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Han Minghui looked at Li Xiu, her expression changing unpredictably.

She thought Li Xiu wanted to get intelligence about the mutated Divine Position Demon Spirit from her, perhaps with other intentions, or maybe Li Xiu's initial target was this Demon Spirit. Previously, he said the Divine Position Demon Spirit he was searching for was outside the Mushroom Forest, which was completely untrue.

Li Xiu noticed Han Minghui's thoughts and smiled, saying: "Vice President Han, there's no need to worry. Since I've promised you, I won't lay a finger on your Demon Spirit."

"If that's the case, why rush into an adventure now?" Han Minghui naturally didn't believe him.

"I don't consider this an adventure," Li Xiu said calmly.

Han Minghui thought Li Xiu's words were too arrogant. Them going to slay the mutated Divine Position Demon Spirit — if that's not called adventuring, then what is?

Han Minghui was about to say something but suddenly saw a strange orange-red light appear on Li Xiu, and she was instantly taken aback.

"The Light of Truth... You... you've already ascended to godhood..." Han Minghui exclaimed.

Not only was Han Minghui surprised, but Wan Chaocun was also both amazed and delighted: "Brother Xiu, you've actually ascended to godhood?"

Jiuxiao Yun widened his eyes even more, staring at Li Xiu incredulously.

Although they all knew Li Xiu had the Divine Position Gemstone, the speed of this ascension was too fast. Even with the Divine Position Gemstone, to ascend to godhood, one needs to enhance the level of Spirit Casting and one's own qualities to have a chance.

Having the Divine Position Gemstone doesn't guarantee success in ascending to godhood. Even top-notch Spirit Casters take at least a year or two to prepare for the ascension, requiring auxiliary items besides the Divine Position Gemstone.

Li Xiu obtained the Divine Position Gemstone not long ago, yet he successfully ascended to godhood, which is truly unimaginable.

"Since when did ascending to godhood become so simple?" This thought flashed across their minds.

Li Xiu didn't say much more, smiling: "Does Vice President Han still think this is impossible?"

Han Minghui, now recovering from the shock, exclaimed with delight: "Commander Li is truly a prodigy unseen in a hundred years, having ascended to godhood in such a short time. In the history of the Eternal Heaven, perhaps none but Commander Li have achieved this."

"If Commander Li can assist me in slaying that Divine Position Demon Spirit, apart from the Divine Position Gemstone, all other items will be yours," Han Minghui said, even using honorifics, placing herself in a lower position.

Her straightforwardness comes partly because a Divine Position Level is indeed rare, but also because she previously hired Mo Wuya and others, promising all items besides the Divine Position Gemstone to them. Now she was simply transferring those promises to Li Xiu.

The same price for hiring one Divine Position is much preferable to hiring several Spirit Casters.

"If so, let's go have a look now," Li Xiu nodded.

"Wan Sister, are you joining?" Han Minghui looked at Wan Chaocun.

"Since Brother Xiu is going, I naturally will go too," Wan Chaocun replied.

Jiuxiao Yun, on the side, hurriedly said: "Wherever the commander goes, I shall follow."

Han Minghui no longer hesitated and directly led Li Xiu and the others to where the mutated Demon Spirit resided.

A giant mushroom, like a colossal umbrella covering the sky, stood tall atop a cliff.

The translucent milky-white mushroom cap extended half beyond the cliff, as if gazing far into the distance, waiting for an old friend's return.

Beneath the black rocks lay an endless expanse of ocean, its water a vivid blue, stretching into a line with the sky in the distance, truly a blend of sea and sky.

The milky-white transparent giant mushroom glistened under the sunlight, beautiful as if not of the mortal world.

Beneath the giant mushroom lay a Demon Spirit, entirely snow-white without a trace of impurity.

The four of them, Li Xiu included, were camouflaged in the distant mushroom thicket, observing the creature for a long time and finding its appearance quite amusing.

The creature was much larger than a human, probably three meters tall, but its body proportions gave off a chibi-like feel — short legs and arms, and a plump body. Its large head resembled a mushroom, as if wearing a mushroom helmet.

From afar, the Demon Spirit looked like a chibi mushroom warrior turned sentient, donned in snowy-white armor with a somewhat tech-inspired style, looking cool and cute.

Especially eye-catching were the small cannons on each of its arms.

"Is this the true form or an avatar?" Li Xiu asked, looking at Han Minghui crouching beside him.

"Previously, the true form was a solid snow-white entity, while avatars were noticeably blurred, easily distinguishable. After mutation, the true form and avatars are nearly identical, and no method has been found to differentiate. But based on past experience, it doesn't use avatars under normal circumstances. Theoretically, this should be the true form," Han Minghui contemplatively replied.

Li Xiu was a bit speechless; her words said almost nothing. Previously, avatars had a time limit and didn't persist long, lasting at most half an hour, so the Demon Spirit naturally wouldn't spawn one for no reason.

But after mutation, he had no idea if the avatars now had a time limit. If the avatar persisted indefinitely, it might also be possible that this was an avatar.

Li Xiu studied it for a while, but couldn't discern anything unusual, especially since he hadn't seen the previous Demon Spirit and lacked a basis for comparison.

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"What was your original plan?" Li Xiu asked again.

Han Minghui detailed her plan, which initially involved setting up an area and then luring the demon spirit over.

Now implementing this plan is quite difficult because of the mutation of the Divine Position Demon Spirit. Its speed and power must have increased, and the demon spirit previously prepared as bait may not have the chance to lure it into the area.

"What demon spirit do you plan to use as bait?" Li Xiu pondered for a moment before asking.

"It's a Spirit Casting Level Sun-chasing Hummingbird, and its speed is top-tier within the Spirit Casting Level. Plus, it possesses a rapid evasion skill. I calculated the speed of the demon spirit before it mutated; as long as it's controllable, luring it over there shouldn't be a problem. But now, it's hard to say," Han Minghui replied.

"Are you willing to sacrifice that Sun-chasing Hummingbird?" Li Xiu asked as he looked at Han Minghui.

Han Minghui, so clever, instantly understood Li Xiu's meaning. He wanted her to use the Sun-chasing Hummingbird as a probe to recalculate the speed and other data of the mutated demon spirit.

At this point, Han Minghui knew that if she was unwilling to sacrifice the Sun-chasing Hummingbird, Li Xiu certainly wouldn't make a move.

Even a Divine Position Level Trial Taker couldn't risk making a move without knowledge of the mutated Divine Position Demon Spirit.

"What's there to be unwilling about? It was originally prepared for this." Han Minghui paused and then said, "Then shall we follow the original plan and try to lure the demon spirit into that area using the Sun-chasing Hummingbird?"

