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Chapter 681: Sacred Gemstone_2

"Indeed, this is a genuine Padparadscha Super Spirit Gemstone, perfectly balanced with a fifty-fifty split between pink and orange hues. This Super Spirit Gemstone also originated from a former mining area in Sri Lanka. As for which mine specifically, it's not convenient to disclose, but I can assure you, it was definitely a large mine, with a Super Spirit Limit of at least ninety percent. If it doesn't meet that, you can always come back to settle accounts with me, and I'll refund you in full," the Old Immortal said.

"It's not easy for such a fine Super Spirit Gemstone to remain available until now," Li Xiu said lightly.

The Old Immortal sighed, "Who says it's not? If it weren't for some peculiar reasons, this Super Spirit Gemstone would have been bought by someone long ago."

"What kind of peculiar reasons might those be?" Li Xiu inquired with a calm demeanor.

From the moment he laid eyes on this Super Spirit Gemstone, he'd already decided to buy it.

He did intend to buy it, but there were some things he needed to clarify.

"As it happens, ever since this Super Spirit Gemstone emerged, it's been plagued with a great deal of trouble. Many people find it somewhat ominous. Commander Li might also understand that matters related to Super Spirits are inherently mysterious, so who would willingly use an ominous Super Spirit Gemstone for a Super Spirit transformation? Hence, this Super Spirit Gemstone has been delayed," the Old Immortal sighed.

Li Xiu knew that the so-called ominous nature typically referred to a gemstone that had caused deaths.

Li Xiu was not averse to ominous gemstones. The majority of Demon Spirit Gemstones had caused deaths, and that was nothing to fear.

However, Li Xiu felt that the Old Immortal might not have revealed the whole story. Would a place like Everlasting Heaven really abandon a Super Spirit Gemstone just because it had caused a death?

Li Xiu understood in his heart, but he didn't say more. He only asked, "How does the Old Commander plan to sell this Padparadscha Super Spirit Gemstone?"

"If Commander Li sincerely wants to buy it, I won't hide it from you. Since this Super Spirit Gemstone has indeed caused quite a few deaths, there aren't many people daring to buy it. If Commander Li truly wants it, I'll give you the lowest price, no bargaining," the Old Commander said, raising one finger.

"One currency unit?" Li Xiu asked.

The Old Immortal laughed, "Commander Li jests, it's a hundred billion Everlasting Coins. If you want it, that's the price. Not a cent less."

"Even such an ominous Super Spirit Gemstone costs a hundred billion Everlasting Coins?" Li Xiu, although mentally prepared, was still taken aback.

Everlasting Coins aren't like Red Sand Coins; they are quite valuable. A hundred billion is certainly not a small sum.

The gemstones Li Xiu had extorted through selling the Light Planting Technique, when converted to Everlasting Coins, would only amount to several billion, probably not even close to a hundred billion.

At that time, Li Xiu already felt quite wealthy, yet he still couldn't afford even one Super Spirit Gemstone.

Moreover, Li Xiu had already used up a portion of it earlier, and the remaining gemstones he had were probably only worth twenty to thirty billion Everlasting Coins, making it even more unaffordable.

"If it weren't for those issues, I would never let it go for less than a trillion," the Old Immortal laughed. "This Super Spirit Purple Sapphire is cheaper, only twenty billion. If Commander Li needs it, we have some other Super Spirit Gemstones obtained from Demon Spirits in our store, at even better prices. The cheapest one requires less than ten billion, eight billion eight hundred and eighty-eight thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, with decent quality. Would Commander Li like to take a look?" the Old Immortal said.

"Are there any Super Spirit Gemstones that aren't measured in billions?" Li Xiu asked.

"Currently, there aren't any. Super Spirit Gemstones on Earth are extremely rare and their value remains high. We don't have a good solution for this," the Old Immortal pondered. "Although Super Spirit Gemstones from Demon Spirits are relatively easier to obtain, the drop rate isn't high. Coupled with high demand and low supply, when we acquire Super Spirit Gemstones, even the worst ones are bought at billions. It's quite difficult."

"Just one Super Spirit Gemstone could be equivalent to the annual GDP of a small country," Li Xiu sighed.

"Can a small country produce a Super Spirit Tester?" the Old Immortal laughed.

"That's true," Li Xiu said as he placed the briefcase he brought on the table and opened it, revealing various gemstones inside.

"Use these gemstones to trade for the Padparadscha Super Spirit Gemstone. If it's not enough, I'll have to take my leave," Li Xiu stated.

The Old Immortal was definitely an expert, just by glancing, he roughly estimated the value of these gemstones.

"After estimating roughly, even on the generous side, these gemstones are worth about thirty billion; the shortfall is simply too large," the Old Immortal said.

"Then there's nothing that can be done. Sorry to bother you," Li Xiu said as he closed the suitcase's zipper and stood up, ready to leave.

He wasn't intending to retreat in order to advance; he genuinely couldn't afford it.

"Please wait, Commander Li, I have a proposal that, if you can accept, will allow you to take the Padparadscha Super Spirit Gemstone without spending a penny," the Old Immortal's words stopped Li Xiu.

"Please go ahead, Old Commander," Li Xiu paused, looking at the Old Immortal.

He didn't believe there could be such a good deal in the world. Free things often cost more in other ways.

"Has Commander Li ever heard of the Sword Soul Gate?" the Old Immortal asked.

"I haven't heard of it," Li Xiu shook his head slightly.

The Old Immortal sighed, "The Sword Soul Gate was originally a Trial Gate with a low danger level, but a year ago, it suddenly erupted. Over the past year, more than a dozen Super Spirits have attempted to break through from within the Sword Soul Gate, including a Light Base Demon Spirit."

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"With your strength, Commander, dealing with mere Super Spirits and Light Bases shouldn't be a problem, right?" Li Xiu didn't understand what the old immortal meant by bringing up the Sword Soul Gate.

"If I were the one guarding the Sword Soul Gate, then of course there wouldn't be any issue. The problem is that it's my son who's guarding it. He's still just a Super Spirit. Though he has some ability, he still lacks the strength to suppress the current Sword Soul Gate. Last time when the Light Base Demon Spirit attempted to break out, he nearly lost his life."

"If you're worried about his safety, you could have someone else guard the Sword Soul Gate." Li Xiu looked at the old immortal, knowing he surely had more to say.

"To my shame, it was I who went through great effort to get him the position at the Sword Soul Gate, and now it's a bit troublesome to pull him out." The old immortal recounted the general situation.

The Sword Soul Gate used to be a great place. It wasn't too dangerous, and the resources inside were abundant, especially for Trial Takers with a Sword Symbiotic Contract. Not only could one gain resources there, but it also aligned well with the Sword Contract.

For those with sword-based gifts, sword skills, sword-based Super Spirit Gemstones, and so on, the Sword Soul Gate was a great treasure trove.

The old immortal's son was a practitioner of the sword, and his Symbiotic Contract was also a sword. The old immortal had gone to great lengths to secure the position of guarding the Sword Soul Gate for his son back then.

