

## **When God 821**

### Chapter 821 The Mystery of Bloodlines

The butterfly and the giant turtle remained motionless, facing each other in a standoff. Now was the perfect opportunity for Li Xiu.

The giant turtle and the ice turtles in the Snow Valley were affected by the Divine Light emanating from the butterfly's wings, and were currently entrapped in an Illusion Realm.

Though both were influenced by the Butterfly Divine Light, ordinary ice turtles had no resistance whatsoever, lying in the snow like brain-dead vegetative beings, their Light Energy no longer emanating.

However, the Divine Position Level turtle continued to radiate azure Divine Light, particularly intense on the Ice Stele.

The giant turtle itself was trapped in the Illusion Realm, while the butterfly lost almost all mobility under the azure Divine Light.

Once the butterfly contract's Divine Light was depleted, the giant turtle would likely wake up.

Upon returning, Li Xiu did not immediately charge into the range covered by the Butterfly Divine Light and azure Divine Light. Instead, he climbed onto a cliffside in the canyon and summoned two Forbidden Spears, transforming them into Gatling gun form, and fired wildly at the giant turtle.

Light Bullets were shot into the canyon, but their speed slowed down increasingly, and soon the bullets were frozen in mid-air.

Li Xiu ignored this, continuing to run wildly along the cliff, raining Light Bullets into the canyon, letting them hang suspended in the canyon like stationary firefly raindrops.

Li Xiu continuously changed positions, the Light Bullets he fired almost covering the entire canyon, like countless glowing firefly rain droplets halted within the valley.

Li Qingyi was unsure of Li Xiu's intentions, for such shooting seemed meaningless—the Divine Position Level giant turtle couldn't be harmed by tons of Light Bullets, and those bullets couldn't even reach the turtle.

Li Xiu appeared oblivious, frantically scattering various Light Bullets, then retracted the two Forbidden Spears and produced another small flashlight-like Parasite Contract Nine Dragon Profound Ice Tube.

Li Xiu picked up the Nine Dragon Profound Ice Tube and activated the Nine Dragon Lamp skill, shining into the canyon.

Li Xiu walked into the canyon while shining the Nine Dragon Profound Ice Tube, without much hope, merely testing if this gadget might reveal ice turtle weaknesses—he intended to enter the canyon regardless of its efficacy.

Strangely, the Nine Dragon Lamp's beam penetrated the canyon unaffected by the azure light, illuminating a stationary ice turtle.

Unfortunately, the beam revealed no red lines within the ice turtle.

Li Xiu continued running toward the valley while illuminating other ice turtles, but results were the same—no red lines appeared.

Li Xiu wasn't disappointed, as he hadn't expected the Nine Dragon Profound Ice Tube to reveal anything; yet when he casually shone toward the giant turtle, the beam penetrated without slowing, landing directly on the turtle.

The giant turtle, originally like an ice crystal diamond, turned Blood Red where the beam shone.

Li Xiu paused momentarily, then rejoiced, unexpectedly finding the Nine Dragon Lamp revealed something after all.

Li Xiu aimed the Nine Dragon Lamp at the giant turtle, wherever illuminated turning Blood Red—the color vanished when the beam shifted.

Unlike the Glacial Crystal Worm, which had red lines—the areas where they congealed were weaknesses—the giant turtle bore no red lines but entirely crimson, even on the Ice Stele; it seemed impossible that everywhere was a weakness.

Li Xiu felt puzzled—why did the Nine Dragon Lamp reveal nothing on ordinary ice turtles, but showed solid crimson on the giant turtle; were they not the same species?

Li Xiu had already entered the area covered by overlapping Divine Light; knowing neither light was destructive, one controlled people, the other slowed them down—even stopped them—this was the perfect chance for Li Xiu.

After entering the overlap of Divine Light, Li Xiu activated Super Bottle Suction, absorbing the Divine Light enveloping him.

Simultaneously, Ultimate Light emanated, protecting his body, preventing Divine Light from slowing him.

Massive amounts of Divine Light absorbed internally transformed into Light Energy to sustain Ultimate Light's consumption, allowing Li Xiu ample time within this area.

As for Butterfly Divine Light's accompanying Spiritual Sense attacks, for Li Xiu, it posed no threat; Light Energy absorbed would scatter his own Spiritual Sense, preventing him from entering an Illusion Realm.

Nonetheless, Li Xiu couldn't comprehend the decomposition process of Spiritual Sense and Light Energy, unable to analyze their combination.

Li Xiu approached the Butterfly Contract, increasingly sensing its intense Divine Light, wherein fused Spiritual Sense grew stronger.

Yet fused Spiritual Sense encountered Ultimate Light's separation; the Divine Light absorbed by Super Bottle Suction, Spiritual Sense clashing with Li Xiu's, never truly interacting in their fused state.

To genuinely understand such Light Spirit fusion skills, Li Xiu would need to forego using Ultimate Light, directly encountering Divine Light.

But that was exceedingly risky—near a Divine Position Level magic spirit, Li Xiu disdained such perilous experiments.

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As he absorbed the Divine Light, he shone the Nine Dragon Lamp on the giant turtle, refraining from approaching further, constantly keeping an eye on the turtle's movements and the state of the Butterfly Contract.

Even if he couldn't unravel the secret of Light Spirit Unity, merely absorbing the Divine Light was surprise enough.

The Divine Position Level Light Energy was indeed pure and advanced. The portion absorbed into Li Xiu's body not only supported the consumption of Ultimate Light and Super Bottle Suction but also provided a surplus of Light Energy, rekindling the path of advancement that had been cut off before.

This time, Li Xiu was wiser, not juggling three tasks at once, but channeling all the absorbed Light Energy into the Evil Spirit Token, letting it undertake Spirit Casting first.

If the Evil Spirit Token doesn't cast spirits first, it will continuously draw Light Energy from Li Xiu himself and the Forbidden Spear. Only after it casts spirits can Li Xiu and the Forbidden Spear stop having their Light Energy extracted. Otherwise, managing all three would require an enormous amount of Light Energy to achieve Spirit Casting advancement.