"Let's do that then." Li Xiu needed to first assess the demon spirit's strength. As long as it's not excessively strong and gives him a chance to escape, he can battle it.

Han Minghui gritted her teeth and quietly snuck to a distance, first summoning her Sun-chasing Hummingbird.

Li Xiu originally thought the Sun-chasing Hummingbird would be similar to a Golden-Winged Roc, or at least like a Falcon-like demon spirit.

Who knew the Sun-chasing Hummingbird was only the size of a fist, a small bird entirely black, not resembling an eagle but more like a sparrow.

After the Sun-chasing Hummingbird took flight, its wings split into six, vibrating swiftly at a nearly impossible speed, almost approaching the speed of light.

"Its speed is indeed fast, worthy of the name Sun-chasing." Li Xiu admired silently.

Under Han Minghui's control, the Sun-chasing Hummingbird flew towards the giant mushroom, and Li Xiu and the others became alert.

Jiuxiao Yun was always ready to flee, while Wan Chaocun was already prepared for combat.

When the Sun-chasing Hummingbird was still dozens of meters from the giant mushroom, the demon spirit lying on the ground as if sleeping was awakened.

It rolled up from the ground, saw the Sun-chasing Hummingbird clearly, then raised its right arm, aimed its arm cannon at the hummingbird, and instantly fired an oval-shaped white light bullet from the cannon mouth.

The Sun-chasing Hummingbird didn't truly approach the giant mushroom. Upon noticing the demon spirit's attack, it turned back and immediately flew away.

But the light bullet was faster than it. As the light bullet was about to catch up with the hummingbird, its body flickered bizarrely, evading the light bullet's blast like a swallow skimming the sea.

The light bullet passed by the hummingbird, and several people thought the hummingbird had dodged the attack, but unexpectedly, the light bullet exploded mid-air after flying away, dispersing into countless rays covering hundreds of meters around.

This change clearly surprised Han Minghui, her face displaying a somewhat unpleasant expression, likely because the demon spirit didn't possess such abilities before its mutation.

The Sun-chasing Hummingbird was enveloped in dark light, its tiny body like a black stream of light flashing swiftly amongst the rays of light, leaving streaks of illusions and emerged from the explosion unharmed.

"What an impressive Sun-chasing Hummingbird," Wan Chaocun couldn't help but praise.

Seeing that one shot couldn't kill the hummingbird, the demon spirit glanced at the far-flying hummingbird but didn't give chase, and lay back down.

Seeing this, Han Minghui could only control the hummingbird to fly back, from afar flapping its wings at the demon spirit, releasing numerous Wind Blades.

The demon spirit instantly became furious, jumped directly up, aimed its arms at the hummingbird, simultaneously shooting out oval-shaped light bullets.

The Sun-chasing Hummingbird immediately fled but was still caught by the light bullets at a distance.

The hummingbird's evasion skill was indeed formidable, dodging two consecutive light bullets, and emerged from the exploding rays, flying towards the distance.

The demon spirit was enraged this time, flew up in pursuit, and behind it, two rows of small holes appeared. Within the holes, a large amount of foam-like Light Energy sprayed out, propelling its body like a stream of light in the chase after the hummingbird.

A black and a white streak of light rapidly cut through the sky, quickly disappearing, and then several light explosions rose in the distant Mushroom Forest, clearly indicating the demon spirit was attacking the hummingbird.

Li Xiu and the others hurried after it. When they arrived at the location, Han Minghui bitterly looked at the constantly exploding Mushroom Forest in the distance and said, "After the mutation, both the speed and Light Energy of the demon spirit have greatly increased. My previous setup is useless now, and the Sun-chasing Hummingbird can't escape. This is troubling."

"It's not that troublesome. Leave the rest to me." Li Xiu glanced at the demon spirit hovering in mid-air, its twin arm cannons still firing at the ground-skimming hummingbird.

The hummingbird was at its end, already injured, its speed visibly decreasing and seemingly unable to dodge further.

Li Xiu stared at the airborne demon spirit, directly summoning the Forbidden Spear, instantly transforming it into the Forbidden Cannon state, and rested it on his shoulder, aimed at the demon spirit.

Spirals of orange-red Light Patterns appeared around the barrel. As the demon spirit sensed something, it turned to look in this direction, and the Forbidden Cannon blasted out an orange light beam, instantly shooting into the sky.

The demon spirit's eyes narrowed, instinctively raising its arms, its arm cannons frantically spraying light bullets, colliding with the orange light beam from the Forbidden Cannon.

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The white light bullet shattered into pieces like ice upon contact with the orange-red beam.

The orange-red beam, amidst the shattered white light, struck the Demon Spirit's chest and sent its body flying.

The beam pierced through the sky with the Demon Spirit's body, penetrating its chest. Even after piercing through the large hole in the Demon Spirit's chest, the beam continued its flight into the sky until it disappeared.

Once the orange-red beam completely passed through the hole in the Demon Spirit's chest and vanished, the Demon Spirit's body fell from the air, crashing heavily into the mushroom forest, crushing the mushrooms into pieces.

Han Minghui was stunned. The Demon Spirit, which she had planned for so long to kill, had invited so many people, and ultimately abandoned the plan due to its mutation, was obliterated by just one shot from Li Xiu. She found it hard to accept.

Wan Chaocun also watched Li Xiu, who was carrying a giant cannon, with a complicated expression. He had just ascended to the Divine Position and already possessed such terrifying power, which was truly frightening.

Jiuxiao Yun was even more shocked, his mouth wide open, unable to close it, big enough to fit a goose egg inside.

Li Xiu himself was not surprised. He had observed the Demon Spirit's power, which was indeed stronger than the Divine Position Demon Spirit he had killed before, but only slightly. Its light energy's destructiveness was much less than the Forbidden Cannon.

Now, Li Xiu was sure that his previous perception that the Forbidden Light was weak was a misconception. The reason for the misconception was that Guan Jinghao was too strong, which unconsciously raised his assessment of the overall strength of the Divine Position Demons.

It seems it wasn't that the Divine Position level Forbidden Spear was weak, but that Guan Jinghao was absurdly strong.

"Commander Li's might is unparalleled. He should be the second person of our Changsheng Tian now," Han Minghui exclaimed with amazement and joy after regaining her composure.

Li Xiu's formidable power made her feel fortunate that she had not truly become his enemy before and was grateful for the promise she had obtained from him.

Now, with Li Xiu's terrifying power, capable of obliterating a Mutated Demon Spirit with a single blow, the title of being the second person of Changsheng Tian was indeed a heartfelt comment from Han Minghui.

With someone as powerful as Li Xiu's help, there was no worry about not being able to slay the Divine Position and obtain the Gemstone. Even if what was just killed was just an avatar, with Li Xiu's help, killing the true body was only a matter of time.