Who would have thought that in just under two years, the Sword Soul Gate would become perilous. If his son continued to guard it, he might not survive much longer.

However, in securing this position, he had offended several competitors, particularly the Han Family, who had rivaled the old immortal extensively, yet to no avail.

According to the rules at the time, the old immortal's son had to guard the Sword Soul Gate for ten years before others could take over. Trying to rotate earlier, the Han Family would likely be the first to refuse.

"Wasn't it three years a rotation?" Li Xiu asked, somewhat puzzled.

"Actually, there are several different levels. Three years is the lowest tier, followed by five years and ten years being the highest tier. At the time, I wanted to secure more time for my son. Who knew it would turn out like this? It's truly a predicament." The old immortal sighed.

"Given the situation, how can I be of assistance?" Li Xiu didn't know what good it would do for the old immortal to tell him this story. Even if he agreed to send someone as a replacement, the Han Family would similarly disagree.

The old immortal quickly said, "To bring my son back early, I only have one way. Have my son transfer to your Technician group."

"He can't be replaced in your group, yet he can be replaced in mine?" Li Xiu found the plan unreliable.

"Your Technician group is a bit different because most of your members are Magic Armor Masters, who have a high casualty rate. Often, people sacrifice themselves. So even when it was still an Armor group, there was a special privilege to independently adjust the personnel list for guarding the Trial Gate. If my son joins your group, you can use this rule to assign him to another Trial Gate. Even if the Han Family wants to prevent this, I will do my utmost to support you. This is a matter of negotiation, and even if it reaches the council, no one can define right or wrong."

"If Commander Li is willing to help me, I will offer this Padparadscha Super Spirit Gemstone without accepting a single penny." The old immortal took out the gemstone and presented it to Li Xiu.

"I need to think it over. You should understand very well the situation of my Technician group, there are very few who could guard such a dangerous place." Li Xiu did not immediately accept the old immortal's proposal.

He couldn't let his members go to their deaths for a Super Spirit Gemstone.

"If Jing Li could guard the Sword Soul Gate, there would be no worries," the old immortal had already considered all of this and never intended to take Li Xiu's money from the start.

"Unfortunately, Jing Li doesn't use a sword; he's not suited to guard the Sword Soul Gate." Li Xiu frowned.

"Blades and swords are interchangeable, and besides, there are less than seven years left for the Sword Soul Gate. After that, a reassignment is due and the position will rotate to another group for guarding." The old immortal looked at Li Xiu and said, "As long as Commander Li can do me this favor, I, the old immortal, will owe you a debt of gratitude and repay you when needed."

"Could I have a detailed look at the Sword Soul Gate's information?" Li Xiu pondered.

"Of course." The old immortal clapped his hands, and soon someone pushed open the door and placed a stack of documents before Li Xiu.

Li Xiu took the documents and read them for quite a while, but in the end, he shook his head, "Sorry, I'm afraid I truly can't help you."

According to the data, the Sword Soul Gate was indeed a fine place, with extraordinarily rich resources; however, those resources weren't very useful for someone who didn't wield a sword.

And the current risks were indeed too great. Among his team, only Jing Li had the capability to guard it, but Jing Li practiced with a blade, and that place wasn't suitable for him.

Li Xiu was unwilling to sacrifice Jing Li's seven years for his benefit, as it would greatly slow down Jing Li's growth.

Just as Li Xiu was rising to leave, the old immortal suddenly said, "Commander Li is indeed a man of true character, very well, this Padparadscha Super Spirit Gemstone will be exchanged with that box of gemstones, consider it as making a friend. If Commander Li changes his mind and wishes to help me with this favor, I, the old man, have other things to offer."

"I don't see the need for it, Jing Li cannot go to guard the Sword Soul Gate." Li Xiu shook his head.

"No matter, consider it as making a friend, I have always been willing to befriend someone as sincere and righteous as Commander Li." The old immortal pushed the box containing the gemstone toward Li Xiu.

"Are you sure you want to make the exchange, Commander?" Li Xiu looked at the old immortal without revealing his emotions.

"Having more friends is better than having more enemies." The old immortal smiled.

"Then thank you." Li Xiu pushed his box of gemstones to the old immortal, took the Padparadscha Super Spirit Gemstone, and bid farewell to the Treasure Light Pavilion.

After Li Xiu left, Mo Wuya entered the VIP room and said to the old immortal, "It's not very clear to leave the matter of that Padparadscha unresolved."

The old immortal laughed, "When he finds himself in after failing elsewhere, he'll naturally come to me."

Chapter 683: Fire Lotus Light Base

"Trial Takers waste too many resources while cultivating, one Super Spirit Gemstone is so expensive, no wonder there are so few Super Spirit Trial Takers. I only have this amount of resources in total, continuing to cultivate like this, money won't suffice anytime, I have to find a way to earn some money." Li Xiu kept thinking about this issue on his way back.

Even the president has already spoken, from now on those resources from the technicians' group, he can't possibly take out too many for himself, money still needs to be earned by oneself.

Generally, Trial Takers want to earn money and mostly go to the Land of Trial to kill Demon Spirits to obtain Demon Cores to exchange for useful resources for themselves.

If one can manage to get Talent Gemstones, Skill Rings, and Demon Spirit Rings, then they can take them out and sell them.

Higher level Trial Takers also have chances to get Super Spirit Gemstones, Light Base Gemstones, and other things, earning money much faster.

However, the chance is too low, for Super Spirit Gemstones, it is said that even a thousand Demon Spirits may not yield one, the chance is not much higher than Demon Spirit Rings.

Even with Li Xiu having the Forbidden Spear, increasing the chance by one or two times, the probability of obtaining Super Spirit Gemstones is not very high.

Moreover, he must find so many high-level Demon Spirits within the Land of Trial, and in the areas where high-level Demon Spirits emerge, higher-level ones could appear, risking his life too.

"How can money be earned while lying down? Earth's gemstone resources have almost all been divided up, and the mine owners from various veins, along with the forces of Changsheng Heaven, have intricate connections, wanting to mine for money is clearly impossible." Li Xiu thought over and over again, he was still better at spending money.

Back at Number Seven Court, he saw Chu Jun and Chu Qi already returned, countless things were set on the table in big and small boxes.

Li Xiu leaned closer to look, his eyes nearly blinded by the shine, box after box of gemstones, not a single one smaller than three carats.

There were also various Talent Gemstones, Skill Rings, Demon Spirit Rings, and even several Super Spirit Gemstones.

"Changsheng Heaven is indeed the paradise for Trial Takers, the things unobtainable outside, everything can be bought here, before reaching Spirit Forging Level, nothing should be lacking." Chu Jun exclaimed to Li Xiu.

Li Xiu thought to himself, "For the rich, this is paradise, for those without money, there is not much difference from outside."

"How much did you pay for these Super Spirit Gemstones?" Li Xiu took a glance at the four Super Spirit Gemstones on the table, one was an Earth Super Spirit Gemstone, the other three should be Demon Spirit Gemstones.

