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After so many years, the injury should have almost healed by now. In such a tense situation, Li Xiu was still able to notice the old injury and chose to attack it instead of the seemingly weak eyes. This calmness and observation are beyond ordinary people.

The Jade Demon King's body was stuck in the middle of the Trial Gate, unable to rush out nor retreat, his hands holding the door couldn't let go, forcing him to unleash Divine Light and withstand the impact of the Light-Speed Spear.

The Light-Speed Spear pierced into the nearly tangible Jade Divine Light. Due to the Trial Gate's restriction on the Jade Demon King, the power of the Jade Divine Light was significantly weakened, yet it's still beyond ordinary light energy.

Strangely, the terrifying light energy stored within the Light-Speed Spear was not released; the moment they came into contact, the Jade Divine Light rushed into the Light-Speed Spear unimpeded.

No, it should be said that the Jade Divine Light was directly absorbed into the Light-Speed Spear, becoming part of its energy.

The Super Bottle Suction demonstrated by the Light-Speed Spear crazily absorbed the Jade Divine Light, converting it into the light energy of the Light-Speed Spear.

Originally radiating in all directions, the Jade Divine Light transformed into a vortex centered on the Light-Speed Spear, frantically flowing into it.

The Light-Speed Spear, having absorbed the Jade Divine Light, emitted a touch of green among the blood red at the gun tip.

Crack!

The Light-Speed Spear forcibly thrust into the Jade Demon King's skull, the gun tip piercing into an existing crack, going one-third deep.

Li Xiu, hands gripping the Light-Speed Spear, stood atop the Jade Demon King's head, pushing the Super Bottle Suction to its limit. Streams of tangible Jade Divine Light were drawn out, transmitted via the Light-Speed Spear into Light-Speed Three, and then into Li Xiu's body.

That terrifying light energy was divided into three, the majority flowing into Li Xiu's body, while the other two parts respectively flowed towards the Forbidden Spear and Evil Spirit Token.

Ordinarily, Li Xiu's body couldn't withstand such terrifying light energy, but after two rounds of buffering and transformation by the Light-Speed Spear and Light-Speed Three, the light energy entering Li Xiu's body was no longer so terrifying.

Most of the Divine Light was retained within the Light-Speed Spear and Light-Speed Three, with only the portion Li Xiu could bear continuing to flow into his body.

Observers only saw the gradually intensifying radiance on the Light-Speed Three and Light-Speed Spear, not noticing the equally dazzling and brilliant glow on Li Xiu's body.

When Li Xiu advanced to the Light Base, using the Light Planting Technique, his body directly reached the Light Base Peak, bringing both the Forbidden Spear and Evil Spirit Token to the Light Base Peak.

Under the frantic absorption, his body immediately began transforming from Light Base to Spirit Casting, simultaneously transforming himself, the Evil Spirit Token, and the Forbidden Spear.

The light energy filling his body began transforming from virtual to material, as the incessantly concentrated light energy gradually showed signs of materialization.

Like a gigantic syringe, the Light Spear ceaselessly drew light energy from the Jade Demon King's body, converting it into Li Xiu's own light energy.

Hit by this, the Jade Demon King raised his head to let out a painful roar. His hands trembling briefly on the door, the pushed-open door slid inward, weakening the soaring light beam a bit.

The undead and others were surprised and delighted; none expected that Li Xiu's strike would have such a tremendous impact on the Divine Position Level Jade Demon King. Hastily, they all relentlessly activated their skills, pushing Demonic Light to bombard the Trial Gate, trying to seize the opportunity to close the Trial Gate and seal the Jade Demon King back inside.

Unwilling to be pushed back, the Jade Demon King continued to push the door outward with both hands, the Jade Divine Light on his body surging even more crazily, erupting like a volcano to obliterate Li Xiu atop him within the Jade Divine Light.

In just an instant, Li Xiu and Light-Speed Three were submerged in the soaring Jade Divine Light.

The Trial Gate is a very mysterious existence, humans using gemstones to open the Trial Gate, which opens inward with almost no resistance.

But when demonic spirits try to rush out from inside, they must push the door outward, facing great resistance, and the stronger the demonic spirit's power and the higher the level, the greater the obstruction.

The Jade Demon King, a demonic spirit of this level, trying to rush out, must pay a huge price, with most of his power used to push the door; in fact, the Jade Divine Light erupting from his body is only a small part of it.

Even so, the intensity of the Jade Divine Light is still enough to make one's heart tremble.

Seeing the soaring Jade Divine Light, the undead and others thought Li Xiu was probably doomed.

"Usually, Commander Li seems careless and unserious, yet turns out to be so fierce, willing to sacrifice himself to defend Longevity Heaven," Mo Wuya praised.

"Among the younger generation, there are few with such courage and leadership, but it's a pity for such a top-notch genius," the undead also sighed.

"From now on, if anyone dares to trouble the Technician Group, they are enemies of the Sun Family and the Divine Pet Group," Sun Wuxi, usually playful, was serious at the moment.

Han Minghui was also shocked. She previously thought Li Xiu had fled but didn't expect him to have gone back for the Demon Armor.

She realized she had misunderstood Li Xiu before; he was not only not a scoundrel but possessed noble qualities others found hard to match. She admitted she couldn't reach Li Xiu's level.

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If she were Li Xiu, she probably wouldn't sacrifice herself like this either.

"A real man, don't let him sacrifice in vain." Bodoss said simply.

"Commander Li didn't spare his life; what right do we have not to give our all?" Mo Wuya spoke solemnly, four colors of light energy erupted wildly from his body, the damaged White Tiger Shield and Black Tortoise Shield rapidly restored, and the shattered Cyan Dragon Shield and Vermilion Bird Shield were re-forged, floating before Mo Wuya.

"Four Spirits Unity... attack as defense... Four Symbols Extreme Spirit Break..." Hei Wuya's robe danced wildly under the rising light energy, his long hair stood up, and the fierce light energy fluctuations made the earth tremble.

Under those terrifying fluctuations, the Four Symbols Shield shattered, turning the four spirits within the shield into Spirit Casting forms of Cyan Dragon, White Tiger, Vermilion Bird, and Black Tortoise, directly ramming into the Jade Gate.

"Damn it, I'm usually stingy, today it seems like I've made a grave loss." The old undying cursed, his already tattered floral coat was torn apart by the storm-like light energy inside him.

A bizarre divine statue emerged from his body, merging his form with the statue, transforming into a bronze-like double-headed god statue.

At the brow of that double-headed god statue, there was a black and a white gemstone, emitting divine light that intertwined like a Tai Chi light column, also blasting towards the Jade Gate.

