

Am I A God 31

Chapter 31

“Hey slave, are you mad?”

“Fatty, you are the one that placed me under your control!”

“Listen! I’m not fat, my fur’s just slightly thicker!”

“Nice try fatty, I bet your weight’s double of mine.”

Noticing that Elizabeth and Matcha were on the verge of a cat fight, Zhao Yao hurriedly exclaimed, “Break it Matcha, I was the one who used Elizabeth’s ability.”

Both felines turned around simultaneously and looked at Zhao Yao; seemingly looking for an explanation.

“I can use your ability, right? Somehow I’m now able to borrow Elizabeth’s ability as well.”

Having connected all the dots, Elizabeth exclaimed, “No wonder, I have always thought we had identical abilities... so this is why...”

“Oh what use is her ability, with o’ Matcha’s formidable ability ain’t no one can stand in our way.” Matcha purred loftily.

Elizabeth turned around, but can’t seem to be bothered with that remark.

“Every ability has its pros and cons. The more our abilities, the better.” Zhao Yao continued, “ Plus, I also seem to be able to improve the abilities.”

Hearing that, Elizabeth turned to face Zhao Yao, with her eyes twinkling with excitement.

” Did you just say improve?”

“Yep, Matcha’s ability was improved by me as well.” While saying, Zhao Yao took a glance at Elizabeth’s experience panel and smoothly added 10 points to her from the BOOK’s experience.

BOOK: LV 2 (40/1000)

Diamond: 3

Pet (2/2): Elizabeth

Grade: Lv 2 (0/100)

Loyalty level: 60

Ability: God’s Ray, creating visual and auditory hallucinations with her sound. Able to control a being through her gaze. Ability can be cancelled when the affected being receives a heavy knock.

Elizabeth reached level 2 in a blink of an eye. Zhao Yao then opened up her skill tree for confirmation, noticing that Elizabeth too had two skills available for choosing.

Stealth Dominion: The ability to release sound waves from one’s body which is undetectable by normal means. Effective radius is 30 meters with a therapeutic effect on animals’ internal organs as well as raising their bone density. Furthermore, it soothes one’s emotions, improving its inner health, thus increasing lifespan.

Gemini’s Light: The ability to control 2 separate targets simultaneously.

After reading through both skill descriptions, Zhao Yao immediately chose Stealth Dominion. Once the skill activates, all Zhao Yao had to do was to stay by Elizabeth’s side and reap the benefits of automated body strengthening. This skill kept his body in good shape and ensured longevity.

Furthermore, he can even claim this skill for himself.

This was the main thought that drove him to choose Stealth Dominion over the other. Zhao Yao then proceeded to activate the Stealth Dominion skill. He immediately felt a slight lift followed by concealed vibrations within his body. Instantaneously, the sound waves echoed through the room.

Accompanying these waves, Zhao Yao felt a gradual relaxation of his entire body; similar to the feeling one experiences when he or she leaves the city and embracing mother nature. With every inch of his body at ease, Zhao Yao could not have felt any better.

He felt that he was in Heaven.

Accompanying Zhao Yao all this time, both Matcha and Elizabeth felt the changes occurring in their bodies and both turned to Zhao Yao, uttering “What’s this feeling...” uncontrollably.

Zhao Yao gave them a wide grin before explaining to them the effects of Stealth Dominion.

“Elizabeth, from now on, not only will you be able to create hallucinations from sound waves but be able to use sound to gradually strengthen you and your teammates’ fitness !”

“Though the process is slow, it is purely automated. If you persevere for a few years, I’m sure our fitness will improve significantly, not forgetting the fact that our life spans will be extended as well!” Zhao Yao exclaimed zealously.

Elizabeth gave Zhao Yao a look of contempt before mumbling, “what a boring ability”.

In the next moment, she was off with her tail swinging nonchalantly from side to side.

On the other hand, there was dear old Matcha. He sprawled with his back to the ground, muttering, “This is pure bliss” with a look of contentment.

Mango, who was beside Matcha, mimicked his friend and laid comfortably on the ceramic tiles of the room stationarily. Mango’s face lit up with extreme satisfaction.

While Zhao Yao explored Stealth Dominion in greater detail, he realized that this skill’s effective radius can be controlled. After multiple rounds of practices, Zhao Yao was then able to control the effective radius of Stealth Dominion to within his house.

In the midst of trying out his new abilities, Zhao Yao stumbled upon a new problem. It was similar to the problem faced when he tried to exert control over Matcha for the first time, which failed.