"Spent a total of over thirty billion, I guess." Chu Jun casually replied.

"Is your family a money-printing factory?" Li Xiu initially wanted to voice disbelief, but on second thought, isn't his family exactly that?

Isn't White Night currency printed by the Chu Family?

Of course, the Chu Family can't just print anytime, printing at random would turn White Night currency into waste paper.

Nowadays, the universally recognized currencies are Space Coins and White Night Coins, both linked to Demon Armor, with Space Coins and White Night Coins, Demon Armor can be purchased, which is why both can circulate globally.

Every penny Chu Jun spends here is earned by the Chu Family from selling Demon Armor.

Thinking about Demon Armor, Li Xiu's eyes lit up, he found it hard to get into the gemstone business but Demon Armor business is different, he managed the Magic Armor Research Institute, owning the world's top laboratory, various Demon Armor technologies could also be sold for money, and could fetch a high price.

Here, there were ready buyers; White Night City's Demon Armor technology always lagged behind Space City. Once Space City's Super Spirit series Demon Armor starts mass production, White Night City's Demon Armor would probably lag even more.

If some of the Magic Armor Research Institute's findings could be sold to White Night City, not only would it allow White Night City to continue balancing Space City, but he could continuously earn money, and so could White Night City, and Chu Jun would have more to spend, a win-win situation.

However, the technology couldn't be sold outright to White Night City, he would only collect their technology usage fees, every set of Demon Armor Chu's family sells would hold his share.

As for whether the tech eventually impacts Changsheng Heaven after being learned by someone else, Li Xiu didn't care much, he hoped Demon Armor technology would advance more and more.

"Will have to discuss with Ximen Guan, Professor Xu, and others later, to see what technology can be sold, high-end instruments can also sell." Li Xiu was determined, planning to go to White Night City and have a good talk with that Chu family's old man, provided he brings technology substantial enough to interest him.

"You guys better not leave gemstones here casually, be careful about theft." Li Xiu saw Chu Jun fiddling with gemstones and kindly warned.

"Are there thieves in Changsheng Heaven?" Chu Jun asked incredulously.

"Well, not only thieves but might be traitors too." Li Xiu replied.

"Traitors? No way, a thief within our own family?" Chu Jun looked surprised.

"Li Xiu, who are you talking about over there? I'm a person of integrity and never steal from my own family." Jiuxiao Yun walked in indignantly, seeing the table full of gemstones also stunned, subconsciously swallowing.

"What's going on? Where did all these gemstones come from?" Jiuxiao Yun forgot to argue with Li Xiu, asked shocked.

"Come, let me introduce you, this is Chu Jun, the young master of the Chu family from White Night City, he will also be a member of our technicians' group. All these gemstones are bought by him, you better remember who to pickpocket later. This is Jiuxiao Yun, also a member of our technicians' group, skilled at turning others' things into his own." Li Xiu introduced them to each other.

Chapter 684 Fire Lotus Light Base_2

"The young master of the Chu Family in White Night City... such a pity..." Jiuxiao Yun sighed and said, "Hasn't the Chu Family always been unwilling to join the Longevity Sect? Why has the young master of the Chu Family come to the Longevity Sect and even joined the technicians group?"

"The young master of the Chu Family is nothing special. I'm just a regular Trial Taker now, so please look after me in the future," said Chu Jun.

Jiuxiao Yun had never seen such a "regular" Trial Taker. After glancing at the dazzling gemstones on the table, he pursed his lips and said nothing.

"By the way, Li Xiu, I heard you bought a Super Spirit Gemstone from the Treasure Light Pavilion, is that true?" Jiuxiao Yun looked at Li Xiu and asked.

"How could the news spread so fast?" Li Xiu was somewhat surprised. He had just returned, yet the news had already reached Jiuxiao Yun's ears, which was incredibly quick.

"The Super Spirit Gemstone you bought, is it the Lotus Gemstone?" Jiuxiao Yun frowned and asked.

"That's right." Li Xiu nodded.

"How much did you pay for it?" Jiuxiao Yun asked again.

"About less than three billion," Li Xiu detected some implications in Jiuxiao Yun's words, so he asked, "Is there a problem with this Super Spirit Gemstone?"

"The problem is big; you've been conned badly," Jiuxiao Yun sighed.

"How so? Isn't the Super Spirit Gemstone worth that price?" Li Xiu asked.

"It's worth it, not just three billion, even three hundred billion would be worth it. The rarely seen Padparadscha Super Spirit Gemstone could easily sell for a high price of a trillion," Jiuxiao Yun said.

"Then why did I get conned?" Li Xiu had long suspected that the Super Spirit Gemstone had issues, but he didn't know what the problem was, and he couldn't detect it himself.

"Padparadscha is also known as Fire Lotus, with fifty percent pink tone fused with fifty percent orange tone, it's called Padparadscha. The Super Spirit Gemstone you bought from the Treasure Light Pavilion is a fifty-fifty Padparadscha. If it were just a regular gemstone, there wouldn't be any issue, but it's a Super Spirit Gemstone, and that creates a big problem."

Jiuxiao Yun continued, "Sapphire, yellow-blue sapphire, green-blue sapphire, pink-blue sapphire, purple-blue sapphire, and orange-blue sapphire are all sapphires, belonging to the corundum family. Theoretically, these gemstones have similar attributes, but the attributes vary slightly with different colors of sapphire. This deviation isn't a major issue for regular gemstones, but for Super Spirit Gemstones, differing light energy attributes can significantly impact Super Spirit ascension. The Padparadscha you bought has both pink-blue and orange-blue sapphire attributes, two entirely different light energy attributes. After merging into Padparadscha, it becomes a Compound Light Energy with two attributes. Regular Trial Takers using this Compound Light Energy for Super Spirit will encounter big problems."

"When this Padparadscha Super Spirit Gemstone first appeared, it caused a sensation. Many who had blue sapphire series contracts wanted to use it for Super Spiriting. It was even sold for over a trillion, but unfortunately, Trial Takers who attempted to use it couldn't reconcile the two light energy attributes, resulting in issues, rendering it unusable."

"I see," Li Xiu finally understood where the problem lay, but he was not concerned.

"Don't take this lightly. Many Trial Takers before you dismissed this, thinking they could handle it with their capabilities, but without exception, things ended poorly, even resulting in contract destruction and death. Compound Attribute Light Energy is different from Dual-Attribute Light Energy. The attributes in Dual-Attribute Light Energy are separate and relatively easy to handle. Padparadscha's Compound Attribute Light Energy can't be separated, unless your contract also has such Compound Attribute, or else it's bound to cause trouble. Otherwise, why would a top-tier Super Spirit Gemstone be sold for just thirty billion at the Treasure Light Pavilion?"

"I've already bought it, let's give it a try," Li Xiu was not bothered at all. Super Spirit Gemstones produced on Earth are getting rarer with each use, and who knows when he'll have another opportunity to acquire one.