Almost simultaneously with their outburst, the black crystal flute in Bodoss's hand was placed near her lips, and as she played it, thin strands of black crystalline light spun towards the Jade Gate, wrapping around it like hair-thin steel wires, binding tightly around the Jade Gate, continuously constricting.

With each note Bodoss played, blood gushed from her mouth, eyes, ears, and nose. Her white skin showed broken capillaries, dyeing it red, as if a layer of blood rouge had been applied.

"Don't worry, I'll close the gate." Sun Wuxi's legs stomped heavily on the ground, fracturing the earth, the light energy within him transformed his body into a giant spirit, emitting divine light throughout, his hands pressed against the Jade Gate, desperately pushing it inward, his fingers creaking under the tremendous pressure, seemingly about to snap at any moment.

Han Minghui sighed, "If we have to risk everything, let's do it together."

Han Minghui felt rather conflicted, although she was a staunch supporter of the Longevity Association President, it was undeniable that Li Xiu was her enemy.

Risking her life for the sacrifice of an enemy always left her with a weird feeling.

The jade fan waved lightly, instantly disassembling into jade rulers, suppressing the Jade Gate continuously.

The continuous terrifying light energy bombardment forcefully pushed the door, opened by the Jade Demon King, to slowly close inch by inch.

The four spirits, in a self-sacrificial stance, collided wildly, the black threads wrapping the Jade Gate continuously constricted, Sun Wuxi roared and bellowed like a giant war god, his legs sank into the earth, yet his hands pressed firmly on the door, desperately pushing inward.

The Black and White Yin Yang Tai Chi Light continued to strike, the Yin-Yang Double-Headed God Statue created by the old undying gradually showed cracks on the Yin Yang Gemstone at its brow.

The jade rulers continuously suppressed the gate, each suppression shattered fragments of jade light from the ruler.

"These guys, it seems they really hid a lot. Without that kid inspiring their fighting spirit, these refined beings wouldn't have revealed themselves until who knows when," the Longevity Association President said with a quirky smile on his lips, standing on the mountain edge. "However, they're probably wrong, that kid isn't one to sacrifice himself for others, he's taking the opportunity to gain benefits. If they actually manage to close the gate now, that kid might just be infuriated. I'd love to see his expression then, but unfortunately, their power is still insufficient, they can't close the Jade Gate in a short time, the kid still has enough time to escape."

As the Longevity Association President was pondering, he suddenly saw a streak of light flash across the sky, with a figure appearing in front of the Jade Gate.

"Damn!" The Longevity Association President recognized the figure, immediately shouting in alarm, disappearing in a flash, reappearing to block the figure.

But he was a bit late, as before he arrived, the figure had already fired a strange needle-like light, striking the Jade Gate.

With the needle light hitting the Jade Gate, it finally closed with a bang, the Jade Demon King's hands pushing the door were rebounded and his body repressed back.

"President, why did you stop me?" Wan Chaocun looked at the Longevity Association President, frowning and asking.

The Longevity Association President shook his head without saying anything, only glancing at the now-closed Jade Gate before turning to leave.

Wan Chaocun didn't understand the implication, turned to the undying group and asked, "What's going on? I just came out of the heavenly gate, found the Jade Gate wide open, and the Jade Demon King about to burst out, so I hurried over to help suppress it. Was I mistaken?"

The undying group also didn't quite understand why they had closed and suppressed the Jade Gate, the President didn't seem particularly happy, instead looking somewhat displeased.

"Maybe something went wrong with the President, probably has nothing to do with you." Sun Wuxi had reverted to his original form, though his body was torn in many places, drenched in blood, with most fingers snapped and twisted bizarrely.

"True, if it weren't for you coming in time to help us close the gate, Commander Li might have sacrificed in vain," the old undying interjected.

In fact, he wasn't in a good shape either, blood tears streaming from his eyes, with a blood mark on his forehead, continuously seeping fresh blood.

"Commander Li... you mean Li Xiu... what happened to him..." Wan Chaocun immediately felt something was off, hastily asking.

"Commander Li sacrificed himself. If not for him, we might not have lasted until you and the President arrived, the Jade Demon King could have already burst out," Mo Wuya narrated how Li Xiu, donned in Demon Armor, charged at the Jade Demon King, wounding it, and creating an opportunity for them.

Wan Chaocun, overwhelmed, almost spat blood in frustration, turning to rush towards the Jade Gate, intending to reopen it.

"Don't act rashly... if you open the Jade Gate now... Commander Li's sacrifice would be in vain..." Mo Wuya and the others hurriedly blocked her.

"Get out of my way!" Wan Chaocun, feeling distressed, tried to force her way through.

Crack!

Just at that moment, the Jade Gate, which was originally closed, unexpectedly split open again.

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The old immortal and the others were startled, thinking the Jade Demon King was quickly making a comeback. Wan Chaocun was overjoyed; if Li Xiu wasn't dead yet, and the Jade Demon King opened the door again, they might have a chance to rescue Li Xiu.

Everyone immediately gathered Light Energy, preparing to fight with all their might once more. However, most of them, except Wan Chaocun, were seriously overdrawn, nearly at the end of their strength, with very limited Light Energy left to unleash.

As the door cracked open, just as they were preparing to fight desperately, something flew out from the door gap, and then the door slammed shut with a bang.

The keen eyesight of the old immortal and the others allowed them to clearly see the object flying out of the door, leaving them momentarily stunned. They couldn't unleash the prepared attacks.

Wan Chaocun reached out to catch the thing flying out from the door, holding it in his arms, looking at it curiously.

The thing that flew out from the door turned out to be a swaddled human baby.

"What's going on here?" Several people were stunned, expecting the Jade Demon King or Li Xiu to come out, but it was a baby instead.

"Could it be that Li Xiu, before he died, entrusted his child to us, desperately sending his son out?" the old immortal speculated.

"Old Commander, you really dare to think! Not to mention Li Commander might not have a child, even if he did, he wouldn't take his child to fight the Jade Demon King. I think this baby is Li Commander himself," Sun Wuxi suggested.

"Li Xiu himself? Does he also rejuvenate into a child?" The old immortal felt Sun Wuxi's words were quite fanciful.

"I read in a book from the Demon Kingdom that there's a technique called the Celestial Demon Body Dissolving Rebirth Technique. When faced with an unbeatable opponent, one can disassemble and self-destruct to severely damage the opponent and undergo reincarnation. Perhaps Li Commander mastered that technique, self-destructed his body to deal a major blow to the Jade Demon King, and reincarnated," Sun Wuxi explained.