There was a probability of failure whenever he tries to activate Elizabeth's ability.

"The success rate for activation is 60%..." Zhao Yao mumbled to himself as he scrolled through his BOOK's status, stopping at the panel showing Elizabeth's loyalty level. After comparing the panel with the success percentage, Zhao Yao had a thought.

"Is the success rate of skill activation directly proportionate with the pet's loyalty level?"

"Is this why I never had a problem with Matcha?" Zhao Yao pondered in his mind.

After a few attempts, Zhao Yao whispered softly, "Matcha."

Immediately, BOOK flipped to Matcha's profile, allowing Zhao Yao to activate Matcha's Time Stop again. At the same time, Zhao Yao's Stealth Dominion was dispelled. Sound waves from Stealth Dominion can be felt emitting out from Elizabeth, with the vibrations surrounding Zhao Yao's entire body.

Even though the sound waves were invisible to Zhao Yao's eyes, he felt the same feeling he experienced when he activated Stealth Dominion a while ago.

Looking across at the seemingly nonchalant Elizabeth, who was facing the window, Zhao Yao could not help but smiled sheepishly and thought, "Wouldn't hurt to be honest you know? I knew you liked your new ability."

As the vibrations pulsed through Zhao Yao's body, he was able to feel the fatigue from long hours of coding. The damage to his health from working overtime as well as remnants of wear and tear in his exhausted body slowly vanished with the help of Stealth Dominion.

Having changed the selected pet in his BOOK to Matcha, Zhao Yao decided to test out timefreeze. He was able to activate timefreeze multiple times with zero failure.

This confirmed his hypothesis.

“So it is true that the success rate of activating a skill is affected by the pet’s loyalty level. Looks like I’ll have to gain Elizabeth’s trust slowly.”

After everything that happened today, Elizabeth was officially registered into Zhao Yao ‘s BOOK, this showed that Elizabeth’s daily consumption of cat’s grains aided her increase in experience points.

Within the next few days, Zhao Yao decided to research on cat food and the different kinds of businesses in the daytime, while following his usual routine at night, patrolling the streets with Matcha and Elizabeth.

Since Elizabeth was now registered in the BOOK, it is possible for Zhao Yao to accomplish missions with her, giving poor old Matcha the occasional respite.

For Elizabeth’s case, she was able to master her new skill within a few days. This allows her to manipulate the effective radius of Stealth Dominion to surround them when needed, allowing them to reduce the level of unwanted attention.

With this routine, everyday was fulfilling despite having to maintain Stealth Dominion all the time. Zhao Yao felt that he was getting stronger day by day, reducing the level of fatigue.

After finishing a patrolling mission tonight, Zhao Yao drove his Panamera back to the garage.

Upon reaching, he opened the car door and gently lifted the fluffy Elizabeth up and headed towards the elevator. Unbeknownst to him, since the time he parked his car, a pair of eyes filled with ill intents had been following their actions.

Bai Quan stood in the shadows of the underground carpark, narrowing his eyes to observe Zhao Yao.

The past few days, he had been trying to contact Xiao Shiqin with little success. She not only applied for leave but also rejected his calls and even blacklisted his name on her WeChat account; wanting to cut off all contact with him.

As a result, he decided to direct all his hatred and anger towards Zhao Yao.

From Bai Quan's perspective, Zhao Yao used his wealth to tempt Shiqin, causing the change in her affection and thus leaving him.

“So what if you have money? I'll show you that this world isn't as simple as you think .” Bai Quan whispered to himself with an icy laugh. He started advancing towards Zhao Yao, with his limps disappearing after the first step. By the second step, he was gone.

Chapter 32: Sneak Attack

Zhao Yao walked towards the lift as he carried Elizabeth on his back, all while looking at the property pricing trends on his phone screen.

“Are you kidding me, I just bought the house and there's already a dip in the property pricing?”

Recently, due to the continuous slight tremors throughout the whole of Jiangmen City, the housing market had been falling and there were even rumors going on endlessly.

Some said it could be a premonition of a big earthquake resulted from the volcano activity in the Pacific Ocean.

Some said it could be due to the country experimenting with secret weapons under the sea.

There's also one rumor that sounded unreliable even, mentioning that it could be caused by the movement of a sea monster in the waters.

In short, there were all sorts of rumors spreading. Even if the government stepped in, it would still be hard to prevent the drop of the properties' value.