Even if his Forbidden Spear can't use it now, it will come in handy later. The price won't be a loss in any case.

"You can try it, but if it doesn't work, it's best to consult Treasure Light Pavilion to see if you can return it," Jiuxiao Yun said.

"No need for that," Li Xiu shook his head. He guessed the old immortal was waiting for him to attempt a return, but to do that, he'd have to manage the old immortal's son's affairs, which Li Xiu had no intention of handling.

Jiuxiao Yun also knew that once something was sold, returning it wouldn't be easy, and there weren't many good solutions.

Li Xiu returned to his room, closed the door, and took out the Padparadscha Super Spirit Gemstone.

The beautiful color was truly breathtaking, and the lotus light shadow inside the gemstone was heart-stirringly gorgeous.

"Let's give it a try," Li Xiu summoned the Forbidden Spear and placed the Super Spirit Gemstone on it.

Boom!

A burst of light erupted between the Forbidden Spear and the Super Spirit Gemstone, each side blown away, clearly indicating the Forbidden Spear couldn't absorb the light energy from this Super Spirit Gemstone.

Li Xiu was only slightly disappointed, but not overly concerned. At least the Forbidden Spear wasn't damaged, so he simply retracted it.

"The gemstone is a good one, just need to store it for now," Li Xiu picked up the Super Spirit Gemstone, ready to put it away when suddenly the Fire Lotus Sword at his waist popped out on its own, piercing the Super Spirit Gemstone.

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The tip of the Fire Lotus Sword pierced through, directly contacting the lotus-like light shadow inside. The light energy within the Super Spirit Gemstone surged into the Fire Lotus Sword, causing its glow to intensely radiate, unfolding petal-like layers of sword light.

"This guy can actually use it... but your Super Spirit Limit is already ninety-nine percent... isn't this a waste?" Li Xiu frowned slightly.

However, since things had already developed this way, Li Xiu didn't forcibly pull the Fire Lotus Sword out.

No matter how you look at it, the Fire Lotus Sword was still his first contract. Although its initial quality was relatively mediocre, it wasn't easy to evolve to this step, so it was worth using this Super Spirit Gemstone.

As the light energy from the Super Spirit Gemstone was absorbed, the sword light of the Fire Lotus Sword gradually changed from gold-red to lotus-colored, with the sword body undergoing strange transformations.

The sword body, thinner than paper, trembled and twisted, unexpectedly splitting into strands of sword blades. These blades intertwined, transforming into a Sword Lotus, suspended before Li Xiu, constantly emitting petal-like sword light.

Fire Lotus Sword: Parasitic Contract.

Level: Light Base.

Quality: Radiance.

Primordial Embryo Quality: 61.

Super Spirit Limit: One hundred percent.

Light Vein: None.

Talent Skills: Fire Lotus Sword Spirit, Fire Lotus Birth, Fire Lotus Furnace Sword, Fire Lotus Body-Protecting Sword Light, Fire Lotus Sword Intent.

"Light Base!" Li Xiu greatly appreciated it. A single Super Spirit Gemstone could elevate the Fire Lotus Sword to Light Base, making it worth the investment.

However, the Fire Lotus Sword still couldn't condense a Light Vein, evidently due to insufficient energy. More energy was needed to condense a Light Vein, and its potential would determine how many Light Veins it could gather.

Contracts differ from humans in that their ability to condense Light Veins depends on their own talent.

Most Spirit Beings are similar in this regard; generally, the number of Light Veins they can condense is predetermined.

Nonetheless, Li Xiu had been researching this issue. The fact that the big white dog wanted to seize the Jade Emperor Scripture indicated that Spirit Beings might also be able to increase Light Veins through the Light Condensation Technique.

Li Xiu delayed letting the Jedi Knight ascend to Light Base because he wondered if the Jedi Knight could also use the Light Condensation Technique.

However, the bodies of Spirit Beings differ from humans; Li Xiu didn't dare to directly experiment with the Light Planting Technique on the Jedi Knight, so this matter hadn't progressed.

With a thought, the Fire Lotus Sword, which had transformed into a Fire Lotus, returned to its original state in Li Xiu's hand.

"Perhaps I should check out the Land of the Sword Soul, where the Fire Lotus Sword might gain ample light energy to condense Light Veins," Li Xiu pondered, recalling the resources mentioned in the Sword Soul land.

Unfortunately, as Commander, Li Xiu couldn't maintain his presence at the Sword Soul Gate indefinitely—not even for seven months, let alone seven years. He could only stay there for a limited time.

But the Sword Soul Gate is unlike other Trial Gates; apart from the person guarding the Sword Soul Gate, the Eternal Heaven doesn't allow others to enter freely, which is somewhat troublesome.

Returning the Fire Lotus Sword Disc to his waist, Li Xiu worried about money. Now, both money and Super Spirit Gemstones were gone. How could the Forbidden Spear reach Super Spirit?

"Commander, Vice President Han sent someone to invite you over," Sha Chu knocked on the door.

"What is she looking for me for?" Li Xiu frowned slightly.

"I don't know, the person didn't say. They only mentioned that there's a mission assignment for the Technician group," Sha Chu had asked, but the messenger wasn't clear.

Personnel adjustments and mission assignments fall within Han Minghui's authority, so Li Xiu couldn't avoid it and had to follow the messenger to meet Han Minghui.

"Commander Li, please sit," Han Minghui said with a smile, no longer appearing as aloof as before, seeming somewhat amiable.

"I wonder what mission Vice President Han wants to allocate to our Technician group?" Li Xiu directly asked, avoiding any pretense with Han Minghui.

Han Minghui brewed tea and poured some for Li Xiu, smiling as she spoke, "Several Trial Gates need rotation recently. Apart from the original guarding group, other groups require assignments, and the Technician group was allocated two Trial Gates. Commander Li should decide who to send to guard them and provide me with the list for record keeping."

Li Xiu took the resources and examined them. The Trial Gates assigned to the Technician group were "Heavenly Flying Gate" and "Great Sound Gate."

These Trial Gates were unfamiliar to Li Xiu, so he had to carefully study the data first.

Han Minghui, sitting behind the tea table, unhurriedly drank tea, showing no urgency, appearing very patient.

After reviewing the data of the two Trial Gates, Li Xiu frowned slightly.

Both of these Trial Gates had high danger levels, with Light Base Spirit Beings attempting to break through in recent years. Within the last three months, Super Spirits had even tried to breach the Trial Gates.

"Vice President Han, are the risk levels of the Trial Gates allocated to other groups as high as those assigned to our Technician group?" Li Xiu asked Han Minghui after setting the data down.

"The risk levels vary according to rotation schedules. Regardless of the group, they'll have to guard these gates eventually, it's only a matter of time," Han Minghui replied.

Li Xiu smirked inwardly; Han Minghui's words sounded fair, but not everything was equal. It's likely the Trial Gates given to other groups weren't as high-risk.