"Let's go over there and check the situation first," Li Xiu said, still unsure whether what he just obliterated was the Demon Spirit's true body.

The four of them headed towards where the Demon Spirit had fallen. As they approached, they saw a white light gathering on the Demon Spirit's body.

"It's the true body." Han Minghui was even more thrilled but also more wary of Li Xiu.

If Li Xiu had blasted the avatar, she would only think Li Xiu was indeed strong. But now, obliterating the true body, so the Mutated Demon Spirit didn't even have the chance to use an avatar, was terrifying.

The four approached the Demon Spirit's corpse, seeing the white light constantly flowing out and twisting together in the air, seemingly about to form a tangible object.

Han Minghui could not help but silently pray, hoping it would be the Divine Position Gemstone.

Although she had information that the chance of a Mutated Divine Position Demon Spirit producing a Divine Position Gemstone was quite high, she was still anxious until she saw the Gemstone with her own eyes.

The Light of Truth gathered more and more, the blinding brilliance made it impossible to look directly at it. When the light gradually dimmed, Han Minghui finally saw two items suspended in the center of the light.

Han Minghui immediately recognized one of them as the Divine Position Gemstone she had dreamed of. The Divine Position Gemstone's white light was dazzling and pure, making her face light up with joy like a young girl.

At this moment, Han Minghui finally relaxed.

"I finally got the Divine Position Gemstone, finally have the chance to ascend to the Divine Position..." As Han Minghui's emotions gradually calmed down, she noticed the other item. This observation caused Han Minghui's expression to become extremely complicated.

"Demon Spirit Ring... Fourth brother... your luck is truly unbeatable..." Wan Chaocun also realized what the other item was and couldn't help but be happy for Li Xiu.

The chance of a Demon Spirit Ring dropping was not much higher than that of a Divine Position Gemstone. With this Demon Spirit Ring, one possesses a Divine Position level Demon Spirit, envying countless Trial Takers within Changsheng Tian.

A Divine Position Demon Spirit, something the Commanders and leaders of every group would dream of possessing.

"Many thanks to Vice Chairman Han." Li Xiu reached out, directly absorbing both items into his grasp.

Watching this, Han Minghui's heart skipped a beat, but fortunately, Li Xiu left the Demon Spirit Ring and tossed the Divine Position Gemstone to Han Minghui.

Han Minghui caught the Divine Position Gemstone, carefully putting it away, and smiled at Li Xiu, "This is rightfully Commander Li's. If anyone should be thanking someone, it should be me thanking you. Without you, I couldn't have killed the Mutated Demon Spirit and would have had no chance of obtaining this Divine Position Gemstone."

Although Han Minghui also desired the Demon Spirit Ring, she was even more aware that even if she ascended to the Divine Position, she might not be a match for Li Xiu, let alone now without the ascension.

Being able to use a Mutated Divine Position Gemstone to ascend to the Divine Position, Han Minghui was already very satisfied. The Han Family's status within Changsheng Tian was secured, at least until her death, and the family wouldn't have to worry about being replaced by other families.

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Of course, Han Minghui was even more aware that Li Xiu's rise was inevitable. If Li Xiu intended to vie for the top spot, the Han Family might find it difficult to remain the leader in the future.

"Since things are settled here, I'll take my leave first. Chun Jie, you head back, and we'll talk when I get back. I have a gift I want to give you." Li Xiu still needed to find another Divine Position Demon Spirit, so he couldn't return just yet.

"Okay." Wan Chaocun nodded slightly.

"Commander, shall I scout ahead for you?" Jiuxiao Yun hesitated, as if there was something he wanted to say.

"Very well." Li Xiu nodded, leaving together with Jiuxiao Yun.

After they left, Han Minghui said to Wan Chaocun, "Elder Sister Wan, would you like to come over to my place for a while?"

"If Vice President Han is inviting me, of course, I will have time." Wan Chaocun said with a smile.

"I'll call you Chun Jie then. You don't need to call me Vice President; calling me by my name feels more intimate." Han Minghui said.

"If that's the case, then I'll call you Minghui from now on." Wan Chaocun didn't object.

She was quite perceptive and naturally knew what Han Minghui was thinking.

Li Xiu's move utterly shattered Han Minghui's ambitions. Even though she used this Divine Position Gemstone to ascend to the Divine Position, she no longer dared to target Li Xiu.

Han Minghui's proactive overture to her wasn't because she was Wan Chaocun, but because she was Li Xiu's sworn older sister.

"Who would've thought, benefiting from the halo of my fourth brother once again. The first time I met him, he was just a lowly Trial Taker. How long has it been? He's already ascended to the Divine Position before me. Fourth Brother is indeed a rare genius throughout the ages." Wan Chaocun thought to herself.

After Li Xiu and Jiuxiao Yun had walked far, Jiuxiao Yun couldn't hold back any longer and said, "Commander, I'm truly impressed this time. How did you manage to ascend to the Divine Position in such a short time? I've never heard of anyone in Changsheng Heaven ascending to the Divine Position so quickly."

"From what you're saying, there are Divine Positions in Changsheng Heaven?" Li Xiu asked.

"There indeed were before, but aside from the President, they're all dead now." Jiuxiao Yun said solemnly, "What I wanted to tell you is this: you need to be careful."

"What do you mean?" Li Xiu frowned.

Jiuxiao Yun lowered his voice, "I heard from my old man that Changsheng Heaven used to have Divine Positions, but at most only one or two could appear at the same time. Later, those with Divine Positions died for various reasons, and Changsheng Heaven has never had more than four Divine Position Level experts at the same time."

"Do you mean someone is deliberately controlling the number of Divine Position experts?" Li Xiu understood.

Jiuxiao Yun quickly waved his hands, "I didn't say that. I'm just telling you what I've heard. As for what the truth is, I don't know. What I say only stays here, and once we leave this room, I'll never admit to having said any of this."

"Understood. You didn't say anything, and I didn't hear anything." Li Xiu said.

Indeed, Li Xiu had already suspected it. The President is so powerful and has so much information on Divine Position Demon Spirits. If he truly wanted to cultivate Divine Position Level Trial Takers, Changsheng Heaven shouldn't be in its current state.

But the fact remains, aside from the President, the four families and the previous Changsheng Six Groups don't have a single Divine Position.

Even without Jiuxiao Yun saying it, Li Xiu couldn't help but suspect whether the President was intentionally controlling the number of Divine Position Level Trial Takers in Changsheng Heaven.

"Commander, there's one more thing I'd like to discuss with you." Jiuxiao Yun added.

"Go ahead." Li Xiu nodded slightly.

"Do you have the Cat's Eye Gemstone? Could you sell it to me? I'm willing to pay a high price." Jiuxiao Yun said.

