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Chapter 971: Unparalleled

"Direction?" Li Xiu slightly furrowed his brow. He didn't misunderstand, just felt this answer was somewhat too idealistic.

"Exactly, it's about direction." Modao Cang sighed, "According to that person, this world is like a firework that is blossoming. Though fireworks are brilliant, they eventually come to an end, and at that time, this world will be completely extinct, with no one able to escape. The only way to survive is to find the right direction. If we compare our world to fireworks, then outside our world is a bigger world, that world not only has fireworks but also many other various things. To survive, we must become the spark of the fireworks in the right direction, igniting other things to gain more survival energy, thus sustaining our ephemeral lives that disappear like fireworks."

What Modao Cang said was similar to what Li Xiu speculated. After hearing it, he furrowed his brow and said, "Even if all the theories hold true, how can it be determined that there is something to ignite around these fireworks? If there isn't, then where does the concept of direction come from?"

"That person says there is, but it requires a sufficiently intense spark to ignite it. Our continuous practice of strengthening ourselves is so that we can become that sufficiently intense spark." Modao Cang replied.

"But what is there? A house? A pile of firewood, or a sheet of paper? Even if it's as he says, if it truly ignites, how long can it last? What happens afterward? Furthermore, once ignited, is it still our world?" Li Xiu said.

"Your concerns are valid; everyone has thought about it. But besides this path, what else can we do?" Modao Cang sighed.

Li Xiu thought about it too; even if only one survives, it can prove that this firework-like world once existed. If nothing is done, when the brilliant fireworks burn out, that will be when this world quietly disappears.

Of course, all of this is predicated on the assumption that what that person says is true. Li Xiu still has doubts about that and can't fully believe it.

Modao Cang said he had witnessed the dust of the fireworks, but Li Xiu had not seen it himself. Without witnessing it firsthand, Li Xiu wouldn't blindly believe it.

With Modao Cang's story, Li Xiu finally sorted out the entire trajectory of the Changsheng Tian.

The president established the Changsheng Tian, and before or after that, found the ancestors of the Eight Families, making them the first residents of the Changsheng Tian, the earliest Trial Takers.

However, because the world's resources are limited, the president and the ancestors of the Eight Families made an agreement to try to allocate resources to those who had a chance to become Trial Takers that ignite the world beyond, so generally, Trial Takers didn't receive much resources.

The president has been controlling the Trial Takers of the Changsheng Tian to plunder the resources of Evil Spirits, which is why Changsheng Tian doesn't have many higher-level Trial Takers.

Information about the Trial Takers and Evil Spirits has never been truly disclosed. In the past few thousand years, only a few elite humans have been invited to join Changsheng Tian as Trial Takers.

Frankly speaking, these elites are just lab rats waiting to be chosen. Once it's found that their abilities are insufficient to reach the final step, they'll be directly eliminated or only able to perform some auxiliary work within Changsheng Tian.

And the ancestors of the Eight Families are indeed powerful, producing many strong Divine Position Level figures. Those figures seek breakthroughs to become the ones who can ignite the existence outside the world and stay in the Land of Trial for years cultivating.

Perhaps among them, there are constraints, or maybe some agreement between them and the president, that until they take that step, they can't return to Changsheng Tian.

The president has always been monitoring the actions of those great figures from the Eight Families. While they are alive, it's fine. Once they die, even their family's interests will be canceled unless someone in their family emerges with a chance to reach that step.

It can now be determined that among the elders of the Sun, Mo, Li, and Han Families, there are surely some Divine Position Level figures in the Land of Trial, or else these four families couldn't hold their current status.

"If the Li Family truly still has a Divine Position Level figure alive, who knows about my enmity with the Li Family, would they come after me desperately?" Li Xiu wanted even more to quickly elevate the Evil Spirit Token to Divine Position Level.

He had witnessed the terror of Modao Cang's strike, which was not much inferior to Guan Jinghao's Fallen God state, only differing in development direction.

If the Li Family's figure is at a similar level to Modao Cang, seeking him recklessly would indeed be troublesome.

As for those mysterious matters about the Fireworks World, they're not within Li Xiu's consideration at the moment.

Even if this world truly is like fireworks, to Li Xiu and others, ephemeral brilliance is no different from eternity; at least Li Xiu is unlikely to live to the day the fireworks burn out.

Since he won't live to see that day, what's the point of worrying? The matters of future generations, leave those for them to work on; Li Xiu just needs to take care of his own affairs.

"Old Mo, how many like you at Divine Position are there now?" Li Xiu testedly probed for information.

"I have left Changsheng Tian too long, I only know at that time the Eight Families had a total of fourteen Divine Positions. How many more have emerged, how many are still alive, it's hard to say. Probably not many, otherwise, the other four families wouldn't be kicked out of the prominent families list."

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After a pause, Modao Cang continued, "Over the years as I traveled the Demon Spirit Realm, I encountered a total of nine human Divine Positions, including the old deaf one. I estimate that six of them are no longer in the mortal realm, and it's hard to say about the other three."

Li Xiu knew without asking that the old deaf ones should all be from the four families that were removed by the Eight Great Families.

"Has anyone truly reached that step over the years?" Li Xiu asked casually.

"Yes." Modao Cang's answer surprised Li Xiu slightly; he hadn't expected that someone had really reached that step.

Modao Cang continued, "I once witnessed Li Daoyi break through truth and ascend to Unparalleled, tearing through the void, but I don't know if he chose the right path or if he still exists outside the world."

"Unparalleled? Is that a level above Divine Position?" Li Xiu asked.

"Didn't Li Boyang tell you?" Modao Cang looked at Li Xiu puzzled.

Seeing Li Xiu shake his head, Modao Cang sighed, "You truly don't know Unparalleled. Seems like you really aren't a descendant of Li Boyang."

"I'm not his descendant at all, nor do I have any blood relation to him," Li Xiu said with a bitter smile.

"Above Divine Position is Unparalleled. So-called Unparalleled doesn't mean unmatched but rather refers to one who extinguishes world truths," Modao Cang explained.

"How can one ascend to Unparalleled?" Li Xiu asked eagerly.

After the Forbidden Spear ascended to a Divine Position, Li Xiu had tried to provide it with more resources, hoping it could proceed further. But even Divine Position Demon Cores had minimal effect on enhancing the Forbidden Spear, as if there was no road ahead.

"You truly are an anomaly. Li Boyang told you nothing, yet allowed you to ascend to Divine Position. I wonder what he intends?" Modao Cang mused, "After ascending to Divine Position, ordinary Light

Energy is scarce for further advancement. At this stage, advancement is not merely about energy accumulation but requires understanding the Light of Truth. Only by understanding the Light of Truth can you unlock the truth's ceiling and then enhance the strength of the Light of Truth by absorbing Light Energy."

