

Chapter 773 Beyond The Limit

After a while, Liam's descent came to a halt.

He had fallen to the ground. However, he felt no pain. Upon rising and opening his eyes, he found the surroundings familiar to him.

He found himself back at the base of the mountain.

Now, it became apparent where the individuals in the leading echelon had vanished to. They hadn't conquered the summit but had returned to the starting point, much like Liam.

Evidently, the Salvation Society's test wasn't as straightforward as he'd initially thought. Reaching the top wasn't going to be a cakewalk.

Still, the rules were the rules. Liam frowned slightly, took a brief break, and embarked on his second ascent.

This time, Liam was far more adept and climbed with much greater ease.

He progressed from the mountain's base to its slopes and ultimately to the summit.

He completed this entire process within half a day

and once again laid eyes on the familiar golden dragon flag.

Proceeding cautiously, Liam was once again sent tumbling down to the mountain's base, just as he had been during his first attempt. He had now completed the second cycle.

Getting to his feet once more, Liam mused with a smile, "That must be it."

This time, as Liam climbed towards the summit, he exhibited heightened caution. He astutely observed that with each subsequent return to the base, the force of gravity lessened.

However, the increasing difficulty of each ascent was apparent, as accumulated fatigue led to a continued decline in his physical capabilities.

Although not explicitly stated by the examiner, it was evident that this place's rules didn't allow for extended rest.

On his second ascent, after contemplating for about five minutes on the final step, Liam sensed a sudden surge in gravity upon his body. This force only subsided when he resumed climbing.

Fortunately, the strengthening drugs he had consumed before had significantly improved his physique. He hadn't found the climb too taxing thus far.

Furthermore, after the second expulsion, Liam's sense of imbalance had completely vanished. Aside from the loss of primogem, he was now back to his prime. Liam had a hunch that the Salvation Society hadn't devised this test simply to taunt the challengers. The bodily changes he experienced might be related to the fundamental purpose of the gravity mountain test.

Nonetheless, Liam hadn't yet passed the test, so it wasn't the right time to ponder this.

Dispelling all other thoughts, Liam inhaled deeply and resumed his ascent.

He climbed and was sent back down repeatedly.

Liam lost count of how many times he had scaled the mountain and had no idea of how much time had elapsed. All he knew was that his body was growing progressively weary, and each step took an excruciatingly long time to execute.

He had long surpassed his physical limits. Yet, with a burning determination for revenge, he persisted.

As Liam continued his ascent, he encountered the aloof girl along the path. She appeared to be in worse shape than him, drenched in sweat.

She seemed to have understood the test's underlying mechanics beforehand and had worn dark-colored clothes purposely.

Clearly, she had reached her breaking point, standing still for an extended period, her legs trembling, unable to move.

"We meet again. Keep going!" Liam encouraged her.

Liam didn't pause and slowly overtook her.

At this moment, her consciousness was blurred, and she observed a familiar figure passing her by, though his distinctive crutch was conspicuously absent.

It was him!

The aloof girl was taken aback. She was well aware of the gravity mountain's inner workings. Meeting on the mountain trail was a consequence of being in the same climbing cycle.

This was her ninth time, and her final attempt. If she reached the summit, she'd earn a perfect score.

But she never anticipated that Liam would make it this far.

At this very moment, she had reached her limit, her furthest point achievable. There was no prospect of her reaching the summit.

However, Liam, whom she had convinced to leave earlier, had advanced ahead of her and appeared to have some remaining strength. Whether he reached the summit remained uncertain, but it was undeniable that his limit surpassed hers.

With great effort, Liam continued to climb. He had no idea how astonished the aloof girl was at that moment. At this point, he harbored only one thought—to stand at the summit of the mountain.