"Can you say something credible? That Celestial Demon Body Dissolving Rebirth Technique is actually based on the Rebirth Technique of the demon spirit, but Demon Kingdom people can't self-reproduce, so the technique only preserves a trace of residual spirit, needing a suitable new body to have a chance to reincarnate. Even if this baby is truly Li Xiu reborn, do you think he could open the Jade Gate himself?" the old immortal retorted.

"Then you tell me, where did this baby come from? If he's not Li Xiu, who else could he be?" Sun Wuxi asked, spreading his hands.

This question stumped everyone, unable to comprehend how a human baby could emerge from the Jade Gate.

"I reckon this baby is Li Commander. Look at the eyebrows and eyes; they resemble Li Commander," Sun Wuxi was confident in his guess.

"Don't talk nonsense; didn't you see it's a baby girl?" Han Minghui said, helplessly.

"A girl!" Sun Wuxi and the others finally noticed that it wasn't a boy, as evidenced by the absence of certain features.

"Could the Celestial Demon Body Dissolving Rebirth Technique change gender?" Sun Wuxi pondered, stroking his chin.

Han Minghui didn't bother to argue, glanced at the Jade Gate, and said, "In any case, let's seal the Jade Gate first to prevent the Jade Demon King from charging out again."

Wan Chaocun immediately objected: "If you seal the door, how will my fourth brother come out? This door cannot be sealed."

"We saw with our own eyes that Li Commander sacrificed himself; in such circumstances, it's impossible for him to be alive," Han Minghui argued.

"Did any of you see him die with your own eyes?" Wan Chaocun retorted.

"Well, no..." the old immortal admitted.

"If we didn't see him die, then there's still hope. This door cannot be sealed," Wan Chaocun asserted firmly.

"What if the door is opened again?" Han Minghui frowned.

"I'll keep watch," Wan Chaocun looked at the baby girl he held and said.

"In that case, let's not seal the door for now," the old immortal suggested. "The Jade Demon King attacking the King of Jade must have suffered a great loss; he likely won't make a comeback in the short term."

The others saw Wan Chaocun's insistence and knew that if they wanted to seal the door, they'd have to fight Wan Chaocun first, otherwise the door wouldn't be sealed. They exchanged glances and remained silent, tacitly agreeing not to seal the door.

"Old immortal, pass a message to Old Eight for me, have him come over," Wan Chaocun called out to the old immortal, who was preparing to leave with his injured body to recover.

"Got it, I'll find someone to invite Eight over," the old immortal waved his hand and left the Jade Gate unsteadily.

Wan Chaocun stayed outside the Jade Gate, idly examining the baby girl in his arms, finding that Sun Wuxi's words seemed true; the girl did resemble Li Xiu somewhat.

"Could it really be Fourth Brother? But even with the Celestial Demon Body Dissolving Rebirth Technique, he shouldn't reincarnate as a girl," Wan Chaocun pondered silently.

The baby girl was very well-behaved, having slept with her eyes closed since she emerged, her small mouth sucking on her thumb, looking very cute.

While Wan Chaocun was examining the baby girl, Old Eight hurriedly arrived.

"Sister, the old immortal sent someone to say Fourth Brother is in trouble, but the details were unclear. What's going on?" Old Eight asked breathlessly.

"If I knew what happened, I wouldn't have called you over. Can you divine whether Fourth Brother is in fortune or misfortune?" Wan Chaocun glared at Old Eight and said.

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"You'll have to explain it clearly if you want me to calculate it for you," Uncle sighed with a bitter smile.

Wan Chaocun recounted everything he knew. After listening, Uncle also wore a peculiar expression, gazing at the infant girl nestled in Wan Chaocun's arms. He pondered for a long time before saying, "Big sister, why don't you write a character, and I'll give it a try."

"How about the character '嬰' for infant," Wan Chaocun said, glancing at the infant in his arms.

"The character '嬰' has two parts '貝' at the top and '女' at the bottom. On the surface, it doesn't seem very auspicious." Uncle squatted on the ground, tracing the character '嬰' with his finger while muttering.

"Why is it inauspicious? Isn't this character quite nice? Two '貝' are like a pair of treasures, surely there will be two to live," Wan Chaocun argued.

"Big sister, the character isn't interpreted that way." Uncle pointed to the '嬰' character on the ground, saying helplessly, "This '贝' can indeed mean treasure since in ancient times, '贝' was used as currency, which is just as valuable as calling it a treasure."

"Since I'm not wrong, why do you say it's not auspicious?" Wan Chaocun frowned.

"There's a saying, 'Scarcity makes something valuable.' If there's only one '贝', it's a treasure, but with another '贝', it doesn't count as a treasure, just as money. Using a lot of money to exchange for a woman, isn't that a matter of life and death?" Uncle sighed.

Wan Chaocun wanted to say more, but Uncle continued before she could speak, "However, although this character isn't auspicious, it's not entirely without hope. The character '嬰' originally referred to an accessory around a woman's neck, like a necklace. Two '贝' at the neck suggest that Fourth Brother's life is closely related to this infant girl; as long as she remains safe, Fourth Brother will surely overcome his dangers."

"Oh." Wan Chaocun stared at the infant in her arms and said, "According to your meaning, this infant girl and Fourth Brother share a life, right? Is there a possibility that this infant could actually be Fourth Brother?"

"That's... probably not... Let me check the text..." Uncle couldn't understand why Wan Chaocun thought this way. Li Xiu couldn't possibly be reverting to an infant, even if he were rejuvenated.

Uncle took out a book from his pocket and, after flipping through it for a while, said, "Here it is. This is Zhuge Divine Calculation's fifth oracle; it's a middle-to-low tier sign."

"Middle-to-low tier sign?" Wan Chaocun frowned.

"Don't worry. A middle-to-low sign isn't necessarily bad, just as a high sign isn't necessarily good. It varies according to circumstances and individuals. Let's first look at the text." Uncle read, "Spring

thunder shakes, summer wind blows gently, the sleeping dragon rises, the fierce tiger is alarmed, winds and clouds converge, saving all life."

"What does it mean?" Wan Chaocun asked.

"According to the text, it's a sign filled with hope and external assistance, indicating unusual significance to your inquiry. Spring thunder and summer wind represent Zhen and Xun hexagrams from the Eight Trigrams. Zhen signifies the east, the season is spring, and belongs to the wood element in the Five Elements. Zhen also symbolizes the deity of thunder, and the only eastern deity is the Cyan Dragon. This sleeping dragon finally awakens, brimming with vigor and life, scaring the king of beasts, the tiger, into retreat. This obstinate tiger creates obstacles and hindrances, intentionally or unintentionally, but ultimately can't withstand the combined forces of wind and thunder gods." Uncle explained.

"Does it mean Fourth Brother is the sleeping dragon, and there's a blocking tiger preventing him from returning safely, right?" Wan Chaocun asked Uncle.