As Light Energy surged in, the blue humanoid and red humanoid patterns on the Evil Spirit Token grew increasingly brighter, as if about to step off the token.

Previously, the Evil Spirit Token only had the Red and Blue Light Vein Map; in the Super Spirit state, it transformed into red and blue light shadows.

But now an even stranger transformation occurred. On the red and blue light shadows, facial features appeared.

The blue light shadow grinned like a malicious ghost, its eyes slanted, and ears sharp like blades, as if laughing evilly.

The red light shadow's features were more normal, more gentle, yet still bore an eerie smile.

Light points began lighting up on the bodies of the blue and red light shadows, each point corresponding to a node of the first Light Vein formerly.

When all Light Vein nodes lit up, Light Vein lines appeared between the nodes, reconstructing the Light Vein Map within the light shadows.

As each Light Vein connection formed, the bodies of the blue and red light shadows twisted endlessly, seemingly ready to walk off the Evil Spirit Token.

Li Xiu knew it was the critical moment for the Evil Spirit Token's Spirit Casting. Success or failure depended on this very moment.

He absorbed Divine Light frantically, injecting it into the Evil Spirit Token. The sinister red and blue light shadows twisted wildly on the token, seeming on the brink of bursting out.

What puzzled Li Xiu was that the Evil Spirit Token was, like himself, entirely like a Light Seed; how could Light Veins still appear on the red and blue light shadows?

This forced Li Xiu to reconsider the function of Light Veins. He previously thought, having transformed into a Light Seed, he no longer needed Light Veins, for his entire body was a Light Vein. What was the point of Light Veins, then? Weren't Light Veins just containers? His whole body was a container now, what difference did it make whether Light Veins were there or not?

The same was true for the Evil Spirit Token. Yet, in the process of Spirit Casting advancement, it reshaped Light Veins, which was perplexing to Li Xiu.

He kept an eye on both the giant turtle and the state of the Evil Spirit Token.

Suddenly, something dawned on Li Xiu, sending a shiver through him.

"Could it be, that the giant turtle is not of pure Ice Turtle Bloodline, or perhaps not entirely..." Li Xiu entertained a possibility.

The Light Vein Map appeared on the Evil Spirit Token because it originally had a Light Vein Map.

Ordinary Ice Turtles have no blood lines. If the giant turtle belonged to the Ice Turtle clan, it shouldn't have any blood lines.

But there were blood lines on its body, suggesting it wasn't purely from the Ice Turtle clan, and a creature with blood lines would be the Glacial Crystal Worm.

This led Li Xiu to speculate the giant turtle might carry the bloodline of the Glacial Crystal Worm.

Whether hybrid or parasitic, the giant turtle certainly carried the bloodline of the Glacial Crystal Worm, which was why the Nine Dragon Lamp was ineffective on ordinary Ice Turtles but effective on the giant turtle.

Recalling the names Nine Dragon Profound Ice Tube and Nine Dragon Lamp, Li Xiu developed new conjectures.

The names of contracts and skills are not given randomly but bear significance; if the Nine Dragon Profound Ice Tube was really meant to illuminate dragons, then is it possible that those weakest magical spirits in the Land of Nine Dragons Profound Ice, the Glacial Crystal Worms, are, in fact, of Dragon Bloodline?

Otherwise, why else would every Glacial Crystal Worm have blood lines, only varying in strength?

Yet the much more powerful Ice Turtle bears no blood lines whatsoever.

Saying those most numerous and weakest Glacial Crystal Worms are actually young dragons seems preposterous.

Would dragons be so weak in their youth? Any magical spirit could prey on them; they were no match, surviving only by hiding beneath the glacier, relying on reproductive capability.

However, if this theory holds, then Li Xiu boldly speculates that the blood lines revealed by the Nine Dragon Lamp are not weaknesses but, in fact, Dragon Bloodline.

Li Qingyi mistakenly thought it was a weakness because the convergence of Dragon Bloodline is the Glacial Crystal Worm's frailest point.

Much like the legendary dragon's Reverse Scale, the least tolerated touch, its weakest point.

"If the giant turtle is indeed a hybrid of Glacial Crystal Worm and Ice Turtle, possessing Dragon Veins, then does it have the same weakness? At the convergence of Dragon Veins, where the dragon's Reverse Scale is..." Li Xiu couldn't help but pick up the Nine Dragon Lamp, continually illuminating the giant turtle.

Li Xiu opted to absorb Divine Light at close range instead of intending to slay the giant turtle because he knew his strength was utterly insufficient to kill it.

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His all-out strike couldn't even penetrate the shell of a common Light-based Ice Turtle, let alone that of a Divine Position Giant Turtle.

However, if that weakness truly exists in the giant turtle, even if he couldn't kill it now, finding its weakness means he might have a chance to kill it in the future.

Of course, now that it's trapped by the Butterfly Divine Light, it's the best chance to kill it. If the Longevity Treasure Chopsticks are willing to cooperate, maybe he can try.

Unfortunately, the Longevity Treasure Chopsticks remained motionless; it wasn't his contract, making it difficult to control freely.

Boom!

Within Li Xiu's body, red and blue colors suddenly rose. A blue shadow resembling a demon appeared above his head, and almost simultaneously, a red shadow resembling an evil spirit appeared above his head.

The Evil Spirit Token successfully cast spirits, but both spirits looked somewhat bizarre. Although human-like, they emitted an evil aura.

The blue cast spirit's body exuded a sinister aura, while the red cast spirit, although not as evil, seemed to emanate a bloody scent.

"Spirit Casting... And it's Dual Casting Spirit..." Li Qingyi watched Li Xiu from the periphery, somewhat puzzled as to how Li Xiu had cast spirits so suddenly.