"To what extent must one understand to ascend to Unparalleled?" Li Xiu felt a wave of joy in his heart, finally seeing the road ahead.

"To no extent of understanding can one ascend to Unparalleled." Modao Cang's words left Li Xiu stunned.

Seeing this, Modao Cang smiled warmly, "You can comprehend the truth deeply, but it's still the truth. If you can't break the truth, how can you become one who extinguishes world truths, transcending the rules?"

"Since it is truth, how can it be broken?" Li Xiu frowned.

"What we consider truth may not be real truth," Modao Cang patiently explained, "As mentioned earlier, this is a Fireworks World. The existence of fireworks naturally implies there is a creator of fireworks. What we see as truth may just be the result under the creator's control, like fireworks blooming according to a certain pattern, making us think this pattern is truth. But from the creator's perspective, it's merely a pattern he created. If you can't break such artificially created rules, you don't even have the chance to choose a direction, let alone change your life trajectory and ignite the outside world."

"I see." Li Xiu understood what Modao Cang meant.

"But to break the truth, you must first deeply comprehend the truth until you understand it enough, and find the point where it isn't truth. Only then can you have the chance to ascend to Unparalleled." Modao Cang sighed gently, "I have cultivated till today, yet the Light of Truth cannot advance further, and I still cannot find the point to break the truth, making it hard to ascend to Unparalleled. If those old ones are still alive, they're likely like me, or perhaps have already broken the truth and transcended this Fireworks World."

"Are there any other Divine Positions in the Li Family besides Li Daoyi?" Li Xiu felt relieved to hear that the big figures of the Li Family had already transcended this world. He didn't want to be entangled with such people until he ascends to Divine Position himself.

"I don't know if there are any later, but the only one I know was Li Daoyi. Although the Li Family has none, Li Daoyi had a disciple who also ascended to Divine Position and left Longevity Heaven to cultivate. I haven't seen him since, whether he's dead or has transcended this world is unknown. His talent was nearly on par with Li Daoyi, and barring accidents, he's very likely to achieve Unparalleled." Modao Cang said.

"What is that person's name?" Li Xiu frowned and asked.

Modao Cang didn't immediately reply; instead, he scrutinized Li Xiu for a while, then smiled and said, "You seem to have a feud with the Li Family, don't you?"

"Indeed, there's some grievance." Li Xiu nodded, knowing he couldn't hide from someone like Modao Cang, so he admitted frankly.

"Don't worry. Though that person is Li Daoyi's disciple, he doesn't have feelings for the Li Family and certainly won't help them. You can rest assured." Modao Cang continued seriously, "Since you've ascended to Divine Position, merely hunting Demon Spirits, even Divine Position Demon Spirits, holds little significance now. Compared to hunting Demon Spirits, you should spend more time comprehending and meditating on your Light of Truth, which is truly your way forward. Otherwise, hunting more Demon Spirits and acquiring more Demon Cores and items is useless."

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"Thank you, old man, I'll go back to comprehend the Light of Truth now." Li Xiu bowed slightly, preparing to leave. However, after looking around, he realized the distance from here to the Ice City was indeed too great. He needed to return to the Ice City first, where he could extinguish his Longevity Lamp and return to the Celestial Sea.

"What's the hurry to go back? If I'm not mistaken, your Light of Truth is likely the Forbidden Light of the Celestial Sea. You should head to the Celestial Sea; there you should be able to quickly comprehend the intricacies of that Forbidden Light." Modao Cang pointed in a direction and said, "Head that way, and you will naturally reach the Dead Sea. Once you pass through it, you'll see the Celestial Sea."

"The Celestial Sea is one of the three forbidden zones, filled with countless terrifying and mysterious demon spirits. I'm afraid I might die there," Li Xiu said, probing.

Modao Cang laughed upon hearing that, "You possess the Forbidden Light. If you go there, that Unparalleled Demon Spirit of the Celestial Sea would be thrilled, let alone allowing other demon spirits to kill you."

"Why?" Li Xiu felt a bit puzzled.

Every Trial Taker who obtains a contract in the Sea Heaven Trial Ground should eventually have a Forbidden Light, which isn't considered rare. He couldn't figure out why that Unparalleled Demon Spirit would be so delighted because of it.

"You'll understand once you get there," Modao Cang suddenly became secretive, refusing to tell Li Xiu.

Since Modao Cang wouldn't say, Li Xiu had no choice but to observe, fearing the answer might be something special.

"Could it be that the president chose me to go to the Celestial Sea as his representative because I possess the Forbidden Light?" Li Xiu couldn't help but connect the dots.

"In any case, you should go to the Celestial Sea. Perhaps the opportunity for you to ascend to unparalleled status lies there," added Modao Cang.

Li Xiu thought that saying might have been better left unsaid, as he thought to himself, "They say the older you get, the more cunning you become; here's a live example. Talking in circles all this time just to keep me waiting here."

Although Li Xiu wanted to know what Modao Cang truly meant, he decided not to press further as Modao Cang remained tight-lipped.

"I still have things to take care of in the Celestial Sea; it's not too late to go to the Celestial Sea after that," Li Xiu said, preparing to leave.

"I'll send you back," Modao Cang offered.

"No need. I remember the way; there's plenty of time. I'll just wander around," Li Xiu intended to find a secluded spot in the Land of Trial to first ascend the Evil Spirit Token to divine status before returning to Longevity Sky to avoid causing unnecessary trouble by ascending within Longevity City.

"Alright then," Modao Cang took one last look at the demolished Ancient City, then with a wave of his large sleeve, the countless Demon Cores and various items in the ruins seemed to come alive, flying into Modao Cang's sleeve.

In the blink of an eye, so many Demon Cores and various items flew into his sleeve, disappearing without a trace. No one knew how his sleeve could hold so many things.

Li Xiu originally thought that since Modao Cang no longer needed these things, he could collect a few, but he never expected Modao Cang would take them all.

Seeming to see through Li Xiu's thoughts, Modao Cang chuckled, "These are fundamental to the world. Using some would push destruction closer; it's better not to waste them."

Having said that, Modao Cang rode his mount, taking off into the sky, disappearing like a flash of lightning on the far horizon.

Li Xiu shook his head, assessed his direction, and left the now-ruined Ancient City.

While on his journey, Li Xiu kept an eye on the surrounding environment. After traveling only halfway, he found a suitable place.

