth punishment will certainly be able to cut me down, and the Indestructible Ice Armor won't be able to block it. That is a true power that can cut down the Light Base, so I need to fake my death during the fourth punishment to bypass the platform's sentences. But even to fake death, the wounds must be significant enough; otherwise, I won't deceive the platform. I need to break the Symbiotic Contract using the platform's power to complete fusion and upgrade, and also have to fake death to avoid the platform's punishment. If there's any mishap, it will be a disaster. If I told you the whole truth in advance, you would certainly feel psychological pressure, and would you dare to let the Jedi Knight strike with full force?" Qingyi laughed and said.

"You've achieved it, yet you gave me quite a scare. There are many ways to shatter the Symbiotic Contract, why choose this one?" Li Xiu asked puzzled.

"If I only wanted to advance to the Guangji level, then finding any Guangji level expert could possibly shatter my Indestructible Ice Armor, but after undergoing the four punishments of thunder, fire, water, and blade on the Execution Platform, my Light Base has acquired a peculiar attribute, which will be greatly beneficial in the future. Although it was dangerous, the rewards were enormous." Li Qingyi roughly explained.

"You mean to say that your Light Base has already absorbed attributes like thunder, fire, and water, and in the future, when you condense the Light Vein, you will have Light Energy with special attributes?" Li Xiu understood roughly what Li Qingyi was saying.

"That's about right, but it's not that simple. Right now, I've only allowed my Light Base to retain a trace of chi. Truly wanting the Light Vein to carry attributes will still require special Light Condensation Techniques and special energy support to have a chance. It's just a key now, the door is open, and what can be obtained depends on one's future cultivation." Li Qingyi said.

Li Xiu thought to himself, "The reason the Guangji level can condense the Light Vein is that it thoroughly integrates with the Symbiotic Contract. If you want to condense the Light Vein before reaching the Guangji level, you must solve this problem. No wonder Jing Li, having practiced for so long, couldn't condense the Light Vein. This is where the problem lies."

Li Xiu thought of another problem: shattering the Symbiotic Contract and fusing with oneself can only lead to a Guangji upgrade. This means he needs to shatter and fuse the Evil Spirit Token and the Forbidden Spear to advance to the Guangji level; at that time, it's still a problem, he surely cannot go on the Execution Platform himself.

Li Qingyi can play like that because her Symbiotic Contract is the Unbreakable Cold Ice Shield, but Li Xiu's two Symbiotic Contracts have no defensive power at all. If he really went onto the Execution Platform, the Symbiotic Contracts wouldn't have shattered yet; he'd be burnt to death first. It doesn't work that way.

"Can you shatter your own Symbiotic Contract?" Li Xiu thought about this problem and quickly consulted Li Qingyi.

If he could shatter his own Symbiotic Contract, he would just need to use the Spiritual Mace on his Symbiotic Contract, and then all problems would be solved.

Li Qingyi laughed, "Contracts have spirits too. When a Symbiotic Contract is shattered by external force, with the previous bond of life and death, it is willing to sacrifice itself to fully integrate with you. But if you break it yourself, do you think it would still do that? It would be good enough not to drag you into death with it. Therefore, advancing to the Guangji level requires an opportunity; it's not something you can achieve just because you want to."

"Cultivation is cultivation; there's no need to talk about emotions, that's quite annoying," Li Xiu sighed.

Li Xiu felt that if money could solve a problem, why bother with emotions? Emotions are extremely expensive, with no clear price tag.

Li Qingyi successfully advanced to the Guangji level, and in the future, she only needs to cultivate the Light Condensation Technique successfully to condense the Light Vein.

Li Xiu originally wanted to see Old Dao, but to be able to take the puppy out, he had to give up this time.

"I wonder what the good things Old Dao mentioned are." Li Xiu still thought about the benefits Old Dao promised him.

Returning the same way together with Li Qingyi, when they reached outside the Heavenly Gate, it was already past eleven at night, and the birthday party was definitely not going to happen.

"The birthday party can't be held, but if you're free, join me for a drink, and let's consider that a birthday celebration," Li Qingyi said with a smile.

"Having a drink with a beauty like you, I believe no man would refuse," Li Xiu said, holding the puppy.

"Come to my place, though the party can't be held, there should still be some food and wine prepared, maybe even a cake," Li Qingyi led Li Xiu to her courtyard.

Li Xiu always thought Li Qingyi lived in the City Lord's Mansion, but apparently, he guessed wrong. Li Qingyi lived in a large garden by herself.

Li Xiu's place was called a courtyard, just a big courtyard, while Li Qingyi lived in a garden, much like a garden.

Inside the courtyard, it was completely dark. Those who were originally going to celebrate Li Qingyi's birthday had left long ago, and Bai Ying, who was helping organize the birthday party, probably wasn't in the mood to wait around for Li Qingyi to return, so the garden was empty.

However, on a table in the garden, there were still many buffet foods and fruits, presumably prepared by Bai Ying, but she hadn't been in the mood to eat any of it.

"This is probably the quietest birthday I've had since I can remember," Li Qingyi said, taking a bottle of red wine from the makeshift bar and preparing to open it with a bottle opener.

"Not that, let's use this," Li Xiu said, pulling out a case of beer from the bar.

"Oh? Are you trying to get me drunk?" Li Qingyi asked, sitting on a stool in front of the bar, looking at Li Xiu with a half-smile.