With a thought, the red and blue spirits returned to Li Xiu's body, reattaching themselves to the Evil Spirit Token.

The Evil Spirit Token returned to its original form, and the Red and Blue Light Vein Map reappeared.

Li Xiu didn't have time to see the capabilities of the cast spirits of the Evil Spirit Token. After casting spirits, he transferred all his Light Energy to the Forbidden Spear, hoping to also elevate it to spirit casting.

During this time, he continuously scanned the giant turtle with the Nine Dragon Lamp, trying to find where the Dragon Vein converged.

But the giant turtle was entirely blood red, as if the Dragon Vein had become one with it, without any apparent Dragon Vein convergence.

It was as if Li Xiu's body had no Light Veins left, only Light Seeds.

"Is there really none?" Li Xiu thought otherwise.

When the Evil Spirit Token advanced to spirit casting, it autonomously reconverged the Light Veins, indicating these veins had some special function.

The Dragon Bloodline is undoubtedly crucial for dragon-type demon spirits. It must have a convergence point in the Dragon Vein, which is where the Reverse Scale is, but Li Xiu hadn't found it yet.

Li Xiu searched for a long time without finding the Reverse Scale and was puzzled. He suddenly felt the Butterfly Divine Light emitted by the butterfly had weakened.

The Forbidden Spear hadn't absorbed enough Light Energy to cast a spirit, but Li Xiu didn't dare to linger and turned to run towards where Li Qingyi was.

"Which way?" Before long, Li Xiu reached Li Qingyi's side.

Li Qingyi looked at him with a strange expression, pointed in a direction, and the two quickly left, distancing themselves from that great canyon.

Soon, they saw from the canyon direction, a beam of green light shot into the sky, accompanied by a roar that seemed to shake the entire ice field.

Accompanying the rising green light were countless scattered small light dots, like fireflies — the Light Bullets Li Xiu had previously left behind.

Whether those Light Bullets played a role or not, the giant turtle didn't follow them out of the canyon, allowing the two to breathe a sigh of relief.

"What a pity, such a special Divine Position Contract has been destroyed just like that." Li Xiu expressed some regret.

"It can't be destroyed. Didn't I tell you that the butterfly would return to father by itself?" Li Qingyi said.

Li Xiu had heard Li Qingyi say so earlier, but this was the Land of Trial, and the Butterfly Divine Position Contract was trapped by the giant turtle's Divine Light. Li Xiu couldn't figure out how the butterfly, with its depleted Divine Light, would return to the guild master.

"Do you have any other life-saving items?" The two rode a white bear, with Li Xiu sitting behind Li Qingyi, curiously asking.

"No more, if we encounter danger again, we'll have to rely on our own efforts," Li Qingyi wasn't too concerned, smiling as she said, "It's fortunate you've elevated to spirit casting. If anything happens, it'll be up to you, this spirit-casting master, to protect us."

"I'll do my best." Li Xiu glanced around and asked, "Where's the next Land of Fire?"

"It's over there. Even at the white bear's speed, it would probably take more than ten hours to get there if nothing goes wrong," Li Qingyi pointed at the icy plain ahead.

Following Li Qingyi's finger, Li Xiu saw only a white expanse ahead, snowflakes oddly drifting down slowly without any wind, seeming both beautiful and a bit eerie.

Such heavy snow without any wind is indeed rare.

With nothing to do on the road, Li Xiu shared his guesses about the Nine Dragon Profound Ice Tube, the Glacial Crystal Worm, and the giant turtle with Li Qingyi.

After listening, Li Qingyi thought Li Xiu's guesses were indeed quite possible.

"If your guess is true, it's astonishing. The smallest Glacial Crystal Worm turns out to be a Dragon Bloodline, the most powerful bloodline, yet so weak in its youth. Without the Nine Dragon Profound Ice Tube, no one would have thought of it," Li Qingyi exclaimed.

"You say there are nine Fire Seed Points in the Land of Nine Dragons Profound Ice. If each point has a Divine Position Demon Spirit, it reminds me of the saying 'Dragon's Nine Offspring.' Could those demon spirits be hybrids with Glacial Crystal Worms?" Li Xiu pondered.

"If that's the case, you've hit the jackpot," Li Qingyi suddenly said.

"What do you mean?" Li Xiu didn't understand why Li Qingyi said this.

"If those Divine Position Demon Spirits are hybrids with Glacial Crystal Worms, then they must have the same weakness. Finding their weak point means spirit casting and killing a Divine Position might not be impossible," Li Qingyi said.

"It's a pity I didn't see the Reverse Scale on the giant turtle." Li Xiu thought Li Qingyi made sense, but he hadn't truly elevated to spirit casting yet; only the Evil Spirit Token had, and it was still in its first form. Claiming to kill Divine Positions seemed a bit overconfident now.

In the vast desolation of the world, a great white bear carried a man and a woman across the ice field, like a solitary leaf in the vastness.

#### Chapter 824 Underlying Currents Surge

"Xiyuan, this is for you." In the City Lord's Mansion, Sha Chu placed a box in front of the Ye family siblings.

Ye Xiyuan was a bit puzzled, unsure why Sha Chu would give her something. Upon opening it, she found a set of Demon Armor she had never seen before.

"Sister Sha Chu, I can't accept such a precious gift." Ye Xiyuan glanced briefly and could tell just from the craftsmanship and design that this was not ordinary Demon Armor; it must be advanced.

"I can't afford to gift something this valuable either, it's the City Lord who asked me to give it to you. When the Trial Taker competition truly begins, you must wear this Demon Armor to protect the safety of the City of Light and maintain order on the field," Sha Chu smiled and said.

"Xiyuan already has S-Class Magic Armor, how can she take the City Lord's armor as well, and she's already familiar with her previous armor, changing it now might make operating less smooth?" Ye Yuzhen said from the side.

"Xiyuan, what do you say?" Sha Chu looked at Ye Xiyuan and asked.

"The City Lord asked me to wear it, so I will." Ye Xiyuan said softly.