However, Zhao Yao was rather unlucky, he somehow bought a house when property pricing was at its highest. Then he had to witness the continuous drop of the value. Every time the price decreased, he felt like his heart was dripping blood.

At this moment, Elizabeth's nose twitched and lifted its head hastily.

"Hmm?" Zhao Yao responded as well. The power of Matcha as a solo cat highly increased his insight ability and to make things clear, his insight observation is now of a human plus a cat.

In that instant, from behind, he could sense the sound of a slight collision in the ground beneath. He could feel the whiff of an unfamiliar smell gushing into his nose.

Zhao Yao reacted instantaneously. Somehow, there is someone following him from behind.

But yet when he turned to look, there was no one not even a shadow to be seen.

Nonetheless, already in the mode of invisibility and following behind Zhao Yao from a few meters, Bai Quan stopped in his track. He was caught off guard and felt a little stunned as Zhao Yao who was in front of him, turned his back to look behind.

"Wow? That reaction was rather acute but it's of no use still." Bai Quan started laughing. He had already used this invisibility power a few times to steal jewelry, cash, and other expensive items. He even knocked down over ten security guards onto the ground all by himself.

With this special invisible power of his, his body and the clothes on him could be entirely hidden in the state of invisibility.

However, when he is in the mode of invisibility, he needed to hold his breath. Which meant that as long as he took a breath, he would show himself.

Despite this, it was still undeniably a very strong form of power.

Thus, even with Zhao Yao standing before his eyes, he was not mindful at all.

"Hehe, shall scare him and let him move out of this small neighborhood."

Bai Quan thought for a while then reached out his hand towards Zhao Yao and touched his shoulder.

At this point, Zhao Yao's observation, sensitivity, and agility have surpassed far more than his previous self. Especially so when Matcha was added to him and on top of it with Elizabeth as a cat.

Just as Bai Quan's palm was about to touch his shoulder, Zhao Yao's body had moved swiftly to avoid the contact.

"Hey, just a while ago, I felt someone come. Did you see it?" Zhao Yao asked as he conversed with Elizabeth through his mind.

Elizabeth wrinkled her nose and said, "I definitely smelt a stranger's smell, but why can't I see him?"

"There's only one possibility. The person has acquired a power, using a certain type of skill that prevents us from seeing him. Or he can touch someone from a distance and attack them." Zhao Yao analyzed and answered calmly.

On the other hand, Bai Quan let out a smile as he looked at a frowning Zhao Yao who had turned around, looking very puzzled.

"Interesting, he could actually feel it. This chap's sensitivity is rather sharp." Bai Quan's gaze flickered and once again came to his back. He approached his neck lightly and let out a breath of air.

Bai Quan's intention was to teach Zhao Yao a lesson and scare him from here. Then he would think that the little neighborhood and his own house is haunted so he would move and stay away from Xiao Shiyu.

At the other side, Zhao Yao thought to himself, "I cannot let the opposite party act freely anymore, the next time he attacks, I shall try to see if I can catch him."

Just as Bai Quan let out a breath of air, Zhao Yao felt the movement of wind in that moment. He immediately activated his power which could stop the time.

As the world came to a stop, Zhao Yao turned around swiftly towards the direction where he felt the wind. He reached out and grabbed hold of it.

At last, he caught hold of Bai Quan's shirt near his chest.

"You've guessed correctly."

"Invisibility? Seems like a great skill" As Zhao Yao felt his hand grabbing onto someone, he realized instantly the power of the opponent.

Although he did not know why the person before him also had the power, he decided that he shall take down the person before doing anything else.

Thus in that moment when the world had halted, Zhao Yao landed a ferocious punch on the opposing party. Then came the second punch, third punch and many more.

Six seconds had already passed as he hit on the same spot for ten times.

As time began to tick again, Bai Quan only felt that he had just let out a breath of air on his neck but the next moment suddenly his gaze was spinning. Zhao Yao's body was even stuck together with his tightly.

He then felt a strong piercing pain in his stomach, as if he was attacked through thin air or he was knocked down severely by a bull. He felt himself taking a few steps back before falling to the ground.

Si!!

Originally, Zhao Yao's power could only be considered as mediocre. Even if the power of Matcha the solo cat is added, it could only be deemed as having good health.

However, in that moment, the explosion of ten punches landing in the same spot continuously was as similar to that of a heavyweight boxer's single punch. Bai Quan fell directly on the ground after and he felt like his intestines were breaking.

While Bai Quan cried out in pain, he tried to take in as much cold air as he could. However, his power to be invisible subsided and his true self was revealed.

