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Chapter 701: The Happy Prince

Spirit Casting, for places outside of Heaven of Longevity, is nothing more than a myth, and it's a secret passed down only among the top family circles.

With the intelligence and connections of the Chu Family, they had long discovered the levels of demon spirits but never dared to leak even a whisper of it, only circulating it among the core members of the family.

If ordinary people found out that the demon spirits appearing on Earth were nothing but trash, and that the ones slain by the Magic Armor Masters were of the lowest, most worthless kinds, no one could predict the consequences.

The status of the Magic Armor Masters would likely be severely impacted, and naturally, the Chu Family wouldn't do something so self-destructive.

"Chu Jun, you're joking, right? Magic Armor killing Spirit Forging level demon spirits? How could such a thing happen..."

"Has Heaven of Longevity's magic armor technology really advanced to that degree? If so, we must collaborate with them, or we risk being left behind."

"If there really was such advanced technology, why wouldn't Heaven of Longevity manage it themselves? Why would they cooperate with us? Is there truly any such good fortune falling from the sky?"

"I think there's definitely something wrong here. Chu Jun, where did you hear this from? Have you fallen for Heaven of Longevity's trick?"

The crowd voiced their doubts, largely disbelieving that Heaven of Longevity's magic armor technology had advanced so far.

It's not surprising they doubted it; creating advanced Magic Armor requires meeting two essential conditions: one is the material for crafting high-level Magic Armor. High-Level Demon Spirit Materials are already scarce, making mass production nearly impossible. Producing one or two sets of advanced Magic Armor has little significance for Magic Armor Masters as a whole.

The second is the issue with the Magic Armor Masters themselves. Since the spiritual sense of top-level Magic Armor Masters has a bottleneck, even if there is Magic Armor crafted from advanced materials, the Magic Armor Masters can't activate them, rendering them useless.

Ultimately, the problem lies with the materials and energy systems that require resolution.

Capable Magic Armor manufacturers have been researching composite materials and multi-core energy systems. Only with breakthroughs in these two technologies can Magic Armor technology have greater development.

White Night City invested heavily in these two projects, but the progress has not been significant. The recent achievement, Nightwalker, barely scrapes the threshold of the Super Spirit level, still worlds apart from Spirit Casting.

So it's hard for them to believe that Heaven of Longevity had already researched Magic Armor capable of killing Spirit Forging level demon spirits.

"Uncles and elders, this isn't something I heard from someone else; I saw it with my own eyes, and everyone in Heaven of Longevity knows of it." Chu Jun recounted what he witnessed in Heaven of Longevity, leaving the Chu Family leaders with shifting expressions.

"So Heaven of Longevity has indeed researched such Magic Armor, but it must have used rare high-level materials, unlikely to be mass-produced in the short term."

"Mass production is definitely impossible; otherwise, there would have been more than just that one set with Li Xiu. If they could mass-produce, the Magic Armor Masters guarding the Trial Gate would have been equipped long ago."

"But since they managed to create such a degree of Magic Armor, Heaven of Longevity's Magic Armor technology is indeed above ours in White Night City."

"If Space City really has researched mass-producible Super Spirit level Magic Armor, collaborating with Heaven of Longevity is our best choice now. After all, in the short term, it's difficult for us to create composite materials that can fully withstand the Energy Matrix..."

Chu Sanhu waved his hand, and once the crowd quieted down, he slowly said, "Let's wait for the test results before making a decision."

Li Xiu was touring around White Night City with Sha Chu and A Fei, treating it as a vacation and seizing the rare opportunity to relax.

When Chu Jun hurriedly came to find Li Xiu, Li Xiu knew that this matter was likely a success.

After a few days of negotiations, Li Xiu and the Chu Family reached an initial consensus for cooperation, signing many agreements.

Li Xiu led his group back to Heaven of Longevity, leaving the remaining tasks for Sha Chu to handle.

Every set of Magic Armor produced by the Chu Family in the future would have a share for Li Xiu, and the Chu Family also had to purchase equipment from Heaven of Longevity, relying on them for some material imports.

It's not that those materials aren't available elsewhere; they are, but in small quantities and at high prices, naturally falling short of the convenience of importing from Heaven of Longevity.

Of course, the prices were within the acceptable range for the Chu Family, and Li Xiu also made some concessions. After all, if the Chu Family is to compete against Space City, they can't have too high costs, or they will lose their ability to compete, and if the Magic Armor doesn't sell, Li Xiu would also suffer losses.

Before leaving, Li Xiu went to say goodbye to Li Qingyi.

Li Qingyi's progress was also quite smooth. What she discussed with the Chu Family was the demon spirit material business.

The output of demon spirit materials in Heaven of Longevity far exceeded the consumption, and the accumulated materials from various houses needed handling.

This time, they contacted the Chu Family, hoping to sell to them at a low price, but the final negotiated price was much higher than expected. Li Qingyi considered her task perfectly completed.

"I should really thank you. If it weren't for you discussing the new Magic Armor business with the Chu Family, their increased demand for demon spirit materials wouldn't have allowed me to negotiate such a price." Li Qingyi had already learned about Li Xiu's business talks with the Chu Family.

"Mutual benefits." Li Xiu glanced at the small puppy sleeping soundly beside Li Qingyi, deciding for now not to take it away.

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If you take it back, you'll have to spend money to raise it yourself, while following Li Qingyi, there are all kinds of gemstones to eat, saving a huge expense.

After returning to Celestial City, Li Xiu quickly instructed Sha Chu to connect with the research institute, ensuring the Chu Family's production line gets up and running to avoid lagging far behind Space City.

When Li Xiu returned, he found himself suddenly with some free time.

Initially, there was a severe lack of personnel for Skill Masters, but now both A Fei, Sha Chu, Chu Qi, and Chu Jun have achieved Super Spirit, with Chu Jun almost advancing to Light Base, so the number of capable people has suddenly increased.

Especially since Chu Jun has condensed twenty-eight Light Veins, saying he hasn't advanced to Light Base yet, but his combat power is not inferior to an average Light Base level. It's just that his body hasn't fused with the Symbiotic Contract, so the physical strength is less than Light Base, but otherwise, it's not inferior, even stronger.

These few people can now handle their own tasks, with many things no longer needing Li Xiu's personal involvement.

Add Jing Li and Jiuxiao Yun, Li Xiu's core strength here isn't inferior to any other group.

Li Xiu focused all his thoughts on enhancing his own strength, hoping he could quickly attain a Divine Position.

"Husband, I'm hungry." The soon-to-be bride floated out and said softly.

Li Xiu rummaged through his pockets, found no rubies, and could only say, "You head back first, I'll go buy some rubies right away."

"Yes, husband." The soon-to-be bride floated back like a ghost, transforming into a ring and returning to Li Xiu's finger.