"That's probably roughly the idea," Uncle nodded.

"Who is the blocking tiger? Tell me, and I'll eliminate him." Wan Chaocun's eyes flashed with a hint of murder.

"There's no need for that. Those who achieve great things must endure hardships. Things too easily obtained can also be lost easily. Some adversity may not be a bad thing and could benefit Fourth Brother in the future. It's better not to counter the divine plan," Uncle advised.

"Alright, as long as Fourth Brother can safely return, that's enough," Wan Chaocun coldly said, staring at Uncle, "If your calculation isn't accurate, and if Fourth Brother doesn't return, I'll skin you alive."

"Cough cough, character analysis and fortune-telling depend on fate; I'm only interpreting the trigrams. No one can guarantee absolute accuracy." Uncle suddenly felt disheartened.

"If it's inaccurate, blame yourself for being unskilled. You shouldn't come out to analyze characters and tell fortunes," Wan Chaocun said coldly.

Uncle became even more disheartened, thinking, "Wasn't it you who insisted I do the calculation?"

Li Xiu was more disheartened than Uncle. When the Jade Gate suddenly closed, he almost wanted to spit blood from frustration.

He simply wanted to take advantage while the Jade Demon King was stuck in the Trial Gate to gather some Divine Light, enabling him to advance to Spirit Casting.

Who could have foreseen the gate shutting before he could advance? Who could he turn to for reasoning?

When the Jade Gate closed and the Jade Demon King was pushed back inside, Li Xiu's Light-Speed Three and Light-Speed Spear, along with the clothes on his body, disappeared without a trace.

With nothing but white tight-fitting clothes left, Li Xiu stood alone atop the Jade Demon King's head, feeling somewhat embarrassed as he looked down at the Jade Demon King, who was glaring at him with eye-like wheels.

He had reached halfway in his advancement; with the disappearance of Light-Speed Three and Light-Speed Spear, he was stuck in progress.

To advance to Spirit Casting, he didn't have enough Light Energy, yet the Light Energy within him exceeded what the Light Base could endure. His body felt unbearably uncomfortable.

To make matters worse, the Jade Demon King below failed to break through, and surely he would vent his anger on this unlucky soul.

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As Li Xiu expected, the divine light on the Jade Demon King surged, and his palms seemed like two green suns, likely intending to crush him.

Bang!

Unexpectedly, the Jade Demon King's palms didn't strike Li Xiu but instead slammed into the closed Jade Gate.

With this powerful hit, the already closed Jade Gate was forcefully nudged open a crack.

Li Xiu was overjoyed, thinking the Jade Demon King wanted to escape too. As long as the Jade Demon King pushed the door open again, he would have a chance to rush out.

With that strike, the Jade Demon King only managed to open the door slightly, desperately pushing outward with both hands but unable to open it further.

Opening the door consumed too much energy; when the Jade Demon King first attempted to open the door, a significant amount of light energy was already expended, leaving no strength to push the door open further now.

Seeing this, Li Xiu wasted no time and leaped towards the gap the Jade Demon King had opened, hoping he could squeeze through.

Almost simultaneously as Li Xiu rushed towards the gap, the Jade Demon King sprayed a ray of light from his mouth, aiming for the gap as well.

The speed of the light was much faster than Li Xiu, passing under him swiftly and slipping through the gap.

In that instant when he intersected with the light, Li Xiu saw that it contained a baby, who locked eyes with him. He even saw the baby sucking its thumb and kicking its little legs joyfully.

After the baby passed through the gap, Li Xiu continued to rush forward. Just as he was about to reach the gap, the Jade Demon King released his grip, and the door closed swiftly with a thud, too quick for Li Xiu to react. Missing the opportunity by a hair, Li Xiu slammed into the door, seeing stars and bleeding from his nose. He stuck to the door before sliding down, leaving two long bloodstains on the door.

Falling to the ground, Li Xiu quickly supported himself up against the door, one hand covering his nose; the intense pain made him tear up.

After feeling slightly better, Li Xiu turned his head to look back, only to see the Jade Demon King staring at him from a short distance.

And behind the Jade Demon King, countless Jade Warriors stretched out of sight, all staring at him as well.

Li Xiu's neck turned robotically, realizing jade warriors surrounded him in all directions, likely numbering in the hundreds of thousands, with lights flickering like a sea of stars. He truly had no avenue of escape, either above or below ground.

"What sin did I commit in my past life for heaven to treat me like this?" Li Xiu felt like coughing up blood from frustration. No matter how strong he was, he couldn't possibly defeat so many demonic spirits, let alone the Divine Position-level Jade Demon King.

When the Divine Position-level Jade Demon King attempted to open the door earlier, most of its power was used for pushing, and it was further restrained by the Trial Gate's rules, enabling Li Xiu to gain a slight advantage.

Now, with the Jade Demon King standing there perfectly fine and Li Xiu devoid of Demon Armor, survival seemed bleak.

Li Xiu stealthily pulled out the Longevity Treasure Chopsticks, clutching them in his hand. In times like these, he could only fight desperately, praying for a chance of survival from heaven.

The Jade Demon King and the sea of Jade Warriors glared fiercely at Li Xiu, their demonic light rising. Especially the Jade Demon King, whose Jade Divine Light nearly solidified, looking as if it wanted to gobble Li Xiu's flesh and bones.

"Longevity Treasure Chopsticks... can't you give a reaction..." Li Xiu clutched the chopsticks, but they remained unresponsive, like lifeless objects.

Li Xiu doubted whether the Longevity Treasure Chopsticks were too afraid to react.

The chopsticks seemed mighty when they killed the Pseudo-God Position Li Changyin, but in reality, it was merely a Pseudo-God Position. Now facing the genuine Divine Position Jade Demon King, it was a different matter entirely.

Adding the hundreds of thousands of Jade Warriors, if Li Xiu were in their place, he would play dead too.

"Forget it, better to rely on oneself than on others." Li Xiu's eyes began to glow white, preparing to use Ghostly Eye Covering desperately; surviving even for a moment was precious.

"Roar!" The Jade Demon King let out a sky-shattering roar, and the vast army of Jade Warriors echoed it, creating a grand momentum that made Li Xiu feel like an ant about to be drowned by a tidal wave.

Just as the Jade Demon King and the tidal wave of Jade Warriors were about to charge, a gentle voice suddenly came from afar.

"Little Cui, bring him over." The voice was soft, making one feel somewhat weak.

Yet, the roar of hundreds of thousands of demonic spirits could not overpower that gentle voice, carrying clearly to Li Xiu's ears.