Zhao Yao's eyes reflected that he was taken by surprise because the person that had just appeared before his eyes was actually Bai Quan. "It is you?" he said."

Bai Quan was alarmed and looked at Zhao Yao. "Instant movement power! And also the attack you just used on me, was it Intentional Shifting power? You possess super powers?!"

Zhao Yao held back his words and conversed through his mind with Elizabeth. "Elizabeth, control him. But allow him to still have the ability to talk, I have things to question him of."

Elizabeth did as it was told and shone a beam of red light from in between her eyes. Bai Quan immediately felt his body turning stiff as though a shapeless form of energy is taking control of him.

"This.....What type of power is this again! Instant movement power, Intentional shifting power and also this power that is controlling my body! Are these dark powers? How can you possess so much power! " Bai Quan thought to himself in shock.

Bai Quan had never thought of it, someone that looked like an average rich second generation person could possess so many types of power at one time. It was almost like he only had in mind to kill one goblin, yet in the blink of an eye, he transformed and became a Titan giant.

Zhao Yao heard Bai Quan exclaiming in surprise, but he twitched his mouth and said, "From now, it will be me asking questions and you will be answering them."

Right at that moment, a sound of some car moving in the garage rang out. Zhao Yao was in his world of thoughts before he walked towards the direction of the lift.

"There is someone else here." Zhao Yao also said to Elizabeth at the same time. "I shall just let him follow me home."

Therefore Bai Quan became controlled and followed along. He was then brought to Zhao Yao's house on the seventeenth floor.

Bai Quan felt his whole body losing the ability to have control. On the way to Zhao Yao's house, Bai Quan looked at him and was filled with shock, jealousy and also feeling lost. He never thought that it could be possible for anyone in the world to possess so many types of power.

Chapter 33: Feces Disaster

Teleportation, ability to read minds, and the ability to manipulate people like puppets. Bai Quan saw Zhao Yao's back view and thought: Having the ability to teleport is powerful enough, and now he is also able to read minds and manipulate others.

In the brief moment that Zhao Yao opened the room, a pungent smell gushed in, suffocating everyone. Zhao Yao aggressively covered his nose and mouth, saying shockingly and angrily, "What happened! Who last took a dump here, the smell is unbearable!"

The odor was sour and Zhao Yao was certain that even after being in the feces industry for close to a year now, he had not encountered such a pungent smell.

Matcha purred while running towards Zhao Yao and said, "Zhao Yao, it was Mango! After Mango took a dump, the automatic toilet had become roasted feces!"

Zhao Yao slammed the door shut before Matcha could reach him, leaving Matcha knocking continuously from the other side of the door, proclaiming, "I'm sorry Matcha, this smell is too pungent, it could kill and harm people."

The automatic cat toilet used electricity to shovel away the feces, flush with water, increase the temperature, then blow dry it.

However, if it's cat diarrhea, there is no apparent way to shovel the feces away. This will result in diarrhea to be flushed with water, heated up, blow dried, forming this roasted feces phenomena.

Zhao Yao's entire house was filled with the odor of the roasted feces. Thinking about that sour smell alone made him helpless.

Zhao Yao turned his head towards Elizabeth and said, "Elizabeth, you..." He just thought of letting Elizabeth control Bai Quan to clean up the mess, but realized what she had already done. Elizabeth swallowed the entire can of cat food and sprawled all over his shoulder.

Zhao Yao said, "Have you really fainted?"

It was precisely at this moment, Bai Quan realized immediately that he regained his ability to move, although he was also affected badly by this pungent smell, he still took advantage of this opportunity. He held his breath momentarily and entered his stealth mode once again.

Zhao Yao shouted, “Hey you!”

Looking at Zhao Yao shout made Bai Quan snicker. But before Bai Quan could even make a move, he felt a shapeless figure aggressively banging on his chest, causing him to directly fly three or four meters, his entire body thrown onto to the ground.

Bai Quan’s chest burned in pain. He felt as though his entire chest had exploded. Every breath he took was extremely difficult. Needless to say, he could no longer remain in stealth mode and exposed his true self.

This time, Zhao Yao stomped on Bai Quan several times within a short moment.

Looking at Zhao Yao walking towards him, he said in pain, “What a strong ability.”

Zhao Yao ignored him, glancing upon Elizabeth who was sprawled on his shoulders, and he thought about her.

Next, he used Elizabeth’s ability. Looking at Bai Quan on the floor, subtle red flashes shone in his eyes. However...