It was a valley surrounded by mountains on all sides, inhabited by a group of wolf-shaped demon spirits. Their levels were not high; after Li Xiu eliminated them, he settled down in the wolf den of that valley.

There were no other demon spirits nearby, and the wolf den was concealed. Without higher-level demon spirits here, otherwise these low-level wolf-shaped demon spirits wouldn't have occupied this place.

Li Xiu used a massive boulder to block the cave entrance and then took out the two Divine Position Gemstones.

"Success or failure hinges on this single action." Li Xiu summoned the Red Cast Spirit and Blue Cast Spirit, feeding the Divine Position Gemstone of the Flame Demon King to the Red Cast Spirit and that of the Ice Bone Yin Spirit Beast to the Blue Cast Spirit.

The Red and Blue Cast Spirits swallowed the Divine Position Gemstones, and terrifying Light Energy immediately surged within their bodies.

Unlike when the Forbidden Spear ascended, these Divine Position Gemstones were of extremely high quality, perfectly matching the Red and Blue Cast Spirits. It seemed they wouldn't need Li Xiu to use the Ultimate Light to aid them.

As the power of the Divine Position Gemstones took effect, not only did the Light Energy on the Red and Blue Spirits continuously strengthen, but even their bodies underwent some mysterious changes.

They were increasingly human-like, with more detailed features, and one could faintly see expressions forming on their faces.

As Li Xiu watched, the Evil Spirit Token flew out and hovered between the Red and Blue Cast Spirits.

The Red and Blue Cast Spirits immediately rushed toward the Evil Spirit Token, entering its front and back respectively.

In an instant, a red and blue radiance burst from the Evil Spirit Token, with red and blue luster enveloping it like two Light Wings.

As the light on the Evil Spirit Token intensified, the red and blue radiance grew tighter, resembling a red and blue light cocoon hovering in mid-air.

"It seems they truly don't need my help." Seeing the Evil Spirit Token ascend so smoothly, Li Xiu couldn't help but praise the president's sharp eye. He could tell at a glance that the Divine Position Gemstones of the Flame Demon King and Ice Bone Yin Spirit Beast were suitable for his Red and Blue Cast Spirits.

He didn't know how long the Evil Spirit Token would take to ascend, so Li Xiu sat aside, taking out a ring dropped by the Ice Bone Yin Spirit Beast and fiddled with it in his hand.

This ring, as transparent as a diamond, was a Skill Ring, exuding a cold aura at present.

Li Xiu intended to drop his blood onto it to make it his skill, but then he felt a slight vibration from the wolf den's ground.

Before Li Xiu could take a closer look, something started seeping out from the ground nearby.

It wasn't dug out; it seemed like some liquid-like substance directly seeped through the rock.

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Li Xiu immediately summoned the Forbidden Spear and aimed it at the thing, placing it between the Evil Spirit Token and the liquid, but did not fire immediately.

This was the most critical moment for the Evil Spirit Token; it couldn't be moved casually or disturbed, or there might be a risk of failure. It was best not to act if it wasn't necessary.

The liquid seeping from the rock increased, yet it did not disperse but slowly coagulated, and soon, a creature appeared on the ground that looked like a transparent slug solidified together.

The creature resembled a silkworm but was much larger, about the size of a football.

"This thing looks somewhat like an Evil Spirit, but Evil Spirits aren't this big, right? Nor do they emit such coldness..." Li Xiu saw coldness emanating from the creature's body, forming a layer of frost on the rock wherever it passed.

Soon, Li Xiu realized that the creature wasn't targeting the Evil Spirit Token but rather his Skill Ring.

The creature slowly crawled towards Li Xiu, with its sights aimed clearly at the hand holding the Skill Ring.

"Why is it crawling so slowly? Is its level too low?" Li Xiu saw the creature crawl sluggishly, its speed comparable to a turtle.

If it were truly a high-level magic spirit, even if its movement were slow, it shouldn't be this slow.

Li Xiu tried changing his position, and indeed, the creature changed direction to follow, but its crawling speed remained slow.

It wasn't anxious, but Li Xiu was getting a bit anxious for it.

"Is this thing trying to lure the tiger away from the mountain?" Li Xiu surveyed the surroundings but saw no situation near the Evil Spirit Token, nor did he see any other magic spirits appearing.

Li Xiu didn't want this thing to disturb the advancing divine position of the Evil Spirit Token, so he moved away to lure the creature elsewhere.

Constantly monitoring the situation with the Evil Spirit Token to prevent any unexpected situation, Li Xiu could act immediately if needed.

This time, it seemed Li Xiu was overthinking, as nothing happened on the Evil Spirit Token's side, and because of the creature's slow speed, he only needed to walk casually to make it chase after him for a while without keeping too far.

Until the Evil Spirit Token successfully ascended to the divine position, the creature still hadn't caught up to Li Xiu and continued crawling slowly.

The ascended divine position of the Evil Spirit Token itself did not change much, but the red-blue patterns changed significantly.

Originally, the red-blue humanoid patterns had the same actions and physiques, one red and one blue.

Now, the actions and physiques of the red-blue humanoid patterns were different, and the differences were clearly discernible.

The red-blue humanoid patterns were no longer simple humanoid figures but had transformed into actual character portraits.

The red portrait depicted a man with red long hair clad in red armor, and the blue portrait depicted a woman with blue long hair wearing blue armor.

Red as fire, blue as ice; although their faces were obscured by armor, their exposed eyes revealed their differences.

The red portrait's eyes were filled with intense desire, wild, fiery, and aggressive. The blue portrait's eyes were cold, exuding indifference, ruthlessness, and mercilessness.

Even without looking at the gender features of their bodies, just by looking at their eyes, one could easily distinguish them.

The Evil Spirit Token automatically returned into Li Xiu's body, and new information flowed into his mind.

Evil Spirit Token: Life Contract.

Level: Divine Position (can evolve)

Quality: Radiance.

Primordial Embryo Quality: 257.

Super Spirit Limit: 100%.

Light Vein: 1.

Spirit Casting: Dual Casting Spirit with three forms each.

Light of Truth: Light of the Life Evil Spirit, Light of the Death Evil Spirit.

Talent Skill: Evil Spirit Transformation.

Theoretically, the Primordial Embryo Quality of a Life Contract should match its owner's, but because of Li Xiu's Light Planting Technique, his Life Contract advanced to the divine position while he himself did not, resulting in a disparity.

Li Xiu's Spirit Forging Level Primordial Embryo Quality was maxed at 256, the Evil Spirit Token gained a point after ascending to the divine position and could continue to grow.