"Then try it on, you have about a month to get accustomed to this set of armor." Sha Chu said with a smile.

Ye Xiyuan nodded, reached out to grip the activation device of the armor, and activated it with her Spiritual Sense.

In an instant, the Demon Armor in the box enveloped Ye Xiyuan entirely. It was a set of pure white armor, with beautiful curves, obviously optimized and adjusted according to Ye Xiyuan's figure, making anyone immediately know the controller of this armor is a gracefully shaped female.

Ye Xiyuan only tried it briefly and immediately sensed the unusual nature of this armor, surprised she said, "This is no ordinary S-Class Magic Armor!"

"Definitely not ordinary S-Class Magic Armor, this is the latest Super Spirit Magic Armor, using a matrix Energy Source, which can unleash Light Energy rivaling that of Super Spirits." Sha Chu smiled as she said this.

"Super Spirit Magic Armor!" Ye Yuzhen was dumbfounded, he had never heard of such armor existing in the world.

Ye Xiyuan was extremely delighted, eager to test the Light Energy of the new armor right away.

"No need to rush, you have plenty of time to practice." Sha Chu stopped Ye Xiyuan.

"What's the name of this armor?" After removing the armor, Ye Xiyuan fondly stroked the Demon Armor Shell and asked.

"It's the latest model made, not yet in mass production. If you like it, you can name it." Sha Chu casually responded.

"Then let's call it Light City No. One." Ye Xiyuan thought for a while and said.

"Why choose that name?" Sha Chu was somewhat surprised looking at Ye Xiyuan, she thought Ye Xiyuan might choose a cuter name, not expecting her to be so considerate.

"I represent the City of Light, so the name can't be too random and must be representative. Moreover, I heard the City Lord's armor also uses numbers as code names; Light City No. One sounds good." Ye Xiyuan said.

"Indeed, it's a good name." Sha Chu smiled and said, but secretly thought to herself: "Li Xiu's those number one, number two, number three armors are often switched; naming like him is fine, just don't change armor frequently like him."

Seeing Sha Chu approving her choice of name, Ye Xiyuan was very happy.

"Xiyuan, there is another matter I want to discuss with you and seek your opinion." Sha Chu seriously said.

"If it's something within the city, just let us know, we siblings will give our all." Ye Yuzhen interjected.

"This matter requires Xiyuan's own agreement." Sha Chu looked at Ye Xiyuan and said, "The City Lord wishes to form a Magic Armor Master guard team in the city to maintain law and order in the City of Light. If you are willing, the City Lord wants you to be the captain of this Magic Armor Master guard team."

"That's wonderful, but isn't it a bit late to recruit Magic Armor Masters now? I'm not sure if we'll be able to recruit enough before the competition starts." Ye Yuzhen heard this and was very pleased.

"No need to recruit, all the Magic Armor Masters have already been chosen by the City Lord, it's roughly over a hundred." Sha Chu smiled and said.

"Over a hundred Magic Armor Masters, not many, Xiyuan shouldn't have a problem. What about the quality of those Magic Armor Masters?" Ye Yuzhen was anxious for Ye Xiyuan's sake.

"S-Class." Sha Chu said.

"There's S-Class, that's good, how many S-Class?" Ye Yuzhen quickly asked.

After all, the higher the standard of the Magic Armor Master guard team, the higher Ye Xiyuan's future status in the City of Light, this matter must not be taken lightly.

"All S-Class." Sha Chu smiled and said.

"All of them? Over a hundred Magic Armor Masters... all S-Class?" Ye Yuzhen widened his eyes, unbelievably looking at Sha Chu.

"If they weren't S-Class Magic Armor Masters, do you think the City Lord would approve?" Sha Chu said calmly.

"That's true, but over a hundred S-Class Magic Armor Masters... that's too terrifying... where did the City Lord find them... it's hard to imagine..." Ye Yuzhen felt like he was dreaming.

Yet in his heart, he was extremely excited: if Ye Xiyuan could become the captain of a team of over a hundred S-Class Magic Armor Masters, her future status in the Land of Light would be secure, unshakable.

Considering it, a team of over a hundred S-Class Magic Armor Masters is a formidable force, perhaps only the Lords of large cities can muster such a team of Magic Armor Masters.

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In a place like the Southern Cross Federation, where the magic armor industry is not very developed, even combining the five major cities, it's likely challenging to assemble such a team of Magic Armor Masters.

"Can I do it?" Perhaps because he was not wearing the demon armor, Ye Xiyuan sounded timid and unsure.

"As long as you want to do it, you definitely can." Sha Chu reassured, "Don't worry, I'll have Qing Shan be your vice-captain. You can consult him on matters you're unsure about; Qing Shan is very prudent in handling things."

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Space City, Laboratory No. 1.

Guan Jinghao, Asura, Rakshasa, and Fu Dongsheng stood outside the testing area, watching the magic armor and Magic Armor Masters undergoing various tests inside the field.

The Magic Armor Master inside wore a magic armor similar to the Red Flower Magic Armor, yet not quite the Red Flower Magic Armor, unleashing unimaginable and terrifying light energy. The intensity of that light energy had reached a Super Spirit level.

More terrifying was that the Magic Armor Master's techniques were many of God's Magic Armor Techniques, even proficiently using Angel's Wings and Hand of God.

"City Lord, it seems that Number Twelve and the New Red Flower are synchronizing perfectly. Should we initiate the next stage of testing?" Fu Dongsheng asked Guan Jinghao.

"Then let's begin." Guan Jinghao nodded.

Hearing this, Fu Dongsheng's face showed excitement. He spoke into a transmission device, "Number Twelve, commence the second stage of testing."

Inside the sealed testing area, the Magic Armor Master heard Fu Dongsheng's command, and his magic armor erupted with terrifying fluctuations of light energy.

As light patterns started, they covered the entire surface of the magic armor within moments, making the whole set of armor appear as if it was filled with Demonic Light, almost too bright to keep eyes open.