Li Xiu listened to what sounded like a woman's voice, and astonishingly, all the demonic spirits quieted down upon hearing it.

"Little Cui... don't tell me it's referring to this guy?" Li Xiu looked at the giant god-like Jade Demon King, finding it hard to associate "Little Cui" with such a figure.

"Roar!" The Jade Demon King let out a strange roar at Li Xiu, then slowly reached out to grab him.

Thoughts flashed through Li Xiu's mind, but ultimately he remained still, letting the Jade Demon King seize him.

True to form, the Jade Demon King did not harm him, simply capturing Li Xiu, then turned and walked away.

The vast army of Jade Warriors parted to form a path, allowing Li Xiu to vaguely see what appeared to be a Jade Castle at the end.

Carrying Li Xiu, the Jade Demon King strode nearly a hundred meters with each step, soon reaching the entrance of the castle.

The Jade Castle seemed carved from a massive emerald, a majestic sight, yet before the Jade Demon King, appeared more like a toy built from blocks.

Li Xiu saw that the highest structure of the castle was tower-like, with a beautiful woman in a green dress standing on its balcony, unexpectedly human.

The Jade Demon King reached out, placing Li Xiu inside the castle, and released him, causing Li Xiu to fall in front of the tower.

"Little Cui, you may go rest now," the beautiful woman on the balcony smiled, addressing the Jade Demon King.

The Jade Demon King emitted a sound akin to a mewling cat or dog, then obediently turned away from the Jade Castle.

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Li Xiu looked up at the tower, seeing the woman in a green gown, appearing elegant and regal, yet still beautiful and sensual. Although her age was indeterminate, from her demeanor, she was likely not a young girl.

"What is your name?" The charming woman stood on the balcony, looking down at Li Xiu and asked.

"Li Xiu." After answering, Li Xiu inquired in turn, "How should I address you?"

"What is your relation to Li Boyang?" The charming woman did not answer him, instead continuing to ask.

"Who is Li Boyang?" Li Xiu retorted.

"Isn't Li Boyang your father?" The charming woman seemed somewhat surprised as she scrutinized Li Xiu.

Li Xiu thought for a moment and said, "If the Li Boyang you refer to is the president of the Longevity Association, then he has nothing to do with me. I'm merely a member of the Longevity Association."

"Since you're not Li Boyang's son, what are you doing here at the Jade Imperial Court?" The charming woman asked with a composed face.

Li Xiu secretly thought things were not good; the charming woman's expression didn't look quite right, realizing she might have a special relationship with the Longevity Association's president.

But the words had already been spoken, now pretending to be Li Boyang's son was too late, besides, Li Xiu didn't have the habit of randomly pretending to be someone else's child.

"I'm here naturally to see you." Li Xiu's expression remained unchanged, as if it were only natural.

"To see me? Do you know who I am?" The charming woman stated coldly.

"I don't." Li Xiu shook his head and said, not waiting for the woman to speak, then continued, "So please tell me your name, then I can know whether you are the person I'm looking for."

"What is the name of the person you're looking for?" The charming woman asked.

"Sorry, if I can't confirm you are the person I'm looking for, please forgive me for not answering your question." Li Xiu said earnestly.

"That's interesting, my surname is Jiang, am I the one you're looking for?" The charming woman seemed to have seen through Li Xiu's intentions and said playfully as she looked at him.

"Your surname is Jiang, then do you know someone with the surname Wu?" Li Xiu asked seriously.

"Someone with the surname Wu? What's the full name?" The charming woman was slightly taken aback; she originally thought Li Xiu was talking nonsense, but seeing his earnest expression and hearing an unexpected surname, she couldn't help but feel puzzled.

"Since you don't know, it seems the person I'm looking for is not you." Li Xiu observed and immediately felt a bit more confident, feigning disappointment as he said.

"I asked you what's the name of the person with the surname Wu?" The charming woman said with some displeasure.

"If you're not the Fifth Celestial King's person, why say so much?" Li Xiu sighed.

"Did Wu Xinglie send you? What did he ask you to find me for?" The charming woman indeed knew Wu Xinglie.

Upon hearing this, Li Xiu was secretly delighted, knowing his previous guesses were correct, this charming woman was undoubtedly from the Demon Kingdom, and her position in the Demon Kingdom should not be low.

"Please tell me your full name, as Wu Xinglie's message, I can only share with the person he wants to find." Li Xiu stated seriously.

"My name is Jiang Linglan. What exactly did Wu Xinglie ask you to find me for?" Upon hearing Li Xiu refer to Wu Xinglie as 'Wu Xinglie', the charming woman believed him a bit more.

In the past, within the Demon Kingdom, with Wu Xinglie's personality, most young people close to him called him 'Wu Xinglie'. He preferred this title and did not like others calling him the Celestial King.

"So it's really you, Wu Xinglie asked me to tell you that Bu'Er is with him." Li Xiu continued to test.

"Bu'Er? Who is Bu'Er?" Jiang Linglan showed a confused expression.

Li Xiu's heart skipped a beat; it seemed this trial had failed, Jiang Linglan did not know Bu'Er.

Li Xiu had believed Bu'Er's identity was surely special, perhaps those in the City of Love stayed to protect Bu'Er.

Since Jiang Linglan recognized Wu Xinglie and was a high-ranking person in the Demon Kingdom, she should know Bu'Er, yet she didn't. It seemed Li Xiu's previous speculations about Bu'Er might be wrong.

"I also don't know who Bu'Er is, this is what Wu Xinglie asked me to pass on," Li Xiu could only persist to the end now.

"What else did Wu Xinglie say?" The charming woman pondered for a moment, seemingly thinking about who Bu'Er was, perhaps without an answer, she continued to ask.

"That's all." Li Xiu shook his head.

"That's all?" Jiang Linglan stared at Li Xiu, her brows furrowing again.

"Indeed that's all, Wu Xinglie only asked me to deliver this one message to you." Li Xiu finished and immediately continued, "Besides Wu Xinglie, someone else asked me to pass a message to you."

"Who else?" Jiang Linglan was truly curious upon hearing this.

If Li Xiu was making it all up, he should mention as few people as possible; now he even mentioned other people, making Jiang Linglan feel slightly surprised.

"Blind Tailor." Li Xiu looked at Jiang Linglan and said.

Jiang Linglan frowned and said, "Who is Blind Tailor?"

"Oh, right, Blind Tailor said he can be called the Shadow Swordsman." Li Xiu continued.

"Zhang Ping... You've actually met Zhang Ping... What message did he leave for me?" Jiang Linglan's doubt towards Li Xiu diminished upon hearing the Shadow Swordsman name.

Many people know about the Demon Kingdom's Fifth Celestial King; even Demon Kingdom's literature contains mentions of him, which isn't surprising.