Li Xiu took some private money and visited the Gem Market again, browsing the stalls and preparing to exchange for some Pigeon Blood Rubies.

"Commander Li, if you're looking to buy gemstones, why not come to my place?"

Li Xiu had just begun browsing when he saw the old immortal coming over, clearly not by chance.

"I'm just buying ordinary rubies and casually browsing." Li Xiu wasn't interested in visiting the Treasure Light Pavilion; while the items there were good, the prices were equally high, and Li Xiu didn't plan on using premium gemstones to feed the soon-to-be bride.

"Were you satisfied with the Super Spirit Gemstone you purchased last time?" The old immortal wouldn't let Li Xiu off easily, following beside him and asking.

Li Xiu took the Padparadscha Super Spirit Gemstone away and then became unresponsive, which puzzled the old immortal. He was waiting for Li Xiu to come for a refund, but after so many days, not even Li Xiu's shadow was seen.

"Very satisfied, extremely satisfied." Li Xiu said while browsing.

"You used that Padparadscha Super Spirit Gemstone?" The old immortal asked in disbelief.

"Yes, I did, and its effect was quite good." Li Xiu replied with a smile.

The old immortal was instantly depressed; he couldn't understand how Li Xiu was able to use a Super Spirit Gemstone that many couldn't.

"Congratulations Commander Li on achieving Super Spirit, not only are your Demon Armor techniques outstanding, but also you have excelled in the Trial Taker path, truly a rare all-rounder." The old immortal started an awkward conversation.

"I'm not Super Spirit; that Super Spirit Gemstone was for my Parasitic Contract." Li Xiu said.

"A Super Spirit Gemstone from Earth for a Parasitic Contract?" The old immortal's expression grew more complex upon hearing this.

Generally, Trial Takers can't even acquire Super Spirit Gemstones for Symbiotic Contracts, yet Li Xiu arranged one for a Parasitic Contract, and it was an Earth Super Spirit Gemstone at that.

Typically, only Symbiotic Contracts use Earth Super Spirit Gemstones, while Parasitic Contracts mostly use Super Spirit Gemstones obtained from Demon Spirits, which are relatively cheaper.

"Commander Li is truly generous." The old immortal paused and continued, "Recently, there's something happening. I wonder if Commander Li has heard about it?"

"What matter?" Li Xiu frowned and asked.

"It's not convenient to discuss here; let's talk in the Treasure Light Pavilion." The old immortal glanced around, adopting a mysterious demeanor.

Li Xiu looked at the old immortal, saw his smiling face, nodded, and followed him to the Treasure Light Pavilion.

The old immortal led Li Xiu into a private room, instructing the staff not to disturb them, then sat down with Li Xiu and mysteriously said, "Commander Li hasn't received the news yet, has he? Recently, a Trial Gate was opened, and within the Land of Trial, a Demon Country Ancient City was discovered."

"There are many Demon Country Ancient Cities; is there anything special about this one?" Li Xiu asked.

The old immortal chuckled and said, "I am old enough to call you brother, Li brother, you may not know this, although there are many ancient cities in the Demon Kingdom, most were destroyed and became ruins after the Demon Kingdom's downfall. That's why there are few complete ones, even in Celestial City, most buildings weren't preserved. This recently discovered ancient city is a complete one."

"Even if it's a complete ancient city, what's the significance?" Li Xiu didn't think the completeness of an ancient city affected Trial Takers entering the Land of Trial.

"I wonder if Li brother has heard the folk tale about the Happy Prince." The old immortal pulled out a bottle of wine, poured a glass for Li Xiu, and another for himself.

"Happy Prince?" Li Xiu shook his head, indicating he hadn't heard of the story.

"Hehe, that's because you, Li brother, are too young. When I was a child, our textbooks had the Happy Prince fairy tale. It tells of a Happy Prince statue standing in a city square, its surface inlaid with gold plates, its eyes made of sapphire, and a large ruby on the hilt of his sword. People in the city praised the Happy Prince as the most splendid artwork in the world, feeling proud of it..."

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"One day, a little Yanzi came to the Happy Prince's side and told him about the suffering in the mortal world. The Happy Prince decided to use all he had to help those in distress. He had Yanzi peck out his gemstone eyes and give them to the sick, gave the ruby from the hilt of his sword to a little girl selling

matches, and gave all the gold flakes from his body to those needy families. To help the Happy Prince complete these acts of kindness, Yanzi missed the chance to fly south for the winter and froze to death beside the statue."

"The original glittering statue, devoid of its golden sheen and gemstone adornments, turned into a statue of dust and was scorned by people, eventually pushed down and melted away to disappear completely."

After the old immortal finished the Happy Prince's story, Li Xiu couldn't help but sigh, "Kindness is hard to remember, but interests are eternal. This fairy tale is rather too real."

"Are you telling me this fairy tale because there's a gemstone-studded statue in the Demon Country Ancient City?" Li Xiu looked at the old immortal and asked.

"Yes, of course there is. Not only a statue, but also like in the Happy Prince's story, covered in gold leaves, with sapphire eyes, and a ruby embedded in its sword hilt, it's exactly like a Happy Prince Statue from a fairy tale," the old immortal said.

"Is there really such a thing? Have the gemstones on the statue been removed?" Li Xiu asked with great interest.

"No, the Trial Takers who discovered the Happy Prince Statue tried to dig the gemstones off it, but they mysteriously died. Nobody knows how they died, and their bodies had no wounds."

After a pause, the old immortal continued, "Several waves of Trial Takers have been sent into the Ancient City for research. It's found that the gemstones on the Happy Prince Statue are likely Super Spirit Gemstones, but they can't be extracted. Anyone who approaches within ten meters of the statue dies."

"Each family is trying to find a way. So far, no one has managed to take the gemstones from the statue. Weren't you looking for a Super Spirit Sapphire earlier? If you're interested, you could go and take a look," the old immortal said with a smile.

"Since no one else can take them, as a Trial Taker without Super Spirit, it's even less something I dare to imagine," Li Xiu was indeed somewhat tempted.

But a statue inlaid with several Super Spirit Gemstones is sure to tempt more than just Li Xiu. Of course, every family is trying to figure it out. Since they've all failed, Li Xiu doesn't think he would succeed.

"Actually, I've already figured out some clues. If you truly have interest, I can fully support you in obtaining the Super Spirit Gemstones from the Happy Prince," the old immortal said with a serious expression.

"Parents really have it rough," Li Xiu sighed, "Commander, I need to think this over."

"No rush, take your time to consider, you can first ask around or personally take a look inside the Ancient City. If there's any need, I'm always ready to help," the old immortal said.

"Alright," Li Xiu nodded. Indeed, if there's truly such a statue, he must go see it.

As Li Xiu was about to leave, the old immortal had someone bring him a tray of rubies, all above one carat in pigeon blood red.