Li Xiu didn't answer, placed the puppy on the bar, opened two bottles of beer, handed one to Li Qingyi, clinked bottles with her, and said with a smile, "Happy birthday."

"Thank you," Li Qingyi replied with a smile.

As they drank heartily, the little puppy lying on the bar slowly opened its eyes.

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"How come in such a big yard, you don't even have a servant to tidy things up?" Li Xiu asked while munching on a lamb chop.

In Longevity City, having a servant isn't a rare thing. Many people in Wansheng Town want to enter Longevity City, even if it means becoming a servant.

The four great families have plenty of servants, and Li Qingyi is at least the sole daughter of the chairman. How come she has no servants in her garden?

Li Qingyi poured herself a drink, downed it in one go, and played with her cup as she said, "When you're alone, you can do whatever you want. Why let an outsider see my embarrassing side?"

"Let's hear it, what embarrassing things have you done?" Li Xiu took a bite of meat followed by a sip of wine, genuinely feeling a bit hungry.

"There are countless things. What do you want to hear? I'll make something up for you on the spot." Li Qingyi said as she poured herself another glass.

"Forget it if you don't want to say it. What do you mean by making things up?" Li Xiu said.

"You should cherish someone willing to make up stories for you. If you were insignificant, who would waste so many brain cells to create stories for you?" Li Qingyi raised her glass towards Li Xiu. "Don't just focus on eating; drink as well."

"I'm drinking, aren't I?" Li Xiu clinked glasses with her, and they both drank it all.

As Li Qingyi was pouring wine, she said, "I would love to have someone tell me stories, but unfortunately, from childhood to now, there hasn't been anyone to make up stories for me."

"What about your parents? Why don't you live with them? Why do you live alone in this garden?" Li Xiu asked.

"I never met my mom. I heard she died during childbirth. As for my dad, even if I lived in the City Lord's Mansion, I wouldn't see much of him throughout the year, so what's the difference in where I live?" Li Qingyi swirled the wine in her cup and smiled.

"Then you're really free. Let's drink to your freedom." Li Xiu clinked glasses with Li Qingyi again, and they drank it all.

"What about you? Do you have anyone in your family?" Li Qingyi asked, looking at Li Xiu.

"I'm an orphan," Li Xiu said.

"Then you're freer than I am. At least I know who my parents are. You don't even know who your parents are. You're freer than I am. Come on, let's drink to freedom once more." Li Qingyi poured him another drink.

"No, no, no, I am an orphan, but I know who my parents are. They just died, killed by a demon, so I've heard," Li Xiu said. "And I feel quite fortunate. Although I lost my parents, my sister has always treated me well, never letting me suffer."

"I'd like a brother or sister too—someone to take the blame when I'm wrong, someone to accompany me when I'm sad, someone to vent to when I'm angry. Unfortunately, I'm all alone," Li Qingyi lamented.

"That's simple enough. Just recognize one. I did the same with my sister," Li Xiu laughed.

Li Qingyi was momentarily stunned. "Isn't she your real sister?"

"She is my real sister, no one closer than my sister. She adopted me, raised me, protected me, and never let me suffer any grievances. There's no one closer than her, so she's my real sister," Li Xiu said earnestly.

"You are really lucky. I'd also like a sister like that," Li Qingyi said sincerely.

"That's easy. Just acknowledge me as your brother, and I'll cover you," Li Xiu chuckled.

"Yeah, right. More like your sister covers you," Li Qingyi rolled her eyes.

Li Xiu laughed, "Then I'll recognize you as my sister. After all, I have many sisters; it doesn't hurt to have one more."

"You liar. Didn't you say you only have one real sister? Where did all these other sisters come from?" Li Qingyi pouted.

"I'm not lying to you. I only have one real sister, but my sister says she has several sisters and a brother. Her sisters and brother are naturally my sisters and brothers too," Li Xiu explained.

"That's an odd way of putting it. Haven't you ever met your real sister's siblings?" Li Qingyi asked curiously.

"I've really never met them. My sister says they live quite far away, not easy to meet. She said she'd take me home to meet them when there's a chance," Li Xiu said after taking a sip of wine. "If you're short on sisters, I can share some with you."

"No, I'd rather not. They might not even accept you, let alone bringing someone else along," Li Qingyi dismissed.

"After all, I'm now successful and well-known, and you're the young lady of Longevity City. How could they not accept us? They'd be eager for us to truly be their siblings. Why not come with me and let them be proud of my sister?" Li Xiu proposed, drinking wine.

"Alright, leave it to me to make your sister proud, but you'll have to recognize me as your sister first," Li Qingyi laughed.

"That's not for us to decide; it depends on who is older. How old are you?"

"A woman's age is a secret. Don't you even understand that?"

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The two of them chatted and drank on the side. A little puppy, seeing this, drooled and got up, looking around. Seeing a wine bottle nearby, it crawled over, hugged it, and started gnawing on it.

The wine bottle toppled over, hitting the little puppy, which yelped in pain.

Li Xiu saw this and directly picked up the little puppy, placing it beside him, and placed a large steak in front of it, letting it gnaw on that instead.

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The puppy sniffed with its nose, opened its mouth, and bit, but its little teeth were too short and weak. After biting for a long time, it could only take off a bit, which made Li Xiu laugh heartily.

"This puppy just born, you want it to eat meat, can it digest that?" Li Qingyi rolled her eyes at him, brought over a cup of milk, poured it into a dish, and placed it in front of the puppy.