But Shadow Swordsman Zhang Ping is different; he is the Demon Country Celestial Emperor's close guard. Aside from a few close to the Celestial Emperor, few Demon Kingdom people know the name Shadow Swordsman, let alone an Earth human.

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"The Blind Tailor asked me to tell you to watch out for someone called the God of Slaughter." Li Xiu continued his guesswork, trying to pry information out of Jiang Linglan.

Upon hearing the words God of Slaughter, Jiang Linglan's body visibly trembled, and he exclaimed, "Is the God of Slaughter still alive? That's impossible! Where is he?"

"I don't know, I'm just passing a message. I don't even know who the God of Slaughter is." Li Xiu saw that Jiang Linglan actually knew the God of Slaughter, and hurriedly asked, "Who exactly is this God of Slaughter? Why do both Old Man Wu and the Blind Tailor seem so afraid of him?"

Now completely convinced by Li Xiu, Jiang Linglan sighed, "He is someone who should already be dead."

Saying this, Jiang Linglan looked at Li Xiu and asked, "Where did you meet Wu Xinglie and Zhang Ping?"

"City of Love." Li Xiu replied truthfully.

"City of Love? What's that place?" Jiang Linglan frowned, clearly having never heard of such a place.

"It's the City of Love, next to the Aegean Sea. I entered through the Trial Gate, the exact location is unclear." Li Xiu feigned ignorance.

Jiang Linglan asked a few times, seemingly unable to figure out where the City of Love might be, and pondered aloud, "Apart from them, have you seen anyone else in the City of Love?"

"There are many people in the City of Love; who are you referring to?" Li Xiu countered.

"Is there a very flirtatious woman who likes to drink?" Jiang Linglan thought for a moment and asked.

"The woman you're talking about, does she have long, wavy hair..." Li Xiu described the woman who owned the tavern.

"So it's her, that slut is there too." Jiang Linglan, upon hearing this, seemed to grit his teeth a bit.

Jiang Linglan asked about a few more people, and Li Xiu had indeed seen them all in the City of Love.

Li Xiu wanted to ask Jiang Linglan some questions, but each time he was interrupted by Jiang Linglan, who had no intention of answering, leaving Li Xiu a bit frustrated.

"I've delivered the message. If there's nothing else, I'll be going." Seeing that he couldn't get any more answers, Li Xiu was eager to leave.

Jiang Linglan pondered for a moment and said to Li Xiu, "I didn't expect Wu Xinglie and Zhang Ping to still think of me. Please deliver a message for me as well."

"What message?" Li Xiu was overjoyed at the words, feeling relieved that he had passed this hurdle and his life was secure.

Jiang Linglan paused for a moment, then said, "That matter has nothing to do with me."

"Just that one sentence?" After waiting for a while without Jiang Linglan adding more, Li Xiu asked.

"Just that sentence." Jiang Linglan nodded.

"Alright, next time I go to the City of Love, I'll be sure to deliver your message. I'll take my leave now." Li Xiu said, ready to leave.

"Wait." Jiang Linglan called out to Li Xiu again.

Li Xiu turned around to look at Jiang Linglan, feeling a bit uneasy, fearing Jiang Linglan had discovered something amiss.

This was someone who could command the Jade Demon King as a pet. If she really noticed something, his life might end there.

Jiang Linglan said, "Come up here first; there's something I need you to take to them."

Li Xiu wasn't afraid that Jiang Linglan would set a trap in the tower; if she wanted to kill him, it wouldn't need to be so complicated.

He turned to find the entrance to the tower, but didn't find a door.

"Don't bother, there's no door here. You'll have to climb up from here." Jiang Linglan said, throwing down a thick rope from above.

Li Xiu grabbed the rope and started climbing, suddenly recalling a fairy tale he had heard as a child.

It was said that a long-haired princess was imprisoned in a tall tower. When a prince came to the tower, she would let down her hair, allowing him to climb up to meet her.

Unfortunately, Li Xiu was climbing a rope, not hair, and the person at the top of the tower wasn't a princess, but perhaps the old flame of the Longevity Association's leader.

In no time, Li Xiu climbed up to the balcony of the tower, standing beside Jiang Linglan.

"Follow me." Jiang Linglan turned and walked into the tower.

Li Xiu followed her into the tower, noticing how simply it was furnished; the bed and chairs were carved from jade, and it seemed the tower contained nothing but jade.

Li Xiu took a look around, finding that not everything was made of jade. There was a painting on the wall that wasn't jade but a traditional ink painting. It depicted this jade tower and Jiang Linglan, with just a few brush strokes, not capturing Jiang Linglan's likeness but still making it clear it was her, with a certain artistic touch.

Jiang Linglan descended the stairs, and Li Xiu quickly followed. The spiral staircase felt endless.

Thankfully, it was only an illusion. After descending about ten floors, the stairs finally ended.

Li Xiu immediately saw the bottom of the tower, which turned out to be entirely a fish pond.

The circular room's base was a complete fish pond, with a bridge stretching across its center, connecting the room's two ends.

Jiang Linglan stepped onto the bridge, and Li Xiu followed. The bridge itself was made of jade, and the ropes at both ends were a kind of crystal thread, like fishing line twisted together.

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Li Xiu looked down at the fish pond and noticed there were quite a few fish inside, white with blue spots swimming back and forth, each at least one or two feet long.

The bottom of the pond was covered with various colored pebbles, but upon closer inspection, those were not pebbles at all.

Those reds, greens, purples, blues, and whites were clearly pieces of jade.

Among them were high-quality icy jade and glass jade, each piece was crystal clear and beautiful.

Jiang Linglan crouched down, reached into the pond, stirred the water a few times, and then fished out a jade piece the size of a fist.

The jade looked like a pebble, but it was crystal clear, shining like an ice block with a greenish hue.

"Help me take this jade piece to Wu Xinglie," Jiang Linglan said as she tossed the icy jade piece in her hand to Li Xiu.

Li Xiu caught the jade, and felt a bone-chilling cold as if it were a real ice block.

Fortunately, Li Xiu had cold resistance, so it didn't bother him too much. Upon closer inspection, he found many small characters carved on the icy jade, all in Demon Text.

Li Xiu was about to examine the Demon Text to understand its meaning when Jiang Linglan spoke again, "Take this one to Li Boyang."

Li Xiu looked up to see another jade piece thrown to him by Jiang Linglan. He caught it and saw it was another fist-sized jade, but this one was mainly purple and green, it was a Spring-Colored Jade.

What is called Spring-Colored Jade, is actually closer to the color of the watercress flower.

