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"And this Light-Speed Spear, we've incorporated materials decomposed from the vase, so its strength has significantly improved. I've also modified it to have a detachable energy core, allowing for easy changes of the energy source at any time," the old official laughed. "In terms of sheer strength, this set of Demon Armor is the strongest at present. Not only here, but even in Changsheng Heaven, there shouldn't be any materials able to produce Demon Armor stronger than this."

Li Xiu tried a line activation and found that the Demon Armor easily withstood the high-power transmission of Demonic Light, unaffected whatsoever.

Additionally, with the Light Armor Style design, the distance the Demon Armor itself needed to transmit the Demonic Light was shorter, reducing loss and heat.

"Not bad, really not bad," Li Xiu praised endlessly and suddenly suggested, "Why don't you come up with a name, old official?"

"No need, it's just a regular set of Demon Armor, no point in naming it. We might as well keep using the previous name, just call it Light-Speed No. 3," the old official responded indifferently, though there was a hint of pride in his eyes.

"I remember you once said that this name is a bit inauspicious, should we consider changing it?" Li Xiu pondered.

"Change it to what? Young people shouldn't indulge in superstitious nonsense. It's just a name, how could it affect anything? Those Demon Armors break quickly because they have flaws, not because of the name. You can use this set of Demon Armor confidently, and calling it Light-Speed No. 3 or even Super Light-Speed No. 3 won't make a difference," the old official replied, giving Li Xiu a look that suggested he knew nothing.

"Alright, with your assurance, I feel at ease." Li Xiu tucked away the Light-Speed No. 3 and the Light-Speed Spear, though a minor issue was that these two couldn't be combined and essentially functioned as two separate Demon Armors.

"You should arrange the lab here first. Even after we head to Changsheng Heaven, the research here mustn't stop," Li Xiu said, looking through a one-way glass at the researchers conducting experiments in other rooms.

"Don't worry, everything is set up. Everyone has their research projects and might not produce results even in a year or two, so they'll be kept busy," the old official laughed.

"Okay, I'll sort things out here, and then we'll head to Changsheng Heaven." Li Xiu left the laboratory with the Light-Speed No. 3.

Afei's injuries were no longer a serious issue; a couple of days of rest should suffice. She had already planted the Light Seed, making her physique much stronger than ordinary humans, and with the healing from the Undying Bullet, she'd soon recover.

Li Xiu didn't intend to go to Changsheng Heaven immediately; he planned to take this chance to visit Black Death City first.

He'd learned a great deal of Demon Text at the Demon Text Institute, gaining a deeper understanding of it.

It's about time he utilized the wine in the Nether House.

Though Li Xiu couldn't drink wine anymore, others could drink on his behalf. If he found people to enter with him and mixed drinks for them, and they allowed him to partake, he could drink to his heart's content.

The reason Li Xiu hadn't yet taken anyone to drink was because he was contemplating how to incorporate the wine into his system.

The wine contained powerful energy, capable of assisting the enhancement of magic spirits, and increasing the Super Spirit Limit. This was greatly advantageous to Li Xiu.

Finding two Super Spirit Sapphires was extremely difficult, and even if found, the quality might not be great. Li Xiu had already set his sights on the wine, intending to use the wine in the Nether House to enhance his Symbiotic Contract.

Before heading to Black Death City, Li Xiu called Jani over. Now Jani was already the captain of the personal guard of the City Lord's Mansion.

Previously, Jani was the vice-captain of the city guard. Sha Chu always felt it wasn't suitable for Jani to be the captain, so he specifically established a personal guard and made Jani the captain.

"Jani pays respects to the City Lord." Jani had been doing well lately, looking much fuller and more spirited than before.

After dealing with the jewelry store father and son who trapped Li Xiu, Jani had thought he could only follow Li Xiu's path to the end.

Who could have predicted that the City of Light would develop beyond expectations, and even better, it continued to thrive, hosting a magic spirit competition and spreading the Light Planting Technique.

Now, City of Light had been hyped online as a holy land for Trial Takers. Countless people wanting to become Trial Takers were flocking there, even some Trial Takers visiting the City of Light as if on a pilgrimage.

Jani's title as the captain of the personal guard was akin to a chief of a palace guards in antiquity: seemingly without real power, yet able to manage everything. City of Light's officials and merchants of all ranks had to give him some face.

Of course, Jani had also done many dirty jobs for the City Lord's Mansion that were inconvenient for ordinary people, contributing significantly.

"Jani, you're doing pretty well these days," Li Xiu said, sizing up Jani's expanded waistline.

"It's all thanks to the trust and cultivation from the City Lord and Miss Sha Chu," Jani quickly replied, standing up.

"The Light Planting Technique spreading in my city lately, are you interested?" Li Xiu asked, squinting.

Jani shivered, looking at Li Xiu with surprise and delight. "City Lord, have you found a Light Base expert to light the lamp?"

"As captain of the personal guard, responsible for guarding me and the high-ups in the City Lord's Mansion, your strength does come up short. If there's an opportunity, you should light a lamp," Li Xiu said plainly.

"For the nurturing from the City Lord, Jani has nothing to repay with but service and loyalty throughout his life..." Jani was moved to tears, seemingly ready to go through fire and water for Li Xiu. Whether this was truly heartfelt or just acting, only he and the heavens knew.

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"I'll keep this matter in mind and look for you when I get the chance. You recruit a batch of Trial Takers, let's say ten people. I want to take them into Black Death City. These people must absolutely follow orders, and they must be tight-lipped, not leaking any information. If something goes wrong, I'll hold you entirely responsible," Li Xiu said.

The fewer people know about Nether House, the better. Taking people inside requires using the Trial Badge. Li Xiu only has around twenty Trial Badges on hand, which isn't enough to take many people inside. He'll just have to try with what he has.

If it works, he can trade for more Trial Badges and take more people into the Nether House for drinks later.

"Rest assured, City Lord. I definitely won't let them leak a single word," Jani promised, patting his chest.

"Go get ready," Li Xiu waved his hand, signaling Jani to leave.

After Jani left, Li Xiu thought that since he was idle anyway, he might as well take a solo trip to Black Death City.

Who would've known that before he could leave, the Godslayer Shrine would appear out of nowhere, hopping onto Li Xiu's desk.

"You still remember to come back?" A line of text appeared on the Godslayer Shrine.

Since entering Eternal Life Heaven, Li Xiu hadn't seen the Godslayer Shrine. Previously, he was wondering why it didn't follow him to Eternal Life Heaven.