"Pick whichever you like, and take it as you please; consider it a little token from me, your old brother," the old immortal had spared no effort to keep his son safe.

"I appreciate the thought, but there's no need for the gemstones. I'll pay for them," Li Xiu naturally didn't want to take the gemstones for no reason and paid market price to buy some of the pigeon blood rubies.

After returning, Li Xiu fed a few rubies to his bride-to-be. Luckily, her appetite wasn't great, and she was satisfied after eating a few before returning back to Li Xiu's finger.

Perhaps nearing advancement, the bride-to-be hasn't eaten much recently. Now, she needs a Super Spirit Gemstone the most.

"If the gems on the Happy Prince are indeed Super Spirit Gemstones, then all my problems would be solved. The Forbidden Spear needs a Super Spirit Sapphire, and the bride needs a Super Spirit Ruby. The gemstones on the Happy Prince are practically tailored for me," Li Xiu planned to personally visit the Ancient City to see for himself.

The old immortal already informed Li Xiu that the Trial Gate is called the Gate of Kindness, and the Trial Ground's resources are quite complete.

Li Xiu then had Sha Chu inquire further, and indeed soon received confirmation matching the information given by the old immortal—such a thing really exists.

However, the trial at the Kindness Trial Ground is not at all kind; it's a very brutal Beast Fighting Arena trial.

In the Trial Ground, it's rare for demon spirits to appear, but in the Gate of Kindness's Beast Fighting Arena trial, Trial Takers must kill the demon spirit to pass the trial.

It's said that the demon spirits appearing in the Trial Ground change levels according to the Trial Taker.

The opponents of E-level Trial Takers are generally D-level demon spirits; S-level Trial Takers face Light Base demon spirits; Light Base opponents are Soul Forging Demon Spirits.

No matter your level, unless you can challenge beyond your level, passing the trial is basically impossible.

"Such trials favor lower levels. Below S-level, surpassing levels isn't too difficult; S-levels face Light Base demon spirits, which increases the challenge significantly," Li Xiu considered, finding this trial quite favorable to him.

Theoretically, he's still at an S-level, so his opponent will be a Light Base. With Li Xiu's current strength, defeating a Light Base demon spirit should not be a problem.

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When Li Xiu arrived outside the Gate of Kindness, he saw that many Trial Takers had already gathered there. It wasn't just the members of the four major families and six groups, but even many smaller clans had sent people over.

The Prince of Joy had at least three Super Spirit Gemstones, which undoubtedly represented a significant fortune for the smaller clans.

Even a single Super Spirit Gemstone is sold in billions, and countless Trial Takers were eager to seek bargains.

Although they had to risk their lives, to Trial Takers who originally had nothing and might never have the opportunity to surpass their spirit in their entire life, this was undoubtedly a colossal opportunity.

Li Xiu only brought Ah Fei and Chu Jun along. Ah Fei had the Abstention Skill and could leave the Land of Trial at any time, often requiring her to be at the forefront.

Chu Jun's Inspiration Skill could scout the way, and might even uncover the secrets of the Prince of Joy. With these two, the exploration of the Land of Trial would be much safer.

Previously, their levels were too low, and Li Xiu was unwilling to take them on adventures. Now that they had both surpassed their spirits, he had fewer apprehensions.

Seeing Li Xiu arrive at the Trial Gate, many Trial Takers made way for him. Li Xiu's reputation in the Heaven of Longevity now matched that of the leaders of the other groups.

"Fourth Lord." Wan Chaoxin was also at the Gate of Kindness and obediently addressed Li Xiu.

If previously Wan Chaoxin was compelled to address due to Wan Chaocun, now apart from Wan Chaocun's reason, part of it was also due to Li Xiu's strength, which Wan Chaoxin somewhat respected.

One strike to kill a Spirit Forging Level Radiant Demon Spirit, something Wan Chaoxin was ashamed to admit he couldn't achieve.

"Commander Wan Chao, are you also here to see the statue of the Prince of Joy?" Since Wan Chaoxin was being polite, Li Xiu didn't want to embarrass him, so he addressed him by his position rather than calling him by any nicknames in front of others.

"Yes, each family is eyeing the gemstones on that statue. I also want to see the situation. If the Fourth Lord doesn't mind, you can join us," Wan Chaoxin replied courteously, addressing Li Xiu as the Fourth Lord.

"It would be wonderful to go in together," Li Xiu naturally wouldn't refuse. To open the Gate of Kindness requires Diamonds, and quite a number is needed, so saving some is beneficial.

Chu Jun looked at Wan Chaoxin somewhat puzzled; he recalled how arrogant Wan Chaoxin was when he went to the City of Light, and now he was so polite, even calling Li Xiu Fourth Lord, he wondered what was going on.

Li Xiu introduced, "Sister Chun is the aunt of Commander Wan Chao."

"I see, so it seems we are all family," Chu Jun laughed. "When we swore allegiance, Sister Chun was ranked first, I was third, and Li Xiu fourth; there are no outsiders. But among young people, we have our own friendships; Commander Wan Chao can just call me Chu Jun."

"Mr. Chu is right," Wan Chaoxin naturally wouldn't casually acknowledge someone as an elder, so since Chu Jun said so, he addressed Chu Jun as Mr., which was also courteous.

Wan Chaoxin had someone embed the diamonds, and after the door opened, invited Li Xiu and the others to enter the Trial Ground together.

"Welcome to the Gladiatorial Trial Ground. The A-level trial is about to start. The trial rules are as follows..."

On a Trial Ground akin to the Ancient Roman Colosseum, a light screen hovered above, displaying the trial rules.

As Li Xiu had previously learned, it was necessary to defeat a Radiant Demon Spirit to pass the trial. The Beast Fighting Trial had no final trial; each person only needed to defeat one Radiant Demon Spirit for the trial to conclude.

After the countdown ended, Wan Chaojue, who came with Wan Chaoxin, was first transmitted into the Trial Ground.

Wan Chaojue stood within the Colosseum, opposite appeared a Demon Spirit covered in black armor, with horns on its head, legs with reverse joints, akin to a demon.

After the Demon Spirit appeared, it was burning with black flames resembling Hellfire, forming strange light vein patterns. Judging by its brilliance, it seemed to be a Radiant Demon Spirit.

The Demon Spirit charged like a black meteor, crashing towards Wan Chaojue.

Wan Chaojue gestured with his hand, and a steel spear appeared, with spiraling light patterns on its shaft. In the next second, both the spear shaft and tip transformed into a spiral.

Facing the dashing Demon Spirit, Wan Chaojue charged forward, at the moment they crossed paths, the spiral steel spear penetrated the chest of the Light Base Demon Spirit from an unimaginable angle.

