

When God 91

Chapter 91 Mine_3

After all the grooves were inlaid with the sharp crystals, the pink door slowly opened, and lewd pink light seeped through the gap, making the atmosphere seem like some kind of indecent place.

"Once we get inside, follow my instructions. No acting on your own," Sha Chu warned Li Xiu again before bending down and squeezing through the pink door.

Li Xiu shook his head and also went inside.

The scene before him gradually became clear, and Li Xiu realized this Trial Ground was not the sports stadium he was familiar with but an odd structure.

This was a platform built on water, with a width of only one meter and a length of about ten meters, surrounded entirely by water.

At the end of the platform stood a gigantic spinning wheel taller than a person, divided into several sections, each marked with a number.

Sha Chu examined Li Xiu with a peculiar look in her eyes as she noticed the Fire Lotus Sword at his waist, resembling a belt.

According to Sha Chu, apart from the Demon Spirit, the only things that could be brought into the Trial Ground were "Contracts," such as the sword on her back, her red dress, and red leather boots, all of which were "Contracts."

As for the Demon Spirit Ring on Li Xiu's finger, he had deliberately kept it out of Sha Chu's sight, and she hadn't seen it yet.

Li Xiu also noticed the sword on Sha Chu's back and her form-fitting red dress and leather boots, which hadn't disappeared, unlike his white bodysuit that made him look like a Trial Ground novice.

"Welcome to the Fanatic Trial Ground, A-level trial activating, trial rules as follows... countdown to the trial begins..." Above the spinning wheel, a familiar light screen appeared along with a cold electronic voice.

After reading the rules, Li Xiu's expression turned somewhat subtle.

The S-level trial of the Fanatic Trial Ground, just like the End of the World Trial Li Xiu had participated in before, required two people to activate.

The two people participating in the trial must choose one person to serve as the target on the spinning wheel.

That's right, the target.

The Trial Taker who chooses to be the target will be fixed on the spinning wheel and unable to move. Once the trial starts, the wheel will begin to spin.

The other Trial Taker must stand on this end of the platform, ten meters away from the wheel, blindfolded, and throw flying daggers.

There are a total of ten flying daggers, each penetrating one of the ten numbered sections on the wheel in sequence. Once completed, both participants have passed the trial.

The key point is, even if the Trial Taker on the wheel is killed, as long as the ten flying daggers hit the corresponding sections, the person throwing the flying daggers can still pass the trial and receive a reward.

This rule is clearly very unfair to the Trial Taker on the wheel, but rules are rules, and no one can change them within the Trial Ground.

If no one chooses to become the person on the wheel, when the countdown ends, both will be considered as having failed the trial.

The person on the spinning wheel can use language to remind the person throwing the flying daggers to hit the correct sections.

"Later, you choose to go on the wheel," Sha Chu said to Li Xiu.

"Why don't you choose to go on the wheel?" Li Xiu countered.

"Trust me, I guarantee nothing will happen to you, or I'll kill you right now," Sha Chu said, coldly staring at Li Xiu.

"Feel free to kill me, but you won't survive either. I never trust anyone, and it's impossible for me to go on the wheel," Li Xiu replied calmly, without a blink.

"You have to understand that even if I get on the wheel, you can't kill me, but if you miss, we're both dead," Sha Chu continued, "If you get on the wheel, I can assure you won't suffer any harm; this is a test for you. My real goal isn't this A-level trial, but the next S-level trial. This is just practice. If you cooperate well, I'll take you to the S-level trial next time."

"Don't bother with useless talk. I'm not interested in the S-level trial; I'm definitely not getting on the wheel. If someone has to go, it's you. Otherwise, let's all wait here and die together," Li Xiu replied, sitting down, unmoved by anything Sha Chu said.

Li Xiu would never hand over control of his life and death to anyone else, even if he believed Sha Chu probably didn't intend to kill him.

If she really wanted his life, she could have acted long ago without causing so much trouble, and there would have been no reason to give him the Knight of Chrysanthemum.

Even so, Li Xiu would not relinquish control to Sha Chu.

"Think it over. I've practiced this trial project for a long time and am absolutely confident. Do you think you'd be able to hit the marks blindfolded? Can you even hit the spinning sections without a blindfold?" Sha Chu added.

"Yes," Li Xiu answered without hesitation.

"If you refuse to go on the wheel, even if we survive, you won't live," Sha Chu coldly stared at Li Xiu and said.

"I'm not afraid of death now, so why think about the future?" Li Xiu chuckled.

Sha Chu was both angry and anxious but had no way to sway Li Xiu, who remained unshaken despite the countdown ticking away, rapidly nearing its end.

"I hope you won't regret your decision when you die."

With only three seconds left on the countdown, Li Xiu remained seated, eyes closed and motionless. Ultimately, Sha Chu was forced to take that step, leaving the area designated for the flying dagger throws.

She hadn't expected that Li Xiu, initially cooperative and seemingly afraid of death, would be so stubborn.

If she'd known this earlier, she certainly wouldn't have brought Li Xiu here for the trial, even grabbing someone else at random would have been better than bringing Li Xiu.

With a flash of white light, Chu Sha appeared on the spinning wheel, spread-eagled and fixed securely, with only her eyes and mouth free to move.

A knife pouch materialized at Li Xiu's waist, containing ten flying daggers.

The wheel began to rotate slowly, and a countdown of ten seconds appeared on the light screen. Once the countdown ended, Li Xiu's eyes would be covered, and he could start throwing the daggers.

Chapter 92 Flying Dagger Trial

"As long as I can get out alive, I'll make you regret ever being born into this world." Sha Chu gritted her teeth from the wheel.

She never expected that Li Xiu, whom she had always manipulated, would suddenly become so resolute, unafraid of death, and even willing to perish with her.

She wasn't afraid of Li Xiu using the throwing knives to kill her. She didn't believe Li Xiu had such skills.

Not to mention her dress and boots were made from a "contract," Li Xiu's strength couldn't possibly throw a knife that could penetrate, and even if it did, it couldn't harm her body.

She feared Li Xiu wouldn't hit the specified area, throwing knives blindfolded, with a spinning wheel. Even Sha Chu herself only dared to take on the A-level trial of the Gate of Fanaticism because she had special skills.

Originally, she was very confident, but she didn't expect things to go awry with Li Xiu.

Now she just hoped Li Xiu would luckily hit the target so she could survive and complete the trial.