The puppy immediately lay down in the dish and licked vigorously, its pink little tongue slurping hard.

Seeing the puppy so energetic, the two continued their conversation by themselves.

After the puppy finished the milk in the dish, it turned its attention to the bottle of wine it had knocked over.

It crawled over wobbly, gnawed at the cap for a long time, and finally bit a crack in it. Wine seeped out, and it quickly extended its little tongue to lick. It shivered after the first lick, its little face twisting, but once it recovered, it went to lick again, with a face full of enjoyment.

By the time Li Xiu and Li Qingyi noticed, this little guy had already drunk more than half the bottle and was holding onto it, swaying dizzily.

"This puppy started drinking right after being born, it'll definitely be a drunkard in the future." Li Qingyi laughed.

"A drunkard is better than a man-eater." Li Xiu said.

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Li Changyin and Han Minghui's faces didn't look good. Ever since Bai Wanli returned, their expressions hadn't improved.

"Are you saying Su Bancheng and Han Mingshou were killed by that magic spirit?" Li Changyin looked at Bai Wanli and asked.

"Indeed, Patriarchs. If it weren't for Wan Chaocun's timely arrival, I'm afraid Wan Chaoxin and I wouldn't have come back." Bai Wanli said with a bitter face.

"You're certain my brother was killed by the magic spirit?" Han Minghui stared coldly at Bai Wanli, her gaze like a sharp blade, as if she wanted to cut open his head to see if what Bai Wanli said was true or false.

"Vice President Han, what do you mean by that? Are you suggesting that I killed them?" Bai Wanli said, his face turning stern.

"Then what's with Li Xiu? Why isn't he dead?" Han Minghui asked again.

"Speaking of this matter, it's even more infuriating. Originally, we thought that once Wan Chaocun arrived, Li Xiu would be dead for sure. But who knew that Li Xiu actually knew Wan Chaocun, and they are even sworn siblings. I heard Wan Chaocun call him fourth brother, and I knew things wouldn't work, so I came back." Bai Wanli said.

"What? Li Xiu and Wan Chaocun are sworn siblings?" Both Li Changyin and Han Minghui were taken aback upon hearing this.

"Absolutely true. I personally heard Wan Chaocun call Li Xiu fourth brother, and Wan Chaocun admitted it himself." Bai Wanli said.

"Does Wan Chaoxin know about this?" Li Changyin frowned and asked.

"He probably doesn't. That kid was dumbfounded when he heard Wan Chaocun call Li Xiu fourth brother. I bet he's even more upset than I am." Bai Wanli said.

Li Changyin looked at Han Minghui and said, "Originally, we brought Wan Chaoxin into the fold to make him take the blame for killing Li Xiu. We never expected Li Xiu to have a connection with Wan Chaocun. That was my oversight."

Han Minghui sighed and said, "This matter can't be blamed on Patriarch Li. No one expected Li Xiu to have a connection with Wan Chaocun. This move was wrong from the start."

"Now that the Wan family and Li Xiu have colluded, missing this opportunity, it will be even harder to deal with them." Li Changyin also sighed.

"Patriarch Li, you worry too much. Opportunities will always arise. Li Xiu and Wan Chaoxin have just become Commanders. As Commanders, they have obligations to fulfill. If something happens while they're carrying out tasks, no one can be blamed." Han Minghui said calmly.

Upon hearing this, Li Changyin smiled and said, "What tasks do you plan to assign them, Vice President Han, since you are overseeing task distribution?"

"Elder Dao, who guards the Tianmen, is getting on in years and has old injuries. Continuing to guard Tianmen is just a temporary measure; stepping down is only a matter of time. Tianmen still needs someone to guard it. Since Li Xiu and Wan Chaoxin have already been to Tianmen and have some understanding of it, let them succeed Elder Dao." Han Minghui said without any expression.

"Elder Dao won't be stepping down for a while. Is it too far in the future?" Li Changyin pondered aloud.

"Let's have them follow Elder Dao first to familiarize themselves with the situation at Tianmen. Let Elder Dao guide them for a smooth transition." Han Minghui said, glancing at Li Changyin, "I heard Elder Dao has a good relationship with you, Patriarch Li. You might need to speak to him."

"As long as Vice President Han can arrange for them to guard Tianmen, leave the rest to me." Li Changyin paused and then said, "However, this can only proceed after Wan Chaocun returns, to avoid any more trouble."

"Of course." Han Minghui said, then looked at Bai Wanli, "Vice President Bai, I'll need your help to take me to Tianmen. I want to pay my respects to my brother."

"Certainly." Bai Wanli nodded.

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When Li Xiu returned to Courtyard No. 7, it was already morning. He locked the puppy in the east wing and went to his room. He slept until noon before getting up.

Sha Chu had already prepared lunch. After they ate, Li Xiu went to the east wing to fetch the puppy.

This little guy was still tipsy, wobbling on the table, and would fall over after just a few steps.

Li Xiu took out a needle and pricked a Blood Seal Stone, extracting a drop of blood from the puppy and dropping it onto the Blood Seal Stone.

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This guy is different from the demon spirit of the Demon Spirit Ring; after all, it's a wild one. If its wild nature erupts later and hurts someone, that would be unfortunate. The use of the Blood Seal Stone is a precaution.