The Light Base level Demon Spirit was killed by Wan Chaojue in one strike, but a Demon Core was left, and nothing else.

Next came Wan Chaohua, wielding a Blood Blade coexistence contract. His blade skills were extremely fierce, yet more terrifying was, being wounded by his Blood Blade, the injury seemed corroded by acid, unable to heal, and constantly expanding.

In the end, that Light Base Demon Spirit was corroded to death, leaving only a Demon Core.

"The rise of the Wan Chao family seems unstoppable. The abilities of Wan Chaojue and Wan Chaohua appear to rival Wan Chaoxin. With these three, the Wan Chao family will surely achieve significant success in the future," Chu Jun praised.

Li Xiu nodded slightly, "Sister Chun's descendants, how bad could they possibly be?"

"Fourth Lord exaggerates; the Demon Spirits in the Trial Grounds are somewhat different from those in the Land of Trial. Though they are all of the Light Base level, they only gather one Light Vein, indicating they are the lowest Light Base level, barely stronger than a Super Spirit," Wan Chaoxin commented.

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"Even the weakest Light Base is still a Light Base. With you three, the Wan Chao family need not worry about reclaiming your place among the great families," Li Xiu spoke sincerely.

"Thank you, Fourth Master, for your kind words. I hope it comes true," Wan Chaoxin replied with a smile.

When it was Wan Chaoxin's turn to go on stage, he didn't wait for the demonic spirit to approach; he shot it dead with an arrow.

"Wan Chaoxin has grown stronger," Li Xiu nodded to himself.

After Wan Chaoxin, Ah Fei was transported into the gladiatorial arena. She directly summoned the Forbidden Crossbow and held it in her hand.

Ah Fei did not enter the Super Spirit State, and the three from the Wan Chao family assumed her level was not high, as she had just recently been brought into Longevity Heaven by Li Xiu; this was known by everyone.

However, when her opponent, the demonic spirit appeared, the three from Wan Chaoxin saw it clearly was a Light Base demonic spirit and were a bit surprised, realizing this seemingly inconspicuous female Trial Taker was also a Super Spirit.

The demonic spirits in the arena seemed identical, with the same appearance and abilities, showing no changes.

Watching the demonic spirit charge forward, Ah Fei still did not enter the Super Spirit State, merely pulled the trigger at the demonic spirit.

A crossbow arrow wrapped in blue electrical light flew towards the demonic spirit, which reached out and grabbed the arrow directly.

The people surrounding Wan Chaojue thought Ah Fei seemed too complacent. Although it was the lowest rank Light Base demonic spirit, but a Light Base was a Light Base, Ah Fei's decision not to use the Super Spirit State was a bit overconfident.

However, the instant the Light Base demonic spirit grabbed the crossbow arrow, strands of blue electrical light invaded its body, enveloping it entirely in blue electric light, causing it to stand there as if electrocuted, unable to move.

Ah Fei shot another arrow at the immobile Light Base demonic spirit, hitting it directly in the eye socket. The erupting blue lightning shattered something inside the Light Base demonic spirit's head, killing it with the arrow.

Similarly, only a single Demon Core burst out, seemingly here all demonic spirits only produce Demon Cores.

"What powerful contract!" The hearts of Wan Chaoxin and his companions were chilled, they all noticed that the contract in Ah Fei's hand held a special ability unlike any other, which could not even be touched.

"Fourth Master's subordinates are indeed outstanding," Wan Chaoxin praised.

"Likewise," Li Xiu replied with a smile.

When it came to Chu Jun's turn, Chu Jun was not as carefree. After entering the arena, he immediately summoned White Lotus and entered the Super Spirit State.

White Lotus enlarged, resembling a lotus platform, Chu Jun sat within the lotus, layers of petal-like Light Shield unfurling upon the flower.

The demonic spirit attacked relentlessly, shattering layer upon layer of the lotus' shield, yet the shield on the lotus unfurled layer after layer.

The Light Base demonic spirit roared in fury, light blades appearing in its hands, using some skill to wildly strike at the lotus' Light Shield.

Unfortunately, the speed at which it shattered the shield was slower than the speed at which the shield regenerated.

Chu Jun methodically exhausted most of the demonic spirit's Demonic Light before drawing out a Super Spirit Parasite Contract "Flying Knife" from his waist, hurling it into the demonic spirit's nearly depleted eye socket, directly shattering its critical point inside its brain.

The members of the Wan Chao family exchanged glances, Li Xiu's Trial Takers seemed very special, unlike ordinary Trial Takers.

After the demonic spirit was killed, its light converged into a point, finally transforming into a Talent Gemstone, which Chu Jun grabbed along with the Demon Core.

"How was it? Your brother's quite handsome, isn't he?" Chu Jun asked, feeling extremely proud, flipping his hair arrogantly with a "I'm the best" expression.

"Very handsome. Where did you get that Super Spirit Flying Knife?" Li Xiu asked with a smile.

"Bought it in town," Chu Jun replied.

Li Xiu did not inquire about the price; he couldn't afford it anyway, only someone as wealthy as Chu Jun could manage such a purchase.

Finally, it was Li Xiu's turn, and the three brothers from Wan Chao fixed their gazes on him, eager to see what level Li Xiu was at now.

Li Xiu's magic armor skills were indeed strong, but magic armor could not enter the Land of Trial, to survive in the Land of Trial one must rely on one's Trial Taker level.

Originally, Wan Chaoxin estimated that Li Xiu was probably not yet at the Super Spirit level, but seeing both Ah Fei and Chu Jun already Super Spirit, he raised his estimation a bit.

However, when Li Xiu entered the Trial Ground, the three from Wan Chaoxin widened their eyes.

"Spirit Casting!" Wan Chaojue exclaimed as he looked at the demonic spirit facing Li Xiu.

The demonic spirit facing Li Xiu looked identical to those the others faced, yet on its body was a demonic silhouette with wings on its back, a phenomenon exclusive to the Spirit Forging Level.

Demon Light Casting Spirit, a genuine light-based entity, unlike the illusion created during the Super Spirit state.

The illusion in the Super Spirit state possessed no attack power, merely looked intimidating, whereas the Spirit Forging Level's Light Transformation Body could be truly used for combat.

Moreover, since Spirit Forging itself was a Light Energy Body, it did not possess any vulnerabilities; even if it got dispersed, as long as its main body wasn't dead, it could regenerate to its original form, almost an Undying Body.

Therefore, to kill a Spirit Forging Level demonic spirit, one must kill its main body, killing the Spirit Forging is useless.

"It's surprisingly a Spirit Forging Level demonic spirit, has Li Xiu already reached the Light Base level?" Wan Chaojue exclaimed in shock.

"His advancement speed is really fast," Wan Chaohua remarked.