However, what grows is only the Primordial Embryo Quality, as the growth of the Light of Truth is not much related to the Primordial Embryo Quality.

The Light Vein count is 1, which is due to Li Xiu's Light Planting Technique, differing from Life Contracts that typically possess more Light Veins.

After ascending to the divine position, the Evil Spirit Token produced two kinds of Light of Truth, something anticipated and not much of a surprise.

Overall, the attributes of the Evil Spirit Token after ascending to the divine position were as Li Xiu expected; as for the power of the two kinds of Light of Truth, that would have to be tested.

"Just perfect to test my Evil Spirit Token's power on you." Li Xiu thought, and from the red portrait of the Evil Spirit Token surged a red Light of Truth, circulating within his body and condensing at his fingertip.

The creature was still persistently chasing Li Xiu, but unfortunately, its speed was too slow, and after a long crawl, it still hadn't reached Li Xiu's feet.

Li Xiu pointed his finger, and red light shot from his fingertip directly at the creature.

As the Light of the Life Evil Spirit struck the creature, its body immediately ignited like a fireball and was reduced to ashes within moments.

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"This demon spirit is too weak to test the strength of the Light of the Life Evil Spirit." Seeing the demon spirit burned to the point where even the ashes were gone, Li Xiu couldn't help but shake his head in secret: "Such a weak creature, why bother to send itself to death?"

Although the Light of the Life Evil Spirit has the word 'life' in its name, its abilities seem to have nothing to do with the vitality implied by the word. It is clearly a kind of Light Energy with a strong scorching attribute, seemingly even stronger than the Light of the Doomsday Furnace.

Li Xiu extended a finger, and a red beam shot from his fingertip, hitting the boulder blocking the cave entrance. The boulder was instantly burned to flying ash.

Ordinary stones simply cannot withstand the scorching of the Light of the Life Evil Spirit.

After leaving the Wolf Cave, Li Xiu performed Sword Flight. Whenever he saw a demon spirit on the ground, he would hit it with the Light of the Life Evil Spirit, instantly burning the demon spirit to ashes.

Along the way, he killed thousands of demon spirits, one of which was even at the Spirit Forging Level, but under the Light of the Life Evil Spirit, it was still burned to ashes. Li Xiu didn't even figure out which form of Spirit Forging it was.

As for the Light of the Death Evil Spirit, it was pretty much as Li Xiu expected; it was a kind of Light of Deathly Frost. When illuminated by its brilliance, everything would be frozen directly since there were no opponents, it's hard to tell how strong this thing actually was.

Two kinds of Light of Truth from the same Life Contract, yet two extremes, one Supreme Yang, one Supreme Yin, quite interesting indeed.

Li Xiu was considering whether these two types of Light of Truth could be released together and what changes would occur if they were.

He hadn't experimented yet, and there was no hurry to explore slowly later.

Just like Modao Cang said, the Light of Truth requires one's own comprehension. If you don't even understand the abilities of the Light of Truth fully, then altering it recklessly might backfire.

Li Xiu returned to Ice City but did not see Modao Cang. He went to Ice Peak and still didn't find him. Not knowing where he went, Li Xiu had to return to Ice City and extinguish his Longevity Lamp.

Back at courtyard number seven, Li Xiu rested well for a day. A balance of work and rest can be long-lasting. Next, he needs to hunt a large number of Divine Position Demon Spirits to obtain more Divine Position Gemstones, thus advancing to a Divine Position himself.

Fearful, there will be a long period where Li Xiu won't have time to rest properly.

In the morning, while still asleep, Li Xiu was awakened by the noise in the yard.

Li Xiu looked at the time; it was just after five, not yet six. Lao Jia, Lao Bai, and Jiuxiao Yun were discussing something in the yard. From the voices, even Li Ming'Er and A Fei were there.

Getting up, Li Xiu went into the yard and saw them gathered at the center, not knowing what they were looking at, each speaking in turns, the discussion quite intense.

"What are you looking at?" Li Xiu asked as he walked over to see, having heard their lively discussion.

Before Lao Bai and the others could answer, Li Xiu had already seen what they were discussing, and his pupils couldn't help but shrink.

On the ground, a pudgy, transparent bug was crawling slowly. This bug was clearly the one Li Xiu had seen in the Wolf Cave.

But that bug was obviously burned to death by Li Xiu, not even residues left, so how could it be alive again?

Even if it could come back to life, how did it get out of the Land of Trial and find its way here?

As Li Xiu was filled with doubt and confusion, Lao Jia beside him said, "When I got up to clean the yard earlier, I saw this strange bug crawling on the ground. I didn't know where it came from, or if it had an owner, so I didn't kill it. Do you think someone deliberately let it in to probe the reality of our courtyard number seven?"

Jiuxiao Yun interjected, "This bug crawls so slowly, even if it had some Cold Power, it's very weak. Who would use it for espionage?"

"Maybe someone is taking advantage of such thinking, which is why they sent such a bug over here..."

Engaged in a new round of discussions again, Li Xiu turned to ask Li Ming'Er, "Do you recognize this kind of demon spirit?"

"Never seen it before." Li Ming'Er shook her head.

"There are only so many of us in the courtyard; since it belongs to none of us, why worry about whose it is? Just get rid of it." Jiuxiao Yun said, summoning a sword-shaped contract and stabbing at the bug crawling towards Li Xiu.

With a piercing sound, the bug was impaled through, its body pinned to the ground by the sword.

The bug's body struggled a few times but couldn't break free, releasing a large amount of liquid, quickly turning into a pool of water.

"A bug like this, causing us so much discussion, seems like everyone is too idle." Jiuxiao Yun, finding it uninteresting, pulled the sword up, preparing to put it away when suddenly his expression changed.

The sword-shaped contract's tip was suddenly enveloped by frost, and the frost was spreading up the blade.

Jiuxiao Yun tightened his grip on the sword contract, trying to use Light Energy to clear the frost on the sword-tip. However, no matter how the Light Energy flickered on the sword, the frost remained completely unaffected, swiftly creeping along the blade until the entire sword was covered with frost.

Jiuxiao Yun quickly let go of the sword handle, which was covered with frost during its fall, and as soon as the sword contract hit the ground, it shattered like ice into fragmented pieces.

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The faces of several people changed, and Jiuxiao Yun said with lingering fear, "What a terrifying Cold Force, luckily I didn't use a Life Contract, otherwise I would be doomed. I can't believe that such a weak demon spirit could possess such frightening Cold Force."