"Why do you smell like alcohol?" Li Xiu detected a whiff of alcohol. Upon closer inspection, the Godslayer Shrine was still wet, and the smell was coming from it.

"Don't worry about it. I'm asking, why are you only returning now?" The text on the Godslayer Shrine was all wobbly.

"No way, could this guy be drunk?" Li Xiu thought it was a good opportunity to delve into the secrets of the Godslayer Shrine.

It's said that the Great General of the Demon Country attacked Longevity Island and brought back two Longevity Plaques from there. By inscribing a name on the plaque, one could achieve immortality.

The Great General of the Demon Country offered one Longevity Plaque to the Demon Country Celestial Emperor, inscribed his own name on the other, thereby achieving immortality, conquering lands for the Demon Country unceasingly.

The Godslayer Shrine is likely one of the two Longevity Plaques, but it's unsure which one.

Is it the Demon Country Celestial Emperor's or the Great General's?

Based on the name God of Slaughter, it's likely higher for the Great General's plaque.

But given the Godslayer Shrine's quirky nature, insisting on being pampered, Li Xiu felt it could be more likely the Demon Country Celestial Emperor's plaque.

Perhaps the Celestial Emperor didn't use the Longevity Plaque but gave it to his offspring, that would explain why the Godslayer Shrine is so unique.

Of course, this is only Li Xiu's guess. Whether the Godslayer Shrine is one of the two Longevity Plaques, Li Xiu can't confirm.

Now seeing this shrine drinking, and getting drunk, it's indeed a great opportunity.

If it was Li Xiu's old temper, he would kick out the Godslayer Shrine for talking to him like that. Now, he's saying gently, "I went to Eternal Life Heaven."

"I know you went to Eternal Life Heaven. If you hadn't gone there, I wouldn't have gotten in either. Why even ask?" The Godslayer Shrine seems genuinely drunk, spilling its secret of not being able to enter Eternal Life Heaven.

"Aren't you so powerful? How come you can't even enter a small Eternal Life Heaven?" Li Xiu laughed.

"Nonsense, what small Eternal Life Heaven, what do you even know?" The Godslayer Shrine got more aggressive: "That Eternal Life Heaven is the Door of All Wonders, the ultimate resting place of all beings in the world. You, a mere little nothing, dare to prattle nonsense..."

"What is the Door of All Wonders?" Li Xiu quickly asked.

"You don't even understand the Door of All Wonders, why waste words on you? I'm done talking, I'm going to sleep..."

The Godslayer Shrine wobbled, seemingly about to fall down at any moment.

"Don't sleep, do you know the Celestial Realm and Celestial City?" Li Xiu grasped the Godslayer Shrine and shook it to keep it awake.

"How could I not know the Celestial City? Back then I was one of Celestial City's... one..."

"One what?" Li Xiu quickly saw that the latter words weren't appearing and anxiously pursued.

"Mind your business." Unexpectedly, those four words appeared on the shrine.

Li Xiu was helpless, so he continued saying, "I met a guy claiming to be the Evil Ghost King at Yanbo Pool in Celestial Realm. It said only two people in Celestial City were worth noticing, the rest were trash, not worth mentioning."

"Which two people?" The Godslayer Shrine seemed interested, wobbly text appeared.

"One is the Demon Country Celestial Emperor, the other is the Great General who aided the Demon Country in attacking Longevity Island and retrieved the Longevity Plaque... What was his name... seemed like... called..." Li Xiu pretended to forget, acting puzzled.

The drunken Godslayer Shrine didn't fall for it, either still sober or already too drunk, it didn't reveal the Great General's name.

"That Evil Ghost King has some insight. Evil Ghosts are considered upper-born among demonic spirits, and Evil Ghost King with a Divine Position isn't unusual." The Godslayer Shrine continued writing: "Too bad it was schemed upon, cut from its position and suppressed in Yanbo Pool for so many years, enduring endless torment, not dying was already fortunate. Even if it escapes, likely not many skills remain. Now, it's just a piece of trash... so sleepy... need sleep..."

"Don't sleep, keep talking..." Li Xiu saw the Godslayer Shrine was getting confused again, quickly grasping it tightly and shaking.

"Stop shaking... need sleep... need hug..." The words on the Godslayer Shrine grew increasingly faint.

"Don't sleep, tell me, are you that Great General of the Demon Country..." Li Xiu shook harder.

"Stop bothering me... need sleep... go away..."

While shaking, Li Xiu suddenly felt darkness before his eyes, immediately realizing the Godslayer Shrine used that peculiar ability to drag him into Black Death City again.

But as Li Xiu's sight cleared, he was stunned; this wasn't the Black Death City he was familiar with at all.

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"What is this place?" Li Xiu surveyed the surrounding environment, feeling slightly puzzled.

The bright sunshine, clean streets, and rows of flowers lining the street, blooming with small pink and white blossoms.

The square was filled with pigeons searching for food, undisturbed by the flow of people.

A scruffy-looking man held a violin, playing a lively tune, and under the accompaniment of that tune, men and women, old and young, danced an exotic dance in the square.

"What's going on here?" Li Xiu glanced around, his expression growing increasingly peculiar.

This was a city full of vitality and joy, completely different from Black Death City, yet Li Xiu noticed something that sent chills down his spine.

The city's layout was identical to that of Black Death City.

The place where he stood was the city's central crossroad, with city gates in four directions, just like in Black Death City.

Moreover, the architectural style was similar to Black Death City, except Black Death City used black stone bricks, whereas this city used colored bricks, giving an entirely different impression despite the architectural similarity.

Some buildings were the same as those in Black Death City, while others were different. A regular person might not see the connection to Black Death City, but Li Xiu noticed upon comparison that this city bore only slight differences from Black Death City; essentially, it was a colorful version of Black Death City.

"Uncle, why are you standing here?" A youthful yet pretentiously mature voice sounded from behind Li Xiu.

Li Xiu turned around, seeing no one.

"Uncle, don't be so aloof." The voice spoke again.

Li Xiu looked down to notice a cute little girl wearing a vest and boots, and a cowboy hat, glaring at him with a puffed-up demeanor.

"Are you talking to me?" Li Xiu squatted down, gazing at the little girl.

"Who else am I talking to if not you, a ghost?" The little girl wore a you're-so-silly expression.

"What's your name?" Li Xiu studied the little girl, who had rare purple eyes and naturally curly black hair.

"Call me Sharpshooter." The little girl pulled out a wooden-carved revolver from her waist, holding it with both hands in a shooting pose.

"Alright, Sharpshooter, do you need something from me?" Li Xiu asked with a smile.