"Since it's only a matter of time, please switch the gates assigned to us. The Technician group is short-handed right now and unable to guard these two Trial Gates. We should rotate later," Li Xiu suggested.

"I'm really sorry. The rotation schedule was approved by the President and cannot be altered. If Commander Li truly wishes to switch, you can consult the President. If the President agrees, I'll immediately change it for you," Han Minghui responded.

Chapter 686 Peacock War God

After Li Xiu left the office, Li Changyin emerged from the inner room and sat opposite Han Minghui.

"He didn't say anything," Han Minghui said as she poured a cup of tea for Li Changyin.

"The most troubling is when nothing is said," Li Changyin replied.

"In the technicians' team, only two people have the ability to suppress the Heavenly Flying Gate and the Great Sound Gate. Jing Li is one, Li Qingyi is another, Li Xiu has no one else to use," Han Minghui said.

"Jing Li doesn't matter, Li Qingyi definitely can't go, even if she wants to, Li Xiu wouldn't dare let her. Li Xiu himself can't go either, unless the Guild President intervenes, otherwise Li Xiu can't resolve this knot; only the Guild President can help him unravel it," Li Changyin replied.

"Are you really sure that Li Xiu has no connection with the Guild President?" Han Minghui stared at Li Changyin.

"You should know as well, ever since Li Qingyi was born, the Guild President has been aging steadily, unlike before. If Li Xiu was also related to him, I would be quite pleased," Li Changyin said slowly.

"If it weren't for this, I wouldn't risk doing this kind of thing," Han Minghui sighed, "I hope the result is as we predict."

"If things are really as we predict, what are your plans?" Li Changyin asked, his gaze intense as he looked at Han Minghui.

"Whatever your plan is, mine will follow suit," Han Minghui said, flashing a bright smile as she brushed the long hair beside her cheek.

Li Changyin smiled and said nothing more.

After returning to Courtyard Seven, Li Xiu informed everyone about the technicians' team needing to guard the Heavenly Flying Gate and the Great Sound Gate.

"Isn't Han Minghui clearly setting us up? Places like the Heavenly Flying Gate and the Great Sound Gate can only be suppressed with the Light Base, even the Super Spirit struggles, where does the technicians' team have the ability to suppress such places?" Jiuxiao Yun snorted coldly, "You should go to the Guild President for justice, this kind of bullying isn't right."

"Perhaps Han Minghui is just waiting for me to go to the Guild President," Li Xiu said softly.

"What do you mean? Do you mean Han Minghui is distributing tasks as per the Guild President's wishes?" Jiuxiao Yun asked, slightly taken aback.

Li Xiu shook his head, "It shouldn't be the Guild President's wishes. I don't know the reason, it's just a feeling."

"A feeling? This is absurd, at this point, who cares about feelings? If you aren't going to the Guild President, how do you plan to resolve this?" Jiuxiao Yun said disdainfully, "Do you intend for us to guard? That's suicide. Asking the Magic Armor Master to guard? That's not even considered suicide, it's pushing people to their death."

"Jing Li should be able to guard the Heavenly Flying Gate," Li Xiu pondered.

"What about the Great Sound Gate? Do you plan to guard it yourself? I won't go there to die," Jiuxiao Yun directly stated his stance.

"I'll guard it myself," Li Xiu replied.

"You're going to guard it? What will happen to the technicians' team then? Three years is a long time to be away from the Great Sound Gate, can the technicians' team survive without the Commander? Without the Commander, the technicians' team would fall apart, and anyone could bully us." Jiuxiao Yun argued.

"The technicians' team is different from other teams, even if it's not for three years, I have the authority to adjust the personnel guarding the Trial Gate," Li Xiu's gaze swept over the faces of Sha Chu, Ah Fei, Chu Jun, and others, then continued, "So you must grow quickly, once you advance to the Light Base, you can replace me."

"Forget it, even if I advance to the Light Base, I won't replace you guarding that terrible place. The Great Sound Gate offers no resources we need, guarding it yields no benefit, it's a waste of life," Jiuxiao Yun said angrily, "I don't understand, why can't you, as the Commander, go to the Guild President for justice? Didn't the Guild President support you before?"

"Indeed, I cannot. If everything needs the Guild President to resolve, why am I even the Commander?" Li Xiu replied calmly, "If I can't handle this issue, do I even deserve to be the Commander?"

"I'll replace you once I advance to the Light Base," Ah Fei said.

Chu Jun smiled, "Ah Fei, you're far from the Light Base, let me do it instead. I've already prepared the resources, and within a year I can advance to the Light Base, then I'll replace you."

"One year is still too long, too much can happen in the absence of the Commander," Sha Chu said, contemplating.

"I'll push myself, strive to advance to the Light Base within six months. With the Light Planting Technique and resources piled up, there's a chance," Chu Jun replied.

"Still too long." Sha Chu shook his head, "The technicians' team can maintain the current situation because the Commander supports it. Without the Commander, compared to the other six teams, the

technicians' team is much weaker. If the Guild President doesn't intervene, the technicians' team will suffer. If we wait to approach the Guild President later, it'll be the same as going now."

"Neither this nor that, what do you propose?" Chu Jun spread his hands, at a loss.

"Give me three months, then I'll replace you," Sha Chu said unexpectedly.

"You?" Everyone looked at Sha Chu with surprise.

Sha Chu was always very low-key, handling affairs with skill, but in terms of cultivation, everyone thought she was very weak. Even with three months, or even three years, they didn't believe she could advance to the Light Base. She wasn't Chu Jun, how could she have so many resources?

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Seeing everyone looking at him, Sha Chu smiled and said, "Don't forget, I was once a member of the Quest Group, personally introduced by the former Commander."

"So what?" Jiuxiao Yun didn't understand what Sha Chu meant.

"When the former Commander passed away, he left no inheritance, but you all should have heard of this," Sha Chu continued calmly. "In fact, he did leave something. As he had no children or relatives, he left the items to me."

"Ah! The Commander of the Quest Group left the inheritance to you?" Jiuxiao Yun looked at Sha Chu in disbelief.

Sha Chu stretched lazily. "I didn't originally want to mention it, but the reason I can protect the Commander's legacy is because of Li Xiu. If Li Xiu falls, it wouldn't be good for me either. So, give me three months. Although I can't advance to the Light Base in three months, as long as I reach Super Spirit and leverage the contracts and magic spirits the Commander left behind, guarding the Great Sound Gate shouldn't be a problem."

"Turns out, I'm the poorest one here," Jiuxiao Yun said dejectedly.

"Three months, is that enough?" Li Xiu asked, looking at Sha Chu.

"It should be enough, but these three months won't be easy. In your absence, the Han Family might target me, knowing the Commander's items are with me; they won't give up easily," Sha Chu sighed.

"Don't worry about that. I have my ways," Li Xiu said, before discussing some details with a few others and finalizing a plan.

Jing Li would guard the Heavenly Flying Gate, and Li Xiu himself would guard the Great Sound Gate.