After finishing all this, Li Xiu finally tossed the puppy to the side, instructing Sha Chu to find something to feed it.

"To allow lower-level Trial Takers to cultivate the Light Condensation Technique, the problem of the Symbiotic Contract fusion must be solved." Li Xiu contemplated how to remodify the "Child's Silence Technique".

Breaking the Symbiotic Contract before advancing to the Light Base is impossible; even if it's broken, successful fusion wouldn't be possible.

Due to the body not being strong enough and lacking compatibility with the Symbiotic Contract, breaking the contract now is useless.

"Since this path doesn't work, the only option is to find a substitute or detour it." Li Xiu racked his brains; without solving this issue, typical lower-level Trial Takers would never be able to learn the Light Condensation Technique.

The human body isn't suitable for cultivation, and only with the help of the Symbiotic Contract can the path of the Trial Taker be undertaken. Fusion with the Symbiotic Contract is also a critical step in the transformation of the human body.

This is almost an unsolvable problem; just like how a human body can't perform photosynthesis like a plant, what Li Xiu is trying to do now is akin to enabling photosynthesis in humans, an almost impossible task.

"Is there a possibility to use external force, like how a solar panel converts solar energy?" Li Xiu considered various possibilities while browsing resources.

Evidently, this route doesn't work either. The body lacks the characteristics and structure to spontaneously gain abilities from other species.

The Light Condensation Technique created by the Demon Kingdom's people was developed based on the demon spirit body, altering human body characteristics using the contract to meet the basic requirements for cultivating the Light Condensation Technique.

As Li Xiu pondered, this problem couldn't be bypassed; the human body must be altered to freely absorb and store Light Energy.

"Why is it that my body, without a Fusion Contract, can cultivate the Light Condensation Technique?" Li Xiu had no choice but to seek a solution from a different angle.

There are only two possibilities for this issue: one is that the demon spirit parasitizing his body changed his physique, enabling him to cultivate the Light Condensation Technique.

The other is that the previously fused Three Lights, with the Ultimate Light, enabled his body to cultivate the Light Condensation Technique.

Li Xiu tended to favor the latter. After all, parasitism and contracts with demon spirits should operate on similar principles; even if this were the reason, it wouldn't significantly help in solving the problem.

Li Xiu could only hypothesize that the existence of the Three Lights gave him the foundation to cultivate the Light Condensation Technique.

"What exactly are the three types of light given to me by the demon spirit?" Li Xiu had always pondered this question.

The energy of those three lights wasn't very strong; even then, his constitution could withstand it, though with the assistance of Spiritual Sense and the demon spirit's young form, it indicated that the energy of the Three Lights itself was limited. The key was that the Three Lights possessed extremely special characteristics.

Those Three Lights seemed to manifest almost physically, not simply ordinary Light Energy.

"Is it possible to artificially create such light, and use it as a seed planted in the body of a Trial Taker, enabling ordinary people to also cultivate the Light Condensation Technique?" Li Xiu decided to start researching from the Ultimate Light within himself.

For several days, Li Xiu hadn't left Courtyard Seven; besides attending to basic needs and taking a drop of the puppy's blood, he mostly spent time in his room in a daze.

Of course, he wasn't really spacing out, but using his Spiritual Sense to observe the Ultimate Light within himself.

The Ultimate Light is different from the contract; the contract is merely a parasitic entity inside his body, whereas the Ultimate Light is part of his body, as if inscribed in his DNA.

Just like ordinary strength in people, where does it come from? It's not the function of a single organ.

The Ultimate Light is the same; whenever Li Xiu requires it, his bodily strength can naturally manifest. It's ubiquitous, with every cell possessing such power.

Li Xiu didn't leave, and Jing Li hadn't left Courtyard Seven even more so. Since Li Xiu had given him the "Child's Silence Technique", Jing Li had stayed indoors, focusing every day on researching and developing the "Child's Silence Technique".

Unfortunately, the progress was very limited. Despite Li Xiu's modification of the Light Condensation Technique, Jing Li still couldn't make Light Energy stay in his body.

Even when Light Energy absorbed through a Symbiotic Contract was injected into his body, it would gradually dissipate.

His body was like a sieve riddled with holes; water poured in would eventually leak out — it's just a matter of time.

Jing Li trained repeatedly, enduring failure after failure. Although his resolve was unyielding, never considering giving up, the results were far from satisfactory.

After failing once more, just as Jing Li was about to start again, someone pushed the door open.

"Commander, why are you here? Is there another revised version?" Jing Li inquired.

"Yes, I've revised the 'Child's Silence Technique' again. If there's no accident, this time it should succeed," Li Xiu assessed Jing Li as he spoke.

"In that case, give me the new Light Condensation Technique now, and I'll start testing right away," Jing Li requested.

"Don't rush; before that, there's a necessary step that must be completed," Li Xu remarked, observing Jing Li's physique with a cheerful smile.

Seeing Li Xiu's expression, Jing Li had an uneasy feeling in his heart and cautiously asked, "What is this necessary step?"

"Come, come, sit down first," Li Xiu gestured towards the stool in front of him.

Though Jing Li frowned slightly, he didn't say anything, sitting down as Li Xiu instructed, and asked, "What exactly do you want to do?"

Suddenly, Li Xiu extended a finger, placing it on Jing Li's forehead, as a flicker of transparent Light Flame wavered unsteadily like a lamp flame at his fingertip.