On the back of the red magic armor, a pair of red Demonic Light wings slowly unfolded, allowing him to hover in the air, like a blood-colored angel emanating blood light all over his body.

The next second, the blood-colored angel moved, leaving trails in the air, moving at high speed while releasing various magic armor skills.

Fu Dongsheng watched Number Twelve's performance while keeping an eye on his watch, as time passed by second by second, his forehead was already filled with nervous sweat.

Ten minutes... half an hour... an hour... an hour and a half...

As time passed, Fu Dongsheng's expression gradually changed from anxious to excited, then from excited to proud.

Bang!

Nearly two hours later, the blood-colored angel-like Magic Armor Master finally stopped, with white smoke rising from the New Red Flower, apparently due to damage caused by the excessive power, resulting in a malfunction.

However, this was already good enough. Running at full power continuously for almost two hours and delivering a Light Base level of combat power, such magic armor was enough to shock the world.

If the battle is not over after two hours, even if the magic armor isn't damaged, it might have already been defeated. So the duration wasn't considered a major issue.

"City Lord, one hour and fifty-three minutes, this is the maximum capacity of the New Red Flower." Fu Dongsheng reported the data.

"Not bad, already good enough." Guan Jinghao nodded slightly, looking at Number Twelve, who had removed the magic armor and was now fully naked, he said with a peculiar expression, "How is Number Twelve?"

"All physical data is very stable, and his emotions show no fluctuation, extremely perfect. He has all the capabilities of Number Four, but without the emotional instability of Number Four. Number Twelve is our most perfect test subject to date." Fu Dongsheng looked at Number Twelve's perfect physique, as if admiring a masterpiece of art crafted by his own hands.

Asura whispered, "City Lord, since the experimental subject is perfect and the new magic armor performance is stable, should we start the plan?"

Guan Jinghao glanced at Asura, "How is the situation on the City of Light's side?"

"They are preparing to hold the Trial Contest. From the intel received, many of the trial takers registering to participate are from the Changsheng Tian." Asura replied.

Rakshasa coolly said, "As expected, Li Xiu is holding the Trial Contest under the instruction of the Changsheng Tian. They are trying to officially push trial takers to the forefront. City Lord, we must not let Changsheng Tian succeed, you can no longer be merciful."

Guan Jinghao walked to the glass, looking through the one-way glass at the Number Twelve test subject inside, and after a long time, said slowly, "Then let's formally initiate the God-making Plan."

"Yes, Lord City." Asura and Rakshasa were both surprised and delighted, Fu Dongsheng also showed a face filled with excitement.

"Professor Fu, is one month enough time?" Guan Jinghao asked Fu Dongsheng.

"It's enough. All the raw materials and production lines are ready, only the data of the experimental subject was missing. Now everything is in place." Fu Dongsheng immediately nodded.

"The magic armor's codename should be changed, no longer called Red Flower." Guan Jinghao said again.

"Please grant a name, Lord City." Fu Dongsheng understood this implicitly.

"The old has passed, and the new is about to begin, let's formally name it after God." Guan Jinghao said with profound meaning, looking at Number Twelve inside.

"It should have been so; what we do is truly to defy fate for humanity, unlike Li Xiu with his magic armor skills. The name God should belong to the magic armor we create, not to any individual." Rakshasa said. She was ruined by Li Xiu last time, and if not for Space City's advanced human cultivation technology, she might never be able to control magic armor again in her life, her hatred for Li Xiu was extreme.

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Guan Jinghao was noncommittal towards Rakshasa's words, only calmly saying, "Then let's use the stage of the City of Light to let the true god descend to the mortal world."

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Chu Jun, after a busy day, was on his way back to the City Lord's Mansion when he suddenly saw a familiar figure approaching.

"Xiao Er, why are you here?" Chu Jun recognized the person, and indeed it was the second young master of the Desha Group, Xiao Er, who had previously insisted on having Li Xiu teach him the magic spirit manipulation technique, and then disappeared after a few days.

Xiao Er was also somewhat surprised to see Chu Jun, apparently not expecting to encounter him here.

"Young Master Jun, it's just right to run into you here, I was just about to go to the City Lord's Mansion. Is Li Xiu in the City Lord's Mansion?" Xiao Er had a proud demeanor, no longer calling Li Xiu 'teacher' as he used to, but directly referring to him by name.

"Young Master Xiao Er, you've changed quite a bit in such a short time. It's like you've become a different person." Chu Jun joked.

Xiao Er heard the hidden sarcasm in Chu Jun's words but didn't care, and earnestly said, "In this world, those who achieve are teachers. I was not as good as him before, so I invited him to be my teacher. Naturally, I would call him teacher. Now my skills are better than his. In the future, I might even have to teach him, so how can I still call him teacher."

"How do you know your skills are better than his now?" Chu Jun asked curiously.

Xiao Er seemed to have been waiting for Chu Jun to ask this, and said smugly, "After learning the manipulation technique from Li Xiu last time, I conducted a lot of research and improvements on my own, finally creating Xiao's Array Control Method. With my current manipulation level, even if Li Xiu were here, he would have to willingly call me teacher. But if he wants to learn, calling me teacher isn't enough; he would also have to pay tuition."

"What is Xiao's Array Control Method?" Chu Jun asked with more curiosity.

"No need to rush, once I meet Li Xiu, I'll have a match with him, and you'll know just how impressive my Xiao's Array Control Method is." Xiao Er said.

"Young Master Xiao Er, sorry to disappoint, but our City Lord is not here." Chu Jun said.

"Not here? You're hosting the Trial Tournament, such an important event, how could he not be here? You must be joking!" Xiao Er seemed to have figured something out and continued, "Don't worry, once I win against Li Xiu, I definitely won't spread it around. He can continue hosting his Trial Tournament; it's got nothing to do with me."