"Indeed, too fast," Wan Chaoxin recalled when Li Xiu first arrived and couldn't even climb Spiral Mountain by himself. He had to be carried up by a Super Spirit Jedi Knight.

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In just a few months, he had already reached the Light Base level, which was incredibly fast.

Even Wan Chaoxin himself hadn't advanced to the Light Base yet. Of course, he had his reasons; if not for some plotting, he would've reached Light Base long ago.

Even so, Wan Chaoxin still felt that Li Xiu's advancement was too rapid.

"Fourth Master indeed lives up to his name. Not only is his Demon Armor technique unbeatable, but he also has extraordinary talent on the path of the Trial Taker," Wan Chaoxin suddenly thought that Li Xiu forming a brotherhood with Wan Chaocun might truly be a blessing for the Wan family.

While they were marveling outside, even Chu Jun silently praised Li Xiu for advancing so quickly, but on the field, Li Xiu was feeling incredibly frustrated.

He didn't understand why his opponent was a Spirit Forging level demon spirit when he clearly hadn't even become a Super Spirit yet, at least not completely.

Even judging by the Evil Spirit Token, it was just a Super Spirit, and his opponent should've been at the Light Base. How could a Spirit Forging level appear?

"They're trying to kill me!" Li Xiu thought there must be something wrong, maybe someone big behind the Trial Ground didn't like him, so they set a Spirit Forging level to take his life.

"Fortunately, my Fire Lotus Sword is already at the Light Base level; it's not completely incapable of fighting back." Li Xiu drew his Fire Lotus Sword, the sword's light rising and protecting his whole body.

This Spirit Forging level demon spirit didn't rush at Li Xiu as the previous demon spirits had.

Its eyes were locked onto Li Xiu, and the Light Flame on its body surged. That Spirit Forging level being, like a demon, roared skyward, flapped its wings to come before the demon spirit, the energy on its body surging towards its back, quickly condensing into another pair of Demon Wings.

"What's happening?" Li Xiu sensed that the light energy on that Spirit Forging being suddenly spiked again, increasing significantly; compared to it, the Fire Lotus Sword's light was like a candle to a lamp, vastly inferior.

"Damn, something's not right, that Spirit Forging seems not to be the lowest level..." Chu Jun looked at Wan Chaoxin and asked, "Didn't you say the demon spirits here should all be the lowest tier among the same level?"

Wan Chaoxin and his companions were also dumbfounded. Wan Chaojue said, "In theory, it should be correct. Previous Trial Takers here were all like that. There were even Light Base Trial Takers entering the Trial Ground before; their opponents were indeed the lowest tier Spirit Forging ones, but this Spirit Forging has something odd, it should be in its second form, right?"

"It is indeed a second-form Spirit Forging. Generally, Spirit Forging levels have three forms, each capable of greatly boosting light energy, almost doubling it. Fortunately, it's still the second form. If it were the third form, that would be troublesome. A second-form Spirit Forging increases light energy by about one fold, while a third-form reincreases it, making it four times the original, which is terrifying," Wan Chaoxin's words had just fallen when the Spirit Forging on the field changed again.

Like a Four-winged Demon, the Spirit Forging transformed once more, black light twisting and rising over its entire body, forming armor that encased its body, and finally, a Demon Face Armor was worn over its face.

"You're such a jinx!" Chu Jun felt his heart breaking, what he said came true.

The third-form Spirit Forging, with a fourfold light energy enhancement, represented the top combat strength within the Spirit Forging levels. In the Longevity Heaven, Trial Takers capable of fighting such a demon spirit could be counted on one hand.

Moreover, Li Xiu was primarily a Magic Armor Master, only a secondary, half-skilled Trial Taker.

"This..." Wan Chaoxin was also somewhat helpless, he had just spoken casually, who would've known the demon spirit would cooperate so well.

"Commander Li is probably in danger. Could it be that the Trial Ground also looked at past performances and knew that Commander Li once single-handedly destroyed a Spirit Forging level demon spirit before enhancing his opponent?" Wan Chaojue wondered.

"If that's the case, then Commander Li is really aggrieved. When he killed that Spirit Forging, he used Demon Armor, but in this damned place, he can't use Demon Armor. This is pushing him to his death!" Wan Chaohua sighed.

If outside, with Li Xiu able to use Demon Armor, Wan Chaohua and the others believed Li Xiu would certainly have a chance to fight, and the opportunity to defeat the third-form Spirit Forging would be still present.

But now, unable to use Demon Armor, Li Xiu's abilities were severely hampered, making it difficult for him to survive.

"The only way now is to bypass the Spirit Forging and directly kill the demon spirit's body. It's the only path to survival," Wan Chaoxin said, grimly eyeing the demon spirit in the field.

A Fei and Chu Jun both watched the gladiatorial ground with tension, knowing that saying anything now was useless, they could only hope Li Xiu would win.

"He should win, right?" Chu Jun wasn't sure, though Li Xiu was indeed very strong, his opponent's absolute strength was far superior.

Inside the ground, Li Xiu wasn't thinking about all that; fear and negative emotions like being scared wouldn't help his current situation at all. He had to calm down and solve the problem.

If he couldn't solve the problem, then he himself would be resolved.

Li Xiu held the Fire Lotus Sword in one hand and drew out the Golden Dinner Knife with the other. He still didn't know how powerful the Golden Dinner Knife could be, so he could only try it now.

After the Spirit Forging entered its third form, its gaze locked onto Li Xiu, and it gently flapped its four wings, sending four black Light Blades tearing through the space, slicing towards Li Xiu's body from various angles with incredible speed.

Within Li Xiu, the red and blue Light Veins exploded with full power, boosting his speed to the extreme. His steps shifted, and his body swayed, narrowly dodging the four black Light Blades.

But what awaited Li Xiu next was a storm-like barrage of black Light Blades. Behind the Spirit Forging, its four wings flapped furiously, sending endless black Light Blades raining down, covering nearly half the gladiatorial arena.

"How the hell are you supposed to dodge this! Forget charging through to kill the demon spirit's body; he can't even save his own life!" Chu Jun swore.

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Inside Li Xiu's body, red and blue Light Veins appeared, fusing with the Evil Spirit Token to become one.

Although he hasn't advanced to Light Base level, merging with the Evil Spirit Token brings him close to it. Additionally, his whole body has formed Light Veins, making him stronger than a typical Light Base level.

Without using the power of the Forbidden Spear or the Ultimate Light, Li Xiu kept the red and blue Light Veins in an idle state.

At the moment when the black Light Blades fell, the Fire Lotus Sword in his hand radiated brilliance, sword blades shooting out, transforming into a Sword Lotus to protect him. This was the Super Spirit Light Base state of the Fire Lotus Sword.

"Is he trying to copy me?" Chu Jun noticed that Li Xiu used a flower to shield himself, similar to his own White Lotus technique.