"I intend to plant a seed inside your body, to establish Light Foundation and create an unprecedented path, pioneering a path never before traveled..."

Chapter 587 Light Planting Technique

The light flame at the tip of Li Xiu's finger entered Jing Li's body, and upon entering, it ignited the remnants of light energy within Jing Li, causing his body to emit a peculiar purple glow.

And that light flame, like a lamp flame, gradually moved towards the convergence point inside Jing Li's body.

After much research, Li Xiu discovered that the human body is like a sieve, unable to store light energy, with only one point where light energy could be preserved, the convergence point of the red and blue light vein map.

But that is just a point. While it can prevent the loss of light energy, it cannot store a large amount of it. However, it is the only opportunity for humans to cultivate the Light Condensation Technique.

Since it cannot store, what Li Xiu needed to do was to turn that point into a seed. Starting with that seed, condensing light in actuality and directly condensing light veins bit by bit, instead of the traditional Light Condensation Technique which directly condenses a light vein.

Traditional Light Condensation Techniques are like sword casting, first collecting enough materials, then melting them to cast a sword.

Li Xiu's method, however, is the Light Planting Technique, first planting the seed, then continuously injecting light energy to let the seed take root and sprout, growing along the light vein.

This Light Planting Technique has a drawback, humans cannot condense light energy by themselves, so they cannot form a light seed. There must be someone with sufficient light energy, using their light energy at the convergence point to forge and plant the light seed for the Trial Taker, allowing them to cultivate the Light Planting Technique and condense light veins.

The main disadvantages of this method are twofold: one needs a Light Planter, and inevitably, some light energy will be lost during absorption, making the cultivation speed inferior to that after ascending to the light base level.

Even if it's less efficient, the advantages are obvious. With a Light Planter's help, not only an S-class Super Spirit Tester like Jing Li, but even ordinary people could start cultivating the Light Planting Technique and condensing light veins, lowering the threshold to the minimum.

Though it's not yet to the extent where everyone can practice, as times change, more Trial Takers will emerge, and more will want to become Light Planters. Eventually, the Condensing Vein Technique will become the most popular method.

Li Xiu has taken the first step, and the path ahead needs many pioneers to continue walking until it becomes a grand avenue.

In the divine light refining process, Jing Li felt as if a fire was burning in his chest, fierce but not violent, the primordial hope of mankind.

When Jing Li felt the light energy in his body gathering at that point, he was both surprised and delighted, delighted that he could actually condense light energy before reaching the light base level, and surprised that Li Xiu had truly developed such a Light Condensation Technique. This would have an immeasurable impact on the entire human race, possibly affecting countless generations, and he was part of this historic moment.

Li Xiu's voice echoed in Jing Li's ear, part of the revised "Zi Bu Yu Strange Power Formula" by Li Xiu.

This revision combined the Light Planting Technique, simultaneously condensing light veins on both the red and blue light vein maps. If Jing Li could master the "Zi Bu Yu Strange Power Formula," he could condense a total of twenty-eight light veins, four more than the legendary invincible Jade Emperor.

In fact, the new version of "Zi Bu Yu Strange Power Formula" was created by integrating the "Jade Emperor Scripture" and the Light Condensation Techniques made by the strongest Demon Kingdom ruler, then re-created by Li Xiu. He transformed the Light Condensation Method into a Light Planting Method, marking the dawn of a new era.

Jing Li listened to every word of Li Xiu attentively, engraving them in his heart, filled with utmost admiration for Li Xiu.

If someone is only good at fighting, Jing Li would think they are strong, but no matter how strong, he would be confident of catching up and surpassing them one day.

But a person like Li Xiu left him with no desire to compare himself.

Li Xiu was not just strong—in Jing Li's eyes, people like him could be said to surpass ordinary limits, a person linked to the fate of the race.

The rise and fall of humanity are closely connected to such individuals, far more than just being powerful.

Jing Li suppressed the excitement in his heart, absorbing light energy from his Symbiotic Contract, continuously injecting it into the light seed that Li Xiu planted for him with his light energy.

The light seed was like a newly ignited lamp flame, small and fragile, giving the impression that it might extinguish with the slightest carelessness.

But these fears did not matter—as long as the first trace of the lamp flame was lit, Jing Li could make it grow stronger, until all light veins were illuminated.

The seed has been planted, and as Li Xiu withdrew his finger from Jing Li's forehead, he realized he was drenched in sweat, and his Ultimate Light was severely depleted.

His level and light energy, under normal circumstances, were insufficient to plant a light seed; it would at least require the light base level to accomplish this step.

Though the Ultimate Light was very special, allowing Li Xiu to barely achieve this step, it almost completely exhausted his light energy.

Fortunately, recovering light energy wasn't too troublesome; the Evil Spirit Token and Forbidden Spear could replenish the lost light energy for him.

Glancing at Jing Li, who was immersed in nurturing the light seed, Li Xiu contentedly stood up and left, closing the door from outside.

Chapter 588 Light Planting Technique_2

Sha Chu saw Li Xiu come out from Jing Li's room, his clothes still soaked through, seemingly even struggling to walk, his expression somewhat peculiar.

"Sha Chu, get me something to eat." Li Xiu sat down on the jade stool in the courtyard, gasping as he spoke.

"Do you want to eat the steamed buns we bought yesterday?" Sha Chu asked.

"Sure." Right now, Li Xiu only wanted to eat something to replenish his energy, it didn't matter what.