"Forget it, let me guard the Great Sound Gate. It's only three months anyway," Jiuxiao Yun suddenly interjected.

"Are you sure?" Li Xiu looked at Jiuxiao Yun, somewhat surprised.

"My Blood Seal Stone is still with you. If you fall and the stone ends up in someone else's hands, I'd feel worse. I have to go," Jiuxiao Yun sighed. "You should stay in Longevity City; it can't be without you."

"Then I'll trouble you for these three months," Li Xiu said with a smile.

"If you feel bad about it, you can just return my Blood Seal Stone," Jiuxiao Yun had been looking for a chance to retrieve his Blood Seal Stone, but he still didn't know where Li Xiu had hidden it.

"That's impossible," Li Xiu patted Jiuxiao Yun on the shoulder. "Guard well, and the Blood Seal Stone will eventually be returned to you."

Early the next morning, Jing Li and Jiuxiao Yun respectively went to the Heavenly Flying Gate and the Great Sound Gate, and Li Xiu reported their names.

Han Minghui was a bit surprised to see that Jiuxiao Yun went to guard the Great Sound Gate.

"Jiuxiao Yun is actually going to guard the Great Sound Gate; is he truly aligning himself with Li Xiu?" Han Minghui frowned while looking at the list Li Xiu submitted.

Li Changyin smiled and said, "No worries, Jiuxiao Yun won't be able to hold it; he's still lacking."

"Jiuxiao Yun is already halfway to the Light Base. Guarding the Great Sound Gate shouldn't be too much of a problem, right? Even if he's not strong enough, he can't stop a Light Base magic spirit, but with the Demon Shark, he should be able to escape and report," Han Minghui found Li Changyin's view slightly overly optimistic.

Li Changyin replied unemotionally, "I said he can't hold it, so he won't. The thing in the Great Sound Temple will come out soon, and not just Jiuxiao Yun; even a Commander Level may not be able to hold it."

"How could that thing..." Han Minghui wanted to say something but stopped, seemingly realizing something, and looked at Li Changyin in shock, "What did you do?"

"I did nothing, and neither did you," Li Changyin said lightly.

"Understood," Han Minghui didn't ask further, stamping and signing the list. "If that thing truly breaks out, whoever's responsible has to settle it. If Li Xiu can't handle it and no other team steps in, the President will have to intervene."

"But Patriarch Li, you seem to forget, Li Xiu has a close relationship with Wan Chaocun. What if Wan Chaocun takes action?" Han Minghui remarked.

"Wan Chaocun won't be in Longevity Heaven for the time being," Li Changyin said confidently.

"Not in Longevity Heaven?" Han Minghui was a bit surprised, unsure of what method Li Changyin used to get Wan Chaocun to leave Longevity Heaven.

"Vice President Han doesn't know? In the City of All Things, a Spirit Forging Level magic spirit has appeared, perfectly matched with Wan Chaocun's attributes," Li Changyin explained simply.

"Patriarch Li calculates well," Han Minghui chuckled.

"It's not really a calculation; those who follow the path are assisted by the heavens. Without that magic spirit's emergence, our plan wouldn't have launched now," Li Changyin's gaze was as sharp as a blade, staring at Han Minghui. "Vice President Han, if we really reach that point, please don't forget your promise."

"We've exchanged Blood Seal Stones; from now on, we live and die together. It's a glory to be prosperous, a loss to be damaging. Once that matter is confirmed, even if I want to back out, I can't. Surely, you agree?" Han Minghui said.

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Li Xiu originally thought he could focus on making money, but unexpectedly, trouble arose at the Great Sound Gate just two days later.

The Heavenly Altar Bell rang loudly, signaling the terrifying magic spirit had broken out from the Trial Gate.

Li Xiu didn't know exactly where the incident occurred, but he instinctively felt something was wrong and rushed towards the direction of the Great Sound Gate.

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Li Xiu had just reached the edge of the cliff when he saw Demonic Light surging into the sky from the direction of the Great Sound Gate, and Jiuxiao Yun, riding a Demon Shark, was fleeing desperately.

"Damn it, I've had the worst luck for generations. I just arrived at the Great Sound Gate two days ago, and that terrifying thing burst out, nearly costing me my life..." Jiuxiao Yun, riding the Demon Shark, escaped over, and only then did Li Xiu see that he was covered in blood, with one arm barely attached to his shoulder, dangling and almost about to fall off.

Boom!

Li Xiu had no time to listen to his complaints and directly summoned the Forbidden Spear, firing an Undying Bullet at his wound, while his gaze remained fixed on the demon spirit charging out of the Great Sound Gate.

The door of the Great Sound Gate was already half-open, with half of the demon spirit's body having already burst out, the golden Demonic Light erupting like a volcano, soaring into the sky.

The part of the demon spirit that had emerged had six heads and twelve arms, its whole body appearing as if forged from Golden Crystal, with dazzling and changing Demonic Light inside, as if enveloped in the golden light and shadow of a Buddha.

Nearby, a squad of Magic Armor Masters responsible for patrol flew in the air, firing beams of Demonic Light at the demon spirit, but those beams had no effect on it, unable even to break the halo surrounding the demon spirit.

"A Spirit Forging Level demon spirit?" Li Xiu furrowed his brow slightly.

"If it weren't a Spirit Forging Level demon spirit, I wouldn't have been wounded so badly," Jiuxiao Yun said with a bitter face. "Luckily, I ran fast; if I were a bit slower, it wouldn't have been my arm broken, but my head."

In the Heavenly Domain, there were streams of light falling to the edge of the cliff, all observing the demon spirit that was about to rush out of the Great Sound Gate.

"Isn't that the Peacock War God from the Great Sound Temple? Why has he emerged?" Mo Wuya frowned upon seeing the demon spirit.

"This is a bit too coincidental. The Technician Team had just taken over the Great Sound Gate, and the Peacock War God emerges. It's a bit too much of a coincidence," the old ageless one said.

"Indeed, it's a bit too coincidental, and the commanders of the other teams have all come as well." Mo Wuya looked to the other side and found the commanders of the other teams had also arrived at the edge of the cliff, focusing on the situation with the demon spirit.

Bodoss, the female commander of the Forgetfulness Group, was dressed in black, with a black veil covering her face, making her expression unreadable.

Wan Chaoxin of the Seeking Dao Group was frowning upon seeing the demon spirit bursting from the Great Sound Gate.

Sun Wuxi of the Divine Pet Group was riding a pig-like demon spirit, examining the demon spirit with great interest.

Li Kuan of the Demon Spirit Group had his hands tucked in his sleeves, with no expression on his face, his thoughts unknown.

"What are the commanders planning to do?" the old ageless one asked with a sly smile.

"The Trial Gate is guarded by the Technician Team, so it should naturally be resolved by them," Li Kuan said in a voice devoid of human emotion.

His robe was wide, yet he appeared extremely thin, with dark circles under his eyes, as if he hadn't slept for ten days and nights.