But thinking about it, how lucky would one have to be to hit it? No X-ray Skill, no skills to increase accuracy, relying solely on feeling and touch, and it's his first time here, unfamiliar with the field, lacking a sense of distance and direction. You'd probably need the son of the Goddess of Fortune to pull off such a feat.

But now, there was no point in thinking about it. The countdown was over, and a pair of pitch-black opaque glasses appeared on Li Xiu's face, sticking to his eyes and completely blocking his vision.

"Listen to my voice..." Sha Chu made a sound, hoping Li Xiu could roughly judge the direction of the spinning wheel from her voice.

Even though she knew the effectiveness of this method was very limited, unless one had specifically trained in sound positioning or had the Hearing Skill, they couldn't possibly discern direction from sound, let alone on a spinning wheel.

"Don't make any sounds to disturb me, or you'll be the one to blame if it hits you," Li Xiu said, almost causing Sha Chu's lungs to explode.

After all her efforts, Li Xiu still found her annoying.

"Even if the trial doesn't kill you, I will when we get out." Sha Chu thought bitterly, but also knew the chance of getting out was very slim.

She just couldn't understand why Li Xiu was so obstinate. Clearly, if he just listened to her, everything would be fine, but Li Xiu insisted on making trouble.

Clang!

As Sha Chu was infuriated, the first knife in Li Xiu's hand was already thrown, sticking to the wheel within the area marked '1.'

"Not bad luck!" Sha Chu's heart nearly jumped out, seeing where the knife was stuck, and she finally let out a long sigh of relief.

No sooner had she caught her breath, when she saw the flash of a knife, and the second throwing knife came flying over.

"Why are you in such a hurry? Try aiming before throwing!" Sha Chu's heart, which hadn't fully calmed down, jumped again.

Clang!

The throwing knife embedded itself into the area marked '2,' and Sha Chu didn't have time to see if the knife hit the right spot, because Li Xiu was throwing one after another, like tossing garbage, continuously throwing out knives.

Sha Chu felt her mind go blank, convinced she was doomed this time, bringing Li Xiu into the Trial Gate was the most wrong decision she had ever made in her life.

Even with her X-ray and accuracy skills, she couldn't throw knives like that. Wasn't that courting death?

Now she suddenly understood, Li Xiu was going down with her.

"How did I not realize sooner that he was ruthless, acting so submissive just to find an opportunity to perish with me!" Sha Chu now only regretted not chopping Li Xiu first.

If she had chopped Li Xiu first, at least she would've vented her anger, now she'd die feeling suffocated.

Clang clang! Clang clang!

Nine knives in succession, stuck at different positions on the wheel, astonishingly corresponding to areas marked '1' through '9.'

Sha Chu could hardly believe it, Li Xiu actually did it, only the last knife was left to pass the trial.

It was like going from hell to heaven in an instant.

"Why hasn't he thrown the last knife yet? Is he not confident?" Seeing Li Xiu hesitating with the last knife, Sha Chu's heart was in her throat again.

She thought that as time passed, Li Xiu could no longer determine the wheel's position and hastily reminded him: "Listen to my voice, to the left side of my head is area ten."

It was as if Li Xiu hadn't heard her, as he weighed the knife in his hand, then made a move that almost drove Sha Chu to collapse.

Li Xiu actually turned around, with his back to Sha Chu, then said, "Leave the last knife to fate."

"What do you mean by leave it to fate? Even if unsure, you can't throw it at the wheel with your back turned!" Sha Chu felt a rush of oxygen deprivation, almost fainting from anger.

Clang!

Li Xiu, with his back to the wheel, flipped his hand and flung the knife, Sha Chu's heart almost stopped, yet she saw the knife shakily embed itself into the area to the left of her head marked 'ten.'

Li Xiu realized that in this trial, as Ximen Guan mentioned, Sha Chu couldn't use her contract abilities and magic spirit.

All the knives hit, and Li Xiu's glasses vanished instantly. He saw Sha Chu spread out on the wheel, surrounded by knives, and smiled as he said, "So, how was it? Were my throwing knives a bit more accurate than you expected?"

Chapter 93 Flying Knife Trial_2

The lock restraining Sha Chu's body was released, and she landed, looking at Li Xiu with a smile, though her expression was not pleasant.

Now Sha Chu finally understood that Li Xiu was deliberately trying to scare her; his knife throwing was not just precise, it was insanely precise.

Her strength was definitely much greater than Li Xiu's, and her skills were more as well, but she couldn't match such precision.

"This round of trial concluded, rewards distributed, final trial countdown initiated..."

Li Xiu felt the bracelet inject energy into his body again, enhancing his physical attributes once more, and a Demon Core flew in front of him.

After taking the Demon Core, Li Xiu looked at Sha Chu, "Do you still want to participate in the final trial?"

"Of course, I want to participate." Sha Chu nearly wanted to kill Li Xiu just now, but she held back without acting out.

Li Xiu's knife throwing precision was unexpected, giving rise to new thoughts in Sha Chu's mind.

Originally, she had brought Li Xiu along for this A-level trial to prepare for the upcoming S-level trial.

The S-level trial is more difficult and dangerous, requiring the cooperation of two people.

Previously, Sha Chu intended for Li Xiu to act as a target to assist her, creating a high likelihood of passing the S-level trial, although it wasn't foolproof.

Now discovering Li Xiu's unbelievable knife-throwing precision, Sha Chu reconsidered her previous plan.

The final trial was also a knife-throwing trial, but with much harder rules.

In the regular trial, the roulette spins at a constant speed, but in the final trial, its speed keeps increasing, starting faster than usual and only getting faster.

The areas on the roulette also become smaller; initially, ten areas evenly divided the roulette, but now each area occupies a tiny circle, multiplying the difficulty countless times.

This time, Sha Chu did not exchange useless words with Li Xiu; she went directly to the roulette.

This time, she hadn't planned to participate in the final trial, as even she wasn't confident in passing it, but she wanted to test if Li Xiu's knife-throwing precision was as good as rumored, which was critical for the S-level trial she intended to join.

"If you're really that precise, I can take you to the S-level Frenzy Trial and still let you act as the knife thrower," Sha Chu said calmly to Li Xiu as she was fixed onto the roulette.

"Okay," Li Xiu nodded in agreement.

The roulette spun rapidly again, and sunglasses appeared over Li Xiu's eyes. In the next moment, without hesitation, he threw.