"Are you a foreigner?" The little girl inquired, looking at Li Xiu.

"I suppose... I am..." Li Xiu glanced at the city; to this place, he was indeed an outsider.

"Why did you come here?" The little girl continued to question.

"Tourism." Li Xiu was unsure what to say, for he hadn't intended to come here; the damned Godslayer Shrine had brought him here.

"You're a traveler? You must have visited many places, then?" The little girl's eyes lit up instantly.

"I guess so." Li Xiu nodded.

"Have you been to the Celestial Sea?" The little girl asked, looking at Li Xiu with great anticipation.

"The Celestial Sea, one of the four forbidden zones?" Li Xiu asked.

"What are the four forbidden zones?" The girl asked, puzzled.

"The Celestial Gate, Longevity Island, Bottomless Pit, Celestial Sea—don't you know about the four forbidden zones?" Li Xiu inquired with a frown.

"Never heard of those; I only know the Celestial Sea. You must have visited many places; have you been to the Celestial Sea then?" The girl asked excitedly.

"I stood at the edge of the Celestial Sea, but I didn't go in." Li Xiu wasn't exactly lying; he had previously been to the Sea Heaven Trial Ground, and from there one could enter the Land of Trial to reach the Celestial Sea, so technically, he had stood at the doorway to the Celestial Sea.

"That's great; can you take me to the Celestial Sea, Uncle?" The girl asked eagerly.

"I can't." Li Xiu shook his head.

He dared not enter the Celestial Sea himself, let alone take the little girl along, especially since he didn't even know where he was. This place was likely the Demon Kingdom; his knowledge of the route from the Demon Kingdom to the Celestial Sea was nonexistent.

Li Xiu was somewhat surprised that if these people were indeed from the Demon Kingdom, they appeared indistinguishable from humans on Earth. Except for the difference in attire, no one could tell them apart.

"You want a reward, don't you? I can pay you." The little girl said, taking a coin from her vest pocket and handing it to Li Xiu.

Li Xiu looked at the coin, surprised, as it was carved from a red gemstone.

He had never seen money carved from gemstones before.

"It's not a matter of money; you can't get to the Celestial Sea from here." Li Xiu looked at the little girl and asked, "Why do you want to go to the Celestial Sea?"

"I want to find my father; he's at the Celestial Sea." The little girl thought for a moment, then asked in puzzlement, "Didn't they say you just have to pass through the Sea of Love to reach the Celestial Sea?"

"That I don't know; what's this city called?" Li Xiu asked.

"City of Love; didn't you see the name above?" The girl pointed to a sign in the square.

Turning his head, Li Xiu indeed saw the sign with the three words 'City of Love' inscribed.

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"Thank you, little girl." Li Xiu got up and walked away, intending to take a stroll outside the city to see what this City of Love really was like.

The fact that there were so many people from the Demon Kingdom here suggested that the place hadn't been conquered by the Demonic Light yet. Perhaps he could learn something about the Demon Kingdom from here.

But since he didn't know anyone, he couldn't just go looking for information recklessly, so he decided to go outside the city and take a look around first.

"Uncle, where are you going?" The little girl followed beside him, kindly reminding him, "It's very dangerous out there; there are a lot of Demonic Lights."

"Where are the Demonic Lights? Take me to see them." Upon hearing about the Demonic Lights, Li Xiu was overjoyed. Since he was already here, it wouldn't be bad to kill some Demonic Lights for resources.

Even getting a Demon Spirit Ring, some Skill Rings, or Talent Gemstones would be good.

"Are you going to hunt Demonic Lights?" The girl sized up Li Xiu and asked.

"Yes," Li Xiu nodded slightly.

"Then you should be careful, those Demonic Lights are very fierce," the little girl said.

"Where are the Demonic Lights?" Li Xiu didn't take it seriously. After all, how fierce could they be according to a little girl?

"Uncle, I'll take you there." With that, the little girl started walking toward a city gate in one direction.

Li Xiu followed the little girl toward the city gate in that direction. The residents here seemed quite simple and honest. They all smiled at Li Xiu when they encountered him, and nobody showed any malice.

"It's a pity that the Demon Kingdom has long been divided. If it hadn't fallen, maybe Earthly humans could have easily integrated into it, and this place might have become a second home for Earthly humans." While Li Xiu pondered this, the little girl had already led him out of the city gate.

Li Xiu instinctively compared this place to Black Death City. The city gate the little girl took him out of should be the one leading to the Dead Sea.

Coincidentally, upon exiting the city gate, Li Xiu discovered that there was indeed a vast sea before him.

This sea was normal, with blue waters, a blue sky, and sea birds flying in the distance above the surface. A gentle breeze swept the sea, creating ripples that formed waves caressing the beach.

On the white sandy beach, some newly hatched white sea turtles were emerging from beneath the sand, wriggling their tiny bodies to crawl toward the sea.

"Are the fierce Demonic Lights you mentioned these newborn sea turtles?" Li Xiu hadn't noticed any other Demonic Lights and, suspecting that the girl was referring to these sea turtles, asked with a chuckle.

"Yes, these White Shell Turtles are very fierce and bad," the little girl said seriously.

"Let me help you deal with them." Li Xiu wasn't particularly interested in killing these little things, but since the little girl had asked, he felt obliged to do something.

Summoning the Fire Lotus Sword, Li Xiu gripped the sword handle and walked a few steps forward until he reached a newly hatched White Shell Turtle.

Despite just hatching, the White Shell Turtle was already the size of a palm, with a shell that was entirely jade white, along with its claws and head, making it look as if it were carved from white jade.

As the White Shell Turtle clawed its way out of the sand, preparing to crawl toward the sea, Li Xiu slashed his sword at the turtle's neck.

Unexpectedly, although the White Shell Turtle had just been born, it was very alert. Sensing something amiss, it retracted its limbs and head into its shell.

Li Xiu had to slightly alter the trajectory of his Fire Lotus Sword, striking the shell of the White Shell Turtle directly.

With the sharpness of the Fire Lotus Sword, these newborn White Shell Turtles, even with their shells for protection, were bound to be cut through with a single slash.

To his surprise, when the Fire Lotus Sword struck the turtle shell, it made a loud clanging sound, failing to cut through, and the sword was bounced back instead.

"Wow, this White Shell Turtle's shell is so hard?" Li Xiu was quite surprised. Meanwhile, the White Shell Turtle extended its head, turned to stare at him, and its shell began to shine with a constellation-like pattern.

Glowing dots and lines connected together, resembling a star map drawn by hand.

Bang!