“Failed... Sigh... 60 loyalty points.”

He tried twice more and finally succeeded. Luckily for him this time, he was ruthless enough. Bai Quan could neither get up by himself nor hold his breath, Zhao Yao’s use of Elizabeth’s ability was successful.

Bai Quan felt his body stiffen up, and it seemed as though nothing could be entering his brain. He completely lost control of himself. He thought to himself ‘Not this feeling again, I can’t believe he can actually control my entire body.’

Subsequently, Zhao Yao looked at Bai Quan's indignant stare and controlled him to clean the cat toilet's with the dry, hot roasted feces.

Elizabeth also managed to wake up a few minutes later. Bai Quan saw, hiding from a corner in the room from a distance, two cats, and a person, which made him more indignant.

Mango, a British shortcat, stood curiously by the side, occasionally sniffing Bai Quan's smell, as though like he truly interested in this stranger.

He had no clue to what a big mess he had caused and was extremely pleased that the entire house was filled with his smell.

Bai Quan felt like the odor was basically like after someone had diarrhea, added a dead rat in the toilet bowl, and then dug some of the concoction out, placed it on a bowl and in the microwave oven for 10 minutes. It felt as though all his internal organs were going to explode.

Zhao Yao consciously sighed from the other side 'The automatic cat toilet isn't that powerful, it is unable to flush out diarrhea. Not only does it have difficulty removing it, it will even result in its smell spreading across the entire room.

Elizabeth pleaded for help from Zhao Yao and said, "Zhao Yao, this public toilet is too disgusting, from today onwards, you must arrange a private one for me. And I also need my own private bedroom."

"Hahaha" Matcha snickered in a corner, "You long-haired fatty. Have you forgotten the last time you took a shit and had feces in your butt? How dare you still have the audacity to pick on and despise Mango!"

Elizabeth raised her eyebrows. Being a long-furred cat indeed resulted in it being easier to stain her own body with shit, and that was what she had most hated about herself.

Upon hearing what Matcha said, her eyes had flashes of red, an image of Matcha already started to imprint itself on her mind.

She screamed, "Slave, watch your tone! Also, keep some distance away from me. Your entire body stinks of shit!"

Matcha defended himself, “At least I didn’t run out of the toilet with a shit-stained butt!”

“Alright, stop fighting, you two!” Zhao Yao proclaimed.

Half an hour later, the mess was cleaned up, the windows in the entire room were opened and the entire room was ventilated.

Bai Quan was controlled and brought to the window, Zhao Yao hid a few meters away, covered his nose and said in a disparaging tone, “Spit it out! Where did you get your abilities, and what are your intentions for attacking me!”

Though Bai Quan’s body was stained with cat feces, he seemed as though he was already used to this kind of treatment. He looked sternly at Zhao Yao and replied, “My abilities were bestowed upon me by our God from the Brotherhood.”

Zhao Yao wrinkled his eyebrows ‘Brotherhood?’ He was shocked and second-guessed, “Gao Ji has supernatural abilities?”

“Who said it was Gao Ji?” Bai Quan rebutted, “We are an organization. We worship and pray to the holy spirit!”

Zhao Yao, Matcha and Elizabeth’s were appalled and were speechless.

They then realized that Bai Quan’s powers did not come from himself, but from an organization called the Brotherhood.’

This Brotherhood was seen by Bai Quan as an evil and malicious organization, a cult, which had gathered a large number of unemployed people together. They prayed and interacted daily, hoping that their God will bestow upon happiness onto each of them.

However, the difference between the Brotherhood and an ordinary cult was that there had been occurrences of people from this organization actually being rewarded. For instance, Bai Quan has been given privileged to receive the ability to enter stealth mode for 3 hours exactly.

At this very moment, the book's task page jumped slightly, and a new mission appeared.

The task presented — How to cause chaos within the malicious and evil cats with abilities?' The intended target – Exterminate the Brotherhood, capture the supercat with the abilities behind the scenes and a reward of 200 experience points will be given.

Upon looking at the task on the board, Zhao Yao wrinkled his eyebrows and thought 'Is it really that simple to gain 200 experience points? Are my experience points too high, or is it because this task is actually very difficult?'

Chapter 34: The Brotherhood

Even though it was just 200 experience points, Zhao Yao refused to give it up. Moreover, with Matcha's ability to stop time and Elizabeth's mind control powers, Zhao Yao had confidence that he would be able to protect them from any harm.