"Young Master Xiao Er, the City Lord is truly not here. If you want to meet him, you'll have to wait about a month. He will definitely return before the opening of the Trial Tournament." Chu Jun said.

Seeing Chu Jun didn't appear to be lying, Xiao Er curiously asked, "Such a big event, he's really leaving it to you guys? He doesn't even return himself?"

"It's just an ordinary little tournament. The City Lord isn't too concerned. A few of us busy ourselves with it." Chu Jun said.

"Hah, I've heard the Trial Takers from Heaven of Longevity are participating. If this is called a small event, what should the others organized by other cities be called? Village fights?" Xiao Er pondered for a moment and continued, "Since I'm already here, I don't want to go back and forth. How about I stay in the City Lord's Mansion to wait for Li Xiu?"

"That's no problem, you're always welcome to stay." Chu Jun said, then suddenly leaned in with a mysterious look on his face and said to Xiao Er, "You know about our City of Light's current relationship with Heaven of Longevity. Recently, we got some good stuff from Heaven of Longevity. Interested in having a look?"

"What good stuff could there be? I've seen the items passed down from Heaven of Longevity; they're mostly of low quality. For other Trial Takers, they may count as treasures, but for me, Xiao Er, no offense, those are all trash."

"So what do you consider as not trash?" Chu Jun laughed.

"At least a Super Spirit level magic spirit or contract." Xiao Er boasted like a proud peacock.

"How could a Super Spirit level match the prestige of Young Master Xiao Er? Interested in a Light Base Magic Spirit?" Chu Jun said with a smile.

"What? You have a Light Base Magic Spirit?" Xiao Er's eyes widened.

"It's not mine; it's a private collection from a bigwig in Heaven of Longevity, brought over as a showpiece treasure. If you're interested, I can take you to see it first, but the price may be a bit high..." Chu Jun enticed.

Xiao Er immediately said earnestly, "Don't talk to me about money; it irritates me. Right now, all I'm left with is money, so please, help yourself to some more."

Chu Jun laughed, "Well then, let's go. The market isn't set up yet; the item is at the City Lord's Mansion. Since you're going there anyway, I'll take you for a look."

Xiao Er followed Chu Jun back to the City Lord's Mansion, seeing Xiao Er's eager expression, Chu Jun felt as though he saw a mountain of gemstones moving into his wallet.

This was the second pupil of the Desha Group after all, a group that controlled most of the diamond mines. In an era of soaring gemstone prices, describing them as wealthy beyond measure was no exaggeration.

Li Xiu naturally had no idea the City of Light was becoming lively. He had been with Li Qingyi, searching for the Longevity Lamp.

They'd already visited seven Seeds of Fire Areas, but hadn't been able to find the Longevity Lamp. However, Li Qingyi's Unbreakable Cold Ice Shield had absorbed unique light flames from the areas, acquiring seven unique symbols.

Li Xiu finally understood; Li Qingyi wasn't actually looking for the Longevity Lamp. She was simply after the light flames in the Seed of Fire areas.

Having learned from previous experiences, Li Xiu refrained from absorbing the light flames after Li Qingyi's shield did.

Not aiming for the light flames, he experienced no incidents along the way, yet encountered numerous magic spirits.

Each magic spirit Li Xiu saw, he examined with the Nine Dragon Lamp, discovering none had red markings.

Not having seen other Divine Position Demon Spirits, Li Xiu couldn't confirm whether his previous guesses were accurate.

By the time they reached the eighth Seed of Fire area, both Li Xiu and Li Qingyi were quite dumbfounded.

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On an ice platform, a wisp of ice flame slowly rose from a hole. That small flame remained steady amid the blizzard, as if the surrounding snowflakes had eyes, avoiding the ice platform and the small flame.

Beyond the small flame, there were also two Copper Oil Lamps on the ice platform, presumably Li Xiu and Qingyi's Longevity Lamps.

Finding the Longevity Lamps should have been a matter of celebration, but on the ice platform, an immensely powerful Ice Tiger was sleeping.

There were not even a single demon spirit around the ice platform, only an old tiger sleeping on it. From its terrifying aura and radiance, it was almost certain that the tiger was Divine Position level.

They must extinguish the Longevity Lamps to return, but with a Divine Position level demon spirit tiger guarding the ice platform, they might not even reach the platform before being discovered and disposed of by the tiger.

Previously, they could rely on the power of the Butterfly Divine Position Contract to hold off for a while, but now, they might have to take desperate measures.

"You need the power of nine fire sources, right?" Li Xiu looked at the sleeping Ice Tiger on the ice platform from afar and asked Qingyi in a low voice.

Li Qingyi nodded and said, "Ascending Spirit Casting with the light energy of nine fire sources will greatly benefit my future."

"Then let's go to the last Land of Fire first. We'll think of a plan when we come back. Hopefully, by then, the Divine Position level demon spirit tiger will have left on its own." Li Xiu said.

Li Qingyi also understood there wasn't another choice. To go back, they could only go on the ice platform to extinguish the Longevity Lamp. If the Divine Position level demon spirit tiger didn't leave, they'd have to fight desperately.

For now, they could wait, hoping that the Divine Position level demon spirit tiger would leave the ice platform on its own.

The two of them hurried to the last Land of Fire, on the way Li Qingyi explained, "I hadn't thought our Longevity Lamps would randomly appear in such a place. If the Ice Tiger doesn't leave, it would be quite troublesome for us."

"With so many troubles, one more doesn't make a difference." Li Xiu smiled and said comfortingly, "Besides, we don't necessarily have to kill it. If nothing else works, let's figure out how to extinguish the Longevity Lamp and leave first. We can figure out the fire source later."

Li Qingyi nodded slightly: "The fire source can be obtained at any time; what's most important is getting out alive. I'm afraid extinguishing the Longevity Lamp in front of that Divine Position demon spirit is not easy, and we can't worry about it too much."

"Why do you say that?" Li Xiu realized Qingyi seemed overly concerned about the Divine Position demon spirit tiger, perhaps she knew something.