"It has nothing to do with the Forgetfulness Group," Bodoss said coldly.

"I'd like to help, but I'm just a pig farmer, probably lacking the ability to assist," Sun Wuxi said, looking at the old ageless one. "The Peacock War God has emerged. Your Undying Group knows him best; aren't you going to help?"

"Is that help? That's risking your life," the old ageless one laughed. "Even if I wanted to risk my life, I'd have to see if Commander Li is willing to let me help."

Wan Chaoxin said nothing, seemingly lost in thought.

Hearing their conversation, Mo Wuya sighed, "A Spirit Forging Level demon spirit bursting out of the Trial Gate—I'm afraid the Technician Team can't stop it. If it's not contained quickly, it will be a big mess."

"Commander Mo is the head of our seven teams; if you act, naturally there will be no problem," Li Kuan said coldly.

Mo Wuya shook his head without speaking. Li Kuan's attitude was understandable, as the other teams also chose to watch because Li Xiu had previously used the Light Planting Technique to take many Gemstones from them.

"This Li Xiu, it's his own doing, but it's just a pity for the people of Wansheng Town," Mo Wuya sighed.

Near the Great Sound Gate, there were also many residents of Wansheng Town. At the moment, those residents were running out from the shantytown-like slum area, but their speed was far inferior to the shockwave caused by the Demonic Light explosion.

The magical wave released by the Peacock War God had already collapsed a large area of nearby shantytowns.

The cries and wails of Wansheng Town's residents who hadn't escaped in time resonated, and nearby Magic Armor Masters had already rushed to provide support, protecting the residents of Wansheng Town in their retreat.

Many Magic Armor Masters came from Wansheng Town, and those who stood up at times like these were mostly from Wansheng Town.

As the Trial Gate continued to open, the body of the Peacock War God gradually flew out from within.

The demon spirit, radiating golden light, six heads, twelve arms, sat on a golden peacock, flapping its wings, with most of its body having already rushed out of the gate.

"If none of you are willing to help, then I, this old man, will go talk to Commander Li." The old ageless one's figure flickered, disappearing.

When his figure reappeared, he was not far from Li Xiu.

"Commander Li, if you're willing regarding what I mentioned earlier, this old man can lend you a hand." The old ageless one said with a smile.

He was already certain that Li Xiu would have to ask for his help since there was no one in the Technician Team who could contend with a Spirit Forging Level entity.

Seeing that the old ageless one was willing to help Li Xiu, Li Kuan couldn't help but frown slightly.

Sun Wuxi and others were also a bit surprised, wondering what the old ageless one wanted from Li Xiu that made him willing to help deal with the Peacock War God.

A Spirit Forging Level demon spirit, and an unknown Peacock War God at that, the old ageless one probably didn't have a guaranteed victory, and his willingness to help meant he must want something significant.

"Old Commander, I appreciate the sentiment, but there's no need for you to take action. I happen to be lacking resources, and with a demon spirit delivering themselves to my door, I couldn't be happier," Li Xiu said as he had already taken out the Light Speed III and activated it on his body.

The commanders were somewhat shocked as Li Xiu actually intended to deal with the Spirit Forging Level Peacock War God on his own, which seemed incredibly arrogant.

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On the city wall at a corner of Longevity City, Li Changyin and Han Minghui stood side by side, also observing the situation over there.

"As we anticipated, facing the Spirit Forging Level whose strength is unknown, even neutral ones like Mo Wuya and the old immortal wouldn't dare to make a move easily, no one can help Li Xiu," said Han Minghui.

"The people of the Sun Family won't easily get involved in such a conflict, Bodoss is cold and ruthless, even less likely to intervene. Without Wan Chaocun, Wan Chaoxin is still a bit lacking; his strength hasn't reached true Commander Level. Even if he wants to help, he doesn't have the capability," Li Changyin said mildly.

Li Changyin didn't mention Li Kuan, since Li Kuan is part of the Li Family, it's even more impossible for him to help Li Xiu.

"Huh? The old immortal wants to help Li Xiu?" Han Minghui frowned when he saw the old immortal walking over.

Li Changyin's eyes flashed coldly, "Some people live too long and their minds become unclear."

"With the old immortal intervening, our plan might fail this time." Just as Han Minghui said this, he saw Li Xiu donning the Demon Armor and unexpectedly flying away alone from Spiral Mountain towards the Great Sound Gate.

"He refused the old immortal's help and intends to face the Peacock War God alone?" Han Minghui turned in astonishment to look at Li Changyin, "Patriarch Li, is there truly no armor at the Magic Armor Research Institute that can rival the magic spirits at Spirit Forging Level?"

"Absolutely not," Li Changyin frowned and said, "Previously, when Bai Wanli was in charge of the magic armor group, nothing from the Magic Armor Research Institute could be hidden from him. Before Li Xiu came, the strongest armor at the institute could only compare to the Super Spirit level, not even having a set to rival the Light Base level armor. In such a short time, how could they create an armor capable of contending with Spirit Forging? Even if they could create it, the resources provided to the institute don't include the materials and energy of Spirit Forging Level; they have no conditions to create it."

Though Li Changyin spoke these words, he felt something was amiss in his heart. Someone like Li Xiu wouldn't do something so reckless; observing all his actions since coming to Longevity Heaven shows that while he seems to take reckless risks, he actually has calculations in mind.

"Then we need to watch closely what he plans to do," Han Minghui said slowly as he kept his eyes on Li Xiu clad in Light Armor.

Watching as the Peacock War God, riding a peacock, was about to rush out of the Trial Gate, the Magic Armor Masters coming to assist incessantly were bombarding from all directions with Demonic Light, which posed no threat to the Peacock War God.

As beams of Demonic Light fell outside the Peacock War God, who seemed like a Demon God, they were shattered by the golden glow without touching his body.

Among the residents of the nearby shantytown, many elderly, women, and children, though the Magic Armor Masters helped with the evacuation, there was simply not enough time.

Once the Peacock War God fully charges out of the Trial Gate, his power can be released recklessly, and the nearby area will likely be utterly destroyed by then.

"Hurry, everyone, hurry up, run for your lives." Hua Mei lifted the collapsed house to rescue the people inside, urging them to flee quickly, while glancing towards the direction of the Great Sound Gate. Seeing the magic spirit was about to rush out, the golden light brightened tens of miles around, making everything appear as if coated with a layer of gold.

The people desperately evacuating to the distance, seeing the massive figure like a Giant God, were filled with despair.

Such a terrifying magic spirit, even if it didn't intend to kill them, just the aftermath of its battle could crush them to death.

"It's too late," Hua Mei gritted her teeth, the Light Patterns on her body rose as she instantly soared into the sky, drawing a beautiful arc, her hands unleashed Demonic Light, blasting towards the Peacock War God like two laser beams.

Her armor was much stronger than that of ordinary Magic Armor Masters, capable of unleashing Super Spirit Level Demonic Light, yet even so, her Demonic Light still had no effect, exploding outside the magic spirit without penetrating the Body-Protecting Magic Light.