Zhao Yao looked at Bai Quan and asked, "Do you know where the Brotherhood is?"

"What are you planning?" Bai Quan replied with a puzzled expression on his face.

"I find the Brotherhood rather interesting. Do you think they would accept me?"

Bai Quan squinted his eyes and looked suspiciously at Zhao Yao, "You want to join them???"

Zhao Yao stated confidently, "Of course. If they are able to give me superhuman abilities, I don't see why I shouldn't join them." Bai Quan couldn't decipher his true intentions but Zhao Yao's abilities far surpassed his own and he definitely wasn't someone he would want to fight against. However, it was a good thing that Zhao Yao was interested in joining the brotherhood.

If Zhao Yao became aggressive towards them, the divine beings and he himself would be his opponents. But if he really did wish to join them, the Brotherhood will benefit greatly.

Upon reaching this conclusion, Bai Quan nodded his head in agreement to lead him to the brotherhood.

“If you truly wish to join the brotherhood, this is naturally an extremely good thing. Powerful individuals like you are not destined to be ordinary. When you join us, you will find that your power will progress much more.

In this world, the weak are destined to be trampled upon by the strong.”

Zhao Yao just looked at Bai Quan and smiled without saying a word.

He then looked for some armor that would protect him sharp objects and equipped himself with two folding knives and a bundle of rope.

“Oh yes wait, I still need to find a mask to wear least the same thing happens again and someone photographs my face”

Zhao Yao then finds a mask and stuffs it into his pocket. He looks at Matcha and Elizabeth, thinking whether to bring both cats along with him.

“I don’t even know what kind of supercats the brotherhood has and they are even able to bestow regular people with superhuman powers. I think I should just bring both of them along.”

As he thought, he began searching for his cat bag which he had used long ago in order to carry his cats.

The cat bag which he was using was a yellow hard-shelled cat bag, which was similar to a school backpack. It could be carried on the back, and it also had a special plastic cover, which acted like a transparent cover allowing the cats inside to see what was happening on the outside.

“Elizabeth, follow me.”

Seeing Elizabeth being taken out, Matcha laughed happily and said, “Bye guys, I still have the qualifying matches to fight...”

However, before Matcha even finished his sentence, Zhao Yao caught Matcha in a single swift swoop and forced it into the cat bag.

Both cats had a combined weight of more than 10 kilograms and as Zhao Yao put the backpack on, he felt his entire body almost sink into the ground. “These two rascals are way too heavy, I guess recently they have been eating too much. From tomorrow onwards, I will feed them less. Else I will be too tired every time I carry them.” Thought Zhao Yao to himself.

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At an old residential building in the suburbs of Jiangmen City, Bai Quan pointed up towards the building and explained “This is where the Brotherhood resides, we have rented several floors here.

About 40 to 50 people live here and we gather to pray every day. The divine beings live on the highest floors of the building.”

After saying that he looked over at Zhao Yao, who was carrying his cat bag, pulled his mouth and asked him “why did you want to bring cats?”

From this, Zhao Yao confirmed that Bai Quan knew nothing about cats having super abilities and deduced that he had always thought that superpowers came from humans. However, Zhao Yao kept this fact to himself and did not explain it to Bai Quan.

Zhao Yao examined the place and based on the appearance of the run-down building, he thought to himself “This place is so remote and the buildings aren’t very well maintained. It seems to me that the powers that the people gained from the brotherhood wouldn’t amount to much.”

As Zhao Yao followed Bai Quan, he came into the living room of one of the apartments and saw 40 to 50 men and women kneeling on the floor and praying to a middle-aged man in the middle.

The middle-aged man was frail with a thin built and his skin was pale almost white.

His eyes were closed, head tilted towards the sky as his mouth muttered words as though he was receiving a message from the heavens.

Upon seeing this, Bai Quan said, “God is starting the prayer. Quickly knee down and receive his blessings!”

When he said that he was already almost kneeling on the ground and pulled Zhao Yao down to pray, but Zhao Yao instead sat down and begun to observe the scene in front of him.

“What do you feel? There doesn’t seem to have any smell of cats.”

Inside the cat bag, Matcha and Elizabeth put their heads together, looked around and said, “There are too many people, it is difficult to say for sure.”

At that moment, the man in the center flickers and shouts “God, thank you! Praise you!”

Immediately after, everyone saw a string of beads appear above his head.

The sudden appearance of the string of beads seemed as though it was from the heavens, dropping into the hand of the divine individual. He lifted it up and shouted, “Look this is God’s gift, to lead us through the fog towards the beacon of heaven.”