"All this way, I've been thinking about what you said before. Although we didn't encounter other Divine Position demon spirits afterward, based on previous information I have, your judgment is likely correct. The guardian demon spirits of these nine Lands of Fire could really be the nine offspring of the Dragon Bloodline; they're hybrid demon spirits with dragon blood." Li Qingyi pondered and said.

"So what?" Li Xiu was confused about the significance of Qingyi raising this guess.

"If this guess is correct, then the Ice Tiger guarding the eighth fire source is not just a tiger but is Bi An, the seventh son of the dragon, also known as Xianzhang. Bi An symbolizes prisons and is a guardian deity of the common people. Ancient prisons and government buildings often displayed its image to demonstrate authority."

Li Qingyi paused and said, "If it really is Bi An, its abilities might be related to imprisonment; I'm afraid when the time comes, we might be trapped by it, unable to leave."

Li Xiu reassured, "Even if it's truly Bi An, it might not have mythical powers. Don't overthink."

"I hope I'm just overthinking." Li Qingyi forced a smile.

The polar bear carried the two of them over the ice field for eight hundred miles, finally reaching the vicinity of the last Land of Fire.

It was a snow slope, with a light flame burning on it, surrounded by thick snow.

When they were still seven or eight miles away from the fire source, Li Qingyi asked the polar bear to stop. She got off the bear's back, pointed at the snow slope and said, "This place is named Snow Burial Slope. The snow here is different from elsewhere; not only deep but also very light, like a trap. Stepping in could mean sinking into unknown depths of snow, unable to climb out, with no foothold around. Beneath this deep snow lurks demon spirits, the Divine Position demon spirit should also be underneath, but its exact location can't be determined. If we inadvertently disturb it, we'd be in for trouble."

"Can we fly over?" Li Xiu assessed the snowy slope ahead.

"Look at the snow here. It's falling straight down with no sign of wind. If we fly over, we'll likely be discovered by the demon spirit underneath." Li Qingyi said.

"We can't tread upon the snow nor fly over, so how do we reach the fire source?" Li Xiu pondered.

"You don't need to go; I'll get the light flame and return. It's better than both of us taking the risk."

Li Qingyi said.

"Alright, how do you plan to get across?" Li Xiu knew going together would be futile, only increasing the risk. Better to wait here.

"I have a way." Li Qingyi said, summoning her Glacial Crystal Worm, sending it ahead to burrow into the snow.

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The tiny body of the Glacial Crystal Worm fell on the snow and sank quickly, disappearing from sight. It's unclear whether the snow here is exceptionally fluffy or if it's inherently special in some way.

Li Qingyi stood outside the large snow slope, staring at it without moving, likely controlling the Glacial Crystal Worms submerged in the snow to probe the way ahead.

After a while, Li Qingyi finally moved, lightly leaping four to five meters and landing on the snow.

"Weren't you saying we shouldn't step on the snow?" Li Xiu wondered, seeing Li Qingyi landing steadily on the snow with her feet barely sinking, contrary to what she had said about stepping on the snow and immediately sinking.

Li Qingyi stood still there for a while before she once again leaped, this time covering seven to eight meters, landing steadily once again.

In this manner, Li Qingyi paused and leaped periodically, gradually approaching the source of the fire atop the snow slope.

Li Xiu figured out that the places Li Qingyi chose to leap were special spots, allowing her to stand without sinking. She probably used the Glacial Crystal Worms to scout these footholds.

While Li Xiu was pondering this, he saw Li Qingyi spring up again, but this time one of her legs suddenly sank. Despite both feet being on the same white snow, one foot held firm while the other plunged down, as if she stood precariously on cliff's edge with one foot slipping.

Watching Li Qingyi's body tilt as if about to fall into the snow, Li Xiu felt a rush of anxiety.

Fortunately, Li Qingyi possessed strong balance and youthful energy; her slender waist withstood the plunge, and she found her equilibrium, standing poised like a golden rooster on one leg atop the snow slope.

Li Xiu exhaled lightly, relieved, and shortly saw Li Qingyi leap towards the next foothold.

Li Qingyi nearly fell into the snow several times more, indicating to Li Xiu that those footholds were quite small, barely accommodating one person. The Glacial Crystal Worms only offered approximate spots without precise boundaries, making it quite dangerous for her.

Luckily, Li Qingyi's luck held well enough, allowing Li Xiu to watch her leap repeatedly, though there were several mishaps, she managed to reach the source of fire atop the snow slope successfully.

Li Qingyi summoned the Unbreakable Cold Ice Shield, placing it above the Light Flame, which seamlessly merged into the Ice Shield. Gradually, a peculiar Light Talisman formed within the Ice Shield.

The other seven Light Talismans within the shield shimmered vibrantly, flowing and flashing as if they were alive.

Having completed the eighth Light Talisman, Li Qingyi did not linger. She immediately set off back, collecting the Unbreakable Cold Ice Shield.

With her previous experience, the return was much safer. She now knew the exact locations of the footholds, unlike her earlier guesswork.

Even knowing the footholds, Li Qingyi jumped cautiously, pausing after each leap. It wasn't for rest but to avoid disturbing the magic spirit beneath the snow through consecutive jumps.

Li Qingyi leapt like a nimble cat onto the next foothold, maintaining her composure seamlessly.

She had barely landed when her face changed suddenly, followed by a cracking sound reminiscent of an icicle breaking off a roof edge.

Li Qingyi reacted instantly to the sound, decisively leaping to the next foothold.

Her graceful figure leapt silently like a real cat, landing softly. This time, the foothold below her made no sound.

Li Qingyi paused, studying the surrounding snow slope for any anomalies.

Li Xiu, also watching the snow slope, felt a rush of anxiety.

After waiting a while, the snow slope remained eerily silent. Li Qingyi relaxed slightly, just about to leap to the next foothold when the entire snow slope suddenly shook violently, as if an earthquake, causing the snow to roil like water waves.