However, what Chu Jun dealt with was just a Light Base demon spirit, whereas Li Xiu was facing a third-form Spirit Casting entity. It's hard to say if it could be blocked.

The Wan family brothers also felt that blindly resisting wouldn't work. The power gap between Light Base and third-form Spirit Casting was too vast, making it difficult to withstand.

The black Light Blades struck the Sword Lotus, yet eerily, there wasn't a hint of collision or explosion sound.

Those black Light Blades seemed to sink into mud, quickly getting absorbed by the red light of the Sword Lotus, then disappearing without a trace.

Super Bottle Suction, a skill created by Li Xiu combining Bottle Suction and divinity, using the Sword Lotus to directly absorb the energy of the black Light Blades into his body, transmitting it through the red and blue Light Veins.

Because the Light Energy was too violent and fierce, unable to be quickly converted into his own, Li Xiu didn't transform this energy. Instead, he transmitted the absorbed energy into the Golden Dinner Knife in his left hand through the red and blue Light Veins.

The Golden Dinner Knife requires Light Energy to activate. The stronger the Light Energy, the stronger the activated power of the Golden Dinner Knife.

Li Xiu directly borrowed the Light Energy of the Spirit Casting entity to activate the Golden Dinner Knife, merely acting as a transit station himself.

Wan Chaoxin and the others were greatly surprised, seeing that Li Xiu's protective Sword Lotus could actually withstand Spirit Forging Level Demonic Light attacks, and it seemed rather easy, which was indeed unexpected.

Roar!

After one round, the Sword Lotus remained undamaged. The Spirit Casting, like a Four-winged Demon, roared again. The four Demon Wings vibrated at high speed like the wings of a bee, making it impossible to see the shape of the Demon Wings clearly.

Countless Light Blades regenerated, cascading like a galactic river, or like a dam breaking, violently rushing towards Li Xiu.

The terrifying torrent of Light Blades made Chu Jun and others feel anxious. Such a torrent, even a small mountain would shatter and collapse under its impact, let alone the flesh and blood body of a human.

No matter how strong the Sword Lotus was, it was ultimately just at Light Base level. How could it withstand such a terrifying torrent?

"A bit low in intelligence." Li Xiu looked at the overwhelming torrent of Light Blades and felt somewhat disappointed.

Although the demons in the Trial Ground were high-level, they behaved like robots with programmed attack patterns, lacking self-judgment and awareness, attacking him in the same way. Their intelligence was indeed too low.

If they were high-intelligence demons from outside, they definitely wouldn't use such tactics anymore.

"A trial is ultimately just a trial, different from real life-and-death combat." Li Xiu observed the terrifying flow of Light Blades impacting the Sword Lotus and immediately felt the terrifying Demonic Light being absorbed into his body, transmitted through the red and blue Light Veins directly into the Golden Dinner Knife.

The golden glow on the Golden Dinner Knife gradually brightened. Despite such terrifying Light Energy, it only caused a faint golden glimmer, merely making the serrated blade edge shine slightly. The blade itself wasn't illuminated.

Chu Jun and the others saw only the dense black Light Blades pouring down, completely covering the Sword Lotus, unable to see what was happening inside.

"Li Xiu, hang in there." Cold sweat beaded on Chu Jun's forehead. With such a violent attack, his White Lotus couldn't withstand it. Even with rapid recovery abilities, it couldn't hold against such sustained violent bombardment. Perhaps in just an instant, all layers of White Lotus petals and light shield would be shattered.

Ah Fei couldn't help but clench his fists, his nails digging into his flesh, eyes fixed intently on the impact zone of the Light Blade torrent.

"Commander Li might not make it." Wan Chaojue sighed.

"What a pity, the strongest Magic Armor Master in the world is gone just like that. If we had known, Commander Li shouldn't have come in. He was already the strongest Magic Armor Master, able to kill demons at Continuous Spirit Casting Level with his Demon Armor. Why take such a risk?" Wan Chaohua also shook his head silently.

In the present age of Heaven's Longevity, if there's anyone who doesn't wish harm upon Li Xiu, it would probably be the Wan family.

The Wan family wished to regain their former status, initially one of the top four targets to strike. But with Li Xiu's presence, he diverted a lot of attention, essentially becoming an ally to the Wan family.

"Something's off." Wan Chaoxin's gaze was fixed on the torrent of Light Blades, frowning as he spoke.

"What's off?" Wan Chaojue asked.

"With such a torrent of Light Blades crashing down, did you hear any sound of Light Energy collision and explosion?" Wan Chaoxin said.

"But wasn't Light Explosion happening all the time? Didn't you see it?" Wan Chaojue replied in confusion.

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"No, those light explosions were caused by the Light Blades impacting the ground. The Light Blades that directly hit the Sword Lotus did not cause any explosions," Wan Chaoxin shook his head and said.

With Wan Chaoxin's reminder, everyone realized that it seemed to be the case. The light explosions were all around the perimeter; there were no explosions in the center.

"How could this be? Could it be that Commander Li held it up..." Wan Chaojue said in shock.

"I'm afraid it's not just a matter of holding it up," Wan Chaoxin said slowly.

"That's impossible... The fact that the Fourth Master could advance to the Light Base in such a short time is already astounding. Could he even stand toe-to-toe with a Spirit Forging Level Demon Spirit? If that's really the case, all our years of hard training have been in vain," Wan Chaoxia said.

As they spoke, the Demon Wings behind the Spirit Forging entity finally stopped its attack, and the torrent of Light Blades gradually faded away.

After the torrent of Light Blades disappeared, everyone saw that the Sword Lotus protecting Li Xiu was completely unharmed, still radiating a beautiful lotus-like glow.

Suddenly, the Sword Lotus began to contract, its petals formed by sword blades quickly merged into one and transformed back into the Fire Lotus Sword, returning to Li Xiu's hand.

Li Xiu grasped the Fire Lotus Sword in one hand and held a small golden knife in the other, its blade shimmering with a golden glow.

Li Xiu raised his arm and swung the golden knife through the air.

The tiny golden thread on the blade instantaneously cut toward the Spirit Forging entity, whose hands emitted Demonic Light as it tried to strike down the thread.

Nothing happened—the golden thread vanished in a flash, slicing through the bodies of the Spirit Forging entity and the Demon Spirit behind it, then disappeared.

The Spirit Forging entity and the Demon Spirit seemed momentarily confused, and when they attempted to move again, their bodies shifted as if sliced obliquely, causing a misalignment.

The bodies of the Spirit Forging entity and the Demon Spirit slid apart together, instantly splitting into two halves.

Boom!

With the fall of the Demon Spirit's remains, the body of the Spirit Forging entity also exploded and dispersed.

The light on the Golden Dinner Knife had disappeared, and Li Xiu casually put it away, sheathing the Fire Lotus Sword at his waist.