Li Xiu examined the Spring-Colored Jade in his hand and found it also had many Demon Text characters carved on it, though he didn't look closely.

Who knows if the Demon Text on it holds Jiang Linglan's secrets? If she doesn't want others to know and finds out he understands Demon Text, it could be awkward.

"Alright, I'll deliver this to the guild master." Li Xiu packed away both jade pieces and turned to leave.

To his surprise, Jiang Linglan called him back again. If it weren't for being under another's roof having to keep low, Li Xiu wouldn't care much for her.

But now, having no other choice, he turned around and looked at Jiang Linglan indifferently.

"Having you do all this, I can't let it be for nothing. From here, you can choose a piece of jade to take with you as my reward for your help," Jiang Linglan said with a smile, seemingly seeing through Li Xiu's thoughts.

"Ahem, you're truly considerate, then I won't be polite." Li Xiu finally felt like examining the jade at the bottom of the pool carefully.

The jade at the bottom of the pond wasn't very big, the largest being the size of a human head, and came in colors like red jade, purple jade, blue jade, green jade, etc., with several Spring-Colored ones, mostly green.

Besides these jades, there were some black or gray stones, slightly larger than the jade.

"This is what you deserve, don't be shy, pick any you want," Jiang Linglan said with a smile, "Those unopened ones are raw jade stones, with a layer of stone skin outside. There's a good chance they have jade inside, but the quality can't be guaranteed."

Li Xiu watched for a while, quickly focusing on a blackish, human-head-sized raw jade stone and pointed at it, "I want it."

"Are you sure you want the raw jade stone?" Jiang Linglan asked with some surprise, "If you don't understand jade, I can tell you that among the jade at the bottom, there are a few pieces of glass-type imperial green and blood jade, which are the most valuable. With raw jade, the quality of the jade

depends on luck, even with the best luck, it'll be just glass-type imperial green at most, are you sure you want to gamble?"

"I just like the challenge of the unknown, things are too obvious, not much fun," Li Xiu stated insincerely.

Choosing the raw jade stone wasn't because he liked gambling, nor for challenging the unknown; it was because upon seeing that stone, he felt a familiar hunger, indicating it was not ordinary, perhaps a Demon Spirit Gemstone.

Of course, Li Xiu couldn't be entirely sure, because here in the Demon Spirit Realm, whether the jade is similar to Earth's jade is uncertain.

Still, since it stirred his hunger, even if it's not a Demon Spirit Gemstone, it must have its own special attributes.

"A young person enjoying excitement isn't necessarily bad," Jiang Linglan seemed to appreciate Li Xiu's way of handling things, and said no more, picking up the slightly larger-than-head-sized raw jade stone from the pool and handing it to Li Xiu.

Li Xiu held the raw stone in his arms and then turned to Jiang Linglan to ask, "Do you have anything else? If not, I'll really be on my way."

"How will you leave?" Jiang Linglan asked with a smile.

Her question put Li Xiu in a difficult spot.

Previously, entering the Land of Trial always involved using a ticket from the Trial Ground. Simply extinguishing the Longevity Lamp allowed him to return.

This time, he was brought in by the Jade Demon King, not going through the Trial Ground, thus without a ticket and therefore no Longevity Lamp, making leaving certainly an issue.

"I'll have Jade send you back," Jiang Linglan smiled.

"Thank you," Li Xiu said awkwardly, as Jiang Linglan seemed to notice his impatience.

Following Jiang Linglan back to the top of the tower, Li Xiu climbed down the rope again.

Jiang Linglan called softly for Jade, and soon Li Xiu felt the ground vibrate. Shortly after, the massive body of the Jade Demon King appeared outside the Jade Castle.

"Jade, send him out through the Jade Gate," Jiang Linglan ordered the Jade Demon King.

This time, the Jade Demon King was gentle, bending over to extend a hand to the ground before Li Xiu, and after he jumped onto it, it slowly raised him, holding him in its palm.

"By the way, earlier I saw your Jade spit out a baby from its mouth as it sent it out the Jade Gate, what's the origin of that baby?" Before leaving, Li Xiu remembered the baby he saw and couldn't help but curiously ask.

Standing on the balcony, Jiang Linglan's face suddenly changed when she heard this, her gaze turned icy cold as she stared at the Jade Demon King.

Seeing her expression, Li Xiu had a very bad feeling immediately.

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"Xiaocui, what have you done?" Jiang Linglan coldly gazed at the Jade Demon King.

The Jade Demon King shuddered. Suddenly, its palm shrank, clutching Li Xiu, who was originally cradled, as if grabbing onto a doll, leaving only his head exposed, holding him up to face Jiang Linglan.

Li Xiu was baffled. How did things turn like this? One sentence turned him into a hostage.

"Curiosity killed the cat. Why did I ask about that baby girl for no reason?" Li Xiu knew his weakness, he was overly curious about everything, but he felt no regrets.

At this moment, he was being held by the Jade Demon King, unable to move at all. The demon's palm emitted a strange Jade Divine Light, ready to crush his body at any slight movement.

Of course, that movement didn't refer to Li Xiu himself, but to any action from Jiang Linglan.

Although Li Xiu possessed the Super Bottle Suction, his physical condition wasn't strong enough. Directly absorbing the Jade Divine Light would likely burst his body; otherwise, he wouldn't have first obtained Light-Speed Spear No.3 and the Light-Speed Spear to buffer the absorption.

The Jade Demon King held Li Xiu in front, retreating backward. Clearly, it was just using Li Xiu as a hostage to escape.

Jiang Linglan looked at the Jade Demon King, coldly questioned again, "Xiaocui, do you think this will coerce me?"

The Jade Demon King didn't answer, suddenly turning to sprint. Its massive body roared across the ground, the Jade Divine Light burning like a bonfire, unbelievably fast, like a green-tailed comet skimming the earth.

While fleeing, the Jade Demon King roared, and countless Jade Warriors rushed over from all sides, flooding behind it, drawing swords and pointing them at the Jade Castle.

Numerous Jade Warriors surrounded the Jade Castle, and the castle entrance was packed with them.

Li Xiu was utterly confused. Previously, the Jade Demon King and Jade Warriors acted like obedient pets under Jiang Linglan, yet suddenly, they betrayed completely because of his words.

Li Xiu couldn't understand the relationship between these demons and Jiang Linglan.

Clutching Li Xiu, the Jade Demon King continued its frantic escape, rushing over dozens of miles in moments, ignoring the Jade Warriors chasing behind, only focused on fleeing far from the Jade Castle.

Standing on the tower balcony, Jiang Linglan watched the Jade Demon King gradually fade into the distance, her gaze growing icy.