"You should know very well where the Cat's Eye is. Why not take it yourself instead of buying it?" Li Xiu asked, with a hint of amusement in his tone.

Jiuxiao Yun was taken aback, then smiled bitterly, "It seems nothing escapes you. Since you already know, you must also know I haven't found my Blood Seal Stone. How could I dare to steal the Cat's Eye?"

"Do you want to know where your Blood Seal Stone is?" Li Xiu asked, smiling at Jiuxiao Yun.

Jiuxiao Yun quickly shook his head, "Commander, you don't need to test me. I already know the gap between us. Being able to follow you is a blessing, and I won't have any more ill intentions."

"Do you know why you couldn't find the Blood Seal Stone?" Li Xiu asked calmly.

Jiuxiao Yun shook his head and smiled bitterly, "Honestly, this puzzles me even more than how quickly you ascended to the Divine Position. I wouldn't claim to be the world's greatest Divine Thief, but I do come from the premier Divine Thief Clan and have some ancestral knowledge. In terms of finding things, there shouldn't be many people more skilled than me globally. To be frank, I've looked everywhere, but couldn't find it. You're truly more expert than an expert, and I truly admire that."

"I wouldn't call myself an expert; this is your field of expertise. When it comes to professionalism, I'm certainly no match for you." Li Xiu said.

"Commander, please don't rub it in." Jiuxiao Yun said with frustration.

"In terms of expertise, I'm no better than you. You just underestimated people's hearts, that's all." Li Xiu said.

"What do you mean?" Jiuxiao Yun was slightly taken aback.

"I've already erased your Blood Seal Stone, so naturally, you couldn't find it." Li Xiu said calmly.

"Erased..." Jiuxiao Yun was left dumbstruck.

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"You go back first. I have some matters to attend to. Retrieve the Cat's Eye yourself," said Li Xiu, walking away alone, leaving Jiuxiao Yun dazed on the spot.

Jiuxiao Yun looked in the direction where Li Xiu departed with a complex expression, feeling delighted upon hearing that his Blood Seal Stone had been destroyed.

He finally understood where he had lost, but knowing where he lost made his defeat even greater and more thorough.

He never dreamed that Li Xiu would erase his Blood Seal Stone, making it no wonder he couldn't find it no matter how hard he tried.

But if he thought about it differently, what if Li Xiu didn't actually erase his Blood Seal Stone and was merely testing him?

Before Li Xiu told him, he still had hope, thinking that he must find where Li Xiu hid the Blood Seal Stone no matter what.

But now, whether he searched or didn't, knowing the answer made him more conflicted than before.

"Truly, the human heart is more terrifying than any technique. I can steal anything, but not someone's heart," Jiuxiao Yun sighed as he turned and left.

Li Xiu told him to get the Cat's Eye himself, but now Jiuxiao Yun truly feared to take it. Forget taking it; he might never dare to sneak around and investigate Li Xiu in the future unless he could confirm that Li Xiu indeed erased his Blood Seal Stone; otherwise, this Heart Demon would remain unshakable.

Following the memorized map route, Li Xiu left the Mushroom Forest, encountering some demon spirits along the way. All were low-level and posed no threat to Li Xiu, and they didn't drop anything useful, only some low-grade Demon Cores that were slightly better than nothing.

After passing through the Mushroom Forest, a stone forest appeared ahead. It was filled with pillar-shaped stones, most not very tall, rarely exceeding four meters, and most with a diameter of less than a meter, yet their numbers were vast, akin to a forest.

The formation of this stone forest landscape remains a mystery; while mushrooms thrive everywhere outside the stone forest, not a blade of grass grows within it.

Li Xiu learned from the information that there were no other demon spirits within the stone forest, only the Divine Position Demon Spirit occupying there.

Meandering through the stone pillars, he walked about twenty to thirty li, spotting a relatively large stone block ahead.

The stone block stretched over twenty meters, lying horizontally in the stone forest, resembling a sleeping black beast.

Beneath one side of the gigantic stone block lay an entrance to a cave. According to the records in the book, the Divine Position Demon Spirit resided inside the cave.

Li Xiu's mind stirred, activating Ultimate Light, and invisibly entered the stone cave.

Inside the cave, everything was clearly visible, lacking unnecessary twists and turns, merely a slightly sunken chamber.

Within the cave, a demon spirit resembling a Qilin Statue lay slumbering peacefully.

Its appearance vaguely resembled the Unparalleled King, but its size was significantly smaller, lacking the opulent presence of the Unparalleled King, resembling gray rock with no sheen.

Beside it, a faint glow shimmered. Closer inspection revealed a small pit with some clear water accumulating inside, above which grew a luminescent plant.

Li Xiu observed the plant, finding it somewhat familiar.

"Why does this plant look a bit like the one near the Unparalleled King?" Li Xiu suddenly recalled why this plant seemed familiar.

He remembered the Unparalleled King had mentioned that plant as a "Gem Species," resembling this plant quite closely.

Both grew in water, and the parts exposed above the water had a similar shape, resembling coral.

However, the plant near the Unparalleled King was entirely snow-white, with five small flowers blooming upon it.

This plant, in contrast, appeared somewhat gray, with only one small flower blooming upon it, and even the flower's shape was slightly different, smaller than the one near the Unparalleled King, with missing petals. Yet, at the center of the flower lay a rice-sized gemstone, the most luminescent part of the plant.

"Could this plant truly be the 'Gem Species' the Unparalleled King spoke of?" Li Xiu pondered, noticing the gemstone in the small flower, reflecting, "Though it doesn't possess the grandeur of the Unparalleled King or its exaggerated majesty, its appearance resembles a Qilin, and with such a plant here, could this be mere coincidence?"

What puzzled Li Xiu was that the document didn't mention this peculiar plant.

The association president thoroughly documented the demon spirit's location and abilities, indicating that he must have visited this place. How could he omit mentioning this plant?

Did he not realize the plant's value, or was the plant not present during his visit?

"Something's amiss, the construction of the City of Light under the president's guidance had the Unparalleled King and that plant, yet here's another missed record of a similar plant; intriguing," Li Xiu mused silently, observing the plant and the nearby demon spirit.

It was evident that the plant had not fully matured. Anyone could see that the flower's petals should fall off completely for the gemstone inside to truly mature. Now was not the time.

Li Xiu gazed at the sleeping demon spirit, hesitated for a moment, then abandoned the idea of killing it. After some observation, he discreetly exited the cave.

Li Xiu speculated that the president must intend to use the demon spirit to safeguard the plant, indicating his intentions toward the gemstone forming upon it.

Since even the president coveted such a treasure, Li Xiu naturally harbored some thoughts as well.