Ten knives were thrown in succession, all hitting the fast-spinning roulette accurately; each knife landed within the tiny circles.

"Final trial passed, rewards being randomly generated... each person can choose two rewards..."

A light screen appeared before Li Xiu, displaying four icons: Talent, Attribute, Demon Core, and Trial Badge.

Li Xiu directly chose Talent and Attribute; the Trial Badge seemed useless to him and he already had one.

Sha Chu wanted to remind him not to overlook the Trial Badge, but it was too late.

"Why didn't you choose the Trial Badge?" Sha Chu asked.

"What's the use of it?" Li Xiu inquired.

"You don't even know the use of a Trial Badge?" Sha Chu looked at Li Xiu as if he were a fool, "The Trial Badge can randomly open a Trial Gate, saving you from waiting or using a gemstone. It's a rare reward."

"Is randomly opening a Trial Gate useful?" Li Xiu didn't see its significance.

A Talent Gemstone was projected in front of Li Xiu, merging directly into his body.

Meanwhile, his bracelet continually transmitted a stinging sensation, as if endless energy flooded into his body, making him feel like he was about to burst with energy.

The ultimate Attribute Reward was significantly more potent than ordinary enhancements, almost equaling all his previous enhancements combined.

"Randomly opening a Trial Gate means having a chance to initiate an S-level trial. The time interval for opening S-level trials is very long, but by using a Trial Badge, you can refresh the Trial Level at the Trial Gate entrance. With enough Trial Badges, you can get the desired Trial Level without constant exploration or waiting."

"Moreover, the Trial Badge has another crucial use. When others use entrance ticket rewards, you can enter their Land of Trial with a Trial Badge. Currently, Trial Badges are highly valued in the market, with many forces secretly acquiring them," Sha Chu felt like she was speaking to the deaf, "Forget it, the opportunity is missed, it's too late to say anything now."

Li Xiu, however, wasn't concerned. More than the Trial Badge, he needed Attribute Enhancement to move freely while wielding the Fire Lotus Sword.

Currently, this is the problem Li Xiu most needs to solve, as disaster is inevitable if it continues.

Heart: A-level talent, significantly enhances bodily control and accuracy.

Seeing this Talent, even Li Xiu was speechless; the last thing he lacked was control ability and accuracy.

The skill had little useful effect for Li Xiu, but it was better than nothing.

The two of them were transported out of the Trial Gate together; Sha Chu did not mention anything about what happened in the Trial Ground.

Chapter 93 Flying Knife Trial_2

The lock restraining Sha Chu's body was released, and she landed, looking at Li Xiu with a smile, though her expression was not pleasant.

Now Sha Chu finally understood that Li Xiu was deliberately trying to scare her; his knife throwing was not just precise, it was insanely precise.

Her strength was definitely much greater than Li Xiu's, and her skills were more as well, but she couldn't match such precision.

"This round of trial concluded, rewards distributed, final trial countdown initiated..."

Li Xiu felt the bracelet inject energy into his body again, enhancing his physical attributes once more, and a Demon Core flew in front of him.

After taking the Demon Core, Li Xiu looked at Sha Chu, "Do you still want to participate in the final trial?"

"Of course, I want to participate." Sha Chu nearly wanted to kill Li Xiu just now, but she held back without acting out.

Li Xiu's knife throwing precision was unexpected, giving rise to new thoughts in Sha Chu's mind.

Originally, she had brought Li Xiu along for this A-level trial to prepare for the upcoming S-level trial.

The S-level trial is more difficult and dangerous, requiring the cooperation of two people.

Previously, Sha Chu intended for Li Xiu to act as a target to assist her, creating a high likelihood of passing the S-level trial, although it wasn't foolproof.

Now discovering Li Xiu's unbelievable knife-throwing precision, Sha Chu reconsidered her previous plan.

The final trial was also a knife-throwing trial, but with much harder rules.

In the regular trial, the roulette spins at a constant speed, but in the final trial, its speed keeps increasing, starting faster than usual and only getting faster.

The areas on the roulette also become smaller; initially, ten areas evenly divided the roulette, but now each area occupies a tiny circle, multiplying the difficulty countless times.

This time, Sha Chu did not exchange useless words with Li Xiu; she went directly to the roulette.

This time, she hadn't planned to participate in the final trial, as even she wasn't confident in passing it, but she wanted to test if Li Xiu's knife-throwing precision was as good as rumored, which was critical for the S-level trial she intended to join.

"If you're really that precise, I can take you to the S-level Frenzy Trial and still let you act as the knife thrower," Sha Chu said calmly to Li Xiu as she was fixed onto the roulette.

"Okay," Li Xiu nodded in agreement.

The roulette spun rapidly again, and sunglasses appeared over Li Xiu's eyes. In the next moment, without hesitation, he threw.

Ten knives were thrown in succession, all hitting the fast-spinning roulette accurately; each knife landed within the tiny circles.

"Final trial passed, rewards being randomly generated... each person can choose two rewards..."

A light screen appeared before Li Xiu, displaying four icons: Talent, Attribute, Demon Core, and Trial Badge.

Li Xiu directly chose Talent and Attribute; the Trial Badge seemed useless to him and he already had one.

Sha Chu wanted to remind him not to overlook the Trial Badge, but it was too late.

"Why didn't you choose the Trial Badge?" Sha Chu asked.

"What's the use of it?" Li Xiu inquired.

"You don't even know the use of a Trial Badge?" Sha Chu looked at Li Xiu as if he were a fool, "The Trial Badge can randomly open a Trial Gate, saving you from waiting or using a gemstone. It's a rare reward."

"Is randomly opening a Trial Gate useful?" Li Xiu didn't see its significance.

A Talent Gemstone was projected in front of Li Xiu, merging directly into his body.

Meanwhile, his bracelet continually transmitted a stinging sensation, as if endless energy flooded into his body, making him feel like he was about to burst with energy.

The ultimate Attribute Reward was significantly more potent than ordinary enhancements, almost equaling all his previous enhancements combined.

"Randomly opening a Trial Gate means having a chance to initiate an S-level trial. The time interval for opening S-level trials is very long, but by using a Trial Badge, you can refresh the Trial Level at the Trial Gate entrance. With enough Trial Badges, you can get the desired Trial Level without constant exploration or waiting."