Everyone around became fanatic with their eyes gleaming with excitement as they stared intently at the string of beads in the hands of the man in the middle.

Zhao Yao squinted his eyes, with the blessing of the cat, his vision was enhanced which enabled him to look closely at the beads the moment they appeared and found that the beads moved upwards when they appeared.

“If the beads really came from God, why would it move upwards when it first appeared? It should have been a vertical fall. Unless, it was thrown up by that man... Unless it was an increased stealth ability?”

It seemed like this ability can not only be used on one’s self but also on objects?

It was even more powerful compared to Bai Yuan’s stealth ability and there didn’t seem to be any side effects.”

To Zhao Yao’s knowledge, Bai Quan wasn’t able to do it.

“Could it really be that person’s ability?” Zhao Yao turned his head looking for the presence of any supercats.

Just then, the prophet turned his head and looked directly towards Zhao Yao, “In addition to God’s gift, today we also usher in a new brother? Are you our brother?”

Seeing as the prophet was looking at him, all the others began to turn and look in the same direction. Zhao Yao was surprised “I see, he had already noticed me”

This was unavoidable as his appearance stood out from the crowd. Furthermore, it was hard not to attract attention carrying a yellow cat bag.

The prophet began to walk towards Zhao Yao and as he did, the crowd parted like the tides of the sea.

Zhao Yao squinted his eyes and realized that the prophet seemed to have pulled up something from his waist and as he made his way towards Zhao Yao, he saw traces of something which followed.

Using his observations and the movements of the prophet, Zhao Yao immediately responded thinking “is it a knife? Or a sword? What is he holding in his hand? It’s invisible!”

All around, the followers of the Brotherhood began to exclaim, “Holy mark! It’s the holy mark!”

Chapter 35: The Devil

“It’s the holy Mark!”

“God has come before us!”

All around, the fervent followers started chanting in unison.

Levelling his shapeless sword directly at Zhao Yao’s head, the holy priest commanded, “Are you willing to accept the grace of God and join us as brothers?”

Gazing upon a seemingly awestruck Zhao Yao, the holy priest was confident in his ability to convert him.

After all, he had already converted countless acolytes using similar methods and had gained loyal followers for the following months with this awesome display of power.

Furthermore, once he carves out the holy mark on Zhao Yao's face using the invisible sword in his hand, it would represent a symbolic and marvelous mark bestowed by the God and certainly cement Zhao Yao's loyalty for him.

However, just as the holy priest was lost in thought, Zhao Yao stood up fiercely in defiance, putting on a mask that was seemingly in his pocket just moments ago.

“Speaking of such mystic arts, the most fitting power is actually...”

“Meow!” Elizabeth let loose a cry which sounded out within the hall and overwhelmed all the acolytes in the vicinity.

The next moment, an inferno emerged from behind Zhao Yao, morphing into a pair of fiery wings over 6 meters long. It was as if the fire had been summoned from the pits of hell, burning brilliantly before the eyes of the acolytes.

With this summoning, all hell broke loose and the acolytes broke rank, screaming and shouting while retreating to any possible corner of the hall.

The holy priest himself was dumbfounded, looking on in confusion as Zhao Yao approached them with the fiery wings flanking him.

As the acolytes fled, fiery skeletons began to morph out of the fiery pit behind Zhao Yao as if the gates of hell have just opened.

“Such audacity!” Zhao Yao bellowed.

“Who is to be sacrificed to the Holy One?!”

All around, the acolytes were wailing as they fled in fear, cursing themselves for getting themselves into this mess in the first place.

Some of the female acolytes collapsed on the ground in fear, so terrified that they were unable to move a single limb.

Bai Quan stared astonishingly at Zhao Yao's demonic appearance with his jaw dropped and his mind in a complete mess.

"Devil? Is he the Devil?" Bai Quan's heart was gripped with fear. "Definitely, with powers like teleportation, mind-reading, and puppetry, who else could he be but the Devil?"

By now the holy priest had turned as white as a sheet and the invisible sword he once wielded in his hand had become completely visible. With the wooden classical sword trembling in his hand, the priest stumbled away from Zhao Yao, "Stay... Stay Away! You evil demon, God will strike you down!"

"Oh God can't kill me..." Zhao Yao began as he instantly teleported behind the holy priest, crushing his windpipe with one hand.

"AHHH!" Watching the fiery skeletons march on towards him from all sides while having the life choked out of him, the holy priest tried to turn invisible in hopes of escaping from this death grip.