If he killed it now and left the site unguarded by a Divine Position Level demon spirit, some ignorant, foolish demon spirit might intrude and ruin the immature Gem Species, wasting it.

Therefore, Li Xiu decided to spare the demon spirit for now and first return to probe the Unparalleled King's insights, clarifying what exactly the Gem Species was, before returning to kill the demon spirit and seize the treasure.

"If this hypothesis holds, was the Unparalleled King also trapped there for this reason?" Li Xiu pondered various possibilities.

As he was leaving the cave, he suddenly heard a deep, aged voice emanating from within the cave.

"Human... wait a moment..."

Li Xiu was instantly startled, turned, and looked into the cave. The demon spirit, which had lain sleeping inside, had somehow awakened. Its upper body was raised, eyes open, its glass-like pupils fixed on where Li Xiu stood, the voice clearly emerging from its mouth.

Li Xiu was profoundly shocked. He knew he was still in the invisible state of Ultimate Light. Not even Guan Jinghao could see him when he was invisible, yet this demon spirit could clearly perceive him; otherwise, its eyes wouldn't so coincidentally focus on where Li Xiu was located.

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Li Xiu stared at the magic spirit as it moved slowly, trying to confirm whether it really saw him.

"Leave if you will, stay if you choose, but why are you lingering there?" The magic spirit spoke again.

"Uh!" Li Xiu could now confirm that this creature definitely could see him.

Li Xiu had no choice but to retract the Ultimate Light, revealing his form. The magic spirit, upon seeing him, showed no intention to attack.

The magic spirit slowly got up, but instead of approaching Li Xiu, it simply circled around the small puddle twice, then lay down again, weakly saying, "I am dying soon, won't live to see the day the Gem Species matures. Whether you're here for it or for my decaying bones, just wait a few more days, and it will fall into your lap without unnecessary trouble."

"Do magic spirits also have lifespan limitations?" Li Xiu scrutinized the magic spirit, not seeing any injury marks on it.

"Just as I expected, you're not sent by that person, otherwise you'd know I am injured." The magic spirit's voice was obviously very old: "That person probably wouldn't reveal the secret of the Gem Species here to anyone, how did you know there's a Gem Species here?"

"I didn't know there was a Gem Species here like you said, I came here for you." Li Xiu said.

"How then do you recognize the Gem Species?" said the magic spirit, clearly aware that Li Xiu had observed the plant earlier.

"If you hadn't mentioned it was a Gem Species, I wouldn't be sure. I only saw a Gem Species elsewhere before, but it's somewhat different from this one." Li Xiu said truthfully.

The magic spirit paused slightly, squinted its eyes and asked Li Xiu, "Where did you see the Gem Species and how is it different?"

Li Xiu described the appearance of the Gem Species at the Unparalleled King's place but didn't say where he had seen it.

"Five-Colored Gem Species... Could it be... the Unparalleled King really took the Gem Species to the Mortal World, and it really thrived there?" The magic spirit immediately said after hearing this.

"You recognize the Unparalleled King?" Li Xiu instantly knew his previous guess was indeed correct; this magic spirit looks so much like the Unparalleled King, both guarding a Gem Species, it's surely not a coincidence.

"How could I not recognize; except for us Spirit Suppressing Beast tribe, who else could cultivate this Gem Species." The magic spirit said proudly.

"The Unparalleled King and you are of the same tribe?" Li Xiu was somewhat surprised.

Though their appearance was indeed somewhat similar, their attributes and abilities were obviously different, and their body sizes varied greatly—yet it turned out they were truly of the same tribe.

"Not exactly the same tribe, just both are Spirit Suppressing Beasts." The magic spirit sighed and said: "Back then, with the Unparalleled King and Longevity Heaven, we were born from the fragmentation of the Spirit Suppressing Stone. The Unparalleled King obtained five Spirit Suppressing Stone fragments, I got one, Longevity Heaven got three..."

"Who is Longevity Heaven?" Li Xiu sensed from the magic spirit's words that Longevity Heaven too was a magic spirit, but the name was eerily similar to the Longevity Heaven Organization founded by the president.

"You may not have heard of the name Longevity Heaven, but surely you've heard of Longevity Island?" The magic spirit said after some thought.

"Is Longevity Heaven the true master of Longevity Island?" Li Xiu suddenly thought of something.

Li Xiu remembered Li Ming'Er mentioning that her mother was the real owner of Longevity Island; could her mother be Longevity Heaven?

But upon further thought, Li Xiu felt it somewhat unlikely; despite their differences, the Unparalleled King and this magic spirit were both Qilin-like in appearance.

Longevity Heaven, like them, should also be Qilin-like due to belonging to the Spirit Suppressing Beast tribe.

It's hard to imagine how the president and a Qilin-like magic spirit could have given birth to Li Ming'Er.

"Indeed, after the Spirit Suppressing Stone shattered, the Spirit Suppressing Palace split into three, thus forming the three forbidden territories of the Demon Spirit Realm. The three of us each guard a site: the Unparalleled King in the Celestial Sea, Longevity Heaven on Longevity Island, while I reside in the Bottomless Pit."

Li Xiu finally understood the real origin of the three forbidden territories; it turns out, they all came from the same source.

"Why did the Spirit Suppressing Stone and Palace split?" Li Xiu promptly asked.

"Because the heaven cracked..." The magic spirit suddenly began coughing violently.

"The heaven cracked?" After it calmed down a bit, Li Xiu couldn't help but continue asking; he really couldn't comprehend what it meant for heaven to crack.

"The Spirit Suppressing Palace is the core of the Demon Spirit Realm, you may consider the Spirit Suppressing Stone as the World Tree of the Demon Spirit Realm. When the Demon Spirit Realm was destroyed, the Spirit Suppressing Stone was also damaged. One day, the heaven of the Demon Spirit Realm cracked... that crack spanned the entire void, torrents of purple aura descended from the skies, nearly dyeing the entire void purple... the whole world was affected, the Spirit Suppressing Stone shattered, and the Spirit Suppressing Palace split into three..."

Li Xiu originally just regarded it as a story, thinking it had nothing to do with him, but hearing the last sentence, his face paled somewhat.

"From that heavenly scar... a human walked out..." As soon as the magic spirit finished speaking, it started coughing violently again.

Hearing the magic spirit's account, Li Xiu first thought of his elder sister Han Ling'Er, but upon closer reflection, quickly realized the magic spirit wasn't talking about Han Ling'Er.

When Han Ling'Er arrived, she directly reached Earth, not the Demon Spirit Realm, and she arrived long after the three forbidden territories had been around for many years—the timeline didn't match.

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"The person who stepped out from the rift in the sky...could it be the person you mentioned?" Li Xiu immediately thought of someone.

"Yes, that's him." The Demon Spirit nodded.