Watching the black light in the sky converge at one point, Wan Chaojue and Wan Chaohua were left open-mouthed, unable to close them for a long time.

That was the third form of the Spirit Forging entity, yet it was sliced apart by a single stroke from Li Xiu.

How long has Li Xiu been practicing anyway? And he's a Magic Armor Master!

A Magic Armor Master who could use Demon Armor to cut down a Spirit Forging entity and now do it barehanded—this made them feel like their worldview had been seriously compromised.

"This... can't be real..." Wan Chaojue said in a daze after a long pause.

"It must be fake; all my years of hard training were all for nothing," Wan Chaohua couldn't help but curse.

Wan Chaoxin said nothing, just stared blankly at Li Xiu inside the field.

The light from the Demon Spirit's body converged at one location, and the Light Energy dispersed from the Spirit Forging entity gathered there as well.

After a short while, it condensed in the air into a Skill Ring.

Li Xiu grabbed the Skill Ring and Demon Core, marking the end of the trial.

In the cold synthetic electronic sound, different reward icons appeared on the light screen.

Among the crowd, only Chu Jun's reward included an entry ticket. Since only one reward could be chosen, Chu Jun had to wait for everyone else to select theirs, and then he would choose the entry ticket, allowing others to use a Trial Badge to enter with him.

Li Xiu's four reward options were Attributes, Demon Core, Talent, and Trial Badge.

Li Xiu chose Talent and obtained an A-level Demon Body Talent, which enhanced body strength.

The talents and skills rewarded in the Trial Ground were mostly basic, suitable for novice Trial Takers, but at Li Xiu's level, these talents and skills were not very significant.

Truly powerful talents and skills had to be obtained from the Demon Spirits.

After everyone chose their rewards, Chu Jun selected the entry ticket, and the others used their Trial Badges to follow Chu Jun into that eerie place.

The oil lamp and stone table were familiar to everyone, and on that stone table, there was a set of black Demon Armor.

Li Xiu looked at it with great delight; his previous clothing had been destroyed, and he was still wearing beginner's white tight clothes, making him yearn for that set of armor.

This was Chu Jun's entry ticket, so naturally, he went to claim it. Chu Jun also liked the set of Demon Armor, and after picking it up, he directly bound it to wear. The black full-body armor was quite stylish, with demon horns on the helmet.

"I'll get myself a set of armor too one day. Everyone else is wearing armor, and I'm stuck with these white tight clothes, feeling a bit awkward," Li Xiu decided, determining to make more attempts in the future to obtain a set of armor.

A Fei showed some interest in the set of Demon Armor too, as she was also wearing white tight clothes without any armor.

Fortunately, both had sunglasses to cover half their faces, at least providing some modest cover.

After Chu Jun picked up the Demon Armor, they followed the Longevity Lamp into the darkness. Gradually, the scene in front of them clarified as they arrived at a garden-like beautiful city.

Garden, fountains, benches, sculptures everywhere, and various villa-style garden houses—the whole city was filled with flowers and grass, a clean and beautiful city.

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"Fourth Master, your skill is truly unrivaled," Wan Chaojue said with envy, "In the Longevity Heaven, there are very few who can kill someone in the third stage of Spirit Casting, ones that can be counted on one hand. With skills like yours, why even wear Demon Armor? Barehanded, no one is a match for you."

"What do you know, in ancient fantasy novels, Fourth Master is what they call Magic and Martial Dual Cultivation." Wan Chaojue said.

Li Xiu smiled and said, "If you're interested, you're welcome to join the technician group. I can teach you how to control Magic Armor; Magic and Martial Dual Cultivation is not a difficult task."

"It's a pity I don't have the talent of a Magic Armor Master, or else I would really want to follow you to learn Magic Armor Control." Wan Chaojue said.

If it were before, Wan Chaojue would never have said anything about learning Magic Armor, having always looked down on Magic Armor Masters. It's hard to imagine that such words actually came out of Wan Chaojue's mouth.

"Fourth Master, I have the talent of a Magic Armor Master, I'll learn with you later." Wan Chaojue laughed and said.

"Alright, come by my place when you have time." Li Xiu said, looking around the beautiful city, "Let's go and take a look at the Prince Statue first."

They walked towards the city center together. It truly was a beautiful city, with streets paved with colorful stones, and various lifelike statues on either side of the street.

There was a mailman riding a bicycle delivering letters, a mother holding her daughter's hand while walking, and a big fat man holding a wine glass, seemingly inviting passersby to enter the tavern and taste some wine.

There were statues everywhere along the way. They all looked like they were made of cast iron, embellishing this beautiful city full of vitality, creating a unique scenery.

Along the way, they encountered quite a few living people, but they weren't from the Demon Kingdom. They, like Li Xiu and his group, were Trial Takers from Longevity Heaven.

Seeing Li Xiu, Wan Chaoxin, and others, some Trial Takers came forward to greet them, while others silently stepped aside.

Before long, Li Xiu and his group arrived near the square.

Before even entering the square, they saw from afar a statue of a prince standing tall in the square.

All other statues in the city were the color of cast iron, but the Prince's statue was colorful, making it very eye-catching, noticeable at one glance.

The Happy Prince Statue wore clothes inlaid with gold, had a crown on its head, and a Golden Treasure Sword at its waist.

A ruby the size of a ping-pong ball was set at the tip of the sword's hilt, emitting a dazzling radiance under the sunlight.

The statue's eyes were flawless blue gemstones, with circles of halos flowing inside, making those sapphire eyes look as if alive, as though the Happy Prince was watching them.

To Li Xiu's surprise, the Happy Prince Statue had not just these three gems, but also a square emerald on the Prince's crown.

A considerable number of Trial Takers had already gathered in the square, all observing the Happy Prince Statue from afar. Although the look in their eyes was fervent as they gazed at the gems on the Happy Prince, no one dared to approach the statue.

Even though no one dared to approach, some Trial Takers summoned demon spirits to try to get close to the Happy Prince Statue.

One Trial Taker was controlling a Snake Demon Spirit, swaying its tail as it approached the statue.

But just as the Snake Demon Spirit was about to approach the statue, its body quickly turned into a cast iron statue.

Li Xiu and Chu Jun exchanged glances, each seeing the shock in the other's eyes.

There were already twenty or thirty cast iron statues in the square, in both human and various demon spirit forms, presumably from previous attempts to approach the Happy Prince Statue by Trial Takers and demon spirits.

This wasn't the main reason for their shock. As they walked along, they must have seen hundreds of statues on either side of the street, and those were just the statues on one street. They couldn't fathom

how many such statues there were throughout the city. If all those statues were once living creatures, the previous sense of beauty turns somewhat horrifying.

This seemingly beautiful city is practically a massive graveyard, interring those who were turned into cast iron statues.