Sha Chu brought two steamed buns over to Li Xiu, and while nibbling on them, Li Xiu kept an eye on the happenings in Jing Li's room.

If all went smoothly, given Jing Li's current level and ability, he should soon be able to condense the first two light veins.

They were two because the red and blue light veins correspond, and once condensed, they must come in pairs, impossible to condense only one.

Of course, this was because Jing Li was cultivating Li Xiu's modified version of the "Zi Bu Yu's Techniques of Strange Forces," if it were replaced with something like the Buddhist Light Universality's Light Condensation Technique, only one light vein would condense each time.

"What happened?" Sha Chu held back for a while but couldn't resist asking.

"If nothing unexpected happens, Jing Li should be able to condense a vein today." Li Xiu replied.

Sha Chu's eyes widened: "Did you really figure out a method to cultivate a Light Condensation Technique before reaching the Light Base level?"

Li Xiu first nodded, then shook his head: "It's a method to condense veins before the Light Base level, but it's not a Light Condensation Technique, calling it a Seed Light Method is more suitable. The final effect is the same, just the process is different."

Sha Chu looked at Li Xiu with a complex expression, unable to express her shock; she too knew well what this meant, the impact it would have on the Eternal Heaven and even the entire Human World.

She could hardly imagine such a thing being accomplished by a C-level Trial Taker.

"If it really succeeds, then you must be careful; such a thing could bring about disaster for you." Sha Chu said in a lowered voice.

Having such a thing, let alone ordinary Trial Takers, even the bigshots in the Eternal Heaven would likely scramble for it.

Though this technique wouldn't be of use to those already at the Light Base level bigshots themselves, it could be useful to their descendants.

Being able to condense veins before reaching Light Base, placing this starting point far ahead of others, essentially winning at the start line. Even if not for themselves, for their descendants, those bigshots would unscrupulously try to acquire this technique.

Li Xiu nodded: "That's why I need you to do something for me."

"Tell me." Sha Chu didn't know what Li Xiu planned to do.

"I haven't seen any copiers within the Eternal Heaven, do you know where I can find such things?" Li Xiu asked.

"The Eternal Heaven doesn't have such things." Sha Chu had vaguely guessed what Li Xiu intended, but still found it unbelievable, questioning if Li Xiu would really do such a thing.

"Then I'll have to trouble you to get some paper and pens, I'll write down the Seed Light Method, copy it as many times as possible, the more the better." Li Xiu said.

"You want to make the Seed Light Method public?" Sha Chu finally confirmed her suspicions, unable to believe it as she looked wide-eyed at Li Xiu.

Such a secret technique, in one's own hands, could potentially lead to unprecedented accomplishments.

At the very least, it could be used to exchange for enormous resources.

Li Xiu actually wanted to release it freely, Sha Chu couldn't decide if Li Xiu was foolish or truly selfless to such an extent.

Seemingly seeing through Sha Chu's thoughts, Li Xiu smiled: "To possess something without guilt; having this in my own hands is like holding a giant time bomb, ready to blow us apart at any moment."

"You could sell it to one or a few bigshots..." Sha Chu suggested.

"If only certain people possess such a thing, that would be the true tragedy. The world isn't interesting enough, I want to make it more interesting." Li Xiu said, squinting his eyes.

"You're not just planning to disclose the Seed Light Method in the Eternal Heaven, you want the whole world to..." Sha Chu looked at Li Xiu in shock, realizing what Li Xiu truly intended, more thorough and crazy than she had thought before.

"Do you know what true loneliness is?" Li Xiu asked Sha Chu.

"Only yourself left in the world." Sha Chu thought about it and stated the most extreme scenario she could imagine.

"Having only yourself left in the world is indeed lonely, but that's not true loneliness." Li Xiu smiled: "If you're surrounded by people everywhere, yet no one understands what you're saying, unable to communicate with anyone, clearly surrounded by people yet as lonely as one person, that kind of loneliness is even harder to bear."

"Your idea... is asking for a beating..." Sha Chu said, biting her lip.

"Haha." Li Xiu laughed heartily: "Go find some paper and pens, I'll speak, you record."

Sha Chu fetched paper and pens and began recording on the jade table.

Li Xiu slowly began recounting the Seed Light Method; the text Sha Chu took down was the "Seed Light Method," not the "Zi Bu Yu's Techniques of Strange Forces."

The Seed Light Method was simply how to plant the Light Seed, not how to cultivate the Light Vein. Li Xiu never intended to spread the "Zi Bu Yu's Techniques of Strange Forces" widely.

Chapter 589 Light Planting Technique_3

It's not because I'm unwilling to part with it, nor do I want to monopolize this secret technique, but because if "Zibu's Unspoken Strange Powers and Chaotic Spirits Formula" is also passed on, then it will erase other possibilities.

In the future, if everyone cultivates "Zibu's Unspoken Strange Powers and Chaotic Spirits Formula," there will be no other techniques left in this world, just like if all humans only wore white clothes and other colors disappeared, how could there still be a colorful world?

Light Planting Technique is a gateway; the door has opened, and what lies behind it needs someone to explore and create, not just sit back and enjoy the fruits.

"Zibu's Unspoken Strange Powers and Chaotic Spirits Formula" is powerful, but it is ultimately just a single color. As long as someone keeps moving forward, they will surely discover even more magnificent colors.