"What is his name and what does he look like?" Li Xiu hastily asked, his expression shifting unpredictably.

The person he was thinking of was naturally the chairman, especially since Guan Jinghao previously said the chairman was not human. If the Demon Spirit was referring to the chairman, then everything made sense.

"I don't know his name or what he looks like because when I saw him again, he looked different from when he emerged from the celestial rift... cough, cough... but I could smell the aura on him... in this world... no living creature can escape my nose..."

Li Xiu finally understood how this Demon Spirit found him; it wasn't by sight, but by scent.

Li Xiu also knew that the aura mentioned by the Demon Spirit wasn't as simple as an odor.

While in the invisibility state of the Ultimate Light, he had no discernible smell.

"Since the Spirit Suppressing Palace divided, the Unparalleled King, the Longevity Deity, and I have been trying to resurrect the Spirit Suppressing Stone. Using the spiritual technique, we turned the shards of the Spirit Suppressing Stone into Gem Species, waiting for them to blossom and bear fruit, to once again possess the spirit suppression abilities, restoring the Demon Spirit Realm... unfortunately, the Spirit Suppressing Stone itself is the root of this world, and wanting the Gem Species to bloom and mature into the Spirit Suppressing Stone is truly difficult... cough, cough... The Longevity Deity remained on Longevity Island, nurturing the Gem Species; I traversed the Demon Spirit Realm to find a place where the Gem Species could bloom, while the Unparalleled King took a different path, attempting to plant Gem Species in the Mortal World. We initially thought it was a whimsical idea, but unexpectedly, he indeed managed to cultivate the Gem Species... cough, cough..."

"Humans, if you want to obtain the Gem Species, you need to do as I say, using some techniques to accelerate their maturation, before that person arrives, take the mature Gem Species away..." said the Demon Spirit, coughing intensely, as if it would cough up its lungs.

"Since you don't want to give the Gem Species to him, why would you be willing to give them to me?" This happiness came rather suddenly, causing Li Xiu to have some doubts.

"Do I have a choice? I am almost dying." The Demon Spirit calmed slightly, its coughing less severe, and continued, "Moreover, you are different from him; although you are human too, you belong to this world, whereas he does not. I have no other choice but compared to him, I hope you can take away the Gem Species."

"Do you know where he originally came from?" Li Xiu did not expect that by inadvertently choosing a Demon Spirit, he would stumble upon such a great secret.

"I don't know, and I doubt anyone does." The Demon Spirit continued, barely suppressing the urge to cough, "My time is limited, you must quickly decide whether to take away the Gem Species."

"How should I proceed?" Li Xiu pondered and asked.

"After I die, toss my body along with the Demon Core into the pool. I was born from the Spirit Suppressing Stone, and the Gem Species and I share the same origin. Nourishing the Gem Species with

my energy will allow them to mature ahead of time, but this is still insufficient. You need to obtain two more items to rapidly mature the Gem Species... cough, cough... First, go to the Celestial Sea to find the Endless Water, then go to Longevity Island to obtain a piece of Longevity Meat. Place these two items in the pool, and the Gem Species will mature rapidly... cough, cough... Once the Gem Species mature... immediately remove them... hide away somewhere no one can find you... if you wish, you can absorb the Gem Species for your own use... then you will become the Gem Species... the Gem Species will become you... and no one can ever take them from you... cough, cough... If you're fortunate to obtain the other two Gem Species... similarly absorb them... then you will have power equivalent to the Spirit Suppressing Stone..."

"Have you ever considered a question?" Li Xiu suddenly asked after it finished speaking.

"What question?" the Demon Spirit queried.

"The injuries to you were caused by him, does he not know how severe they are, or when you will die?" Li Xiu slowly spoke.

The Demon Spirit's face changed slightly, hesitatingly answered, "I've considered that, but it seems doubtful. After all, he is not a creature of this world. During my battle with him, I felt that his power was resisted by this world's forces, and his sensitivity to this world was not very keen."

Li Xiu agreed it made sense, yet he still felt uneasy.

Because it truly was too coincidental, with the Demon Spirit close to death, he happened to arrive here. Now he was unsure whether choosing this Demon Spirit was unintended or if the chairman had orchestrated his arrival.

Among hundreds of Divine Position Demon Spirits, he happened to choose here; was it really just coincidence?

But this question, no matter how he asked, the Demon Spirit likely couldn't have an answer. Li Xiu contemplated and said, "Since Longevity Island, Celestial Sea, and the Bottomless Pit all come from the same source, I've heard that true Divine Spirits exist in Longevity Island, Celestial Sea, and Bottomless Pit. Do you know this?"

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"You must be referring to the four spirits originally suppressed by the Spirit Suppressing Stone, right? After the stone shattered, those four spirits broke free; three of them occupied the shattered Celestial Suppressing Palace, which is now Longevity Island, Bottomless Pit, and Celestial Sea. The whereabouts of the fourth spirit are unknown," the Demon Spirit said.

"You don't have to ask; I intended to tell you anyway. I plan to go to Celestial Sea to retrieve Endless Water and to Longevity Island for Longevity Meat, which means I'll definitely have dealings with them. I have a way to help you smoothly obtain these two items from them."

"What's the way?" Li Xiu thought to himself: "That Unparalleled King seems honest but is actually treacherous, hiding so many things."

"This method can only be known by you; otherwise, disaster will ensue." The Demon Spirit's voice echoed in Li Xiu's mind.

Li Xiu silently memorized the contents spoken by the Demon Spirit until the voice disappeared from his mind. When the Demon Spirit asked if he remembered, Li Xiu nodded in response.

"I know this is a gamble, but I have no chips left. Even if this last chip was deliberately given to me by someone, I have no choice but to bet on this last chance." The Demon Spirit slowly stood up and walked out of the cave, looking at the stone forest under the sunset, revealing complex emotions in its glass-like eyes.

There was unwillingness, resentment, and perhaps some relief.

"Human, what is your name?" After a long while, the Demon Spirit turned back slowly and looked at Li Xiu.

"Li Xiu." Li Xiu stood silently beside him, waiting, and responded.

"The Unparalleled King and Longevity Heaven both gave themselves names, but I have never had a name. Now I want one too; can you help me choose a name?" The Demon Spirit looked at Li Xiu and said.

"The sunset is infinitely beautiful but fleeting; how about 'Huang Hun'?" Li Xiu gazed at the sky full of red sunset clouds and suggested.

"Isn't this name somewhat inauspicious..." The Demon Spirit turned to the red clouds in the sky, contemplating.

"'Huang Hun' signifies an ending, but it also heralds the arrival of tomorrow and the prelude to new beginnings," Li Xiu explained.

"New beginnings? Sounds good, then I shall be 'Huang Hun.'" The Demon Spirit said, staring at the setting sun, and remained silent for a long time.