As Li Xiu was examining the light pattern on the White Shell Turtle's back, beams of Demonic Light suddenly shot out from its small eyes. Though the turtle was tiny and its eyes no bigger than beans, the demonic light erupted like a volcanic blast, the massive light beam shooting toward Li Xiu with astonishing speed, too fast for him to dodge.

Startled, Li Xiu gripped the Fire Lotus Sword, instantly activating its Super Spirit State, and slashed the Demon Light Slash with a swing, unleashing a fiery lotus-like sword light.

The sword light collided with the demonic light, and the Fire Lotus Sword's light was shattered. Li Xiu felt a tremendous force strike him, sending both him and his sword flying backward like a cannonball, slamming into the city wall and creating a concave dent.

"Light Base Demonic Light!" Li Xiu spat out a mouthful of blood, utterly shocked.

He never expected a newborn White Shell Turtle to actually be a Light Base Demonic Light.

Fortunately, he had advanced to S-level and had the power of the Light Seed protecting him, while the Fire Lotus Sword's light had weakened the demonic light significantly. If it were before, this single attack would've undoubtedly blown his body to pieces.

Seeing Li Xiu still alive, the White Shell Turtle charged towards him again, brandishing its claws, and its eyes once more began to glow with Demonic Light.

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Bang!

Just as Li Xiu was secretly lamenting, he heard a gunshot, then saw a light bullet shoot into the White Shell Turtle's head, directly causing it to explode.

The White Shell Turtle's head exploded, its body twisted a few times, then gradually decomposed until only a turtle shell and a Demon Core were left.

This Demon Core was different from any Demon Core Li Xiu had seen before; within the core, lines like Light Veins flowed and shone.

One line...two lines...three lines...there were actually four lines.

The newly born White Shell Turtle turned out to be a Four Vein Light Base magic entity.

Fortunately, it was only four veins; if it were a Twelve Vein Light Base magic entity, Li Xiu couldn't be certain he'd survive that recent strike.

Li Xiu's gaze shifted to the person who killed the White Shell Turtle, and he was momentarily stunned.

He saw the little girl holding a revolver carved from wood, pointing it in the direction of the White Shell Turtle.

Besides her, there was no one else on the beach.

"Could it be...she killed the White Shell Turtle..." Li Xiu was unwilling to believe this fact, but had no choice but to believe it.

The little girl blew off the gun's muzzle, twirled the revolver twice on her finger, then stylishly holstered it. She walked over and picked up the turtle shell and Demon Core.

"Uncle, how are you so terrible? How can you travel the world alive like this?" The little girl looked at Li Xiu with full doubt and asked.

"Ahem, do you know what dreams are? Whether a person has ability isn't important; what's important is having dreams. As long as you have dreams, anything is possible." Li Xiu spoke seriously, but couldn't help coughing a couple of times, spitting blood.

"No matter how big your dreams are, you still need ability, right?" The little girl was obviously very disappointed, turned, and walked into the city, apparently no longer intending to ask Li Xiu to take her to the Celestial Sea.

Li Xiu watched the little girl return to the city, sighed helplessly, summoned the Forbidden Spear, and directly shot himself with an Undying Bullet.

Under the treatment of the Undying Bullet, Li Xiu's injuries gradually healed.

"What kind of strange place is this? A newly hatched White Shell Turtle is a Light Base magic entity, and a little girl uses a wooden toy to kill it... What the hell is this... Demon Kingdom people look no different from Earthlings, but the strength disparity is too great..." Li Xiu got up and walked to the beach, seeing more White Shell Turtles emerging from under the sand, evidently newly hatched as well.

"I refuse to believe I can't kill even a newly born Turtle son." Li Xiu gritted his teeth, summoned the Jedi Knights, holding the Fire Lotus Sword in his hand, attacking a White Shell Turtle left and right.

The sword light of the Fire Lotus Sword and the sword light of the Jedi Knights fiercely slashed at the White Shell Turtle, which didn't even lower its head. A Light Shield appeared on its body, stubbornly blocking the sword light and sword light.

Super Spirit Level sword light and sword light couldn't break its Light Shield.

Seeing Demonic Light shoot from its eyes, Li Xiu dodged away first, utilizing Body Technique to move while crazily slashing at the White Shell Turtle with sword light.

The Jedi Knights did the same, not engaging the White Shell Turtle directly, continuously moving and slashing, streaks of sword light and sword light slashing at its Light Shield, not having the slightest effect, unable to break it open no matter how fiercely they attacked.

Li Xiu gritted his teeth, found an opportunity, and when the Jedi Knights had drawn the White Shell Turtle's attention, he came beside the White Shell Turtle, pressing his hand against the Light Shield.

"Is that silly uncle courting death? Such a weak fellow, saying he's a traveler, claiming he's been to Celestial Sea—he's outright lying... talking about dreams... just a big liar..." The little girl stood inside the city gate, secretly monitoring the outside situation.

Seeing Li Xiu pressing his hand against the White Shell Turtle, thinking he was about to suffer greatly, she couldn't help but draw her wooden revolver.

But before she could shoot, she witnessed an inconceivable scene.

Under Li Xiu's palm, the White Shell Turtle's Light Shield quickly disappeared, while the Fire Lotus Sword in Li Xiu's hand gleamed brilliantly, slicing off the unprotected White Shell Turtle's head with one blow.

"Hmm, how did he do that?" The little girl was a bit surprised.

"Hmph, this little thing is nothing much after all." Li Xiu used the Super Bottle Suction technique, feeling greatly delighted in his heart.

The light energy scattered from the White Shell Turtle, its body gradually decomposed until only a turtle shell and a Three Vein Demon Core were left.

Li Xiu gathered the turtle shell and Demon Core; they were both valuable. The turtle shell was Light Base level material, while the Demon Core was a Light Base level energy source, excellent for feeding magic entities or serving as the core of Demon Armor.

Li Xiu quickly realized that this place was practically paradise for him.

Although these White Shell Turtles were Light Base level, they were newly born, with neither mature abilities nor wisdom, perfect for slaughter.

Li Xiu walked along the beach, spotting newly emerging White Shell Turtles and directly went up to capture or kill them.

With last time's experience, Li Xiu gave these White Shell Turtles no opportunity to act; as soon as they showed their heads, he pressed down and absorbed the Demonic Light from their bodies, slaughtering them with a single sword strike.

Before long, Li Xiu had killed six White Shell Turtles, though sadly without acquiring any skills or talents, only receiving turtle shells and Demon Cores.

These White Shell Turtles were typically between two and five veins; combined with being newly hatched, they were too unintelligent and lacked experience, easily massacred by Li Xiu.