"Moreover, the Trial Badge has another crucial use. When others use entrance ticket rewards, you can enter their Land of Trial with a Trial Badge. Currently, Trial Badges are highly valued in the market, with many forces secretly acquiring them," Sha Chu felt like she was speaking to the deaf, "Forget it, the opportunity is missed, it's too late to say anything now."

Li Xiu, however, wasn't concerned. More than the Trial Badge, he needed Attribute Enhancement to move freely while wielding the Fire Lotus Sword.

Currently, this is the problem Li Xiu most needs to solve, as disaster is inevitable if it continues.

Heart: A-level talent, significantly enhances bodily control and accuracy.

Seeing this Talent, even Li Xiu was speechless; the last thing he lacked was control ability and accuracy.

The skill had little useful effect for Li Xiu, but it was better than nothing.

The two of them were transported out of the Trial Gate together; Sha Chu did not mention anything about what happened in the Trial Ground.

Chapter 95 Diary

Li Xiu had already figured out that this strange phenomenon was related to something. He reached out to take a package from his pocket, but it was already enveloped by a glue-like soil.

Li Xiu gritted his teeth and plunged his hand into the soil, feeling for the location of his pocket.

Soon, Li Xiu felt the package, grasping it, but he had no idea how to handle it.

The bizarre events happening here were closely related to what's inside, but would releasing it improve the situation?

Li Xiu couldn't be sure; releasing it might make things worse.

But without releasing it, they would only sink deeper, as the soil was already close to burying Li Xiu's chin.

While Li Xiu hesitated to release it, he suddenly noticed a change happening with Sha Chu.

Sha Chu was emitting a red Light Flame from her body, and the glue-like soil turned charred and solid upon touching the Light Flame, becoming ordinary blackened soil.

Sha Chu crawled out from the hardened, blackened soil, and that was when Li Xiu realized the red light was emanating from her red dress and boots.

Sha Chu rushed toward Li Xiu, pressing her hands on the ground, causing red Light Flame to spread, charring and solidifying the soil near Li Xiu.

Then Sha Chu grabbed Li Xiu's other exposed hand, pulling him out from the soil.

The soil that still clung to Li Xiu was also charred by Sha Chu's red Light Flame, losing its adhesive quality.

Li Xiu fell onto the blackened soil, while Sha Chu quickly dashed toward the sinking Double-headed Demon Spirit.

Her boots also burned with red Light Flame, solidifying the soil instantly wherever she stepped.

Li Xiu brushed off the blackened soil, figuring out that these glue-like soils seemed afraid of fire, but not ordinary fire, rather the Demonic Light-like flame from Sha Chu.

Sha Chu used red Light Flame, charring the soil around the Double-headed Demon Spirit, allowing it to have support and crawl out of the glue-like soil.

"There's a Demon Spirit nearby, and it's a very powerful one, possibly S-Class." Sha Chu retrieved the Double-headed Demon Spirit and observed the surroundings.

Li Xiu remained silent. The little thing in his pocket couldn't possibly be an S-Class Demon Spirit, but it must be related to one.

"Follow my footprints." Sha Chu said as she walked in a direction.

Li Xiu quickly followed. After choosing Attribute Enhancement, Li Xiu's physical abilities noticeably improved, and his Fire Lotus Sword felt slightly lighter.

Though it was still a bit heavy, walking wasn't a problem anymore, though he couldn't walk fast, and his stamina drained quickly.

Li Xiu walked along Sha Chu's blackened footprints, which had solidified, ensuring he wouldn't sink.

As the two walked not far from each other, they suddenly noticed a Demon Spirit appearing atop a nearby mound.

It was a very peculiar Demon Spirit, resembling a snake at first glance, but upon closer inspection, it had no head, more like a giant flattened earthworm.

Its body was several centimeters wide and seven to eight meters long, covered with dense gray scales, twisting as it crawled toward Li Xiu and Sha Chu.

Unlike a snake, the Demon Spirit had several tiny tentacle-like appendages under its belly, propelling its movement at considerable speed.

Sha Chu swiftly charged forward, slicing the Demon Spirit's body in a single fluid motion.

The whole maneuver was smooth and unhurried, her athletic and beautiful figure paired with her hot attire creating an aesthetically pleasing spectacle.

Just as Sha Chu re-sheathed her blade, the ground began to shake, and more identical Demon Spirits emerged from underground.

The whole mining area was filled with emerging Demon Spirits, countless in number.

"Go." Sha Chu's expression changed, and she rushed toward the direction outside the mining area, brandishing her Tang Blade, continuously slaying the approaching Demon Spirits.

Li Xiu followed Sha Chu, but he couldn't keep up. Even with the S-Class blood-boiling enhancement, he still lagged behind Sha Chu's pace.

The strange Demon Spirits were too many, and before long, Sha Chu was surrounded by them, separating both from the Demon Spirit pack.

Sha Chu was already fending for herself, lacking the ability to aid Li Xiu further; she couldn't use the Double-headed Demon Spirit here, relying only on her own combat skills.

As the Demon Spirits encircled them, Li Xiu couldn't step recklessly from Sha Chu's tracks, feeling overwhelmed, activating blood boil and Super Exciting simultaneously, then he reached for the Fire Lotus Sword at his waist.

"Come out!" Li Xiu roared as all his strength erupted, pulling the Fire Lotus Sword hard from his waist.

The thin and narrow blade seemed to flow with flames, and with a single sweep, Li Xiu sliced off several Demon Spirits pouncing on him.

Li Xiu continuously swung the Fire Lotus Sword, slaying the Demon Spirits charging at him, moving toward Sha Chu's direction.

But in front was a sea of Demon Spirits, with even more emerging from underground, obstructing him from seeing Sha Chu, let alone approaching her.

Sha Chu summoned the Double-headed Demon Spirit again, but this time, she didn't let it land, keeping it airborne, and leaping onto it herself.

Chapter 96 Diary_2

Initially, Sha Chu thought that Li Xiu might have been taken out by the demon spirits. However, when looking down from the back of the Double-headed Demon Spirit, she saw Li Xiu wielding a semi-visible sword glowing with red light, forcing back the charging demon spirits.

"He's not dead yet!" Sha Chu was slightly surprised. After a brief contemplation, she directed the Double-headed Demon Spirit to swoop down.

The air currents generated by the wings sent the demon spirits rolling away, and one claw grabbed Li Xiu, lifting him into the sky alongside it.

Li Xiu was already exhausted. The Fire Lotus Sword was incredibly heavy, and after wielding it for only a short time, his arms felt as if they were wasted, with his energy almost depleted.