Li Qingyi disregarded everything else, leaping continuously to try to escape the snow slope faster.

Li Xiu summoned Blood Linglong and Jedi Knight, guarding him on each side. The Fire Lotus Sword Disc hovered above his head, while one hand grasped the Food Knife and the other held the Longevity Treasure Chopsticks, eyes locked on the trembling snow slope beside Li Qingyi, ready to support her immediately if needed.

Li Qingyi leaped over more than twenty footholds continuously, when the snow suddenly vanished like detergent foam disappearing.

Li Xiu and Li Qingyi both beheld a terrifying sight; what they had presumed a snow slope materialized as a deep pit, extending deep with no visible end, ice pillars thrusting upwards.

Those ice pillars tapered from their broad bases upward, the tops just spacious enough for two feet to stand precariously.

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Chapter 830 Jiaotu

"If I still need to run away when facing a locked Divine Position Demon Spirit, then my long journey as a Trial Taker could be considered wasted," Li Xiu said indifferently.

"How long have you been on this path?" Li Qingyi, hearing Li Xiu speak like this, found it both funny and exasperating.

In recent times, she had been quite close with the people from Courtyard Seven and had heard quite a bit about Li Xiu, knowing he hadn't been a Trial Taker for long.

Yet, from Li Xiu's tone, it seemed as if he had been training all his life.

Li Xiu stared at the Demon Spirit and said, "No matter the path, the time spent training is secondary. What truly determines the height of cultivation is understanding. Some people play the piano their entire lives and can only produce rigid rhythms, while some who have just learned can create deeply moving melodies. Cultivation does not rely on endurance but on the world within one's heart. In my heart lies my own world, and naturally, a single thought can lead to enlightenment."

Li Qingyi stared dumbfounded at Li Xiu. Such statements, teetering on arrogance, struck her as quite intriguing.

Though there was some truth to it, for those who truly understood, the statement seemed a bit naïve.

Comprehension is indeed important, but it's built on a certain foundation. Without establishing the basics, there's no discussion of enlightenment.

An E-level Trial Taker, no matter how deep their understanding, would meet their end when encountering a Super Spirit. It has nothing to do with how much they grasp, just that they simply lack enough accumulation.

Although Li Xiu's words seemed somewhat shallow, for some reason, Li Qingyi felt an inexplicable sense of security from listening to them.

"I know you're excellent, but some things can't be solved solely by comprehension. Your study time is insufficient, your accumulation lacking; no matter how much you understand, it's useless. Like practicing calligraphy, no amount of theoretical knowledge can make up for crooked horizontal and vertical strokes. True calligraphy masters must first learn the basics before they can create freely. Those who learn to run before they can walk are mostly frauds..." Li Qingyi initially intended to persuade Li Xiu to leave, but as she spoke, she rambled on.

Before she could finish, the smaller Ice Demon Spirits in the pit began to rise one by one, hundreds of them spewing forth terrifying Ice Breath like dragons, surging towards Li Qingyi like a tide.

Li Xiu and Li Qingyi's abilities were affected by the Light of Truth, but the Ice Demon Spirits were unaffected, and the Ice Breath rushed directly towards Li Qingyi.

Light Energy burst from Li Qingyi's body as she prepared to fight desperately.

Suddenly, she saw a flash of light before her eyes, and Li Xiu appeared in front of her, emanating red and blue light, with Demonic Light flickering around him.

"Learning is such a simple thing for me..." Facing the mountainous wave of Ice Breath, Li Xiu calmly said, extending his hands, letting red and blue light spiral forth.

Li Qingyi couldn't help but smile wryly seeing Li Xiu wanting to use his own strength to withstand the Ice Breath of so many Ice Demon Spirits.

Though Li Xiu employed Spirit Casting power, there were also Spirit Forging level Ice Demon Spirits among them. Even if Li Xiu's Spirit Casting was in its third form, it would still be hard to rival them, not to mention his Spirit Casting was something she witnessed forming, and it should still be in its first form. How could it compete against so many Spirit Forging level Ice Demon Spirits?

Even conceding that Li Xiu's Light Energy could withstand the combined attack of so many Ice Demon Spirits, under the Light of Truth from the Divine Position Demon Spirit, his Light Energy couldn't even be unleashed. It would only circle around, achieving nothing.

Li Qingyi felt Li Xiu's actions were overly impulsive, yet deep down, she didn't see him as reckless. She couldn't fathom a more reasonable explanation for his behavior.

Li Xiu stood before Li Qingyi, slicing his hand through the air, the red and blue lights arcing like a rainbow before him.

His power didn't strike the tsunami of Ice Breath but was diverted by the power of the Light of Truth to flow along a circular path.

Watching his Light Energy diverting, Li Xiu was unfazed, seemingly in control, continuing to trace red and blue arcs with his hands.

The rainbow-like red and blue lights stood before the tsunami of Ice Breath. A bizarre scene unfolded.

The terrifying Ice Breath started swirling, drawn to the red and blue lights as if being diverted, the terrifying Ice Breath drawn away along the circular path, following the arc created by Li Xiu's Light Energy.

"How... how is this possible..." Li Qingyi's eyes widened, incredulous at the sight of the tall, robust figure before her.

"The forces that make you uncomfortable aren't necessarily bad. Sometimes, the powers that cause you the greatest troubles can become your strongest support," Li Xiu explained, referring, of course, to the Light of Truth from the Divine Position Demon Spirit.

The Divine Position Demon Spirit controlled the Light of Truth not to affect the Ice Demon Spirits, but the power of the Light of Truth influencing Li Xiu was something he leveraged.

Since the rule of the Light of Truth was that his Light Energy could only move in circles, he simply followed that rule, using his Light Energy to strike in arcs. The rule of the Light of Truth strengthened his arc-blowing power, turning it into his aid, forcefully using the spiraling force to divert the tsunami-like Ice Breath away.