After another chaotic search, Li Xiu had killed more than a dozen White Shell Turtles, just about to continue hunting when he suddenly saw a huge wave rise in the sea, a massive, unparalleled monster breaking through the waves coming towards him.

The creature was pure white, its body like a turtle but its head resembled a dragon, with claws similar to dragon claws on its limbs.

The monster's body was as large as a building, riding huge waves of several dozen feet, its body shining brightly and terrifying Demonic Light shooting from its eyes, blasting towards Li Xiu like a flood pouring down.

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The Masked Emperor instantly appeared beneath Li Xiu, and with a twist of the throttle, he accelerated madly, sprinting towards the city gate.

The tiny White Shell Turtle was already at Light Base level. Who knows the level of this house-sized giant turtle.

The Masked Emperor accelerated wildly, the Demonic Light surged onto the beach, blasting a giant crater into the sand, the torrential Demonic Light erupted from the hole, flooding towards the Masked Emperor like a deluge.

The Masked Emperor's speed reached its peak, yet it was still not as fast as the flood-like Demonic Light. Fortunately, Li Xiu was not far from the city gate and was now visibly close to it.

The Demonic Light was about to touch the tail of the motorcycle when Li Xiu leapt off, simultaneously summoning back the Masked Emperor.

As he landed, Li Xiu reached out to grab the city gate, intending to close it to fend off the terrifying Demonic Light.

But his hand was pressed down by a small, white hand. He saw a little girl holding his hand, while the other hand gripped the wooden revolver. She aimed at the overwhelming Demonic Light and pulled the trigger.

Bang!

A Light Bullet actually flew out from the wooden revolver's barrel, the small pellet soared into the flood-like Demonic Light.

Li Xiu suddenly witnessed an incredible scene. After the pellet entered the Demonic Light, the flood-like Demonic Light began rotating with the Light, transforming into a whirlpool that reversed direction.

Bang!

The pellet struck the giant white turtle coming with the winds and waves, piercing a bloody hole through the turtle's head.

Accompanied by the pellet, the Demonic Light swept up the body of the white turtle and the sea waves, throwing them into the sky.

Boom!

When the white turtle's body and the overflowing seawater fell, it crashed onto the beach creating a large pit, while the seawater poured down like a torrential rain.

"Uncle, what's the point of closing the door? This shabby city gate can't withstand the attack of Demonic Light. Even if you hide behind it, you'll still be killed." The little girl said, blinking her eyes.

"Is that so?" Li Xiu was somewhat depressed. He had always thought this place might have some connection to Black Death City, so he treated it as Black Death City.

If it were Black Death City, the city gate ought to be able to withstand the impact of Demonic Light. But hearing the little girl's words, he realized he had made a mistake.

This isn't Black Death City; you can't equate the things here with Black Death City.

The little girl walked up to the giant white turtle's body, jumped inside the shell, and picked up a Demon Core and a Gemstone from the decomposed corpse.

"Is that a Super Spirit Gemstone?" Li Xiu saw the luminous lines forming patterns inside the white gemstone in the little girl's hand, faintly resembling constellations, the patterns look like a turtle.

Li Xiu counted, there are twelve Light Veins on it, this thing is a Twelve Vein Light Base Spirit.

"This isn't any Super Spirit Gemstone, it's a Light Base Gemstone." The little girl corrected, "Uncle, you can't even handle a Light Base Spirit; you better not wander around recklessly."

After the little girl collected the Demon Core and Light Base Gemstone, she was dragging the giant turtle shell towards the city.

"Let me help you." Li Xiu was helping the little girl push the turtle shell into the city from behind.

This little girl could unexpectedly kill a Twelve Vein Light Base Spirit with a single shot; her power was somewhat terrifying.

Judging by her age, she was probably around six or seven or eight years old, yet she already possessed such strength. Indeed, people from the Demon Kingdom were far stronger than humans on Earth.

"Wait a minute, could it be that the Demon Kingdom people inside this city all have terrifying power like this little girl?" Li Xiu looked at the diverse residents of the Demon Kingdom within the city, conceiving such a frightening thought.

Maybe those elderly sweeping the streets, blacksmiths forging iron, and sisters selling vegetables could possibly be even stronger than the little girl.

Watching the bustling city streets, Li Xiu's mind felt extremely odd; everyone seemed like a hidden Sweeping Monk.

"It shouldn't be possible... Are Demon Kingdom people really that strong? I remember the Demon Country Celestial Emperor only raised up the Demon Kingdom after creating the 'Jade Emperor Scripture,' indicating that people from the Demon Kingdom weren't naturally so strong; at least they couldn't be born at Light Base level... So what's with this little girl... At her age... killing a Twelve Vein Light Base Spirit with a single shot... If not born at Light Base level... it doesn't make any sense..." Li Xiu's mind was full of doubt.

"Little Bu'Er, did you kill another giant turtle today?"

"With such a big turtle shell, you can exchange it for Gemstone Coins at Uncle Wu's place..."

"Little Bu'Er, you're pretty lucky, scoring such a big deal! You'll have to treat us to drinks tonight!"

Only then did Li Xiu learn the little girl's name was Bu'Er. The name was a bit strange, yet she seemed well-liked, walking through the streets, neighbors from both sides greeted her as she dragged the big turtle shell.

"So noisy, I know! I'll treat you to drinks tonight, you bunch of drunkards!" Bu'Er shouted loudly.

With that declaration, the city's other neighbors let her be.

Li Xiu was pushing the turtle shell from behind, surveying those smiling neighbors, feeling somewhat nostalgic like he did back in the orphanage.

In the old city's orphanage, most residents were orphans whose parents were killed by magical beings. Li Xiu was among the younger ones, and many staff members in the orphanage cared for him.

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The way these neighbors look at little Bu'Er is very similar to the way those workers at the orphanage looked at him back then.

It's not just affection; it's more of pity.

Little Bu'Er dragged the turtle shell to a shop with a signboard reading "Armor Shop" and directly threw the turtle shell onto the empty ground in front of the shop.

"Elder Wu, see how many gemstones this can fetch." Little Bu'Er shouted into the shop.

Soon, a bearded old man came out from inside, took a glance at the turtle shell on the ground, and smiled, saying: "Little Bu'Er, today's haul isn't bad; a Light Base White Turtle Shell with twelve Light Veins, a good thing, I'll give you one gemstone coin."

"Elder Wu, you're trying to cheat me again, at least two coins." Little Bu'Er firmly held out two fingers.