"Thank you." Li Xiu exhaled deeply, speaking to Sha Chu on the back of the demon spirit.

"As long as I'm here, I won't let you die," Sha Chu said indifferently. Seeing Li Xiu's sorry state, it gave her a slight sense of satisfaction.

Bang!

The two couldn't remain happy for long. The Double-headed Demon Spirit, which had just taken flight, seemed to collide with an invisible barrier, becoming disoriented and tumbling downwards.

Li Xiu and Sha Chu were immediately thrown off. The Double-headed Demon Spirit quickly stabilized and flew over to catch Sha Chu, but Li Xiu wasn't as lucky and directly fell to the ground.

Fortunately, the ground had taken on a glue-like nature. After falling, Li Xiu wasn't seriously hurt, but his entire body was sprawled on the ground, stuck to the glue-like earth, unable to rise no matter how much he struggled.

Immediately, many demon spirits crawled towards Li Xiu. He wished to use the Fire Lotus Sword, but with his body stuck, he couldn't move.

"Damn it, give me a set of Demon Armor, and I'll wipe you all out," Li Xiu thought bitterly, but it was to no avail, so he summoned his demon spirit.

When the Knight of Chrysanthemum appeared, it immediately sank into the ground, its body continually descending and proving ineffective.

The Jedi Knight emerged, and although it too was sinking, the Samurai Sword in its hands, glowing with red light, managed to slice the charging demon spirits in half.

However, this effect was limited to the Samurai Sword; its body couldn't escape the glue-like mud's hold and was also sinking.

Li Xiu was counting on Sha Chu to lend him a hand, but from a distance, he could see red light flashing as the Double-headed Demon Spirit roared, indicating she was in trouble too.

Realizing Sha Chu was out of the picture, Li Xiu summoned his last demon, Demigod Shana.

Initially, he assumed Demigod Shana, lacking flame power, wouldn't be of much help. Unexpectedly, Demigod Shana, shimmering with a blue aura, wasn't stuck by the ground and, wielding both sword and spear, swiftly cut down the oncoming demon spirits. The sound of gunfire roared, and the sword blades trailing blue sword glow decimated the surrounding demon spirits in an instant.

Demigod Shana's gun fired continuously, blasting the approaching demon spirits one by one. With the sword in the other hand, Shana stabbed beneath Li Xiu and then swept horizontally, severing the glue-like mud that held Li Xiu.

Freed, Li Xiu climbed onto a demon spirit's corpse.

Holding the Fire Lotus Sword, he killed a demon spirit that emerged from the ground and stepped on the demon spirit's body to reach the Knight of Chrysanthemum.

The Fire Lotus Sword cut into the ground, slicing through the mud holding the Knight of Chrysanthemum, and he recalled it.

Applying the same method, Li Xiu also rescued the Jedi Knight and summoned it back.

Li Xiu fought the demon spirits with the Fire Lotus Sword in hand, standing on demon spirits' corpses, avoiding sinking again.

In the meantime, Demigod Shana unleashed its full power, with most of the charging demon spirits being blasted or slain, leaving Li Xiu to occasionally plug the gaps.

He had no choice; his stamina was a major issue, and a few swings of the Fire Lotus Sword tired him out.

"I need to become a true Trial Taker soon; this is too exhausting," Li Xiu's arms drooped, unable to lift the Fire Lotus Sword.

Demigod Shana was fiercely effective, but the demon spirits were overwhelming in number, and soon it was surrounded, unable to support Li Xiu further.

Li Xiu couldn't even raise his sword, facing imminent danger of being overwhelmed by the charging demon spirits.

With a sudden idea, Li Xiu pulled out the packaging bag that trapped something, which squirmed inside, trying to break free.

"Come any closer, and I'll kill it!" Li Xiu moved the packaging bag close to the Fire Lotus Sword's edge, angrily shouting at the surrounding demon spirits.

He wasn't sure if the demon spirits understood his words or if the threat would work, but he tried it anyway as a desperate measure.

Who would have thought this tactic would actually work? The demon spirits rushing at him halted, hesitating at a distance, no longer daring to approach.

Seeing the tactic was a success, Li Xiu was overjoyed, wielding the Fire Lotus Sword in one hand and clutching the packaging bag in the other, moving to regroup with Demigod Shana.

"Everything happening here is indeed related to this thing." Seeing the nearby demon spirits daring not to advance, encircling him instead, Li Xiu thought of ways to escape the predicament.

In the distant sky, explosive sounds continuously resounded, with occasional red flashes visible.

Riding atop the Double-headed Demon Spirit, Sha Chu was battling a demon spirit adorned with rows of wings.

This demon spirit's form was similar to those on the ground, except that it had rows of wings protruding from both sides of its body and was significantly bigger.

Chapter 97 Diary_3

Its combat abilities are in no way weaker than the Double-headed Demon Spirit, and from the mouth without a head, it sporadically spewed out mucus. Even the Double-headed Demon Spirit's actions would be affected when sprayed by it.

Only the Light Flame from Sha Chu's body could restrain that mucus. She wasn't mainly fighting but was instead cleaning the mucus sprayed onto the Double-headed Demon Spirit's body.

The distance was too far, Li Xiu couldn't see the battle clearly, nor was he willing to pin all his hopes on Sha Chu.

After surveying all around, Li Xiu's eyes suddenly sparkled, carrying the things in his bag, he retreated in one direction.

Demigod Shana decisively opened fire, killing the demon spirits in front of her. Those demon spirits shrieked angrily but didn't dare to rush forward.

"I don't know what this thing is, but it's really useful." Li Xiu stepped on the dead bodies of the demon spirits as he retreated, soon reaching a nearby dilapidated cement building.

The building was very dilapidated; some walls and roofs had already collapsed. Li Xiu tentatively stepped on the cement rebar, and sure enough, it wasn't sticky.

Li Xiu retreated into the building, once again summoned the Jedi Knight and Knight of Chrysanthemum, having them and Demigod Shana guard outside to fend off the demon spirits' attacks, while he himself sat on the ground, releasing the Fire Lotus Sword, panting heavily.

After the Fire Lotus Sword landed on the ground, it automatically bounced up, coiling around Li Xiu's waist, making him a bit depressed.

With Demigod Shana and the others guarding, and the contents of the bag as hostages, Li Xiu finally had a chance to catch his breath.