After Li Xiu finished explaining the Light Planting Technique, he picked up the notes Sha Chu had taken of the technique, reviewed them to ensure accuracy, and instructed Sha Chu to copy them — the more copies, the better.

While Sha Chu was copying, he suddenly saw Jing Li's door being pushed open, and Jing Li, emitting an eerie purple light all over, walked out.

Jing Li walked straight to Li Xiu, bowed deeply, and said solemnly: "If the commander has any orders in the future, Jing Li will not hesitate, even at the cost of her life."

"Isn't it better to live well? Why do you always think of dying?" Li Xiu smiled and handed a sheet of paper with Light Planting Technique written on it to Jing Li: "I do have a task for you. Go out and hand this to Chu Jun of the City of Light, tell him I want the world to see this, he will naturally know what to do."

"Are you really going to publish this technique to the world for free?" Jing Li was surprised, although Li Xiu had mentioned it previously, if the research was successful, it would be made public, she didn't expect Li Xiu would do it so completely.

"It's just a mere Light Planting Technique." Li Xiu replied carelessly.

"Sir's actions, I cannot match," Jing Li sighed.

After Jing Li left, Li Xiu told Sha Chu to continue copying the Light Planting Technique at the Seventh Courtyard, while he left Changsheng Heaven for Wansheng Town.

He needed to go to the Trial Gate and quickly raise his level. Although he could also condense Light Veins, his physical quality and Light Energy were insufficient, and even if he condensed Light Veins, it wouldn't compare to a true Light Base expert.

The level is still the foundation of everything, and condensing Light Veins is only an auxiliary.

Besides, Li Xiu had another idea he needed to experiment with; the Light Planting Technique was created to defeat Dong TianJun, he himself didn't need such a thing.

Now that the Light Planting Technique is complete, Li Xiu also needs to prepare for condensing Light Veins for himself on this basis.

By holding the Light Planting Technique to meet Dong TianJun, he could borrow many Light Condensation Techniques from the Demon Text Institute, and that would be the real opportunity for Li Xiu's Light Vein condensation.

Li Xiu didn't plan to find Dong TianJun just yet; firstly, timing was not right, and he couldn't let the people of Changsheng Heaven know about the existence of Light Planting Technique. Secondly, Li Xiu had a problem to solve before the vein condensation.

Condensing veins requires energy; the more Light Veins condensed, the more energy is needed.

For example, "Zibu's Unspoken Strange Powers and Chaotic Spirits Formula" condenses twenty-eight Light Veins, requiring unimaginable resources; Li Xiu wants to condense all Light Veins on the Evil Spirit Token's Red and Blue Light Vein Map, requiring even more terrifying resources.

Li Xiu didn't want to spend all his time and energy running around collecting resources.

Therefore, he already had an idea before.

Since condensing Light Veins requires Light Energy, rather than the hassle of absorbing Light Energy from Demon Cores and Gemstones, why not directly extract Light Energy from Demon Spirits?

Others might not be able, but Li Xiu has the Super Spirit Skill "Bottle Suction," which, when combined, could potentially directly convert Light Energy.

Li Xiu, wearing a cloak and Bronze Mask, quietly arrived at the Land of Beasts; he didn't intentionally seek an admission ticket, only improved his Primordial Embryo Quality within the Trial Ground, obtaining an admission ticket when possible, and grabbing Attribute Rewards otherwise, hoping to quickly increase his level.

Luck was decent; he got an admission ticket by the fourth attempt and entered the Land of Beasts again.

Li Xiu didn't massively hunt Demon Spirits but found a group of Petrification Beasts. After clearing the remaining Petrification Beasts, left only a B-level Flowing Color Petrification Beast, starting his experiment.

Bottle Suction could only absorb Light Energy when in contact with a Light Energy source, meaning Li Xiu had to use his hand to press on the Demon Spirit to extract Light Energy.

Moreover, the absorbed Light Energy couldn't immediately be used, the body was merely a temporary carrier.

How to directly convert the absorbed Light Energy for usage and how to absorb Light Energy without contact are problems Li Xiu needs to solve.

Li Xiu already had preliminary solutions for these two issues.

Converting Light Energy for personal use is a complex issue requiring extensive experiments to determine the feasibility of the plan, which is not a problem that can be hastened.

Absorbing Light Energy without direct contact is a problem for which Li Xiu already has a complete concept.

The Hand of God is a Demon Armor technology; if it could be combined with Bottle Suction, he could directly absorb Light Energy released by Demon Spirits or Trial Takers without needing direct contact.

Conversely, it could allow Demon Armor to absorb others' Demonic Light via the Hand of God, convert it to energy for use by Demon Armor, or directly transmit into the body, depending on how the user chooses to use it.

If previously, Li Xiu didn't believe his human body capable of using the Hand of God because Demon Armor inherently has functions to transmit and store Demonic Light, and the Hand of God was created based on these conditions.

The human body doesn't fulfill these conditions, but if it has Light Veins, it's different; Light Veins can replace Demon Armor to fulfill these conditions, making it feasible for the human body to use the Hand of God.

On the grasslands, a Petrification Beast occasionally released Demonic Light to attack Li Xiu. Li Xiu attempted to combine the Hand of God and Bottle Suction, directly absorbing the released Demonic Light, but success was evidently low.

Moreover, the use of Bottle Suction consumes too much; even if Demonic Light is absorbed, this level of Demonic Light is not enough to sustain Bottle Suction's consumption.