"Two gemstone coins... alright..." Elder Wu reluctantly fished out two gemstone coins and tossed them to little Bu'Er.

Little Bu'Er caught the gemstone coins and carefully put them away.

"Elder Wu, come to the square tonight, I'll treat you to drinks." Little Bu'Er said, then turned and left.

Li Xiu followed little Bu'Er, and after walking for a while, little Bu'Er arrived at the square, where he threw several small White Shell Turtle shells on a drink stall at the edge of the square and shouted to the lady boss: "Boss lady, I'll treat you to drinks tonight, make sure there's enough."

"Don't worry, little Bu'Er, the drinks will definitely be plenty." The charming lady boss even winked at Li Xiu who was following little Bu'Er.

Li Xiu nodded slightly to the lady boss in greeting, then followed little Bu'Er away.

"Uncle, why are you following me?" Little Bu'Er, seeing Li Xiu always tagging along, turned around to look at Li Xiu with some displeasure and said.

"I'm unfamiliar with the places here and have nowhere to go; can you let me stay for one night?" Li Xiu said.

"There are benches in the square, go sleep there, my home doesn't have a place for outsiders to sleep." Little Bu'Er said, turning to leave: "Don't follow me anymore, come to the square at night, drink as much as you like, after drinking, sleep, and when you wake up, leave quickly; this is not a place for someone like you."

"Okay." Li Xiu watched as little Bu'Er walked away, and he didn't chase after her, instead turning towards another direction.

Li Xiu wanted to see if this place was related to Black Death City; he always felt this place was somewhat similar to Black Death City.

Li Xiu had exited through three gates of Black Death City; the one toward the Black Sea did indeed lead to the sea, but it wasn't the Black Sea, and the seawater wasn't corrosive, just ordinary seawater.

The other gate outside Black Death City led to a desert, and another direction was a canyon.

Li Xiu first went to the canyon side of the city gate, and after passing through the gate, his expression became even stranger.

It was indeed a canyon, but it looked much smaller than the canyon outside Black Death City, and the canyon was full of strange flowers and plants, unlike the desolate canyon of Black Death City.

Of course, this canyon also had no mechanical skeletons; Li Xiu walked into the canyon and soon saw a building that looked like a dam.

The door of the building was open, and upon entering, Li Xiu found that the style of the building was exactly the same as the one outside Black Death City, but there were no magic spirits or that bizarre divine statue worshiped inside.

The doors inside were all open, with every hall containing some shrines, just ordinary shrines commemorating deceased relatives.

Li Xiu walked to the front of a door just in time to see someone praying.

That person was in their twenties, wearing knight-like armor, quite handsome, and after finishing his prayers, he smiled at Li Xiu standing outside.

"Friend, this is the resting place of relatives of our City's ancestors, if there are no relatives of yours here, it's best not to disturb them." The young man said to Li Xiu.

"Sorry, I thought this was a place like a church, that's why I came in to have a look, sorry for disturbing." Li Xiu felt odd, why would someone build such a place to place ancestral shrines?

The young man laughed: "You can't really be blamed; it used to be a church here, dedicated to a certain divine spirit, but later on, those who believed in it were no more, so it was changed to this."

"I see." Li Xiu felt increasingly odd.

Everywhere here resembled Black Death City to some extent, yet there were also significant differences, making it unclear to Li Xiu what the connection was between this city and Black Death City.

Previously, the Godslayer Shrine could only draw him into Black Death City, but this time, while drunk, it had brought him to such a place, making it truly puzzling.

"How should I address you, friend?" The young man asked cheerfully.

"Li Xiu." Li Xiu replied.

The man smiled and said: "People in town call me Black Knight, you can call me Black Knight too. It's been a long time since I've seen friends from outside; if you don't mind, could you come to my place and tell me about the outside world."

"Outside?" Li Xiu sensitively felt there was something odd in that term used.

"Aren't you from outside?" Black Knight asked in confusion.

"I am from outside, just not sure about the 'outside' you refer to." Li Xiu laughed.

Black Knight laughed: "Outside means anywhere beyond the City of Love."

"Have you never left the City of Love?" Li Xiu grew even more puzzled.

"I left when I was younger, but after the road out was cut off, I've never left the City of Love again."

Black Knight continued: "Let's first go to my place, we can drink and chat."

Chapter 658: Seemingly True Yet False_3

"Tonight Bu'Er is inviting us for a drink; how about we chat later in the evening? I just arrived in the City of Love and want to explore a bit," Li Xiu expressed, feeling a bit puzzled.

The words of the Black Rider seemed somewhat contradictory. If the exit route from the City of Love was blocked, wouldn't the inhabitants find it strange that he, an outsider, managed to arrive here?

Moreover, the Black Rider mentioned that he had been outside when he was young. But judging by his appearance, he seemed to be only in his twenties. Just how young could he have been? Certainly not a teenager?

Before Li Xiu could voice his doubts, the Black Rider said, "Bu'Er's invitation for a drink is a must-go. How about this: wherever you want to go sightseeing, I'll be your guide. We can go to Bu'Er's place for drinks afterward."

"How could I impose?" Li Xiu responded.

"No need to be polite; I have nothing else to do anyway. Where do you want to go?" The Black Rider was quite enthusiastic.

"I'd like to see outside the city," Li Xiu said.

"What's there to see outside the city? There's no road out from the far side, and on the other side lies the Sea of Love, which is a bit dangerous and not easy to venture into." Black Rider pondered and added, "The other two sides are worth a visit; the scenery is quite nice."

The two of them returned to the city and headed for another gate that led to the Land of Love. Li Xiu recalled that in Black Death City, this direction would lead to a vast desert.

However, upon exiting the gate, instead of a desert, they saw a vast stretch of white mountain ranges.

"These are the White Jade Mountain Ranges connected to the Sea of Love. There are plenty of Gemstone Veins within the ranges, and many residents of the City of Love make a living mining them..." The Black Rider pointed to the endless series of white mountain ranges outside and said, "If you have time, I can take you to a mine; maybe you'll find some gemstones to keep as a souvenir."

"Let's save the mines for another day; I'd like to see the other side." Seeing the difference from the desert in Black Death City, Li Xiu wanted to see other places too.

Moreover, he didn't know when the Godslayer Shrine might take him back; he wanted to understand this strange City of Love as much as possible.

On the way, Li Xiu asked the Black Rider, "Brother, how did the road between the City of Love and the outside world get cut off?"

The Black Rider laughed, "There used to be a dock over by the Sea of Love. To go out, one needed to take a big ship. But for some unknown reason, the ships stopped coming, and nobody could leave anymore."