After recovering some strength, he scanned the room inside, discovering several tattered skeletons.

Li Xiu estimated these were the former miners who dug gemstones, not knowing how they died here.

Having wrestled for half a day, the bag holding that thing was nearly torn. Li Xiu saw those easy self-sealing plastic bags used for packing raw stones on the skeletons, grabbed a few and stuffed them inside, wrapping several layers outside continuously.

While pulling the bag, he accidentally moved a skeleton, tearing the skeleton's clothes apart, causing the bones to scatter all over the ground.

"What is this?" Li Xiu saw inside the pile of skeletons, something wrapped layer upon layer in plastic bags, with transparent tape binding it tightly.

Picked it up, tearing off one layer after another of tape and plastic bag, appearing before Li Xiu was a notebook rolled into a tube.

Li Xiu flipped through the notebook, feeling somewhat disappointed; it was merely an account book.

Inside it recorded accounts of purchasing and selling gemstones, estimating this guy was once the accountant of this small mine or simply the boss.

Flipping through casually, thinking this thing meant nothing to him, when deciding to discard it, he discovered some content at the back that wasn't accounts.

July 3rd, sunny.

Haha, made a fortune, really made a fortune this time, unexpectedly unearthed such a Spinel Raw Stone. After mining Spinel Ore here for decades, I've never seen Pink Apatite of this quality; this one is enough to ensure my lifelong prosperity... Who the hell said my mine here was almost depleted...

July 4th, cloudy.

Unexpectedly, I found such quality Pink Apatite again. Could it be that beneath this mine nearing depletion, there is a vein, and it's a top-grade Pink Apatite vein? If a few more can be unearthed, I could marry ten or eight wives, have several dozen kids, and still not worry about food and drink...

July 5th, sunny.

I'm going to become a Big Mine Master, this quality of Pink Apatite Ore, even if it can be mined for just a year... no... even a few months... a month... would be enough to make me wealthy...

Today a miner went missing, but it doesn't matter, giving his family double compensation doesn't cost much.

July 6th, light rain.

Damn it, why is it raining, damn heaven, do you know how much money I lose for a day's halt here?

Those two idiot miners, how could they die, making it so I have to compensate again.

July 7th, light rain.

Another miner died, his body covered with ulcers, could there be an infectious disease? No matter, let them speed up mining after the sunny day, even if they all die, hiring another batch is fine.

July 8th, light rain.

Can't wait anymore, let them keep mining, what's the problem with a little rain, mining is the same, worst case they get buried, compensating a few bucks is all it's worth, those fools' lives aren't worth much money, now I've got money...

July 9th, light rain.

Haha... incredibly amazing... unbelievable... There truly is such Spinel in the world, my family owning gemstone veins for generations, never seen such Spinel, compared to this one, those previous Pink Apatite are simply garbage...

Heaven noticed, I'm finally prosperous...

The diary ends here, leaving Li Xiu somewhat regretful.

It seems the Big Mine Master is likely dead, otherwise why would this be left here.

Li Xiu was not regretful of his death but regretful he did not clarify what the final Spinel he mined looked like.

For a person dealing with Spinel all day to appear so shocked, it must be an exceptional top-grade Spinel.

"Men die for fortune, birds perish for food. If you weren't so greedy, maybe you wouldn't have died here." Li Xiu sighed.

He speculated that perhaps an infectious disease had truly occurred, and the miners, including the mine master here, possibly all died due to it.

Lately, Li Xiu wonders, if they all died, where did the unearthed Pink Apatite go?

Li Xiu guessed that most likely, some miners who luckily weren't infected took it away, but this seems somewhat implausible.

If indeed such a batch of premium Spinel flowed into the market, it shouldn't be silent.

When a mine close to depletion discovers a top-grade vein, it would surely cause a stir, no news coming out makes it seem suspicious.

Unless the person who took the batch of Spinel hasn't sold them, somehow suppressed, or these Spinel were never taken.

Chapter 98 Pink Apatite

"If the Spinel Raw Stones weren't taken away, where would they be?" With the building surrounded by magical creatures so tightly that escape seemed impossible, Li Xiu figured he might as well spend the idle time investigating.

Judging by the degree of collapse, this house must have been destroyed by external forces. Combined with its poor construction, the interior was in shambles, with moldy and decayed furniture; the wooden table had rotted away, and the drawers crumbled at a touch.

After circling around, he didn't find any place that could store gemstones—no sign of a safe or anything like that.

Thinking about it, that's reasonable; the place had been abandoned for who knows how many years, surely many had visited, and anything precious would have been long scavenged. Rather than waste time, he'd do better to rest and consider how to escape the magical creature siege.

"Move again and I'll kill you." Li Xiu squeezed the thing inside the bag to keep it quiet, stop its restless movements.

Unfortunately, the thing inside didn't understand human language and continued wriggling incessantly, trying to escape from the bag.

Glimpsing at the situation outside, more magical creatures were gathering around the building. Some tried climbing from behind but were swiftly dealt with by the Jedi Knight and Demigod Shana.

The Knight of Chrysanthemum stood guard in the front, unafraid in the face of the magical creatures swarming him.

Of course, that's because he wasn't particularly bright, just a tool; with any real intelligence, he'd likely have defected long ago.

"Hopefully Sha Chu can win," Li Xiu thought, having encountered many magical creatures before. He knew that these magical beings outside weren't genuine magical creatures but split entities from the one battling Sha Chu.

Li Xiu had faced magical creatures with splitting powers multiple times in the past, even ones stronger than this one's ability.

The magical creature had summoned split entities almost like a sea of magical spirits; had Li Xiu not acted swiftly to eliminate them, the whole city might have been devoured, leaving not even a speck.

The splitting entities of this magical creature were much weaker than the original, clearly lacking power—much weaker than those Li Xiu had previously encountered.

Once the main body of the magical creature is eliminated, these split entities would rapidly age and die, so it all depended on Sha Chu's effectiveness.

Staring at the swarm of split entities outside, Li Xiu suddenly froze.

He noticed an odd phenomenon; besides this building, there were a few others not far away.

These buildings, like shoddy bungalows, were even more dilapidated but similarly made of reinforced concrete.

Previously, Li Xiu believed these split entities could only emerge from the soil, as reinforced concrete seemed to affect their abilities, explaining his refuge here.

His hypothesis was confirmed; those split entities indeed couldn't emerge from beneath the concrete foundation of this building.