Chapter 590 Resource Battle

The old immortal and Mo Wuya were drinking tea while looking at the documents in their hands, seemingly studying something very important.

"With the joint efforts of the four major families, the two vice-chairmen, and several Commanders, this year's competition has seen the Longevity Group split from six to seven groups. This is getting interesting," the old immortal said with a smile while looking at the document.

"The Li Family lost the resources of the Demon Armor Group, so how can they simply let it go? The competition is related to next year's resource allocation. Previously, the Demon Armor Group received fixed resources without participating in the resource distribution. Now, since the Demon Armor Group is also participating in the resource allocation, the extra resources have to be shared, which is also a good thing for us," Mo Wuya said, looking at the document.

"In this way, although Li Changyin can't take all of the resources that originally belonged to the Demon Armor Group, he has the chance to take some, and other families and groups also have the opportunity to get a share, which everyone is happy to see. The only ones who are troubled are the Technician Group," the old immortal chuckled and said, "The competition looks at overall strength, and Commanders are not allowed to participate. The team members must have three contestants, and the distribution of next year's resources depends on their victories and defeats. The Technician Group will probably suffer a big loss; besides Jing Li, is there anyone else in the Technician Group who can fight? Even Jing Li may find it difficult to win all his matches; not coming in last would be good enough."

"Jing Li has at least half a foot into the Light Base; shouldn't winning all his matches in the competition be achievable?" Mo Wuya said with some doubt.

"This competition is not the same as before. In the past, every family and group had an understanding, and everyone had an idea of how much they should take, so there was no need to really fight hard. This time it's different; with the unsupervised cake of the Technician Group, who wouldn't want to take a few more bites? The Li Family wants to knock out Li Xiu's Technician Group with one blow. I estimate that among the participants from each family and group this time, there might likely be Light Base level participants," the old immortal analyzed.

"That makes sense. It seems we should make more preparations as well. Our group's resources have always been insufficient; this time, I hope we can get a bit more back," Mo Wuya smiled.

"As if anyone else has enough! I've already called my second son back to participate in this competition," the old immortal said with a wicked laugh.

"You really are shameless; your second son has already become an elder, and you still want him to participate in the competition. You're really throwing your face on the ground!" Mo Wuya said with a bitter smile.

"Why care about face? The resources you can get are what really matter. Moreover, it only says Commanders can't compete; it didn't say elders couldn't. This is a legal and compliant operation," the old immortal said with a pout. "If you're not satisfied, you can let your son become an elder to participate. I have no objections."

Mo Wuya sneered, "I don't have your longevity; I can't give birth to such an old son. He's already in his seventies or eighties and still has to fight for his father."

"It's not my fault you can't have sons, is it?" the old immortal said triumphantly.

Mo Wuya snorted coldly, "Even if my son can't do it, our Mo Family has Mo Weidao."

"Mo Weidao belongs to the Mo Family and can at most represent the Mo Family in the competition. What does he have to do with your Longevity Group?" the old immortal asked, puzzled.

"Sorry, Mo Weidao joined our Longevity Group yesterday," Mo Wuya said calmly.

"You—! You're even more shameless than me, actually recruiting outside help..." the old immortal's eyes widened.

"Well, I don't have as many old sons as you," Mo Wuya said with a pout.

"By bringing Mo Weidao over, what about the Mo Family?" the old immortal asked.

"The Mo Family will take care of its own. You don't need to worry about that," Mo Wuya seemed confident.

"It seems this time each family will fight tooth and nail in the competition," the old immortal felt somewhat frustrated.

"They have to fight hard. The Demon Armor Group used to occupy so many resources; even a share of just a few percent wouldn't be insignificant. All families and groups are sharpening their swords," Mo Wuya said.

"Ah, poor Technician Group," the old immortal gloated.

"If they're lucky, Jing Li might win a few matches; if unlucky, it could be a total defeat, only able to secure the bare minimum," Mo Wuya said.

"What's the word from the Dao Seeking Group?" the old immortal asked.

"The Dao Seeking Group does have an old super-member at the Light Base level, but that guy is close to the Han Family. When Han Mingshou was elected Commander, he contributed a lot, so he probably won't fight for the Wan Chao Family," Mo Wuya pondered.

"I'm just worried that Wan Chaocun will disregard his dignity and compete, then the Wan Chao Family would have a guaranteed winner," the old immortal said with some concern.

"You've already abandoned dignity; do you expect others to keep it? Given the current situation of the Wan Chao Family, Wan Chaocun is bound to compete," Mo Wuya said.

"What a headache," the old immortal felt a toothache coming on.

While Mo Wuya and the old immortal were discussing, other families were also making plans for the competition.

The Technician Group's big piece of cake was too tempting for too many.

Li Xiu still didn't know about the competition. He spent his days in the Land of Beasts researching his new skills.

A Thunderbird was striking down with lightning from the sky. Li Xiu raised his palm, and the lightning that was meant to hit him on the head unexpectedly changed direction and entered his palm, disappearing in a flash.

"It worked," Li Xiu was delighted.

The combination of the Hand of God and Bottle Suction finally succeeded. However, the Thunderbird's Demonic Light wasn't strong enough to sustain the consumption of Bottle Suction, so the Demonic Light that was absorbed was depleted and couldn't be introduced into his body to convert into his own Light Energy.