"Can't you leave by land?" Li Xiu inquired.

"It's possible, just too dangerous. There are magical spirits everywhere outside; generally no one ventures out by land," explained the Black Rider.

In no time, they arrived at the last city gate.

This place corresponded to a gate in Black Death City that Li Xiu hadn't gone through, and he didn't know what lay outside it there.

However, this city gate was open, and looking out from here, there was a meadow filled with small flowers of various colors, and beyond the meadow was an expansive forest.

"This forest is called the Forest of Love Seed because Love Mushrooms grow there. If you have a girl you love, you can pick a Love Mushroom in the forest to give her. It's our way of expressing love in the City of Love... Every year when the Love Mushrooms are in season, the annual Flame of Love Festival is held here... It's a pity you missed it; the festival just ended not long ago... Otherwise, with your looks, some girls might have given you a Love Mushroom..." the Black Rider narrated various stories about the Forest of Love Seed.

The more Li Xiu observed, the more he felt that this place was indeed unlike Black Death City. After the Black Rider finished speaking, he asked Li Xiu, "What's the situation outside now? Has the Celestial Emperor conquered Longevity Island?"

"The Demon Kingdom has been destroyed for a long time, and the Celestial Emperor's whereabouts are unknown," Li Xiu answered truthfully.

It seemed that this place indeed had lost contact with the outside world; the Black Rider didn't even know about the destruction of the Demon Kingdom.

"What? The Demon Kingdom was destroyed? Who could defeat the Celestial Emperor and destroy the Demon Kingdom?" The Black Rider was incredulous.

"I don't know either," Li Xiu shook his head and said, "I only know that the present Celestial City is nothing but ruins."

"Could it be that Longevity Island defeated the Celestial Emperor... This is impossible... With the Celestial Sea as a constraint... How could Longevity Island defeat the Celestial Emperor..." The Black Rider grew more puzzled, as if suddenly remembering something, and looked at Li Xiu, asking, "When did the Demon Kingdom get destroyed?"

As Li Xiu was about to answer, he suddenly saw a girl in a long dress walking out from the city.

"Li Xiu, let me introduce you; this is my fiancée, Ka Duo'er. She's the most beautiful girl in the city..." The Black Rider proudly introduced Li Xiu to the girl as he held her hand.

Li Xiu observed that Ka Duo'er was indeed beautiful, in no way inferior to Li Qingyi.

"Bu'Er is inviting everyone for drinks; the landlady is busy over there, let's go help," Ka Duo'er said to the Black Rider, after greeting Li Xiu.

"Alright," the Black Rider said with a smile to Li Xiu, "Join us, and tell me more about the outside world."

The three of them returned to the city, and sure enough, they saw many tables and chairs set up in the plaza, with each table holding some fruits Li Xiu had never seen before.

The alluring and charismatic landlady was busy arranging bottles of wine on the tables.

"Landlady, we'll help you," the Black Rider walked directly into the tavern and carried out a case of wine.

Li Xiu followed him into the tavern and found that its location corresponded exactly with where the Nether House was in Black Death City, once again stirring his curiosity.

Initially, the outdoor drink stand did not seem unusual to Li Xiu, but he hadn't expected an indoor tavern, especially in the location of the Nether House.

As Li Xiu examined the tavern's interior, he found the decor remarkably similar to the Nether House; the difference was the absence of bookshelves and books, with wine bottles placed everywhere instead.

"Take this case of wine out too." The landlady approached, lifting a case of wine and handing it to Li Xiu, her eyes seemingly enchanting as they looked at him.

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"Alright, madam." Li Xiu took the box of wine.

By chance or by design, as Madam released her grip, her fingertips gently glided across the back of Li Xiu's hand.

"Little brother, the road is slippery, be careful not to fall." Madam said to Li Xiu with a teasing smile.

"I'll be careful." Li Xiu carried the wine out of the tavern, and then took the bottles out of the box, laying them out on the long table outside.

Boxes of wine and plates of food were brought out, and Li Xiu noticed the food here consisted mainly of mushrooms and seafood, with fruits he had never seen before.

More and more people came to help, leaving Li Xiu puzzled: although they had never met him, they showed no surprise or distance upon seeing him, a stranger.

Perhaps it was because the residents were as full of love and passion as the city's name, yet it still felt strange to Li Xiu.

The sky gradually darkened, and many had gathered in the small square. Old Wu was dragging a huge barrel over; the wooden barrel was as big as half a room. He gripped it with one hand over his shoulder and casually set it on the ground, showing no effort, as if the barrel were made of foam.

Before Bu'Er, the host, arrived, people had already started drinking.

Bottle after bottle was opened, and Old Wu's barrel was tapped open too, filling cups with amber liquid.

The cups were larger than a face, yet someone lifted one to his face and soon drank it dry.

The man wiped away the remaining wine on his lips and boldly said, "Old Wu, your Rose Wine keeps getting more authentic, even better than Madam's brew."

"Blind Tailor, what did you just say?" Dressed in a red gown like a thorny rose, Madam walked over and grabbed Blind Tailor's ear.

Blind Tailor wasn't angry; instead, he seemed to enjoy it as he smiled, "Old Wu's wine is tasty, but Madam, your beauty's even better. Fine wine and beautiful women—I want both."

"Get lost." Madam teased, letting go of Blind Tailor's ear.

Hearing the name Rose Wine, Li Xiu was slightly taken aback, promptly getting a cup to pour himself some.

Old Wu handed him the cup larger than a face, "Little brother, that's not the way to drink. You should use this."

"Alright." Li Xiu took the cup, turned the tap open, filled it up, and brought it to his mouth for a taste.

The wine was smooth and fragrant upon entry, with a strange aroma. Upon swallowing, a warmth spread in his stomach, and he felt cozy all over.

"The taste of this wine..." Li Xiu's expression grew more complex.

The first wine he drank in the Nether House was named "Blood Rose." This wine, named Rose, lacked the word 'Blood,' and its taste was very similar to Blood Rose, yet seemed to be missing something—not as intense.

"Little brother, how's my wine?" Old Wu asked with a cheerful squint.

"Like a woman, gentle at first, passionate once embraced." Li Xiu replied.

Old Wu burst into laughter, patting Li Xiu's shoulder, "Little brother, you understand wine. My Rose Wine, brewed from Love Roses unique to our City of Love, crafted with a secret recipe, is gentle yet fiery. Young people should drink more; this taste is stronger than love."

Saying that, Old Wu raised his cup to Li Xiu, clinking it with him, "For love...cheers..."