Li Xiu waited until the sunset disappeared and night fell. Huang Hun remained motionless, prompting Li Xiu to call out to him several times, but Huang Hun did not respond. When Li Xiu walked over, he saw that Huang Hun had already passed away, standing there just like that.

"Forgive me." Li Xiu lifted Huang Hun's body with both hands and brought it back into the cave, placing it slowly into the water pit.

As Huang Hun's body fell into the pit, it began to emit a phosphorescent glow, unlike its original gray rock-like appearance.

Thread by thread, the phosphorescent light flowed towards the Gem Species. After being absorbed by the Gem Species, the glow on the Gem Species gradually became more dazzling.

The small gemstone, the size of a grain of rice at the center of the flower petals and flower, also became increasingly brilliant.

"Such a pity; this fellow within the Divine Position level was likely among the top tier, with a high chance of yielding a Divine Position Gemstone, or perhaps even a ring," Li Xiu glanced at the Demon Spirit's corpse now submerged in the water, and then left the cave.

Earlier he worried about the Gem Species being devoured by other ignorant Demon Spirits, but now knowing its true origins, he realized it's not something anyone can consume, so there's no need to guard over it.

"It seems a journey to Celestial Sea is inevitable now." Only at this point did Li Xiu decide firmly to go to Celestial Sea.

With the decision made, Li Xiu no longer wasted time, planning to head to the Flame River where the Great Demon King is located.

The Flame River is near Flame Mountain, though Li Xiu had heard of Flame Mountain before, he hadn't heard of this Flame River.

It was only after reviewing the president's provided information that he learned of this underground Flame River beneath Flame Mountain, where the mutated Divine Position Demon Spirit known as the Great Demon King resides.

After looking over the Great Demon King's information, Li Xiu called over A Fei before setting off.

With Li Xiu's assistance in practicing Light Planting, abundant resources, and A Fei's extraordinary Divine Skill of 'Renunciation,' she is now at Light Base Peak, just half a step away from Spirit Casting.

"Since that's the case, cast your spirit first, then come with me to the Trial Gate; there's something only you can do," Li Xiu handed a Spirit Casting Bead to A Fei, aware of what she requires due to their shared Life Contract.

"Okay." A Fei didn't hesitate and took the Spirit Casting Bead, preparing to return to her room.

"Do it here, just in case there's an issue; I can lend you a hand," Li Xiu stopped A Fei.

He understood that the Forbidden Life Contract makes spirit casting challenging, unlike his own success due to Super Bottle Suction and Ultimate Light. Given A Fei's situation, her path wouldn't be easy.

Fortunately, Li Xiu's current resources are substantial, so he's not worried about facing obstacles.

A Fei nodded and, in Li Xiu's room, swallowed the Spirit Casting Bead and began executing Light Planting Technique.

Half a day later, A Fei and Li Xiu left No. 7 Courtyard and headed toward Flame Mountain.

A Fei had received an entry token during the trial, getting a Fire Ripple Flower Washing Skirt, which flickered crimson light, looking very festive.

With one radiating colorful light and the other shimmering with fiery glow, the pair attracted attention wherever they went.

Fortunately, Flame Mountain was rarely visited by Trial Takers, so they encountered no one.

Though the name Flame Mountain sounds intimidating, it's truly unrelated to fire; not a single flame nor a tree branch to burn atop the pitch-black mountain.

The temperature is not high; rather, it's drizzling and damp, which might even feel chilly to ordinary people.

According to the information, Li Xiu discovered a cave entrance halfway up Flame Mountain. Inside, one cave led to another; the labyrinthine network could easily bewilder anyone relying on maps.

However, with Li Xiu's unparalleled memory and sense of direction, he smoothly reached Flame River inside Flame Mountain.

The so-called Flame River is a subterranean river of magma; scorching gold-red magma flows slowly within a deep trench, radiating heat that warms the surrounding air considerably.

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The two people followed the Flame River, and this underground river was truly astonishing. They walked over a hundred miles without seeing its end, and the river's surface grew wider and wider.

At this point, the underground river could no longer be called a river; it should be referred to as a large lake now, with a lake surface dozens of miles wide. Inside, the magma rolled and continually bubbled, waves of heat surged like sea waves; if it weren't for the Light Energy Protection, their hair would have long been scorched.

"This should be the place." Li Xiu observed the magma lake and noticed that at the center of the lake, one could faintly see a black pillar standing tall.

With a thought, Li Xiu summoned the Fire Lotus Sword, which transformed into its lotus form and soared into the air.

Li Xiu grabbed A Fei by the arm and landed on the Fire Lotus, the Fire Lotus Sword carrying both of them towards the central black stone pillar of the lake.

Once they got closer, they realized that the pillar was much larger than they had imagined. Just the exposed part was over ten meters high, and even if they joined hands, they couldn't encircle it.

"Is this it?" A Fei asked as she examined the black stone pillar.

"It should be correct." Li Xiu's gaze fell upon the top of the pillar, where he saw a black metal chain attached. The chain seemed to grow right out of the pillar, with no visible connection marks.

According to the records, the Great Demon King of Conflagration was beneath this pillar, and the pillar must be lifted to draw him out.

Li Xiu thought the word "draw" might not be appropriate. Rather than saying the Great Demon King is hidden beneath the pillar, it would be more accurate to say he is sealed beneath it.

Without lifting the pillar, the Great Demon King can't come out.

The records state that no one knows what the pillar is made of, it's nearly indestructible, and only by pulling the metal chain above can it be lifted.

However, the chain itself is extremely hazardous, and anyone touching it will be trapped and unable to escape.

When the Great Demon King appears, the person trapped with chains has no choice but to fight him, but that's a great disadvantage.

Li Xiu wasn't sure if the Forbidden Light could break the chains, so he brought A Fei over.

No chains could bind A Fei because she could simply use the Abstention Skill to leave.

A Fei nodded, jumped off the Fire Lotus, and landed steadily on the stone pillar's top platform.

"Stay safe. If anything goes wrong, use the Abstention Skill immediately and don't take any chances," Li Xiu warned.

A Fei acknowledged, carefully touched the chain with her hand, and even when she grasped the chain, nothing unusual happened.

A Fei grasped the chain with both hands and tried pulling it, but the chain didn't move at all, as if welded to the pillar.

Though she was at the Spirit Forging Level, her pulling strength was formidable, but the chain wouldn't budge, proving this wasn't something that could be moved by brute force.

A Fei didn't hesitate. She directly cut her finger and dripped her blood onto the chain.

According to the records, only by dripping blood onto the chain, and letting the chain absorb the blood, can the person who offers their blood move the chain.