But now Li Xiu discovered that, surprisingly, the buildings not far away had magical creatures drilling through the concrete surfaces, which, like adjacent soil, seemed to have become soft and sticky.

Even the buildings' walls and roofs seemed to melt like chocolate, slowly flowing downward.

"Why is this house unaffected by the magical power? Could there be something special about it?" Li Xiu wondered, finding it unusual.

Li Xiu stood up and carefully examined this ragged house again—a two-story building with five or six rooms per floor, making about ten rooms in total, with the second floor nearly collapsing, but the first floor relatively intact.

Li Xiu's current room, the second on the left of the first floor, was where he found the bones.

The rooms weren't connecting suites, just old-style flats, with access to other rooms possible only from outside, while the stairs to the second floor were outside.

Carrying the bagged thing, Li Xiu exited the room, making the magical creatures outside screech upon sighting him, surging as if ready to engulf him at any moment.

"Come at me, and I'll kill it." Li Xiu raised the bag in his hand, threatening the magical creatures fiercely.

He knew these magical beings could understand—not them directly, but their main body could, as they shared vision and hearing with their split entities.

Indeed, frightened by Li Xiu's threat, the magical entities quieted significantly, only calling out from afar, not daring to approach.

Li Xiu navigated the mess near the doorway, entering the leftmost room on the ground floor.

After circling around, he found nothing of value.

Li Xiu checked other rooms, the situation mostly a mess, lacking anything of worth.

However, Li Xiu noticed something odd; the three rooms on the left were normal, but the floors of the two rooms on the right were somewhat soft, seemingly influenced by the magical forces.

Especially the rightmost room's floor had turned soft and sticky, even allowing magical creatures to emerge, only to be swiftly sliced into halves by the Jedi Knight following Li Xiu.

"This house indeed has issues; the force affecting the room must be within my previous room. If it were in the third room, the right two rooms should also be affected, but they're not. Now, only the right two rooms change, with greater magical force influence as you go further right, clearly indicating there's a problem." Li Xiu returned to the second room on the left, reengaging in searches.

Chapter 99 Pink Apatite_2

"If only Shale were here." Li Xiu didn't really understand things like traps, and besides, there didn't seem to be any place in this room capable of hiding traps.

Li Xiu had moved everything that could be moved and still found nothing, so he had to resort to the most clumsy method.

Li Xiu called over the Jedi Knight and asked him to use the Samurai Sword to dig into the ground, hoping to see if something was hidden beneath it.

If the Jedi Knight had feelings, he would probably be tearing up right now.

After digging multiple holes in the ground, almost breaking through the foundation, nothing was found.

"This is really weird, how could there be nothing at all?" Li Xiu trusted his instincts; it was impossible that nothing was there. There had to be something.

Li Xiu surveyed the surroundings and finally fixed his gaze on the wall: "If there's nothing underground, then only the walls are left."

Without hesitation, Li Xiu called in the Knight of Chrysanthemum and had him charge straight in, smashing down one wall.

Fortunately, the second floor had long since mostly collapsed. After the Knight of Chrysanthemum smashed the bottom, the concrete ceiling tilted down, breaking into several pieces as it hit the ground.

Li Xiu was about to have the Knight of Chrysanthemum smash down the remaining walls when his eyes suddenly lit up as he glanced at the broken slabs.

He told the Knight of Chrysanthemum to hold off for a moment, walked over to the broken concrete slab, and reached into one of its holes, quickly finding something wrapped in tinfoil.

"There really is something here, hidden like this." Li Xiu only noticed it when he saw the exposed tinfoil.

He rummaged through other holes but found nothing else, so he asked the Knight of Chrysanthemum to break all the slabs into pieces to see if there were any other items.

While the Knight of Chrysanthemum was laboring away, Li Xiu examined the tinfoil-wrapped item in his hand.

It was a cylindrical object. Removing the tinfoil, he found a canister resembling a shuttlecock tube. Opening the lid, he immediately found plastic bags stuffed inside.

Pulling out the plastic bags, Li Xiu was overjoyed. Several plastic bags contained pink crystals of varying sizes and shapes, resembling pink gummy candies.

Of course, these weren't really gummies, but raw gemstone uncut and unpolished; currently, these gemstones had no luster.

Undoubtedly, the pink raw stones inside were very likely the Pink Apatite mentioned in the diary.

There were four plastic bags in total, one containing dozens of small raw stones, two others with a few relatively larger stones, and the last with just one stone slightly smaller than an egg, but already large enough to be alarming.

Spinel stones generally aren't very large, especially pink ones, which rarely come in clean large pieces.

But this Pink Spinel Raw Stone wasn't just large; even uncut and unpolished, it appeared quite pure, with only a few minor impurities and inclusions on the outer surface.

"Is this really spinel?" Li Xiu pondered as he looked at the absurdly large Pink Spinel Raw Stone.

The other three bags appeared to be sorted into three sizes by the original owner, the smallest being about one to three carats of raw spinel. After cutting and polishing, they would be slightly smaller. There were at least two hundred pieces in this bag, Li Xiu didn't count them, just estimated.

The slightly bigger size had seventeen raw stones, estimated to weigh between four to ten carats, with unknown weight after cutting and polishing.

The largest bag contained eight raw stones, all over ten carats each.

This batch of raw stones, regardless of size, was of high quality, with few impurities, making cutting and polishing likely less wasteful.

So much pink spinel would fetch a fortune at current market prices, especially the extraordinarily large Pink Spinel Raw Stone, which might weigh close to a hundred carats and be truly priceless.

When Li Xiu saw the ultra-large Pink Spinel Raw Stone, he felt a hunger rumbling in his stomach, clearly indicating it was no ordinary item, but another gemstone possessing magical powers.

The other smaller raw stones didn't evoke any hunger; they were just ordinary gemstones.

"Could it be this ultra-large Pink Spinel Raw Stone causing the effect?" Li Xiu carried the Pink Spinel Raw Stone around nearby.

Sure enough, wherever the Pink Spinel went, the soft, mushy ground gradually hardened, though the range was very limited, only a few meters radius.

Even so, it was tremendously advantageous for Li Xiu, at least meaning he needn't worry about sinking again.

Li Xiu didn't consume this gemstone because he wasn't sure if, after transforming it into a magical being, the ability would remain.

If, after becoming a magical being, its ability were like Demigod Shana's, only preventing itself from sinking, that wouldn't be ideal.