"Fortunately, its own level is too low, and its body is too fragile, so we killed it easily." Old Jia frowned and said, "I think this thing has a high chance of being brought here by someone trying to set us up. Luckily, we didn't act recklessly and only lost a Parasitic Contract."

"What's good about it? It's not your Parasitic Contract, of course you're fine." Jiuxiao Yun glared at Old Jia and continued, "I must find out who brought this disgusting thing here trying to harm us."

"No need to investigate, this thing wasn't placed here by someone else." Li Xiu stared at the puddle on the ground and said.

"Not placed by someone else? Then how did it get here? Don't tell me it was placed by you?" Jiuxiao Yun said.

"Though I didn't place it here, it's somewhat connected." Li Xiu recounted the incident he encountered with the insect in Wolf Cave.

"It couldn't be the same insect, right? Not to mention that you burned it into ashes in the cave, even if you hadn't, how could it have broken through the Trial Gate?" Jiuxiao Yun frowned upon hearing it.

"Could it be that its eggs stuck to you, and when you left, they came out with you, and this is another insect that has just hatched?" Ah Fei pondered and said.

"That's unlikely. To rush back to Ice City, I used Light of Truth to fly at high speed. If the eggs just stuck to me, the Light of Truth I emitted would be enough to kill them." Li Xiu shook his head and said.

"This is indeed strange, could this insect really have followed you across the ice plains, then through the Trial Gate, and crawled all the way from Wansheng Town to No. 7 Courtyard?" Jiuxiao Yun felt this was a bit far-fetched.

With this little insect's crawling speed, forget the ice plains, which are many times larger than the entire Earth combined, even the journey from Wansheng Town to Longevity City would take several days.

Li Xiu also found it improbable, but the appearance of this insect was definitely not accidental.

The group discussed for a while but couldn't conclude anything substantial; no one knew what kind of demon spirit the insect was.

The puddle on the ground was almost dry, and Li Xiu kept staring at it, then saw another insect appear there out of thin air.

It truly appeared out of thin air, without any fluctuations, not seeping from underground, just appearing in the spot where it was killed.

It's like a segment of a video was edited in, an insect was added out of thin air.

"It really appeared again!" The group was surprised and stared at the insect.

After appearing, the insect immediately crawled towards Li Xiu, although it crawled very slowly, even Li Xiu felt a bit troubled now.

"I think this thing might be a water-type demon spirit. We thought we killed it, but in fact, it just turned into vapor and waited for an opportunity to restore." Jiuxiao Yun thought for a moment and said.

"It shouldn't be that simple. I burned it before with fire that can turn steel into ash, which is the nemesis of water types, it had no chance." Li Xiu shook his head.

"If it can't be killed or burned, then it can be trapped." Old Jia proposed his idea.

"How to trap it? You saw it earlier, when my Sword Contract touched it, it shattered from the cold directly, how can we trap it?" Jiuxiao Yun scoffed.

"Just because you can't, doesn't mean your grandpa can't." Old Jia said as he pulled out a large bowl from his chest.

"Commander, this bowl is my eating utensil, given by the president years ago, never leaving my side. This is no ordinary bowl, but made from materials of a Divine Position Demon Spirit killed by the president himself. Though not very useful, it's intrinsically unbreakable, even a Divine Position Demon Spirit can't easily destroy it." Old Jia caressed the bowl and said proudly, "When I eat, I use it as my bowl; when I don't eat, I wear it as a Heart-Protecting Mirror. It saved me several times in the Trial Gate."

"Such a precious item, isn't it inappropriate to use it to trap an insect?" Li Xiu quickly said.

Old Jia shrugged and said, "No worries, just a mere insect, what can it do to me? I'll capture it with this bowl, and Commander, you can give it to Mr. Ximen for research."

With that, Old Jia directly placed the bowl over the insect, and you know what, the big sea bowl was indeed suitable, perfectly covering the insect underneath.

"Rise!" Old Jia flipped his wrist, turning the bowl along with the insect, and with his other hand, he sealed the bowl's opening with a lid.

"See, it's done." Old Jia laughed viciously.

Unfortunately, his laughter ended abruptly as it turned into a scream; Old Jia threw the sea bowl away as if his hand was burned.

The sea bowl landed on the ground, spun a few rounds, and stopped with the bottom facing up.

Everyone looked at it and saw frost forming on the bowl's bottom, quickly spreading to the bowl's walls.

On the other side, Old Jia suddenly pulled out a short knife from somewhere and sliced at his finger, painfully cutting away a layer of skin and flesh, causing blood to ooze out.

Li Xiu and others saw clearly that the layer of skin and flesh Old Jia cut away had a small patch of frost spreading.

At that moment, everyone felt a chill in their hearts, although Old Jia had never fought anyone, posing like a mere gatekeeper, everyone knew his strength was not weak, or rather, extremely strong.

The mere fact that he had to cut away skin and flesh to save his life showed the frost's horror.

What's worse, the sea bowl made from Divine Position Materials couldn't even block the insect's cold, now completely covered in frost.

Crack!

The sea bowl made from Divine Position Materials suddenly shattered into pieces like icy debris spreading across the ground.

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"My precious rice bowl!" Lao Jia wailed.

None of Li Xiu's group felt any schadenfreude; their expressions were grim. This insect, which seemed harmless, could actually freeze and shatter Divine Position materials, making them reevaluate it with suspicion.

"What on earth is this creature?" Jiuxiao Yun instinctively moved away from the insect.

Even though they knew its speed was so slow it was unlikely to hurt anyone, there was still a sense of danger.

It's like walking on a plank on the ground would be easy, but if that plank were suspended hundreds of meters high, the feeling would be completely different.

"Such powerful Frozen Power at a Divine Position Level, yet why is it so slow and physically weak? It's really odd," Li Ming'Er remarked as she scrutinized the insect, unable to discern what it truly was.

"Commander, please explain its discovery in more detail," Lao Bai pondered aloud.

While keeping his distance from the insect, Li Xiu circled slowly around the courtyard, recounting the situation of discovering the insect in detail.

After hearing him out, Lao Bai said, "So it came for your Skill Ring. Give me the Skill Ring, and you should move in another direction to confirm if it's truly after the ring."

Li Xiu took out the Skill Ring dropped by the Ice Bone Yin Spirit Beast and tossed it to Lao Bai, then stared at the insect, observing if it might shift toward Lao Bai.

After Li Xiu threw the Skill Ring, the insect paused before continuing to crawl toward Li Xiu, not turning to chase after the Skill Ring with Lao Bai.