Hua Mei knew it was because the level difference was too vast; this magic spirit was unimaginably terrifying, beyond what she could handle.

Looking towards the direction of Longevity City, seeing no one of Commander Level appear, Hua Mei felt a burst of despair in her heart.

"With such a level of magic spirit emerging, logically there should be a Commander Level strongman to suppress it, yet not a single Commander Level person has acted, surely because of Li Xiu's situation; that's why those Commanders haven't taken action..." Hua Mei couldn't help but harbor some resentment towards Li Xiu.

If not for Li Xiu, if Bai Wanli still controlled the magic armor group, the Li Family wouldn't stand by idly, they would surely send Spirit Forging Level experts to suppress this magic spirit.

Now that Li Xiu has become a Commander, they hate to see him die; how could they possibly step in to assist?

Li Xiu, holding the position of Commander, yet without a Commander's competence, the ones to suffer will only be the residents of Wansheng Town.

Hua Mei, born in Wansheng Town, once part of the lowest tier Fishman, deeply understood how much harm the magic spirit bursting from the Trial Gate could inflict on those Fishmen.

In her childhood, she practically grew up in the fear of death. Every time a magic spirit burst out, it affected numerous residents of Wansheng Town to die, survival wasn't based on one's own abilities but purely on luck, hoping no magic spirit would burst forth from the Trial Gate near one's home.

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Roar!

The body of the Peacock War God had completely charged out of the Trial Gate, with only a little bit of his Golden Peacock's tail still inside, as one of his heads tilted back and let out a thunderous roar.

The terrifying sound wave transformed into a tangible shock wave, forcibly sending the nearby attacking Magic Armor Masters flying backward through the air, shattering all the Demonic Light they activated. So many Magic Armor Masters couldn't withstand even a single roar from that demonic spirit.

The Demonic Light activated by Hua Mei was also shattered, and her body was involuntarily pushed back by the residual force of the shockwave. The Light Pattern on her back flared up like a thruster, resisting the push of the shockwave. She only retreated a short distance before forcibly coming to a stop.

Glancing at the desperate crowd below, she gritted her teeth and extended her palm, intending to activate the Demonic Light again, knowing it's futile but making one last effort.

"All Magic Armor Masters, heed my command, fall back." A Magic Armor Master, radiating brilliance as if clad in a sacred Light Armor, appeared before the Great Sound Gate, hovering mid-air confronting the giant godlike Peacock War God.

"Commander!" The numerous Magic Armor Masters were overjoyed.

"Fall back, all of you, and defend the residential area. Do not let the fight's aftermath reach the residents — I will handle things here." Li Xiu said calmly as he looked at the Peacock War God.

"Understood." The vast number of Magic Armor Masters immediately descended towards the residential area, activating Demonic Light and transforming it into a Demon Light Shield to withstand the shockwave.

Hua Mei also landed in front of the residential area, setting up her Demon Light Shield to block the aftermath. She didn't believe Li Xiu could stand against that giant godlike demonic spirit.

The limits of a Magic Armor Master are decided by their magic armor, and currently, there is no armor capable of contending with such a demonic spirit. Even if Li Xiu wants to fight to the death, he likely wouldn't be able to buy much time.

"At least he came, willing to fight for the residents of Wansheng Town." Hua Mei sighed inwardly, uncertain whether to resent Li Xiu or commend him for daring to take responsibility.

"Is Li Xiu really going to confront the demonic spirit alone?" Mo Wuya was somewhat surprised.

The other commanders also had complicated expressions as they watched Li Xiu confronting the Peacock War God in the air.

"Although this deviates from our plan, it's still good. If Li Xiu can't win, then only the President can save him now." Li Changyin said slowly while watching Li Xiu.

"Is there a possibility that Li Xiu could defeat the Peacock War God?" Han Minghui spoke up.

"In theory, a Magic Armor Master shouldn't be able to reach that level unless he has some hidden cards." Li Changyin felt that Li Xiu probably wouldn't risk his life recklessly—perhaps he has a plan B, or maybe he just pretends to put up a front as a commander, ready to escape at any sign of trouble, deflecting any blame that might arise from others.

"Damn, is that guy crazy?" Jiuxiao Yun exclaimed exasperatedly upon seeing Li Xiu truly going one-on-one with the Peacock War God.

Chu Jun, Chu Qi, A Fei, and Sha Chu, who arrived later, stood on the cliff, anxiously watching Li Xiu face off against the Peacock War God.

Seeing that the Golden Peacock under the Peacock War God was about to fully charge out, Li Xiu slowly raised the Light-Speed Spear in his hand.

His whole body was glowing with Demonic Light, and he had replaced all the energy cores in the Lightspeed Three with White Shell Turtle Demon Cores; even the Light-Speed Spear contained White Shell Turtle Demon Cores.

At this moment, multiple energy cores exploded with Light Energy frenziedly under the suppression of Li Xiu's Spiritual Sense, all surging toward the Light-Speed Spear.

The Demonic Light of both the Light-Speed Spear and Lightspeed Three was now so intense that it almost seemed like pure light itself. To onlookers, there was only a blazing white silhouette standing in mid-air facing the Peacock War God, obscuring Li Xiu's appearance.

Li Xiu did not immediately attack. He was waiting for the precise moment when the Peacock War God would burst out of the Trial Gate.

If he attacked now, this strike might force the Peacock War God back into the Trial Gate. If the Peacock War God wasn't killed, he'd have no opportunity to rush in, possibly gaining no advantage at all.

But once the Peacock War God fully emerged, returning would not be so easy.

Li Xiu not only needed to kill the Peacock War God but also wanted to seize the resources it carried. Currently, his greatest need was resources, as those from a high-level demonic spirit could bring him immense wealth.

For Li Xiu, who was worried about money, there was no quicker way to gain wealth than this.

Finally, the Peacock War God and his Golden Peacock fully charged out of the Trial Gate, and the Great Sound Gate automatically closed behind him.

"Pathetic carbon-based lifeforms, prepare to face divine punishment." The six heads of the Peacock War God let out gleeful cries. He was overly excited, having finally escaped that cursed place; he planned to plunder all the gemstones of this world.

"You trashy demonic spirit, this isn't your rightful place." As Li Xiu spoke, he launched the Light-Speed Spear in his hand as if throwing a javelin.

The Light-Speed Spear transformed into a blazing white lightning bolt, striking directly at the Peacock War God's chest.

This Peacock War God appeared extremely terrifying, but ultimately it was only a Spirit Forging Level, far inferior to that Cloaked Man.

Having faced off against the Cloaked Man, Li Xiu didn't find the Peacock War God all that terrifying, at least not beyond the capacity that Lightspeed Three could contend with.

The lightning-fast Light-Speed Spear instantly arrived in front of the Peacock War God's chest.

Enraged by Li Xiu's words, the Peacock War God, a mere human, dared to insult him so, and he intended to devour Li Xiu alive.