Moreover, it was also somewhat too large to swallow comfortably.

After securing the gemstones on him, Li Xiu climbed to the second floor, looking toward the distant source of the rumbling. Sha Chu was still battling with that magical being, with no end in sight yet.

Chapter 100 Pink Apatite_3

...

Boom!

Sha Chu's body hit the ground, immediately getting entangled by the glue-like mud.

The red dress she was wearing was already torn in many places, with slashes on her waist, back, and front, revealing white skin and blood stains.

This was just from accidentally being grazed by the Demon Spirit's wings during the battle. If it were a direct fight, Sha Chu would have been shredded by the Demon Spirit long ago.

Not far away, on the ground, the Double-headed Demon Spirit and that Demon Spirit were tangled together, biting each other.

The Double-headed Demon Spirit's body was sinking into the mud. If its body were pulled completely underground, it likely wouldn't have a chance to turn the situation around.

"Damn it!" Sha Chu didn't know why she was so unlucky.

In a place like this, unexpectedly encountering such a terrifying Demon Spirit, even her S-rank Good and Evil Punisher couldn't gain the upper hand, and the seals on her body had suffered various degrees of damage.

But now, she didn't have time to consider so much. If the Good and Evil Punisher got pulled underground, not only would it die, Sha Chu would find it equally hard to escape.

With determination set in her heart, Sha Chu had already made her decision.

With Sha Chu's command, the Good and Evil Punisher being dragged into the mud had red light glowing in its eyes, and its abdomen began to inflate rapidly.

That steel-like body gradually glowed like a red-hot iron block, emitting a golden-red Demonic Light.

Sha Chu no longer resisted sinking, instead, she drilled herself into the mud below.

The strange Demon Spirit seemed to sense danger and desperately tried to break free, but it was bitten by the two heads of the Good and Evil Punisher, grabbed by its claws, and couldn't break away for a while.

Boom!

The Good and Evil Punisher's body exploded like a nuclear bomb, blowing the entangled Demon Spirit to smithereens without leaving a complete scale.

The swarms of Demon Spirit replicas also self-destructed one by one, turning to ash and disappearing, and the soft ground returned to normal.

A huge pit appeared on the ground. Not far away, Sha Chu struggled out from below the soil, covered in dirt and wounds, her once elegant dress was now tattered like a rag hanging on her body.

Looking at the ring that no longer had the Demon Spirit Gemstone, Sha Chu's face was extremely ugly.

She had worked hard to raise the Good and Evil Punisher to S-rank, and it was gone just like that.

In the realm of longevity, a place where strength is respected, without the S-rank Good and Evil Punisher, her status would definitely plummet, possibly even becoming someone else's subordinate, which couldn't make her happy no matter what.

She had planned in Tyrone City for so long, took the chance to acquire a large number of gemstones to promote the Good and Evil Punisher to S-rank, but it all ended up for naught.

Furthermore, her "seal" was also severely damaged, and repairing it would require many resources. Currently, the resources she had at hand were pitifully few. Returning to the realm of longevity in this state, she wouldn't only fail to receive help but might even have others take the opportunity to attack her.

"Sigh, Li Xiu is probably dead already. Otherwise, I could still go into that S-rank Frenzy trial to grab some benefits, maybe even get the entry pass, and have a chance to bring back some resources..." Sha Chu thought Li Xiu was already dead among the Demon Spirit group, which made her feel even worse.

If Li Xiu wasn't dead, with his skills as a Magic Armor Master, he could help her stand firmer in the realm of longevity, not being at the mercy of others.

But unfortunately, with Li Xiu dead, she now had nothing.

Enduring the pain on her body, Sha Chu walked into the blasted pit to search for the Demon Core of the Demon Spirit; the Demon Core shouldn't be that easy to destroy. An S-rank Demon Core would still be a considerable fortune for Sha Chu now.

Quickly, Sha Chu saw a grayish-white Demon Core lying in the pit, just about to pick it up, only to see a hand ahead of her pick up the Demon Core.

"Li Xiu, you're not dead?" Sha Chu was first shocked, but upon seeing the person picking up the Demon Core, her face turned to joy.

She controlled Li Xiu's Blood Seal, making Li Xiu her slave. To her, Li Xiu now was her greatest asset and wealth.

"Maybe I'm just a bit lucky," Li Xiu said with a smile, putting the Demon Core into his pocket.

Seeing Li Xiu dare to do that, Sha Chu's expression turned cold and she sneered at Li Xiu, "You shouldn't take what doesn't belong to you."

"What doesn't belong to me?" Li Xiu looked at Sha Chu and asked with a smile.

"No matter, you'll soon find out what doesn't belong to you, and who you belong to," Sha Chu said, reaching for the hairpin in her hair.

The hairpin had a blood-colored gemstone embedded in it, precisely the tool for controlling the Blood Seal. She wanted to teach Li Xiu a lesson, making him understand who was in charge here.

She had been displeased with Li Xiu for a long time, if not for his inherent value, she would have taught him a lesson long ago.

Sha Chu activated the Blood Seal, coldly watching Li Xiu, wanting him to completely submit before her.

One second, two seconds, three seconds, time slowly passed by, yet the imagined scene of Li Xiu crawling on the ground in agony begging her for mercy did not occur.

Li Xiu still stood there as before, smiling at her.

"Weren't you going to tell me who I belong to? So, who do I belong to now?" Li Xiu asked with a smile.

"You aren't controlled by the Blood Seal? Was it Ximen Guan... he wasn't crazy... just pretending to be..." Sha Chu's face changed, she had already figured it out.

"What do you think?" Li Xiu replied calmly.

Without a word, Sha Chu drew out her Tang Blade and walked towards Li Xiu, her eyes filled with cold intention.

With a thought, Li Xiu summoned the Knight of Chrysanthemum in front of him.

"Using what I gave you to stop me, do you think it can hold me back?" Sha Chu said coldly.

"Probably not," Li Xiu laughed and summoned the Jedi Knight.

"You actually have another Demon Spirit?" Sha Chu was slightly taken aback, not expecting Li Xiu to have another Demon Spirit.

"Indeed, I do." Li Xiu said, summoning the Demigod Shana.

Seeing the radiant Demigod Shana before her, Sha Chu's expression completely changed, and she involuntarily blurted out, "This... this is the Radiant Demon Spirit... how can you possibly have a Radiant Demon Spirit..."