"It seems it's not after the Skill Ring," Lao Bai remarked, circling with the Skill Ring and even closing the distance to the insect to within two steps, yet the insect still ignored him and slowly crawled toward Li Xiu.

"Not after the ring?" Li Xiu was slightly surprised, having presumed it was after the ring all along.

Lao Bai returned the ring to Li Xiu, saying, "Think hard about what it's truly after."

Li Xiu couldn't deduce its purpose, so he ended up tossing everything he had on him to Lao Bai and the others.

But after he discarded all his belongings except his clothes, the insect remained unfazed, steadfastly crawling toward Li Xiu.

"Nothing left; looks like it's after me personally," Li Xiu said, frowning.

Lao Bai pondered, "Based on your account, that place is Wolf Cave, a habitat for many Evil Spirits, living there for a long time. If the insect had been there all along, I'd expect those Evil Spirits to be long dead."

"It's clear the insect did not originate within Wolf Cave, but followed you there. Given the timing, it could have only three possible targets: you, the ring, or your Life Contract. With the ring ruled out, try testing your Life Contract."

Li Xiu also considered whether it was an issue with the Evil Spirit Token, aligning with Lao Bai's thoughts. Li Xiu summoned the Evil Spirit Token and tossed it to A Fei on the other side.

Everyone was curious, seeing the Evil Spirit Token for the first time, intrigued that Li Xiu's Life Contract was a card.

A Fei held the Evil Spirit Token, yet the insect still showed no interest in changing direction and continued its creep toward Li Xiu.

"It seems to be a personal issue; you'll have to think it over thoroughly. Luckily, it's slow; you have time to figure it out," Lao Bai commented.

A Fei returned the Evil Spirit Token to Li Xiu, who put it away, wondering silently, "Could it be due to the demon spirit larvae within me?"

"Commander, should we ask the President for help?" Lao Jia suggested.

"Not for the moment. Let me think first; you all should attend to your tasks," Li Xiu shook his head.

The group, realizing they couldn't offer assistance, left Li Xiu to contemplate the insect alone.

The insect crawled slowly but persistently toward Li Xiu with a tireless determination.

It's not a problem short-term, but Li Xiu, being human and not divine, can't go without sleep indefinitely.

Going without sleep for three or five days is bearable, even ten or half a month, but not forever.

If it crawled onto him while he slept, the thought was chilling.

The key issue was that the insect likely had a way to pursue beyond mere crawling; otherwise, it wouldn't have tracked from the Land of Trial.

This made Li Xiu uneasy about resting far away, fearing discomfort.

"Since the cause couldn't be discerned, I'll have to try eliminating it," Li Xiu extended a finger, directing an icy blue light onto the insect.

Previously, the Light of the Life Evil Spirit could directly incinerate the insect, yet this time the Light of the Death Evil Spirit only cast a layer of icy light on it, failing to freeze or even slow its crawl.

This outcome had been within Li Xiu's expectations, considering they were both Yin Cold Attributes; the Light of the Death Evil Spirit being ineffective made sense.

Li Xiu then summoned the Forbidden Spear, used different Forbidden Light skills on the insect.

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It actually had some effect; after being hit by the ominous light bullet, the insect's path clearly deviated. It kept circling around Li Xiu but still showed no sign of giving up, relentlessly crawling around.

Seeing this, Li Xiu was quite delighted. Several skill light bullets affected the insect, but the bug still wouldn't give up and continued crawling erratically near Li Xiu, unwilling to give up even knowing it couldn't reach him.

Soon, Li Xiu discovered that the abilities of the seven great taboos could only affect the insect for a limited time, and before long, it resumed crawling towards him again.

Li Xiu had no choice but to use the Forbidden Light, which directly blasted the insect into a puddle of water. Once the water dried up, the insect reappeared out of nowhere.

After using various methods, the results were not very optimistic. Some powers could affect this bizarre insect, but none could kill it.

With no other options, Li Xiu had to summon the Golden Dinner Knife. Evil Luo King, with his vast knowledge, might know the origin of this insect.

"You finally remembered me," Evil Luo King said discontentedly.

"There's something else we can discuss later. First, take a look at what this thing is," Li Xiu said, pointing to the insect crawling towards him on the ground.

The Golden Dinner Knife flew up on its own and as it approached the insect, it said, "Where did you get such a big, fat insect? Since when did you have such a heavy taste? I'm not interested in bugs at all... Ah..."

Evil Luo King was saying this when suddenly he exclaimed, and with a flash of golden light, he was behind Li Xiu, faster than when he approached.

Seeing Evil Luo King's reaction, Li Xiu's heart was instead filled with joy, guessing that Evil Luo King probably recognized what this thing was.

"You... You... How did you provoke this thing..." Evil Luo King's voice seemed to tremble.

"What is this thing?" Li Xiu asked in return.

"This is the Yellow Springs Worm from the Bottomless Pit. Once it targets someone, even a Divine Position Demon Spirit has a 90% chance of not escaping death," Evil Luo King stammered. "How did you get targeted by it?"

Li Xiu had to recount the incident where he encountered this Yellow Springs Worm. After listening, Evil Luo King said somewhat incredulously, "You really didn't do anything else?"

"Indeed, I did nothing. If it's because the Ancient City was destroyed that it targeted me, then it should go after Modao Cang, not me," Li Xiu shook his head.

"It has nothing to do with the Ancient City. Forget about destroying one Ancient City; even if you destroyed ten, it wouldn't alarm the Yellow Springs Worm. This creature only exists in the Magnetic Pole Cave of the Bottomless Pit. It is rumored to be a clone nurtured by the Unparalleled Demon Spirit within the Magnetic Pole Cave. The Magnetic Pole Cave connects to the Nine Netherworld, and this Yellow Springs Worm is used by the Unparalleled Demon Spirit to absorb energy deep into the Nine Netherworld. Over time, having been immersed in the Nine Netherworld, it possesses the Supreme Yin and extreme cold power of the Nine Netherworld. At the same time, it has the magnetic power of the Magnetic Pole Cave, making it one of the most bizarre demon spirits in the world. Not only is it immortal, but once it targets someone, it's like being stuck to a magnet, always moving towards you..."

"The Unparalleled Demon Spirit within the Magnetic Pole Cave, is it the king of the Bottomless Pit?" Li Xiu thought of a possibility.

Han Ling'Er once slew the king of the Bottomless Pit and even made food of him for Li Xiu.

Although Li Xiu wasn't blessed to consume it, he ultimately did, so could this Yellow Springs Worm be targeting him because of that?