Nevertheless, it was already too late as Zhao Yao landed a solid punch to the priest's stomach, knocking the wind out of the priest just as he turned invisible. With the priest winded, Zhao Yao quickly tied the priest up with his rope.

Amongst the fleeing acolytes remained the fanatics who at this point decided to charge towards Zhao Yao in a bid to take him down.

However, before they could even approach Zhao Yao, they all collapsed screaming, as if being knocked out by an invisible force.

Zhao Yao resembled a blur as he dealt out blow after blow, taking out the charging acolytes one by one.

Meanwhile, within the cat pouch, Elizabeth continued to observe the phone screen as she continued to keep up the illusion that was taking place in the hall.

The scene on the screen depicted exactly a fiery-winged Devil releasing hordes of fiery skeletons.

As it appears, this had been pre-arranged between Elizabeth and Zhao Yao, as the plan was for Elizabeth to set up the entire illusion with the fiery Devil in order to expose this fraudulent cult.

Despite possessing the ability to freeze time, it would still be troublesome to take on so many enemies at once. Furthermore, Zhao Yao was unwilling to utilize weapons that may jeopardize the lives of others.

As a result, he utilized Elizabeth's illusions to frighten the acolytes, causing them to flee in fear.

However, her powers were limited. Her illusions could only disrupt the hearing and vision of her targets but were harmless and unable to inflict tangible sensations such as pain, hotness, and coldness. Nonetheless, they worked out magically in this situation, greatly magnifying the acolytes' fear of the Devil.

In a corner far from the commotion, a face filled with dullness spectated the ongoing drama. "Such a disappointing illusion." Matcha noted. Snatching the phone away from Elizabeth, he remarked, "Let me find a better one."

"Don't touch it!" Elizabeth exclaimed.

It was too late, as Matcha had begun fiddling with the phone the second Zhao Yao froze the time around them.

When Elizabeth finally grabbed her phone back from Matcha, the picture of the Devil has already disappeared. In its place, a large yellow face materialized, its eyes staring out wretchedly.

"What's this? Where did the picture go?" Elizabeth questioned.

Matcha replied excitedly, "Oh, that's called a comical emoticon. What is so interesting about Devils? Transform this instead, it's definitely going to be much better!"

"Really?" Elizabeth asked with a tinge of doubt.

“Of course!. I’m a man of my word!”

Evidently, Elizabeth was far from knowledgeable when it comes to areas like phones and the internet. Despite having her suspicions regarding what Matcha said, she continued conjuring the illusion with comical emoticons.

“Meow”, a voice sounded through the hall. In an instance, the mass of skeletons vanished into thin air. Shortly afterward, flying emoticons roamed the air in all directions, and even Zhao Yao’s head became a huge emoticon! It was a bizarre and unbelievable sight.

Matcha lifted his head high up, shouting:” Hey, hurry up yeah! Give me a 3D effect too!”

Observing the sight of emoticons soaring through the air, Matcha could not help but unleash a mischievous laughter.

As soon as Zhao Yao finished off the remaining attackers, he noticed Matcha’s laughter. He frowned, and asked:” What happened?” He had deliberately instructed Elizabeth not to conjure and illusions on him so as to avoid any hindrances in his battle.

Matcha ignored Zhao Yao’s question and continued laughing. Soon after, Zhao Yao realized something was amiss. Even though the acolytes were still fleeing, their fear had slowly resided, and puzzled faces appeared in place.

“Emoticons?” “Who uses emoticons in hell?”

“There’s nothing special about this Devil.”

“Get lost!” Zhao Yao lifted his eyebrows, and with a flicker, he appeared in front of everyone.

Watching the fiery-winged emoticon speeding towards them, the remaining acolytes screamed as they fled from the hall. What was left was the tied-up holy priest and a dazzled Bai Quan.

Fear and shock filled the eyes of the holy priest. Bai Quan, on the other hand, continued staring at Zhao Yao in confusion. From his eyes, a mix of emotions began stirring. Fear, amazement, and a hint of admiration gradually surfaced...

“So those emoticons are actually the Devil’s expressions? ”

After he had taken care of all the acolytes, Zhao Yao made Elizabeth retract her power. He walked to the holy priest and asked:” Alright, tell me. Your ability to turn invisible...”. Suddenly, he stopped. Zhao Yao spotted lumps of cat fur on the holy priest’s pants. He raised his eyebrows and asked, “Do you own a cat?”