Seeing Old Wu drink it all in one go, Li Xiu had no choice but to finish his large cup of wine as well.

"Little brother, I'm the tavern's boss. Your words upset me. As punishment, drink this." Madam placed a cup of wine before Li Xiu, "Try my Tender Lover. It's far better than that old man's brew."

Hearing the name, Li Xiu was surprised again.

The Tender Lover in the Nether House was something he'd mixed before.

The mint-colored wine in the cup had some differences from the Tender Lover in the Nether House.

Li Xiu took the cup and drank with Madam as well.

After setting down her cup, Madam asked with a soft smile, "How's my Tender Lover?"

"Entwining, lingering endlessly, like a woman's obsession, this wine could be deadly." Li Xiu said with a smile.

"Not just the wine could be deadly." Madam replied with a suggestive look.

Li Xiu wondered if the wine could truly be fatal. He was genuinely puzzled now.

The wine's aroma was very similar to Tender Lover, yet still lacked something, differing slightly.

"Madam, what is this wine brewed from?" Li Xiu asked.

"The recipe is the foundation of my tavern, my lifeline, naturally not shared with outsiders. If you want to know, it's simple enough; what my tavern lacks is a boss." Madam said with a half-smile.

"Madam, you're trying to court a young lad. Shameless, aren't you? Little brother's so young, don't ruin him. If you're truly lonely, come ruin me; I'll bear all the blame." Blind Tailor chuckled.

The people next to them cheered, the atmosphere joyous.

"Get lost, you old thing, I'm not even interested." Madam's words sparked another round of cheerful laughter.

Chapter 660: Meeting the God of Slaughter Again_2

"Little Bu'Er is here." Someone shouted, and everyone quieted down instantly.

Little Bu'Er was still dressed as during the day. After walking into the square, she jumped onto the stage, snapped her fingers at the boss lady, and said confidently, "Boss lady, give me the strongest drink."

"Coming right up." The boss lady walked to the long table, opened a bottle, poured some white liquid into a cup, and handed it to Bu'Er.

As the boss lady passed Li Xiu, Li Xiu distinctly smelled a strong scent of milk from the cup.

Bu'Er took the cup and raised it high: "I, Bu'Er, offer drinks, and tonight no one's allowed to leave until they collapse."

Everyone excitedly raised their cups. Li Xiu also joined in the toast, and the night of revelry began.

It seemed like everyone in the city had come, whether it was the moms carrying babies or the shy, blushing young girls; their drinking capacity was surprisingly impressive, one cup after another.

Soon, someone jumped onto the table to dance, and that scruffy violinist picked up his violin to accompany them.

Before long, many people joined in, and Hei Qi pulled his girlfriend Ka Duo'er into a hot dance.

Li Xiu held his cup, sipping a little bit of each drink. The names on those bottles felt both familiar and strange to him.

Bu'Er was also quite lively, clinking glasses with people everywhere. Her "drinks" were all that milky white liquid poured by the boss lady.

"Can you get drunk on milk?" Li Xiu wondered, seeing Bu'Er's flushed cheeks.

"Children shouldn't drink alcohol." The boss lady sat next to Li Xiu, chuckling as she spoke.

"Bu'Er said her father is in the Celestial Sea?" asked Li Xiu.

"Everyone needs hope, especially children." The boss lady refilled Li Xiu's cup and poured one for herself, raising it to Li Xiu with a smile, "With hope, anything is possible, don't you think?"

Her words seemed to answer his question, yet also not, leaving Li Xiu unsure what to say. He clinked his glass with hers and drank it all.

"If I were you, I wouldn't get drunk tonight." The boss lady took a small sip, looking at Li Xiu with a teasing smile.

"Why?" Li Xiu asked, puzzled.

"Maybe there's a delicacy even better than fine wine waiting for you to taste. Wouldn't it be a pity to miss out?" Her fingers grazed the rim of the cup, eyes gleaming with spring warmth, as she licked the wine off her red lips.

"Um, I don't think that person is blind at all. Why do you call him the Blind Tailor?" asked Li Xiu, changing the subject.

The boss lady wasn't his type, and his heart was full of questions, lacking the mood for flirts.

"Him? He can barely patch a cloth properly; what else could he be but blind?" The boss lady pointed at the zither master: "Look at the clothes on the zither master; they're all patched by that Blind Tailor."

Li Xiu glanced at the zither master, whose clothes were covered in patches, but the quality of the work left much to be desired. The stitches were large and messy, making the patches all askew. Even an average housewife wouldn't sew like that.

"How does a tailor who sews like that survive without starving?" Li Xiu chuckled.

"His clothes sewing isn't great, but he's decent at patching other things." The boss lady replied.

Li Xiu wanted to ask more, but the boss lady gently tapped his forehead with her finger, leaned close to his ear, and whispered, "I'm a rather lazy person; once I go to bed, I don't want to get up. But I can't sleep with the lights on. I wonder if there's someone who would blow out that lamp for me?"

Without waiting for Li Xiu to respond, she swayed her hips and walked away.

Just as she left, Bu'Er, looking as if she were drunk, staggered over, glaring at Li Xiu, asking, "What were you whispering about with that old woman?"

"She said you're quite popular in the city." Li Xiu smiled.

"Hmph, it's none of her business." Bu'Er snapped, "You better stay away from her; anyone who gets involved with her ends up miserable."

"Is your father really in the Celestial Sea?" Li Xiu didn't want to discuss this with a little girl, so he asked instead.

"Of course," Bu'Er said loudly, "Once I grow up a bit more, I'll build a big ship and go to the Celestial Sea to find him."

"And then?" Li Xiu asked.

"And then beat him up so badly he can't take care of himself." Bu'Er said fiercely.

Li Xiu was stunned, asking, "Why?"

"Why did he leave me? Not killing him is already merciful." Bu'Er snorted coldly, "Have you really been to the Celestial Sea?"

"Just up to the door." Li Xiu sighed.

"Why didn't you go in?" Bu'Er asked.

"It's too dangerous; I didn't dare go in," Li Xiu answered honestly.

"Makes sense. Someone as frail as a big uncle like you probably wouldn't survive even a day in the Celestial Sea." Bu'Er nodded slightly and continued, "Uncle, where do you come from?"

"City of Light," Li Xiu replied.

"Never heard of it. What kind of place is that?" Bu'Er asked again.

"A place full of people as weak as me; it doesn't have pretty scenes like here, nor as many lovely people." Li Xiu explained.

"What's the point of a place like that? You should stay here in the City of Love and hang out with me. I'll look after you." Bu'Er raised her cup and drank the "wine" inside it all in one go.