"Not at all," Evil Luo King said. "The king of the Bottomless Pit is merely the most powerful demon spirit elected by the demon spirits within the Bottomless Pit, but that Unparalleled Demon Spirit within the Magnetic Pole Cave is a terrifying creature that has existed within since the Bottomless Pit revealed itself. The two are completely different concepts. While the king of the Bottomless Pit is indeed a dominant figure, that's all it is. The Unparalleled Demon Spirit, however, is the foundation that allows the Bottomless Pit to rank alongside the Celestial Sea and Longevity Island as one of the three forbidden areas. The Bottomless Pit can lose one king and gain another, but the Unparalleled Demon Spirit is an irreplaceable existence."

"So, this Yellow Springs Worm targeting me shouldn't be related to my sister killing the Bottomless Pit's king, right?" Li Xiu said.

"Theoretically, it shouldn't have anything to do with it. The Unparalleled Demon Spirit wouldn't care who the king of the Bottomless Pit is. From its perspective, those demon spirits in the Bottomless Pit are just a bunch of its nurturing slaves. Who would go to such lengths for the life and death of a slave?" Evil Luo King said.

"Then it's strange. Since it's not because of that, why would this Yellow Springs Worm target me? I've never been to the Bottomless Pit, nor have I offended the Unparalleled Demon Spirit within the Magnetic Pole Cave," Li Xiu understood that the Unparalleled Demon Spirit in the Magnetic Pole Cave should be one of the four spirits suppressed under the Spirit Suppressing Stone.

"Have you really never been to the Bottomless Pit?" Even Evil Luo King thought this was too weird, somewhat disbelieving Li Xiu's words.

"Unless the Wolf Cave is the Bottomless Pit," Li Xiu said.

"That's impossible. The place you speak of, I know, it's far from the Bottomless Pit," Evil Luo King denied Li Xiu's idea.

"Leaving those aside, do you know how to get rid of this Yellow Springs Worm, or at least trap it?" Li Xiu now just wanted to solve this problem quickly; otherwise, it was truly a bit unsettling.

"I'm just a Divine Position Demon Spirit, incomparable to the terrifying existence within the Magnetic Pole Cave. I can't deal with this thing, and I'm afraid only that Lord can resolve this issue," Evil Luo King quickly said.

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"Can't solve it, or are you just afraid of offending that Unparalleled Demon Spirit in the Magnetic Pole Cave?" Li Xiu snorted coldly.

"I swear to heaven and earth, I've been entrusted by that great one to ensure your safety. If anything happens to you, I won't be able to explain myself. If there was a way, why would I stay silent?" protested the Evil Luo King immediately.

"Well, there's no solution then. My sister's whereabouts are unknown; contacting her seems impossible for the time being. We're just sitting here waiting to die." Li Xiu said, sitting down directly without attempting to flee, watching as the worm gradually crawled towards him, nearly touching his leg.

"Don't do that, at least keep some distance..." The Evil Luo King was startled, but Li Xiu remained unmoved.

The worm was about to touch Li Xiu's pants when the Evil Luo King exclaimed urgently, "My little ancestor, you're really trying to kill me, get up quickly. I have a way; is it not enough if I say it?"

"You should have said so earlier." Li Xiu laughed and stood up, creating some distance between him and the worm.

With resignation, the Evil Luo King said, "I do know a method, but I'm not certain it really works. It's just hearsay; I can't guarantee it's effective. Moreover, if this method does work, we'll be forming a vendetta

with the existence within the Magnetic Pole Cave, which will make future visits to the Demon Spirit Realm even more cumbersome."

"Let's solve the immediate problem first, and worry about future issues later." Li Xiu smiled.

Reluctantly, the Evil Luo King disclosed the method he had heard to Li Xiu.

Yellow Springs Worms live for years within the Nine Netherworld's Yellow Springs, naturally making them spectral creatures, hence possessing an Undying Body. Killing them is nearly impossible.

Additionally, they harbor the Magnetic Attraction Core Light, listed among the Ten Great Divine Lights, also known as the magnetic light from the Magnetic Pole Cave. They are inherently formidable, with almost no weakness.

However, everything has its method; there is no such thing as perfect. The Evil Luo King heard that the Yellow Springs Worm has a unique weakness. Target this weakness, and it's possible to kill it directly.

"Are you sure you know what you're talking about? Not joking with me?" Li Xiu widened his eyes in disbelief, staring at the Evil Luo King after hearing this supposed weakness.

"When I heard it, I too felt it was a joke. But the person who told it held a high position in the Bottomless Pit, so there was some credibility. Of course, back then, I listened to it as an amusing anecdote, as I wasn't aware Yellow Springs Worms were real. I thought the guy was boasting until I saw one today and realized they do exist. Since what he described turns out to be true, maybe this method is real too." The Evil Luo King appeared slightly doubtful, unsure if the method was genuinely useful.

"You want me to directly swallow the Yellow Springs Worm, and this method seems truly feasible?" Li Xiu questioned, wondering if the Evil Luo King intended to put him in deadly peril.

The cold force from the Yellow Springs Worm could shatter Divine Position Level materials, and swallowing it, Li Xiu feared, the cold would tear through his throat and freeze him to pieces before it reached his stomach.

"I also find the method rather strange, but there's logic to it. The Yellow Springs Worm is a spectral entity, fearing yang energy most. The human mouth is where yang gathers; all things born in the mortal world enter through it, making it the burial ground of countless souls, ideally combating the Yellow Springs Worm. Avoid contact by hand, directly swallow it whole with one breath. The yang annihilates the yin, and the worm dissolves upon entry like jelly, swallowed in a slurp, rendering it truly dead." explained the Evil Luo King.

"Old Luo, haven't I usually treated you kindly?" Li Xiu said softly while eyeing the Golden Dinner Knife.

The Evil Luo King thought inwardly, "Kind my foot; you've never considered me during good times, always sending me first in peril. I'm just cleaning up your mess, and you dare claim to treat me well?"

He dared not voice his thoughts, quickly responding, "We're as close as brothers; you've naturally treated me exceedingly well."

Li Xiu made a bitter smile, "Of course, I know these days tagging along with me has brought you plenty of hardships. But for my sister's sake, don't try to harm me, alright?"

"I must swear to heaven and earth, how could I harm you? Everything I said is truly what I heard. If a single word is false, may I be struck by heavenly thunder, never achieving Unparalleled status." The Evil Luo King vowed fervently, "Besides, I do find the method somewhat plausible. Initially, I hesitated to mention it, but you pressed, leaving me no choice."

"If there's no means, you should at least refrain from fabrication." Li Xiu further questioned.