The Trial Takers in the square all hoped to find a way to take the gems from the statue, but unfortunately, no one has succeeded yet.

"Could that Happy Prince Statue itself be a demon spirit?" Chu Jun examined the statue, pondering.

"Many people have speculated so. However, it has never moved. As long as you don't approach within range, there won't be an issue. No one can confirm if it's the statue or the area that's problematic." Wan Chaoxin said.

Li Xiu scrutinized the area around the statue. Ten meters from it, there was a circle of railings. Those transformed into cast iron statues—both demon spirits and Trial Takers—were inside the railing, while the Trial Takers outside the railing remained unaffected.

"Strange, why don't I see the body of that little swallow from the fairy tale?" Chu Jun stared at the area near the statue for a while, seemingly searching for something, and finally said with some disappointment.

"This only has some resemblance to the Happy Prince fairy tale. It isn't the fairy tale itself. Where would a swallow come from?" Wan Chaojue laughed, "If there really was a swallow, wouldn't the gems and gold pieces on the Happy Prince Statue be long gone? How could they still be here for us to take?"

"I thought it would be exactly like the fairy tale." Chu Jun said with some disappointment.

Outside the railing, there were quite a few Trial Takers, at least two or three dozen, but no one dared to release their demon spirits to try again.

Wan Chaoxin looked at Li Xiu and asked, "Fourth Master, do you want to give it a try?"

"We're just here to take a look; we don't intend to make a move for now. If you have any methods, go ahead and try." Li Xiu replied.

"Then we'll give it a try first." Wan Chaoxin looked at Wan Chaojue.

Wan Chaojue nodded slightly, then summoned a demon spirit—a giant, whose entire body resembled steel.

"This is my demon spirit, the Steel Giant God. It has the ability to metalize itself. Maybe it can withstand the strange power that turns creatures into cast iron statues." As Wan Chaojue spoke, he ordered the Steel Giant God to approach the Happy Prince Statue.

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The Steel Giant God stepped inside the fence, walking step by step towards the Prince Statue of Happiness.

The Steel Giant God was three to four meters tall, able to cover more than a meter in one stride, and the distance from the fence to the Prince Statue of Happiness was merely ten meters, just about seven or eight strides.

After taking two or three steps, the Steel Giant God's body showed no sign of turning into pig iron. Just as Wan Chaojue was feeling happy, he saw the Steel Giant God's foot gradually turn into pig iron, and as it continued to stride forward, its body rapidly underwent a bio-transformation from bottom to top. Before its step fully landed, its whole body turned into a statue, maintaining the posture of striding forward.

Wan Chaojue's expression instantly turned extremely grim. The Steel Giant God was already a rare magic entity, painstakingly raised to Level S, only needing a Super Spirit Gemstone to reach Super Spirit, and now it was all for naught.

"Since this path doesn't work, we'll have to try another," Wan Chaoxin said, looking at Wan Chaohua.

Wan Chaohua nodded and took out a peculiar weapon.

The front end of the weapon was a claw resembling a hand, with a handle about thirty centimeters long.

Wan Chaohua approached the fence, eyed the ruby on the hilt of the Happy Prince's sword, and forcefully flicked the ghost claw-like Parasitic Contract towards the ruby on the hilt.

The ghost claw flew like lightning, but halfway through, it suddenly fell, as if magnetically attracted to the ground, motionless and they turned like pig iron.

Wan Chaohua's expression also became unpleasant, having painstakingly upgraded the Parasitic Contract, no one would be happy about this.

"No speed is fast enough to penetrate it, seems we still need to find a way to unravel that mysterious power," Wan Chaoxin pondered.

Li Xiu, Chu Jun, and A Fei looked on, feeling a headache as well, wondering when they could figure out what could guard against that mysterious power. They weren't willing to risk the magic entities and contracts they had painstakingly cultivated.

"What do you feel?" Li Xiu looked at Chu Jun.

Chu Jun whispered to Li Xiu, "There's a magic entity on the Prince Statue of Happiness, but it should not be the statue itself."

"Can you determine the magic entity's level and name?" Li Xiu whispered back to Chu Jun.

"Spirit Forging Level...Spring of Evil..." Chu Jun whispered.

"Spring of Evil?" Li Xiu glanced towards the other side of the square, where indeed there was a fountain, but it was still dozens of meters away from the Prince Statue of Happiness. Trial Takers near the fountain didn't suffer any harm, and someone even washed their face with the fountain water without any abnormality.

"I've checked, there's no magic entity near the fountain; the magic entity should be on the statue, but I can't determine what it is, or perhaps the statue itself is called Spring of Evil?" Chu Jun couldn't confirm either.

Li Xiu scrutinized the statue; besides the crown, sword, and golden pieces on its body, there was nothing else on the statue.

Yet, he couldn't detect the aura of a magic entity on the statue, so for a moment, Li Xiu was unsure whether the Spring of Evil was the statue itself or something on it.

"Knowing there's a magic entity is enough, let's go check elsewhere first," Li Xiu wasn't anxious.

Being aware of a Spirit Forging Level magic entity means these Trial Takers can't possibly take the gemstone from under its eyes.

Typically, defeating a Spirit Forging Level magic entity requires a Spirit Forger Tester, but the trials at the Gladiatorial Trial Ground are unique, requiring Spirit Forger Testers to defeat a Divine Position Level magic entity to enter.

The gap between the Divine Position and Spirit Forging Level is massive, even greater than the third-form gap between Spirit Casting and Light Base, and without special measures, passing the trial is incredibly challenging.

So many factions are interested in the gemstone on the Prince Statue of Happiness, yet no commander has entered, surely because none are willing to take the risk.

Li Xiu and the others decided to wander around the city to see if they could find any clues.

Wan Chaoxin and his team refrained from further attempts and, hearing of Li Xiu's intention to explore the city, joined them in leaving the square.

Unlike in Black Death City, here the doors of buildings were open, allowing entry inside.

Several buildings had already been searched by Trial Takers, and according to the intel, besides the Prince Statue of Happiness location, nowhere else seemed dangerous for now.

Li Xiu and his team entered several rooms, finding them messy as if visited by thieves, with many items emptied out.

"Items from the Demon Kingdom hold some value; numerous Trial Takers have already carried things out from this city. Whether they are useful remains to be seen," Wan Chaohua explained.

After searching several houses, most of the items were taken, especially those with Demon Texts were thoroughly removed.

Even if the items aren't valuable, as long as they have Demon Texts, they can fetch some money.

Fortunately, the city isn't small, and there's not an excessive number of Trial Takers entering, so not everything would be cleared out.

Occasionally they saw pig iron statues on the streets, which initially seemed artistic but now felt eerie and terrifying.

Finally, the group found a house that appeared relatively intact and pushed the door, discovering it was a post office.