Her right hand slowly lifted, a jade green spreading from her fingertips as she raised her palm, morphing her entire being into a bizarre yet beautiful jade statue.

The next second, a point of jade light exploded from Jiang Linglan's fingertip, not terrifying, just a thin dot, piercing through dozens of miles like a laser, directly striking the back of the Jade Demon King's head.

A tiny jade spot appeared on the back of the demon's head, flickering before disappearing.

It wasn't that the jade spot vanished, it was because the Jade Demon King's skull was penetrated by that laser-like beam, the thin jade green beam continuing to extend into the distance, extending endlessly.

Any demons in the path of this beam, including the Jade Demon King, were directly penetrated, without even a sound.

The Jade Demon King's body collapsed forward like a mountain, terrifying Li Xiu. Such a mighty demon felled by one strike to the skull; Jiang Linglan's strength was unimaginably terrifying.

Li Xiu struggled to grasp why, though both hailing from the Demon Kingdom, neither the Fifth Celestial King known as Old Master Wu nor the Shadow Swordsman wielded such power. Jiang Linglan's sheer might was beyond imagination.

As the Jade Demon King fell, its hand still tightly gripping Li Xiu. At the moment of falling, the hand swung, flinging Li Xiu like a baseball.

Wrapped in a layer of Jade Divine Light, Li Xiu's body streaked through the sky like a meteor, the scenery around him constantly shifting too fast to discern, likening to a Time Tunnel's fluid motion. Who knows how many times the speed of sound he's reaching, maybe almost catching up to the speed of light.

Li Xiu could only be grateful for the protective Jade Divine Light around him; otherwise, the friction with the atmosphere alone might have killed him.

Now Li Xiu could only pray there weren't mountains or anything ahead, for crashing at this speed would surely obliterate him like a bomb.

True to his fears, flying like a supersonic bullet, Li Xiu saw a shadow ahead resembling a mountain.

He hadn't even discerned what it was before colliding into it.

"Never thought I'd die this way..." The thought barely finished when he crashed.

Li Xiu's total Light Energy erupted, trying to survive the impact, though he felt it was likely futile.

Strangely to Li Xiu, he didn't feel the collision's shock. Before striking the mountain, it split open a crack.

Encased in Jade Divine Light, Li Xiu shot into the mountain, clearly feeling his speed reduce, slowing more and more.

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The sensation was akin to a bullet entering water; due to the resistance of the liquid, the speed rapidly decreased.

As the speed decreased, the Jade Divine Light surrounding Li Xiu weakened more and more, until it completely vanished, and his body finally came to a halt.

"I actually survived!" Li Xiu touched his intact body, hardly able to believe his incredible luck.

Surveying his surroundings, he discovered that there was no liquid here; it was more like a straight cave tunnel, akin to a train tunnel.

However, the tunnel walls were made of jade, emitting a gentle green glow, similar to rippling waves, softly flickering through the tunnel.

Li Xiu speculated that it was likely because of these green lights that his speed reduced, preventing him from crashing to death.

"This definitely isn't a coincidence; when the Jade Demon King threw me out, it was deliberate and not a random act, it must have intentionally thrown me here." Li Xiu understood that there isn't so much luck in the world; everything has its reasons.

Yet, Li Xiu still couldn't comprehend why the Jade Demon King would toss him here before its death.

Undoubtedly, the Jade Demon King was attempting to escape in this direction at the time; if it had not been killed by Jiang Linglan, it likely would have brought Li Xiu here.

Li Xiu had always been one to make peace with circumstances, examining his surroundings and finding that the tunnel appeared endless in both directions.

Unable to ascertain his flying speed, Li Xiu could not estimate how far he had traveled within the tunnel.

Li Xiu faced a choice: move forward into the unknown or return in the direction he came from.

Moving forward was unknown, returning might allow him to exit from the entrance he was thrown in.

However, there's no guarantee of finding an exit, as Li Xiu hadn't seen an entrance, only a shadow as immense as a mountain.

After a moment's hesitation, Li Xiu decided to retrace his steps to seek an exit.

Jiang Linglan intended to kill the Jade Demon King, not Li Xiu; if he returned, Jiang Linglan probably wouldn't harm him, since he still needed to deliver the items.

Of course, there's always the possibility that Jiang Linglan might want to silence him, given the mysterious origin of the infant Li Xiu couldn't yet comprehend.

If he didn't encounter Jiang Linglan after leaving the tunnel, Li Xiu planned to find his own way back rather than meet with Jiang Linglan, as that woman was indeed peculiar.

The tunnel seemed artificially constructed; the ground was exceptionally smooth, prompting Li Xiu to summon the Masked Emperor and ride it swiftly through the tunnel.

Soon, Li Xiu discovered the tunnel wasn't straight but had some curves.

"Was the Jade Demon King so precise to throw me a curveball during the toss? This is too accurate!" Li Xiu doubted that under such circumstances, the Jade Demon King could calculate so precisely, even the curve without causing him to crash.

The Masked Emperor dashed through the green-light tunnel for an hour without any sign of reaching an exit.

Li Xiu sensed something was amiss but had no other choice but to continue riding until he was forced to stop after several hours.

Li Xiu remembered that upon entering the tunnel, his speed greatly reduced, implying he hadn't traveled too far into the tunnel.

Even if the initial speed was fast, with the Masked Emperor's speed, he should have reached the exit after several hours.

The fact that he had not reached the exit implied something was wrong with the tunnel.

Moreover, despite flying through the tunnel, Li Xiu did not feel any resistance from the ubiquitous green light; why then did his speed quickly decrease upon entering?

"What exactly is this place?" Li Xiu surveyed the surroundings, seeing only the endless jade tunnel ahead and behind, nothing else.

"Since this path doesn't lead out, I must carve my own path." Li Xiu drew his Fire Lotus Sword and wildly swung it against the Jade Mountain Wall.

The Fire Lotus Sword, equipped with twenty-four Light Veins from the Land of the Sword Soul, created deep sword marks four to five centimeters deep on the Jade Mountain Wall, but the marks quickly healed. Li Xiu's striking speed was slower than the marks healed.

Li Xiu ceased and sat down to rest, knowing that continuing to chop would be futile and waste the Fire Lotus Sword's Light Energy.

"The Jade Demon King threw me here with a purpose, not simply to trap me. If it intended to kill me, it could have done so simply by crushing me, rather than going through the trouble of bringing me here before its death." Li Xiu pondered: "What was its intention? Jiang Linglan hasn't come for so long, surely something has happened; otherwise, even if she didn't intend to rescue me, she would at least retrieve the two pieces of jade."

After resting for a while, Li Xiu opened his eyes, mounted the Masked Emperor again, but this time chose to advance forward instead of returning.