"No fabrications, really. Okay, initially, I didn't see the need to bring it up. But since you asked, I've no choice but to share. I heard this from the wife of a king of the Bottomless Pit's monarch, who said the monarch himself confirmed it, adding some likelihood to it." The Evil Luo King confessed.

"The wife of the Bottomless Pit's monarch, why would she tell you these things?" Li Xiu questioned the Evil Luo King intently.

"Well, er... alright... it's because that foolish woman is dead now... it doesn't matter saying it... I was her confidant..." replied the Evil Luo King.

"Adulterer is what it is, why sugarcoat it?" Li Xiu dismissed.

"Cough, cough, don't make it sound so unpleasant. I merely consoled a lonely, helpless, wounded soul," the Evil Luo King justified.

"Your affairs don't concern me; I only want to know if this method is real or fake." Li Xiu stated.

"I think there's a plausibility. That night, I poured my heart out just to uncover this bit, and she swore by heaven, insisting it was firsthand from the king, assuring no deception." The Evil Luo King said.

Li Xiu eyed the creeping worm, sensing something off about the situation, such a terrifying entity, expecting him to swallow directly — it could very well lead to catastrophe.

However, apart from this method, Li Xiu honestly couldn't think of any other solution.

"To swallow or not to swallow?" Li Xiu stared at the worm, lost in thought.

Chapter 980 Bloodline

Li Xiu was a bit hesitant. Though the Evil Luo King's method seemed quite unreliable, there was still some room for maneuver.

The hesitation wasn't about whether the method was feasible but rather the consequences of using this method and the purpose of the Yellow Springs Worm.

Why did the Yellow Springs Worm keep pursuing him? Li Xiu suspected it might be linked to the demon spirit larva inside him, but the larva had shown no reaction so far.

Was it that the demon spirit larva simply didn't care about the Yellow Springs Worm, or was the worm completely unrelated to the larva? Li Xiu couldn't be sure.

"The place where the demon spirit larva was first discovered was near the Sea Heaven Trial Gate. There's a high possibility its parents originated from the Sea Heaven Trial Gate, theoretically having a

higher likelihood of ties to the Celestial Sea. The Yellow Springs Worm came from the Bottomless Pit, which seemingly shouldn't have anything to do with the larva, unless it has some special intent." Li Xiu pondered to himself.

After much thought, Li Xiu decided it was best to give it a try. Luckily, having Old Jia's experience as a reference helped, Li Xiu knew that short-term contact with the Yellow Springs Worm wouldn't cause immediate problems, as long as he could promptly and firmly remove the skin that came into contact to prevent the cold force from spreading.

Although he could also find someone else to test it out for him, Li Xiu had other ideas and decided not to do so.

With his mind made up, Li Xiu no longer hesitated. He summoned the Forbidden Spear and formed the Flower Armor, the Red-Blue Dual Cast Spirit simultaneously taking possession. Then he squatted down and reached out a finger, touching the approaching Yellow Springs Worm.

Protected by the Forbidden Flower Armor, along with the Red-Blue Dual Cast Spirit on him, if anything went wrong, Li Xiu wasn't aiming for success, just no regrets. He would immediately sever the contact point with the Yellow Springs Worm.

Li Xiu's fingertip touched the Yellow Springs Worm, feeling like he was touching jelly, the springy texture was rather pleasant.

The cold aura from the Yellow Springs Worm was indeed strong, or rather it wasn't cold like usual, but rather a sort of sinister chill, not a simple cold.

Strangely, Li Xiu didn't feel any damage to the Flower Armor, nor did he sense any invasion of cold aura.

What surprised Li Xiu even more was that when his finger touched the Yellow Springs Worm, it actually stopped, just like a little dog being petted on the head, rubbing Li Xiu's fingertip with its body, seeming quite pleased.

"Why is it acting like this?" the Evil Luo King exclaimed in surprise.

Even though he had only heard about the terror of the Yellow Springs Worm, it was certainly not exaggerated to the extent of behaving like this, like a lapdog.

Li Xiu himself was somewhat unexpected, increasingly suspecting that the Yellow Springs Worm's behavior might be linked to the demon spirit larva.

As Li Xiu was contemplating, the Yellow Springs Worm moved again, but this time, instead of climbing onto Li Xiu's body, it circled around him.

Li Xiu watched, puzzled. Previously, the places the Yellow Springs Worm crawled over left behind some frost, and it was no different this time, except the frost was distinct.

The Yellow Springs Worm's body was transparent like crystal, openly visible without any blood or bone inside. Yet, this time, it left behind a frost the color of fresh blood where it crawled.

The blood frost drew a circle around Li Xiu, and with every short distance it covered, its body shrank a bit smaller, until when it completed the circle, it had shrunk to less than half its original size.

"What is this? Could it be some kind of imprisoning skill?" Li Xiu pondered, remaining still.

After drawing a complete blood circle, the Yellow Springs Worm stopped in front of Li Xiu, its large silkworm-like body standing upright, twisting in a peculiar manner.

"Old Luo, what's going on here?" Li Xiu asked the Evil Luo King.

The Evil Luo King was clearly also at a loss, responding with some suspicion, "From its appearance, it doesn't seem to be using a skill. Instead, that blood frost seems to be its own energy essence. It looks like some kind of sacrificial ritual."

"Sacrificial ritual? I'm not its parent, why would it be worshipping me?" Li Xiu watched as the Yellow Springs Worm repeatedly lowered and raised its body, performing these actions several times, really resembling a worshipping ritual.

"How would I know? I've never seen a Yellow Springs Worm before, all I know is just hearsay," the Evil Luo King muttered before adding, "I'm beginning to suspect now that the stories I've heard might not be entirely accurate. Maybe this Yellow Springs Worm isn't a fragment of the Unparalleled Demon Spirit, otherwise, for such a proud existence, how could it let its fragment do such a thing."

"That was as good as saying nothing," Li Xiu frowned.

While they were talking, it seemed the Yellow Springs Worm had finished its ritual, its body ceasing those strange motions.

Li Xiu kept a wary eye on the Yellow Springs Worm, trying to see what it would do next when he suddenly noticed a speck of red light within the worm's body.

At the moment the red light appeared, the blood circle it had drawn before also illuminated simultaneously, surrounding Li Xiu with a blood-red glow.

The Yellow Springs Worm's body rapidly shrank, disappearing in the blink of an eye, seemingly merging into the scarlet halo.

Simultaneously with the disappearance of the Yellow Springs Worm, the scarlet halo rose from the ground, moving with incredible speed.

Li Xiu instantly unleashed all his light energy, leaping into the air like a flash of lightning.