The blood dripped onto the chain, and even though it was metallic, it absorbed the blood like a sponge, leaving no trace.

After absorbing a good amount of blood, the chain gradually emitted a red glow.

Suddenly, the chain moved on its own, wrapping around A Fei's wrists like shackles.

Li Xiu tightened his grip on the Forbidden Cannon, ready to fire the Forbidden Light at any moment if anything happened to A Fei.

Luckily, the chain behaved as described in the records, merely locking A Fei's wrists without any other issue.

A Fei gave Li Xiu a reassuring gesture, glanced at her shackled wrists, and grasped the glowing chain heavily.

The previously immovable chain lifted effortlessly with a single pull, rising by a section.

As the chain was pulled up, the enormous pillar rose slowly, matching the length of chain pulled.

Without hesitation, A Fei continuously tugged at the chain, pulling it out section by section, and the black stone pillar kept rising alongside it.

When the pillar nearly touched the ceiling of the underground space, no matter how much effort A Fei exerted, the chain wouldn't budge.

Below, the magma in the lake churned violently, the red light brighter and more dazzling than the sun, with the temperature soaring rapidly.

Amidst the boiling magma, a colossal figure surfaced, lava streaming down its iron-like massive body.

Li Xiu and A Fei saw what emerged from the magma lake, and even though they knew beforehand, they couldn't help but be shocked.

Only the upper body of the demonic spirit emerging from the magma lake was over ten meters high, entirely black iron in appearance, possessing four arms and two faces, fierce like a god and demon enshrined on an altar, exuding an intense oppressive force.

"A Fei, leave." Li Xiu urgently reminded A Fei, who hadn't used the Abstention Skill yet.

At the first moment the Great Demon King of Conflagration appears, he will devour the person who pulled up the chain, and with her body locked, an average person would have no chance to escape.

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"Take care of yourself." After saying that, A Fei activated the Abstention Skill, and his chain-bound body disappeared.

Seeing A Fei vanish, Li Xiu finally breathed a sigh of relief. Abstention truly was a Divine Skill, capable of escaping even such a place.

As A Fei disappeared, the chains gradually retracted, and the stone pillar began to slowly sink.

With no more worries, Li Xiu aimed the Forbidden Cannon at the Scorching Sky Demon King, whose massive body was half-emerged from the lava lake, and fired a shot.

An orange-red beam pierced through the void instantly, creating shockwaves, and in a flash, reached the Scorching Sky Demon King.

The Scorching Sky Demon King's two faces were extremely bizarre; it wasn't like one face in front and one at the back, but rather both faces were at the front.

His face split down the middle, with one face on the left and one on the right, as if two faces were compressed and squeezed together.

Four eyes lined up, with two noses and two mouths also lined up symmetrically.

As the Forbidden Light came crashing down, the Scorching Sky Demon King's two faces displayed a strange smile, raising four arms, forming a circular imprint with four palms, instantly turning into a flame-like circular light ring.

Li Xiu's Forbidden Light struck the light ring, and a terrifying scene unfolded. The orange-red beam met the flame light ring, melting like steel and dripping like molten iron; it could not penetrate the light ring.

"The Apocalypse Furnace of the Scorching Sky Demon King is indeed formidable, capable of smelting even the Forbidden Light," Li Xiu thought to himself, quietly impressed.

The records clearly stated the function of the Scorching Sky Demon King's Light of Truth, which could smelt all things and lights, so the Forbidden Light being smelted was no surprise.

The Forbidden Light itself wasn't an especially forceful attacking Divine Light; its main function was to dissolve Forbidden Power.

Against a typical Divine Position, its destructive power was more than sufficient, but against top-tier positions like the Scorching Sky Demon King, its power was somewhat lacking.

However, this wasn't a major issue. In battles among Divine Positions, the strength of the Light of Truth certainly had a significant impact, but it wasn't the sole determinant of victory.

Seeing the Forbidden Cannon's initial ineffectiveness, Li Xiu activated the Forbidden Cannon again, the orange-red light within spiraling once more as a beam shot forth again.

But this time, the beam was more red-tinged, rather than the predominantly orange hue it had before.

This was a Forbidden Cannon using The Seventh Great Taboo Skills, releasing beams from different taboos; unlike the Gatling state of the Unlimited Skill, each taboo fired only once, and Li Xiu usually didn't utilize the Skill Cannon.

The mixed red-orange beam, as vivid as blooming flowers, once again bombarded the Scorching Sky Demon King.

The Scorching Sky Demon King had already stepped out of the lava lake entirely, magma streaming over his iron-black body. Facing Li Xiu's bombardment, he formed the furnace's light ring again with four hands, ensnaring the attacking beam.

Yet this time, the beam wasn't entirely melted by the furnace light ring. Part of the beam, dripping with red liquid, passed through the ring.

This Forbidden Light was enhanced with The Seventh Great Taboo Immortal, granting it the immortal characteristic, making it nearly indestructible.

The Seventh Great Taboo, when applied to the Light of Truth, didn't act on the opponent but directly on the Forbidden Light, endowing it with skill characteristics.

Even so, the Light of the Doomsday Furnace still melted part of the Forbidden Light, illustrating just how terrifying the Light of the Doomsday Furnace was.

With several layers of Forbidden Light gone, it was about to hit the Scorching Sky Demon King's chest when his body suddenly split into two, allowing the Forbidden Light to pass through the gap.

After the Forbidden Light passed completely, the divided body of the Scorching Sky Demon King merged back together. One set of arms formed a peculiar hand seal, and instantly a flaming dragon burst out from between the hands, roaring like a True Dragon toward Li Xiu.

Li Xiu did not retreat. Facing the roaring dragon, he fired another shot, this time an ordinary Forbidden Light without additional skills.

The orange-red beam collided with the roaring dragon, creating a terrifying explosion. The shock wave lifted the underlying magma hundreds of meters, expanding out like a massive golden-red doughnut.

The strike was evenly matched; the dragon and the Forbidden Light shattered simultaneously. But in the next moment, the broken dragon reformed and continued to engulf Li Xiu.

"A top-tier Light of Truth is indeed extraordinary," Li Xiu remarked, as the dragon drew near. Without retreating, he wielded the Forbidden Cannon and fired directly at the dragon's face.

For this shot, Li Xiu used the "undying" from The Seventh Great Taboo, a standard Undying Bullet capable of repairing injuries.

When applied to the Forbidden Light, the undying made it possess the undying and indestructible characteristic.

The red beam collided with the dragon; the dragon shattered, and the red beam, under the dragon's flame light, continued to melt into liquid. But the strength of the Forbidden Light wasn't diminished, and the melted portion swiftly recovered.

Until the dragon was shattered, the Forbidden Light continued as if untouched, and shot toward the Scorching Sky Demon King.